



Principal Message for September 18, 2020

Thank you to our families, for supporting your children and our school community during remote learning. We recognize that this is challenging for everyone. We are off to a great start. Hopefully all students will have a device by the end of the week and can all get connected to learning. We got this!

The WCPSS Board of Education met this Tuesday to discuss the possibilities for returning to school in October. On Thursday, Governor Cooper announced that K-5 students could return to schools in October. WCPSS has not yet determined how, when, or in what capacity we will have students return. This information will be finalized in the next week or two. I will continue to share any information from the WCPSS Board of Education. Several Virtual Academy families have asked if they can return when students come back. Class rosters were created on your commitment to that program. Please reach out directly to me with your requests. Once the district determines how we will return I will have more information to make decisions. Requests will be handled differently grade level to grade level.

Mark your calendars. Monday, September 28th from 2-4 pm, we will be having a Reverse Parade Quarterly Celebration. What is that you ask? We want to celebrate the amazing work that your children and you have done during remote learning. We are going to be having a drive-thru parade for all students to drive through a designated route on our campus. All our staff will line the route while wearing masks and socially distancing. No one will get out of cars. We just want to see our students' smiling faces. This is for students in the Virtual Academy as well. More details to come in Dojo.

The Fall window for AIG nominations is open. We do not have a plan for testing at this time. If your child is nominated, our school-based committee will meet and start to collect data on him/her. A decision will be made after reviewing data whether to proceed with further evaluation/testing when we are able to test upon return to school. This is for fourth and fifth graders ONLY who have not been tested in the last calendar year. Our committee will begin to look for data showing your child consistently works 1-2 grade levels above the present grade level. If you have any questions, please let email Mrs. Oates (moates@wcpss.net.)

If you ordered **Spirit Wear from the PTA**, you may pick it up on Monday, September 28th from 4:00-7:00 pm in the bus loop at LMES. If this does not work for you it will be in the front office for you to pick up. Please call to schedule an appointment after Sept. 28th. Unfortunately, there was no extra spirit wear ordered. This pickup is only for pre-orders. There will be an additional order time.

[Please join the PTA.](#) We need your support now more than ever!

Students in all grade levels can receive a free breakfast and lunch from an operating location until December 31. Please visit <https://www.wcpss.net/food> for a list of operating sites. Students are not required to visit their assigned school and do not have to be present to receive meals. The curbside meal service will operate Monday through Friday from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Students will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost! No student ID number required to receive meals.

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

Sincerely,

Tina Zarzecki