



**From the Principal....**

**March 31, 2020**

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. These have been difficult and scary times for all of us, and if you're like me, the past two weeks have felt more like two months. I want to express my sincerest gratitude for your patience, understanding, and grace you have afforded MPE teachers and staff during these unprecedented times.

Following the guidance of Wake County Schools Central Services, school staff have been working hard to understand, learn, and prepare for Remote Learning while at the same time managing their own families and personal situations.

Since March 20<sup>th</sup>, students have been provided resources to reinforce *previous learning* through WCPSS's [Remote Learning Resources](#) website. We are now pivoting and ramping up to provide *new learning* to students beginning the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>. Changing our mindset regarding how teaching and learning will look is critical to the success of Remote Learning. It simply will not look anything like a regular school day. Teachers will connect with students on a very limited basis each day. Instruction will not be provided for every subject, every day, six hours per day. Within the week, you will be provided schedules and guidelines that will shape what remote learning will look like for your child moving forward.

As I have said to the teachers many times, remote learning will not be perfect and that is okay. There will be glitches and mistakes made along the way, but we will learn and improve during this process. We ask for your continued understanding and grace as we all become accustomed to remote learning. Also, flexibility will need to be exercised regularly as we adjust along the way.

While teaching and learning is our core business, our main concern and top priority is your child's physical and emotional well-being. Helping your child remain engaged in learning is an extremely important step in creating a sense of normalcy. However, if there are other ways we can support your child at home, please do not hesitate to reach out to our school counselors or administration.

I know you have many questions about specific topics. As the State and WCPSS make decisions regarding report cards, End-of-Grade testing, extending deadlines (i.e., single subject acceleration), etc., I will share that information with you immediately.



Following the recommendation of the State to adhere to existing schedules, WCPSS's Spring Break will continue as scheduled for the Week of April 6<sup>th</sup>. While some teachers and students may continue working together remotely during Spring Break if they choose, you can expect that engagement will be much lower during this time.

I hope you had a chance to view our video message to the students, if not, [click on this link](#) to view it. Take care of yourself and your family in the coming days and weeks. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan  
Principal