



Principal Message for October 23, 2020

Hello families! Lots of information below as we prepare for re-opening.

Pre-K-3rd graders and ECS students will begin returning in cohort rotations beginning Monday, October 26th. All 4th and 5th grade students will remain in remote learning until November 16th. To view specific dates for each cohort please go

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J1zZARG9PzCgM6EVKJnfdQwbW4jJa-WrEJvykd-nSxM/edit?usp=sharing>

Wednesday, October 28th is a remote learning day for ALL students. There will be independent activities for students but no LIVE instruction. No students attend school on this day.

For the most updated **Single Track 4 Calendar** please go

<https://www.wcpss.net/cms/lib/NC01911451/Centricity/Domain/19/20-21%20YR%20ES%20Sem%201%20update%209.29.20%20v2.pdf>

If you are not participating in Virtual Academy and have not received information about what cohort your child is on please contact Sandra Ramirez at the front desk at 919-365-8990 or email her at sramireztapia@wcpss.net.

Every child must have a completed a **Student Accountability and Required Health Protocol** review and Signature Page indicating that you have reviewed protocols and guidelines for health and safety. To view this information you may go to <https://www.wcpss.net/studentaccountability>

We held a **Material Distribution Pick Up** day this week. If you did not pick up materials for your child please come by between 9-3 any day to request these materials. Please wear a mask when coming to the school.

CARPOOL!- During arrival and dismissal all carpool vehicles need to enter the carpool line on Elk Falls Road coming from the direction of Poole Road. If you come on Elk Falls from the Wendell Falls side, you will be directed to take a LEFT and go through the neighborhood to come out and enter from Poole Road. You will not be able to take a right and jump in front of folks who have been waiting patiently. We have several staff members assisting with health screenings for all students entering the building. Students will be screened while they are still in your vehicle. Please do not allow them to exit until a staff member has told them they are clear to exit. We appreciate your patience with this. We recognize that carpool can be stressful and aggravating. Let's choose kindness as we maneuver these times.

When students are coming to school for face-to-face learning and have a WCPSS device, they should

bring the device to school with them daily. Students who have a personal device may also bring it to school. We will have “BYOD-Bring Your Own Device” Forms for you to fill out regarding personal devices.

When your child comes to school for face-to-face learning during their cohort time, please have them come with **an empty water bottle**. We are not using drinking fountains at this time. If you do not have a water bottle for your child, cups will be available. Please label all water bottles with your child’s name.

Medication can be dropped off for students by scheduling an appointment with Joni Bailey. You may contact the school or email jbailey2@wcpss.net. You must have a signed 1702 from your doctor to leave medication for your child.

If your child needs a **carpool number or walker pass**, these will be available during arrival time in the carpool loop and the bus loop for walkers.

BUS RIDERS—You must fill out the **BUS ATTESTATION FORM** stating that you and your child are aware of bus rider guidelines and all safety procedures. Information may be found here <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/44657> For bus route information and transportation requests please go to <https://www.wcpss.net/domain/30>

All students will be required to wear a mask and participate in a health screening when entering the building. Your child will be given a set of 5 masks on the first day of their cohort week. Unfortunately, we are not permitted to have visitors in the building. If you are walking your child to school, please plan and discuss that you will be dropping your children off at the door. We have plenty of staff to guide them to class. They are in good hands.

Breakfast and Lunch will be free to all students through December 31, 2020. They do not need a student identification number to get this. They will have an option to receive a packaged meal when entering the building. Curbside pick up will still be available to all students in remote learning.

We have several openings on the PTA Board and need your help more than ever. We currently need a Vice-President, Arts Chair, Family Engagement Chair, Bilingual Liaison, Fundraising Chair, and a Diversity and Equity Chair. It is important for us to have a diverse PTA membership that represents our students. Your voice is needed. Please consider participating. [Please join the PTA.](#) We need your support now more than ever!

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

Sincerely,

Tina Zarzecki