

# From the Principal....

**December 22, 2020** 

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. On behalf of the teachers and staff, I want to thank you for the delicious treats that you provided on Friday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Your kindness is greatly appreciated! We hope you have a safe, relaxing, and joyous holiday break.

# Remote Learning – Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

On Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, the WCPSS Board of Education voted to move all students to remote instruction for the remainder of the first semester (Jan. 4-15). This decision was made due to the impact of an increased number of COVID-19 infections in Wake County.

#### Spring Semester Virtual Academy and In-Person Learning

During the registration window (Dec. 2 – Dec. 9), we had a total of 66 students (K-5) change learning environments. 55 students are moving from virtual academy to in-person learning, and 9 students are switching from in-person learning to virtual academy. Below is the breakdown by grade levels.

Grade	VA to In-person	In-person to VA	Total
K	5	0	5
1 <sup>st</sup>	7	0	7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10	2	12
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3	2	5
4 <sup>th</sup>	15	3	18
5 <sup>th</sup>	16	2	18
ECS	1	0	1
Total	57	9	66

#### **Second Semester Totals**

• Virtual Academy: 521 students (65%)

• In-person: 277 students (35%)

We continue to work on class lists and other pertinent information for the start of the second semester (Jan. 20). If your child is assigned to a new teacher for the second semester, you will be notified between January 4<sup>th</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup>. If you do not hear from me about a teacher change, then your child's teacher remains the same for the spring semester. Virtual Meet-the-Teachers will be scheduled for students who are assigned to a new teacher the week of January 11<sup>th</sup>.



### **Second Semester - Changes in Social Distancing Expectations**

Beginning Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, K-5 in-person classes return with all students (full class). Given the larger size of our in-person classes, we will not be able to maintain 6 ft. of social distancing in many of these classrooms. We will continue to social distance whenever possible, but classrooms are not expected to maintain six feet of space between desks or students if space does not allow. Throughout the day, we will continue to wear masks, wash hands frequently, and social distance (6 ft.) whenever possible.

Thank you for your continued support! Happy Holidays and enjoy your break!

Sincerely,

Michael Regan Principal

\*\*\*Please see below for upcoming events for January 2021\*\*\*



## **Upcoming Events for January 2021**

- Jan. 4-15: Remote Learning for All Students
- Jan. 4: First Day of School after the Holiday Break (Remote Learning)
- Jan. 6: Asynchronous Learning Day...No Live Instruction
- Jan. 7: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off
- Jan. 12: Virtual Magnet Elementary Mini Fair, 9:30 am
- Jan. 13: Asynchronous Learning Day...No Live Instruction
- Jan. 13: MPE PTA Spirit Night, Marco's Pizza
- Jan. 14: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off
- Jan. 15: End of Quarter 2
- Jan. 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday No School for Students and Staff
- Jan. 19: Teacher Workday No School for Students
- Jan. 20: All In-Person Students Return to School in the Building
- Jan. 21: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off
- Jan. 22: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards (K-5)
- Jan. 28: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off