



**From the Principal....**

**February 22, 2022**

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. This newsletter provides information about WCPSS School Board meeting today, Single Subject Acceleration, and monthly reminders.

**WCPSS School Board Special Meeting – February 22, 2022**

WCPSS School Board has called a special meeting today (Feb. 22) to discuss changes to district mask guidance. The meeting can be watched live at 4:00 pm [here](#).

If the Board moves to a mask optional policy, I anticipate other school guidance to be updated as well. I will communicate any updates as soon as we learn of them.

**2021-2022 Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) Information and Test Request Window**

Single Subject Acceleration is the practice of placing a student in a higher-grade level in one subject area. This type of acceleration is for the purpose of providing access to appropriately challenging learning opportunities in either Math or English Language Arts.

An SSA Information Meeting for parents considering SSA for their child will be held on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 5:30 pm**. To join the meeting, go to Google Meet and enter code: rua-mdhv-wbg

The test request window for the Traditional Calendar is **March 21-25, 2022**. Requests cannot be made before or after the request window.

SSA testing may be requested through:

1. [Electronic Test Request Form](#): This form must be submitted between March 21-25. The form link will be live on March 21, 2022. OR
2. [Paper Request Form](#): If you print one, please fill it out completely and return it to your child's classroom teacher between March 21-25. Hard copies of the Test Request form are available at the main office.

All SSA testing will take place in person. Virtual Academy students must come to the building for testing. All testing will take place between April 18th - May 3rd. Specific information about your child's test date will be communicated to you no later than April 6th.

[Parent FAQs -2022 SSA](#)



### ----Monthly Reminders----

#### **Early Arrival Program – Space Available**

Mills Park's on-site Before-School Care program has room for more students. If your child is enrolled in the program, you may drop him/her off as early as 7:00 am (park along bus loop and walk student into the cafeteria). The cost per month for each child is \$94.65. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$15.00 per child. You can enroll your child(ren) in Before School Care now by completing this [Before School Care Registration form](#).

#### **Kindergarten Registration is open for the 2022-2023 School Year**

If your child is 5 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, you can register for kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year. [Click HERE](#) to go to the Wake County website to access the online application process.

#### **Students Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms**

Students must stay home if experiencing any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If a student is experiencing one of the COVID-19 symptoms listed above, he/she must meet 1 of 3 pathways to return after COVID-19 symptoms:

- Negative Test:
  - Negative PCR/Molecular **or**
  - Negative rapid antigen test if at least one of the following applies: (1) you have not been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days, **OR** (2) you have received your primary vaccination series, **OR** (3) you were diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 90 days
  - **AND** fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine
  - **AND** symptoms have improved
- Alternate Diagnosis



- Presumed Positive
  - May return if it has been at least 5 days since first symptoms **AND**
  - Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine **AND**
  - Symptoms have improved

View [wcpss.net/WhenToReturn](http://wcpss.net/WhenToReturn) for the updated requirements to return after a COVID-19 diagnosis, exposure, or symptoms.

### **WCPSS COVID-19 Metrics**

To find the most current data on COVID-19 cases at all WPCSS school, please go to [WCPSS's COVID-19 Metrics site](http://wcpss.net/COVID-19Metrics).

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan  
Principal

<https://www.wcpss.net/millsparkes>

**\*\*\*\*See below for upcoming events for March 2022\*\*\*\***

### **Upcoming Events for March 2022**

Feb. 28-Mar. 4: MPE's Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week  
Mar. 1: SSA Parent Information Virtual Meeting, 5:30 pm  
Mar. 2-3: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Onsite Field Trip, Science is Fun  
Mar. 5: Odyssey of the Mind - Eastern Regional Tournament  
Mar. 9: PTA Spirit Night @ MPE, Doherty's Paddy Wagon (Food Truck), 4:30-6:30 pm  
Mar. 9: Millie's Mystery Box pickup at PTA table, 4:30-6:30 pm  
Mar. 10: First-in-Fitness Competition, Southeast Raleigh HS  
Mar. 10: Millie's Mystery Box distribution to classrooms  
Mar. 18: Teacher Workday, No School for Students  
Mar. 21: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip, Old Salem (Winston-Salem, NC)  
Mar. 21-25: SSA Testing Request Window  
Mar. 24: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, Old Salem (Winston-Salem, NC)  
Mar. 25: End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
Mar. 28: Teacher Workday, No School for Students  
Mar. 29: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Onsite Field Trip, Treasure Quest Mining