



Principal Message for September 25, 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 Board of Education will be voting on the current proposal on Tuesday, Sept. 29th. Right now, the proposal is for our students to track in October 19th and participate in remote learning. Beginning October 26th, all PreK-5th grade students will return to face-to face instruction in cohorts of three, with attending face-to-face for one week and remote for two weeks. The district is also proposing an asynchronous day per week for ALL students to participate virtually. More information to come as information is finalized with the Board of Education. If this is the direction the district will go, we will be emailing and mailing cohort information to you to let you know when your child will attend face-to face instruction and when they will participate remotely. Siblings across the district will be assigned the same cohort. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate personal requests for cohorts. Also, at this time we are not able to accommodate requests for students who selected Virtual Academy to return to Plan B before the end of the semester. This is due to class size and staffing. If you feel like you have extenuating circumstances please reach out to me.

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. You will be guided by staff where to go.

Tuesday, September 29 and Wednesday, September 30th are Remote Learning Days. Students will participate in asynchronous remote learning on these days. There will be no LIVE instruction. We will then **track out from Thursday, October 1st, returning to learning on Monday, October 19th. There will be no instruction during track out time.**

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. You will have the opportunity to pick up during the parade as well.

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

Due to COVID-19 circumstances we are uncertain at this time if we will be able to have our Helping Hands Holiday Tree this year. I know many families depend on this for gifts for their children. I wanted to share a resource with you that the Salvation Army is offering.

THE SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS REGISTRATION 2020 Participating families who register for the Angel Tree program will register for clothing and toys. The program helps provide Christmas presents to those families who are in financial need with children ages 0-12. The items you receive are not guaranteed and are based on donations received. There will be NO in-person registration this year due to COVID-19. **ONLINE REGISTRATION DATES** The Registration link <https://saangeltree.org/> will be active: 8 am on Monday, September 21 - Friday, October 2. At the bottom of the page, you will click "No" for the Invitation Code and then enter your Zip Code. The Zip Code you enter must match your proof of Wake County address. This is a different program than what we do at Lake Myra.

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

Sincerely,

Tina Zarzecki