



From the Principal....

February 23, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. It's hard to believe it's been two months since we had students in the building. Needless to say, we are thrilled to have students back in the building for in-person learning. We are so proud of your children as they have done an amazing job following all procedures and protocols at school. We are equally proud of our virtual academy students for their daily engagement and resilience during virtual learning.

Update: On-Site Temperature Check at Carpool

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, parents received an email detailing *Morning Carpool Symptom Screening Procedures*. Since then, we added an additional step highlighted in yellow below.

After successfully passing the on-site symptom screening, individuals will have their temperature checked using a touchless thermometer before being allowed to enter the building.

- If a person's temperature is below 100.4 degrees, they are allowed to enter the building.
- If a person's temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher, they will wait five minutes outside the car and then have their temperature rechecked.
 - If the second temperature check again indicates a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, the person will be sent home.
 - If the second temperature check indicates a temperature *below* 100.4 degrees, a third temperature check will be required after another five-minute waiting period.
 - If the third temperature check indicates a temperature *below* 100.4 degrees, the person will be allowed to enter the building.
 - A person should not have more than three temperature checks.

The 3 H's of Carpool

Please follow the 3 H's to increase the effectiveness of Carpool and Health Screening Procedures

Heat

Turn down the heat and have vents aimed away from students



Hats

Take off hats and hoods



Help

Be patient and have students prepared to exit your car





Update to School Calendar and Asynchronous Learning Days

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, the WCPSS Board of Education approved school calendars for the remainder of the spring semester that better align the number of in-person learning days across the three rotation cohorts. The [traditional school calendar](#) now indicates which cohort will report to school for in-person learning on that day. **All changes to rotations occur in the fourth quarter of this school year, with one exception: March 10 and 11 on the traditional calendar have been changed to in-person learning days for Cohort 2.** The district also is adding two or three new asynchronous days, depending on the calendar, to support teacher collaboration and provide students time to seek extra help if needed.

Second Semester Calendar - WCPSS 20 - 21 Semester 2 Traditional Calendar				
Week Of:	4 th & 5 th In-Person Cohort	4 th & 5 th Remote Cohorts	Remote/Asynchronous Learning Dates *Students do not attend school in person.*	Teacher Workday (TW)/Holiday(H)/Calendar Out (C) - No School for Students
2/15/21	2	1, 3		February 15 (C); February 16 (TW)
2/22/21	3	1, 2	February 24	
3/1/21	1	2, 3	March 3	
3/8/21	2	1, 3		March 12 (TW)
3/15/21	3	1, 2		
3/22/21	1	2, 3	March 24	
3/29/2021 - 4/2/21			SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK
4/5/21	2	1, 3		April 5 (C); April 6 (TW)
4/12/21	1	2, 3	April 14	
4/19/21	2	1, 3		
4/26/21	3	1, 2	April 28	
5/3/21	1	2, 3	May 5	
5/10/21	2	1, 3		May 13 (TW)
5/17/21	3	1, 2		
5/24/21	1	2, 3	May 26	
5/31/21	2	1, 3		May 31 (H)
6/7/21	3	1, 2		June 11 (TW)



Rising Kindergarten Students

Please remind your friends and neighbors that it is time register for Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. If your child is five years old by 8/31/2021, you can enroll them now for Kindergarten! Please visit <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/13656> for more information.

Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) Test Request Window

The Single Subject Acceleration Test Request Window is now open through March 22nd. The Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) Board of Education defines acceleration as allowing a student to move through traditional educational organizations more rapidly, based on readiness and motivation. 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. **If your child already participates in SSA, you do not need to do anything.**

If you would like to request SSA testing for math or language arts, please complete this [Mills Park Elementary SSA Test Request](#) form **by March 22nd**. Requests will not be accepted after March 22nd. Mrs. Barnett, our SSA contact, will be holding parent information meetings during the month of March. Please see this [SSA Parent Information Meeting Schedule](#) for the meeting days, times, and links. If you have questions or plan to request SSA testing, please plan to attend one meeting.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Michael Regan
Principal

Upcoming Events for March 2021

Mar. 1-5: **4th & 5th Cohort 1 Students In-Person Rotation Week**

Mar. 3: Asynchronous Learning Day...No Live Instruction

Mar. 4: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off

Mar. 8-12: **4th & 5th Cohort 2 Students In-Person Rotation Week**

Mar. 11: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off

Mar. 12: Teacher Workday – No School for Students

Mar. 15-19: **4th & 5th Cohort 3 Students In-Person Rotation Week**

Mar. 18: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off

Mar. 18: PTA School Spirit Night, Brixx Pizza

Mar. 22-26: **4th & 5th Cohort 1 Students In-Person Rotation Week**

Mar. 22: Last Day to Request Testing for SSA

Mar. 24: Asynchronous Learning Day...No Live Instruction

Mar. 25: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off

Mar. 25: End of Quarter 3

Mar. 29-Apr. 2: Spring Break – No School