



## Principal Weekly Message –Sept. 1, 2017

Hello Otter families, this is Tina Zarzecki – principal at Lake Myra Elementary School. Please see below for important information.

1. Year-Round and Modified calendar bus rider families are now able to use a free bus tracking system called *Here Comes the Bus (HCTB)*. Traditional calendar families will be provided access to the app approximately three weeks after the start of school for their calendar. *Here Comes the Bus* is an easy-to-use website and app that enables you to see the location of your child's school bus on a smartphone, tablet, or personal computer. *HCTB* allows you know when the bus is near your stop. You can sign up for *Here Comes the Bus* at <https://herecomesthebus.com/getting-started/>. You will need the district code and your student's ID number to sign up. The WCPSS school code is 67500.
2. Read and Feed is a program designed to give struggling readers an appetite for reading by strengthening their literacy skills. Volunteers are needed to read with students on Monday evenings at Bethlehem Baptist Church, located off Poole Road, from 5:30 -6:30 pm. Volunteers do not have to have a background in teaching, just a desire to help students develop a love for reading. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your child's school counselor, Mrs. Owino, at 919-365-8990. We thank you in advance for your support!
3. If you are receiving or need financial support for your child's breakfast or lunch you may now apply online at [www.MySchoolApps.com](http://www.MySchoolApps.com) or visit the WCPSS website. If you are currently receiving benefits you MUST renew every year. This needs to be completed by October 6, 2017. Also, many of our students' status has changed. Please be sure to renew your registration as soon as possible.
4. Book Fair is the week of September 11-15<sup>th</sup>. Parents, aunts, uncles, friends, are all welcome to come in the mornings Wednesday through Friday at 8:00am with your child to visit the Book Fair. Come and visit our "Cow Polk Café" for a doughnut.
5. We need your help with the Book Fair. If you can volunteer please sign up at the following link. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c48a4a729a6f94-book>
6. The same week of the Book Fair we will also be doing a food drive for victims of Hurricane Harvey. We will be collecting food all week. Please look for a flyer in the Monday Folder.
7. Open House is Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm. We will begin promptly in the gym at 6:00pm. The Book Fair will be open to families that evening.
8. Parents, just a reminder that students may enter the building at 8:45 at the earliest. Supervision and safety remains a priority.
9. No school Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day Holiday.

Sincerely,

Tina Zarzecki