



From the Principal....

October 27, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are safe and healthy. Yesterday, we were thrilled to welcome back our first cohort of students in grades K-3 and Pre-K. After much planning, it was so nice to get back to a sense of normalcy, although it was still strange having so few students in the building.

The Boosterthon/DanceFit fundraiser was a tremendous success. The students enjoyed the daily character lessons and had a ton of fun dancing during the big event. We are deeply grateful for your generous donations in support of our PTA and the Mills Park Elementary.

Remote Learning Parent Survey

We would greatly appreciate you completing the survey below for each your students regarding their remote learning experience.

[Remote Learning Parent Survey](#)

Remote/Asynchronous Learning Days

Wake County Schools has scheduled 9 Remote/Asynchronous Learning Days between Oct. 26, 2020 and Jan. 15, 2021. On these days, all students (In-person and Virtual Academy) will work from home and engage only on asynchronous activities. There is no live learning. Students will be counted present on Remote/Asynchronous Learning days by submitting an assignment.

Remote/Asynchronous Learning Days
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Monday, November 23 & Tuesday, November 24, 2020
Wednesday, December 2, 2020
Friday, December 11, 2020
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
Wednesday, January 6, 2021
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
Students do not attend school in-person
Only asynchronous learning will occur at home



Visitors

Please understand that visitors will not be allowed in the building at this time. If you need assistance, please call the school at (919)466-1466. However, if you need to come to the school, please ring the bell at the main door and our front desk receptionist will communicate and assist you through the intercom system. Thank you for your understanding.

Registration for Virtual Academy/In-Person Spring Semester

The registration windows for the WCPSS Virtual Academy for the spring semester of the 2020-21 school year have been set. The window for middle and high school registration will be Oct. 21-Nov. 4. **The window for elementary schools will be Dec. 2-9.**

Families of students currently enrolled in a WCPSS Pre-K program who want to register their Pre-K student for a virtual learning option will receive specific information from their Pre-K teacher regarding that process.

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.

Student Meals – Lunch & Breakfast

Meals are free for all students through June 2021. Breakfast and lunch will be available at no cost for all students who are Plan B in-person, Plan B remote learning, and Virtual Academy. Plan B remote learning and Virtual Academy students can pick up meals at curbside feeding sites listed at <https://www.wcpss.net/food> . Meals are limited to one breakfast and one lunch per student per day, and students do not need to enter their student ID to receive meals.

If your child has a food allergy, please make sure you read the menu each day before allowing him/her to get breakfast or lunch at school.



Here Comes the Bus App

For 2020-21, the Here Comes the Bus app is now available to Traditional calendar families. Existing app users will need to add students back but should not need to reinstall the app.

WCPSS Transportation provides families of students who ride a yellow bus to school with a free bus tracking system called **Here Comes the Bus**. **Here Comes the Bus** translates GPS data into an easy to use customizable map that works on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. The app allows you to see where the bus is and how close it is to your stop.

Get started with **Here Comes the Bus** at <https://herecomesthebus.com/parents/get-started/>. You will need the district code and your student's ID number to sign up. For your smartphone or tablet, download the **Here Comes the Bus** app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

The WCPSS school code for Yellow Bus is **67500**. The WCPSS school code for Vendor Transportation Services is **67501**. [Learn more about Here Comes the Bus for Vendor Transportation Services.](#)

When entering your student's last name on the app, spell it as it appears on your Home Base/PowerSchool account. If there is a hyphen in the name, make sure you include it. Only enter the first 18 characters of your student's last name. If your name is, *Yellow-School Bus Wake*, you will enter *Yellow-School Bus* in the last name field. Once activated, you can customize or edit features, including how the app will communicate with you and the size of the notification radius.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan
Principal

Please see below for upcoming events for November 2020



Upcoming Events for November 2020

- Nov. 3: Election Day, Teacher Workday, No School for Students
- Nov. 5: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off
- Nov. 6: Grade 3 BOG Test for Plan B Cohort 2 students
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day Holiday, No School for Students
- Nov. 12: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off
- Nov. 13: Grade 3 BOG Test for Plan B Cohort 3 students
- Nov. 16: All K-3, Pre-K, and ECS Plan B Students Return
- Nov. 16: **4th & 5th Plan B Cohort 1** Students Return for In-Person Rotation Week
- Nov. 18: Remote/Asynchronous Learning Day, all students learn from home
- Nov. 19: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off
- Nov. 20: MPE PTA Spirit Night with Buzzy Bakes Cakes, 4:00 – 6:00 pm, [Click Here](#) for more info
- Nov. 23: Remote/Asynchronous Learning Day, all students learn from home
- Nov. 24: Remote/Asynchronous Learning Day, all students learn from home
- Nov. 25-27: Thanksgiving Holiday, No School for Students
- Nov. 30: **4th & 5th Plan B Cohort 2** Students Return for In-Person Rotation Week