



From the Principal....

September 29, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are safe and healthy. Beginning with this newsletter, you can expect to receive my newsletters on the last Tuesday of the month as I have done in the past. I hope you find the information below helpful and timely.

MPE Student of the Week

We're excited to begin MPE's Student of the Week recognition this week. Teachers will select a SOTW each week. With the generous financial assistance of MPE's PTA, beautiful lawn signs will be displayed on the yard of each class's SOTW recipient. Teachers will share the SOTW with the class during morning meeting on Fridays. You will find on the back of each lawn sign a SOTW certificate for the student to keep.

- Lawn signs will be dropped off and picked up every Thursday (we will reuse the signs each week)
- Remove the certificate from the plastic baggy on the back of the lawn sign (please don't remove the plastic baggy).

Checking Out Books from the Media Center

Beginning today, Sept 29th, students may begin checking books out from MPE's media center. Please see Mrs. Ledford's [flyer](#) containing directions and how-to videos for checking out books. You can also find this information on the [media center website](#).

Boosterthon DanceFit – Fall Fundraiser

On Oct 6th, we kickoff Boosterthon Dancefit, which is our PTA's primary fundraiser for the year. Students will have a kickoff meeting during their morning meeting time (9:00 am) on Oct. 6th. From Oct. 7-14, students will participate in daily team huddles during morning meetings (9:00 am) focusing on character education. And finally, the big event, DanceFit, will take place on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 11:30 am - 12:15 pm. All these activities will be pre-recorded videos. Thank you in advance for your financial support and encouraging your student to participate and collect pledges.

Virtual Open House - Oct. 6 & 7

Please join us for MPE's Virtual Open House on Oct. 6th & 7th (see schedule below). You can expect to hear information about curriculum, grading, Google Classroom, etc. The Google Meet link will be shared with you by your child's teacher as we get closer to the date.

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

K: 5:00 pm

Grade 1: 5:30 pm

Grade 2: 6:00 pm

General PTA Meeting: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

ECS I & II: 5:00 pm

Grade 3: 5:00 pm

Grade 4: 5:30 pm

Grade 5: 6:00 pm

4th/5th AIG Parent Meeting: 6:30 pm



Asynchronous Learning Afternoons - Oct. 7 & Oct. 15

Superintendent Cathy Moore and the WCPSS Board of Education are allowing schools to schedule up to one remote learning (asynchronous) day of instruction per week between now and October 23. This option is being pursued due to concerns from families and staff about the many hours of screen time required in remote learning. Additionally, it will provide additional planning time for teachers.

We have decided not to schedule full-day asynchronous learning days. **However, we have scheduled two asynchronous learning afternoons on Wednesday, Oct. 7 and Thursday, Oct. 15.** Essentially, we are rearranging class schedules on these days, so all live learning takes place in the morning (9:00-11:30) and asynchronous learning takes place in the afternoon (1:00-3:00). Also, teacher office hours for have been cancelled on both days. Prior to each of these days, your child's teacher will provide the live learning class schedule to you.

Teacher Office Hours

I want to remind you that teachers have daily office hours from 3:00-3:45. This is a time where they are available to you and your student. If you/your student have questions, concerns, or need clarification, please reach out to your child's teacher via email to set up a Google Meet or phone call.

Daily Schedule Information

We have officially completed four weeks of the full schedule. I've had many conversations with parents about the schedule since we started, and I am greatly appreciative of the feedback I've received. I regularly share parent feedback with my area superintendent who in turn shares it with the Superintendent's Leadership Team. Please know we are following the guidelines provided in the [WCPSS Online Instructional Model](#), which require 2.5 hours of live instruction per day and up to 2.5 hours of asynchronous learning (independent student tasks) per day.

Phased-in Approach to Reopening

This evening the WCPSS Board of Education is scheduled to discuss a plan for returning students to in-person instruction. The meeting will be streamed live on the [WCPSS YouTube channel](#) at 6:00 pm. For more information about the phased-in approach, [click here](#).

Google Meet

Thank you for your patience and understanding with our full schedule of live learning. Daily, students & teachers are experiencing random problems with logging into Google Meet. Our teachers are doing their best to troubleshoot and solve the problems as they happen. I know this can be extremely frustrating for you and your student. I apologize for these glitches. I wish we could anticipate when they are going to occur.

As a reminder, information about how to support online learning is available at wcpss.net/techguides. The resources on this site show students how to log into their Wake IDs and student email, how to set up and use Chromebooks and Internet hotspots, how to connect to WiFi, how to use learning systems such as Google Classroom and much more. You can also find how to contact WCPSS Tech Services Help Desk for direct support.



Student Online Behavior Expectations

School is different this year, with students learning remotely outside of the controlled school environment. However, our behavioral expectations for online learning are the same as if students were on campus. We are committed to promoting positive student behavior by offering a broad range of supports, interventions, and consequences to address problem behaviors.

While students are learning remotely, our virtual classrooms, online meetings, and workspaces are extensions of our school environment. Students are expected to follow:

- [Policy 4309 Student Behavior – Code of Student Conduct](#)
- [Policy 3225/4312/7320: Technology Responsible Use](#)
- [2020-21 Student Handbook](#)

Please pay particular attention to the Rules for Use of Technological Resources in [Policy 3225/4312/7320: Technology Responsible Use](#).

We request your help in highlighting for your students the importance of these online behavior expectations and the serious consequences for violating school board policies. Together, we can ensure that every student has a safe and supportive environment to learn and grow.

On behalf of the teachers and staff, I want to thank you for the endless hours and tireless efforts you have put forth assisting your child with remote learning. We know it has not been easy for you and your family, and we are incredibly grateful for your partnership. We couldn't do this without you!

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 October 2020



Upcoming Events for October 2020

- Oct. 1: Student of the Week lawn sign drop off
- Oct. 1: Odyssey of the Mind Virtual Informational Meeting, 6:30 pm, [Click here for more information](#)
- Oct. 2: Family Movie Night Bucket Pick-Up, 4:00 – 6:00pm, [Click here for more information](#)
- Oct. 6: Boosterthon Student Kick-off, Morning Meeting, 9:00 – 9:20 am
- Oct. 6: Virtual General Membership Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Oct. 6: K-2 Virtual Open House (K-5:00 pm; 1st-5:30 pm; 2nd-6:00)
- Oct. 7: Schedule Change - Live Learning 9:00-11:30 am and Asynchronous Learning 1:00-3:00 pm
- Oct. 7: 3-5 Virtual Open House (ECS I/II-5:00 pm; 3rd-5:00 pm; 4th-5:30 pm; 5th-6:00 pm)
- Oct. 7: 4th & 5th Virtual AIG Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Oct. 8: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off
- Oct. 9: Odyssey of the Mind Registration Closes
- Oct. 15: Schedule Change - Live Learning 9:00-11:30 am and Asynchronous Learning 1:00-3:00 pm
- Oct. 15: Boosterthon Virtual DanceFit Event, 11:30 am – 12:15 pm
- Oct. 15: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off
- Oct. 15: MPE PTA Spirit Night, Brixx Pizza, 11:00 am – 9:00pm
- Oct. 22: End of 1st Quarter
- Oct. 22: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off
- Oct. 23: Teacher Workday – No School for Students
- Oct. 29: Student of the Week lawn sign pick up and drop off
- Oct. 30: 1st Quarter Report Cards emailed to parents