



From the Principal....

September 28, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are safe and healthy. First, I want to extend my sincerest gratitude for your generous support of MPE's Fall Fundraiser, Building Blocks of Success. It was indeed a great success! When all donations are collected, we should exceed our \$25,000 goal. Thank YOU!

During the first month of school, teachers and staff have done a wonderful job maintaining a strong focus on the well-being of the students and delivering quality instruction all the while juggling the many COVID procedures and protocols. The students have also done an incredible job of following all expectations and procedures. As we move forward, we will continue to add and modify procedures to ensure the safety of MPE students and staff. You will be updated of any changes in my monthly newsletter. For example, below is information about the recent changes we made regarding recess.

We will get on the other side of this! I continue to hope and pray that a vaccine will be available for our students in the very near future.

Update - Recess

Last week we implemented Recess Zones. During recess, students will play in a designated area with only the students from their class. This will help minimize spread if there is a positive case of COVID. It will also allow us to a better of job of contact tracing, if necessary, during recess time. Classes will play in a different Recess Zone each day.

Update - Isolation/Quarantine & Continuing Education

If a student attending school in-person must quarantine due to exposure to COVID or isolate due a positive test, your child's teacher will post assignments on their Google Classroom site. Parents will be contacted within three days on how to access the Google Classroom site and to provide any other pertinent information.

Changing Learning Environments

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, registration in the WCPSS Virtual Academy is closed. I am also not able to move students from Virtual Academy to in-person learning at this time. If WCPSS decides to allow students to change learning environments, I will notify you immediately.

Students Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms

Students must stay home if experiencing any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat



- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If a student is experiencing one of the COVID-19 symptoms listed above, he/she must meet 1 of 3 pathways to return after COVID-19 symptoms:

- negative PCR/Molecular COVID-19 test
- alternate diagnosis
- presumed positive

View [wcpss.net/WhenToReturn](https://www.wcpss.net/WhenToReturn) for requirements to return after a COVID-19 diagnosis, exposure, or symptoms.

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](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Regan
Principal

<https://www.wcpss.net/millsparkes>

Upcoming Events for October 2021

Oct. 6: International Walk/Bike to School Day

Oct. 11: Teacher Workday – No School for Students

Oct. 18-23: Scholastic Book Fair (info coming soon)

Oct. 19: Book Fair Spirit Night

Oct. 20: Fall Picture Day

Oct. 23: Doughnuts with Grownups at the Book Fair

Oct. 25: End of 1st Quarter

Oct. 27: Teacher Workday – No School for Students