



Principal Weekly Message –July 27th, 2018

Hello Otter families, this is Tina Zarzecki – principal at Lake Myra Elementary School. This message is also posted on our website – just follow the principal’s message link on the front page under PARENTS.

1. Welcome back! It was great seeing everyone at Meet the Teacher. We are excited about our theme this year, “All Belong, All Learn, All Lead to Succeed.” #allmeansall
2. Please welcome Michele Bethel, our new assistant principal, who will be replacing Ms. Grant while she is out on maternity leave. Please take a moment to introduce yourself. We are excited to have her at the Lake.
3. Please be patient during both morning and afternoon carpool as the traffic volume is extremely high. Safety is our number one priority. Please be aware that the intersection of the carpool loop is now a 4-way stop. I will try to be present to direct traffic and support walkers in this intersection. I ask that in the afternoon you enter the carpool loop from the Poole Road end of Elk Falls. You would essentially be “jumping line” in front those who have been waiting. The line tends to thin out closer to 4:05 pm. If there is not a line you may enter from the Wendell Falls side.
4. In the mornings staff will be at the carpool loop until 9:15 am. The doors entering the school at the carpool loop will be locked at 9:15 am. If you arrive after 9:15 am, you will need to walk your child in and sign them as tardy. Thank you in advance.
5. Any transportation change requires a parent note or parent phone call to the front office prior to 3:30pm. Please do not email this to a teacher. They may not see your email until after dismissal. We will continue to ask for identification when picking up your child until we become familiar with faces.
6. Our PTA is hard at work for us. Please consider joining to support continuing learning for all. An application was placed in your child’s Monday Folder. You can also join online at <https://lakemyra.memberhub.store/>.
7. Bus transportation information can now be found in one single location, Home Base, also known as PowerSchool. In order to provide the highest level of customer service to our families the WCPSS Transportation Department is asking those of you who do not yet have a PowerSchool account to stop by the school office to complete the necessary form. You can find more information at www.wcpss.net/student-information. Once you have a PowerSchool account, look for the transportation tab to see your student’s transportation status and type. If your student is a bus rider, stop and route information is also provided. Please be patient with us over the first 2-3 weeks of the school year as bus drivers get oriented to new routes.
8. Bus Tags—your child must have a bus tag attached to their backpack to get on the bus. We gave all eligible students these tags today. They will need to remain on their book bag for the remainder of the year. If they lose a tag they will not be permitted on the bus until a new tag is present. Please encourage your child to keep the bus tag on their bag. This ensures we know

who the students are and where they are supposed to be at all times.

9. **Medication--Parents must bring any medications to school. No medication should be sent to school with a child. Prescription medications will not be administered to students without having the proper form on file (Parent Request and Physician's Order Form – Form 1702) signed by the parent and physician, as required by Wake County school policy. This form must be submitted each school year. Over-the-Counter medications must also be accompanied by a Parent Request and Physician's Order Form, signed by a parent and physician. Elementary students may not self-medicate. This includes over-the-counter drugs.**
10. **You may put money on your child's lunch account by setting up an account through myschoolbucks.com. You will need your child's student identification number. Breakfast is \$1.25 and lunch is \$2.55. If you would like a form to request financial assistance for breakfast and lunch please let the front office know and we will send in a form. You may also apply online at www.MySchoolApps.com. If you received meal benefits during the 2017-18 school year you must reapply for benefits each year. Your child will continue to receive these benefits through October 9, 2018.**
11. **It is going to be a great year!**

Sincerely,

Tina Zarzecki