



Greetings Lake Myra Families,

We will **track back in on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**. I hope everyone had a restful and peaceful holiday break. I also hope that everyone can enjoy the snow, if it arrives. Please check the WCPSS website and WRAL News for updates on school closures and delays. Students may enter the building at 8:45 am and must arrive by 9:15 am. If you arrive after this time you will need to come to the front office with your child and sign them into school.

#### **Bus Routes and Drivers**

Please be aware that there have been many bus drivers out due to illness with limited sub drivers to cover the routes. Please know that WCPSS is doing the best they can to get routes covered and get students to school on time. I ask for your patience and flexibility as we try to work through staffing shortages due to the pandemic. **Let's begin with the end in mind.**

#### **Please complete a Meal Benefits Application As Soon as Possible**

This is critical to our funding for 2022-23. 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! We still need you to complete a meal benefits application so our school can be eligible for this extra education funding. You can applying for Meal Benefits at [www.wcpss.net/meals](http://www.wcpss.net/meals). Help our school continue to receive this funding by completing an application online at [MySchoolApps.com](http://MySchoolApps.com). Paper applications can be requested by calling 919-365-8990. If you need assistance with this application, you may call Sandra Ramirez at the school. If she is not available, she will return your call.

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

If you have an immediate need please contact me directly at [tzarzecki@wcpss.net](mailto:tzarzecki@wcpss.net).

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Tina Zarzecki

**Principal Message for January 21, 2022**