

Principal Message for December 17, 2021

Greetings Lake Myra Families,

We will track out on December 22nd. Students will return on Monday, January 24th. I hope everyone has a wonderful Winter Break and has time to rest and relax with family and friends.

Please complete a Meal Benefits Application

Parents, please consider applying for meal benefits as soon as possible. For every student that turns in the free and reduced lunch application and qualifies, the school receives federal funds that benefit the student and teachers at the school. These funds provide additional teachers and staff for the school which means more services for students, especially students that are struggling in reading or math. These funds also are used for materials and supplies for students and teachers. These are valuable resources that teachers can use to improve student achievement. Also, the NC Department of Health & Human Services is collecting student free and reduced lunch and attendance data from WCPSS to determine any additional Pandemic Electronic Benefits (P-EBT) that will be issued in the coming months! By not applying for these meal benefits, you will miss the potential opportunity to receive direct P-EBT funds for your family!

Yes, meals will still be free for all students through June **2022** but we still need you to complete a meal benefits application so our school can be eligible for this extra education funding next school year. Also, this ensures your student is covered for the first few weeks of school next year. Information about applying for Meal Benefits can be found at <u>www.wcpss.net/meals</u>. Help our school continue to receive this funding by completing an application online at <u>MySchoolApps.com</u>. Paper applications can be requested by calling 919-588-3535.

If you ordered Spirit Wear from the PTA, it will arrive when we return from Winter Break.

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday break.

If you have an immediate need please contact me directly at <u>tzarzecki@wcpss.net</u>.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely, Tina Zarzecki