



**From the Principal....**

**November 24, 2020**

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. We have officially completed four weeks with students back in the building. Words cannot express how happy we are to have students back for in-person learning. They have lifted our spirits and brought joy to the building. You should be incredibly proud of your children...they have been amazing following the many protocols and procedures we have in place.

**Registration for Virtual Academy/In-Person Spring Semester**

The registration window for the WCPSS Virtual Academy for the spring semester of the 2020-21 school year is **Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**.

This registration window will allow:

- Currently enrolled WCPSS Virtual Academy students the opportunity to return to in-person instruction during the spring semester;
- WCPSS Virtual Academy students registered for fall only to continue in the WCPSS Virtual Academy for the spring semester; and
- Students who are not currently registered for the WCPSS Virtual Academy the opportunity to register for the spring semester.

Students who are registered in the WCPSS Virtual Academy for the entire year and who wish to remain registered for the spring semester do not need to take any action.

Students who are not currently registered for the WCPSS Virtual Academy and who do not wish to register for the spring semester also do not need to take any action.

**It is important to understand that teachers are currently assigned to In-person, Virtual Academy (Fall Only), or Virtual Academy (Full Year) classes. Depending on the number of students who switch learning environments for the second semester, I may have to assign students to a different class/teacher. I may also have to assign teachers to a different learning environment (VA or In-person). As I plan for the second semester, my primary goal is to minimize the number of students who need to switch teachers. Parents will be notified as soon as these decisions have been made.**



### **Changes in Social Distancing Expectations**

On Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, all K-3 and regional program students returned to school with all their classmates (full class). Fortunately, our current K-3 in-person class sizes are small enough that we can continue to maintain 6 ft. social distancing in these classrooms.

Beginning Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade in-person classes return with all students (full class). Given the larger size of our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade in-person classes, we will not be able to maintain 6 ft. of social distancing in these classrooms. We will continue to social distance whenever possible, but 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> classrooms are not expected to maintain six feet of space between desks or students if space does not allow. Additionally, depending on the number of students who switch to in-person learning for the second semester, our K-3 class sizes may increase to a size where we are unable to maintain 6 ft. of social distancing.

### **Did a student go home sick? Please remember, all household members must also go home.**

Effective immediately, if a WCPSS student or employee does not pass the health screening or if they stay home or are sent home because they are experiencing a symptom of illness, their household members must also stay home. This means that any WCPSS student or employee living in the same house must quarantine for 14 days. The household members may return sooner than 14 days if the person experiencing a symptom of illness receives confirmation of an alternate diagnosis or a negative PCR/Molecular test. Please [click here](#) to view the Care Center Parent Information form for the list of symptoms and when students can return to school after being sent home.

2020 has been a terribly difficult year for all of us, however, especially now, there is so much to be thankful for. I am thankful for nurses, doctors, scientists, essential workers, teachers, school staff, family, friends, and **my Mills Park family**. Thank you for your unwavering support of Mills Park Elementary. We couldn't do this without you. Wishing you and your family a blessed and healthy Thanksgiving holiday!

Sincerely,

Michael Regan  
Principal

\*\*\*Please see below for upcoming events for December 2020\*\*\*



### **Upcoming Events for December 2020**

Nov. 30: **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Cohort 2 Students Return for In-Person Rotation Week**

Dec. 2-9: Registration Window for Virtual Academy/In-Person Spring Semester

Dec. 2: Remote/Asynchronous Learning Day, all students learn from home

Dec. 3: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off

Dec. 4: 2nd Qtr. Interim Reports emailed to parents (K-5)

Dec. 5: [MPE PTA Spirit Night, Chipotle](#), 1516 Village Market Place, Morrisville, 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Dec. 7: **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Cohort 3 Students Return for In-Person Rotation Week**

Dec. 8: [School Counselors Present to Parents, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition](#), Google Meet, 5:00 pm

Dec. 10: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off

Dec. 11: Remote/Asynchronous Learning Day, all students learn from home

Dec. 14: **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Cohort 1 Students Return for In-Person Rotation Week**

Dec. 16: Remote/Asynchronous Learning Day, all students learn from home

Dec. 17: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off

Dec. 21: Teacher Workday, No School for Students

Dec. 22-Jan. 1: Holiday Break, No School for Students and Staff

Jan. 4: First day back after holiday break for all Pre-K, ECS, & K-3 students, and **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Cohort 2 students.**