



From the Principal....

Sept. 29, 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are doing well. I want to begin this newsletter with a huge THANK YOU for your generous support during our fall fundraiser. Not only did we meet our goal of \$25,000, but we exceeded it by \$2,100. I also want to thank the many parents who showed up for our Fun Run to cheer the students on as they completed their laps...it was truly a wonderful day.

Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month

October is Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month. We kick off the month on Monday, October 3rd, World Bullying Prevention Day, by wearing BLUE to show your support. October 19th is Unity Day, and we will show our support by wearing ORANGE.

Breakfast/Lunch Information

- Pre-Pay for Meals Online: www.MySchoolBucks.com or call (855) 832-5226 to enroll. You'll need your child's NCWISE ID number, available in your registration materials or at your school. Once your account is established you may:
 - Securely deposit funds to your child's account
 - Check balances
 - Set spending limits

- During the 22-23 school year, meals are not free for students as they were during the past two years. If a student is unable to pay for a meal on a particular day, the student may charge a reimbursable meal so long as it does not create a negative account balance that exceeds the value of three (3) days of meals (breakfast and lunch) based on current student meal prices. If a student is unable to pay for or charge a meal, the student will be served a designated alternate meal (fruits and vegetables) which will be provided at no cost to the student.

Late Check-in/Early Check-out

We are implementing a new check-in/check-out system this year. When your student is late or when you need to check your student out early, please scan the QR code posted in front of the main doors. The QR code will lead you to a brief form to complete.

1. Using your smartphone, scan the QR code
2. Complete the form
3. Ring the intercom bell
4. Ms. Burnet will assist you

Just a reminder.... when visiting the school, our front desk receptionist, Mrs. Burnet, will routinely engage with you through the speaker before buzzing you into the building. Additionally, she will regularly check IDs when signing your child out early.



Volunteer Registration 22-23

Volunteers are visitors who may or may not be alone with students at any point. Volunteers do require background checks. There are no "levels" of volunteer status. Typical examples range from a community volunteer who reads with a child to an overnight chaperone, as well as field day workers, testing proctors, field trip chaperone and volunteer coaches. The same background check is done for every type of volunteer.

- Current volunteers, who were approved for the 2021-22 school year, do not have to register again this year.
- New Volunteers for 2022-23
 - All new volunteer applicants must register and have an approved criminal record check prior to engaging in volunteer work. New volunteer applicants may go to any WCPSS work site and register through wcpss.net by selecting the Community tab, and then selecting Volunteer. Applicants will be notified by email once their application has been approved. Applicants who are not approved will receive notice from Employee Relations.

COVID-19 Health Guidance for 22-23

It is recommended that students and staff stay home if they are sick, not feeling well, or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 and recommend getting tested for COVID-19. People who are at risk for severe illness with COVID-19 who test positive are recommended to consult with a healthcare provider right away for possible treatment, even if their symptoms are mild. To learn when to return after COVID-19 diagnosis or symptoms, see: www.wcpss.net/whentoreturn

WCPSS COVID-19 Metrics

To find the most current data on COVID-19 cases at all WPCSS school, please go to [WCPSS's COVID-19 Metrics site](http://www.wcpss.net/millsparkes)

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan
Principal

<https://www.wcpss.net/millsparkes>
[2022-2023 WCPSS Traditional Calendar](#)

*****Please see below for the upcoming events for October 2022*****



Upcoming Events for October 2022

- Oct. 5: 4th-5th Battle of the Books Interest Meeting, 6:00 pm, Virtual Meeting
- Oct. 7: Fall Movie Night, 6:00 pm
- Oct. 10: Teacher Workday, No School for Students
- Oct. 12: Walk/Bike to School Day
- Oct. 14: Kindergarten Field Trip, Page Road Farm
- Oct. 15: Campus Beautification Day, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Oct. 17-22: Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct. 18-20: Kindergarten Field Trip, Cary Fire Station
- Oct. 19: Storybook Night, 5:00-7:00 pm
- Oct. 22: Donuts with Grown-ups, 9:00-11:00 am
- Oct. 25: Fall Picture Day
- Oct. 26: Cultural Arts Program for K-5