



## **From the Principal....**

**July 26, 2020**

Dear Parents,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying your summer. With the new plan (Plan B Transition) announced by WCPSS last week, we have some new direction for planning, but we are still waiting on key information to guide our planning. Please see below for important reminders and information.

### **Plan B Transition**

Last Tuesday, WCPSS approved “Plan B Transition” to start the school year. This means that all students will start the year with remote learning on August 17, 2020.

### **Plan B Transition/Virtual Academy Details**

To start the year (Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>), both Plan B Transition and Virtual Academy students will start with remote learning. The programs will look the same regarding the daily schedule, format, curriculum, and pacing. Plan B Transition students are those who will return to school for face-to-face learning when the district decides the appropriate time for that to happen.

### **Remote Learning Daily Schedule (Plan B Transition and VA)**

Remote learning will look different than it did in the spring. We will be taking attendance daily, issuing grades and report cards. We will be including more Live sessions that include new learning, and the daily school day hours/structure will look more like our typical school day. Reading and math will be taught daily. Currently, we do not have exact school day schedule details, but we are expecting more details and guidelines from the district this week.

### **Technology Needs Survey – All Families Please Complete – July 29 deadline**

Last Wednesday, all parents received a Technology Needs Survey. All parents should complete this survey, even if you received a school laptop in the spring or you don’t need a device. The survey is short, and it is important to ensure all students have a device to start remote learning on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Soon after the survey closes, families that indicated they need a device will be contacted with directions for pick-up. Survey Link: <https://takehometech.wcpss.net/>

### **Virtual Academy Selection Window #2 – July 27-July 29**

Families will have a second opportunity to sign up for the Virtual Academy. The portal will be available on July 27 along with directions and details. Families who would like to keep their original VA selection or Plan B selection do not need to take any action.

### **Teacher/Class Assignments**

We continue to work on teacher/class assignments. After the second Virtual Academy enrollment window closes on July 29<sup>th</sup>, we will adjust our class assignments and begin assigning teachers. As of July 20<sup>th</sup>, we had 530 out of approximately 790 students enrolled in the Virtual Academy. I expect this number to increase after the second VA enrollment window. Mills Park ES teachers will be assigned as Virtual Academy teachers and some as Plan B Transition teachers.



### **Specials/ Support Programs**

All support programs and specials will offer learning opportunities and services to students in remote learning. These include AIG, CCR, ESL, Intervention, and Specials. Details and formats for each are in the planning stages.

### **Regional Special Education Programs – Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Return to School**

We have two of these programs at Mills Park ES...ECS I and ECS II. These classrooms have low numbers and several adults to support our students. WCPSS is currently developing safety plans to allow for their return to school on Sept. 8, 2020.

### **Virtual Kindergarten Orientation**

Details will be forthcoming in the next two weeks.

I apologize for the large amount of information contained in this newsletter, and at the same time for the lack of details regarding schedules, class assignments, etc. We have been in a waiting period for a couple weeks now. Specifically, we are waiting on final Virtual Academy numbers and Plan B student groupings, so we can then finalize class assignments, assign teachers, create schedules, etc. Again, we expect final VA numbers after the enrollment window closes on July 29<sup>th</sup>, and Plan B student groupings the week of August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I was on vacation last week, so those of you who emailed me last week will receive a reply in the next few days. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan  
Principal