



Principal Weekly Message –March 27, 2020

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.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support during these unprecedented times. We know that you have many questions surrounding your child’s learning through the current May 15 school closure and beyond.

WCPSS is developing a comprehensive remote learning plan that best meets the needs of all 162,000 students. You can expect a few bumps along the way, but we will do whatever is necessary to ensure that our students have the opportunities that they need and deserve.

Here’s what you’ll see in the coming weeks:

- Technology, training and planning for teachers | This week, we are distributing laptops to teachers as needed, funded by the 2018 school bond. We’ve also started remote training for teachers and staff around the delivery of remote learning activities. Principals, grade-level teams and groups of teachers are coordinating and will continue to develop plans to support their students.
- Remote continuous learning begins | If they haven’t already, students will begin hearing from teachers between now and the week of March 30. During this time, teachers may check on your contact information and discuss if you have internet access at home.
- Delivery of hard-copy general instruction packets and technology for students | We are keenly aware that not all students have devices, materials or internet access at home. The district is working through those issues as well, including students without access, so that we can provide resources to those who need them. Please know that we are thinking about all of our families to ensure equity in learning. In the coming weeks, we’ll begin to deliver these resources to students.
- Regularly scheduled Track-outs | The state has asked that school districts adhere to their existing schedules, at this time. Parents can expect that engagement will be lower during track out time.
- Students who receive special education services | In light of current circumstances, we maintain our commitment to students with disabilities. In the coming weeks, Our staff will be reaching out to schedule virtual IEP meetings. As a reminder, supplemental learning resources for students with disabilities are available now on the WCPSS website. [WCPSS’ Remote Learning Resources website](#).

Again, these are unprecedented times and uncharted waters. If you have an immediate need please contact me directly at [tzarzecki@wcpss.net](mailto:tzarzecki@wcpss.net). Take good care Otters.

Sincerely,

Tina Zarzecki

