

Principal Message for February 5, 2021

Greetings Lake Myra Families!

The Wake County Board of Education approved a plan Tuesday evening calling for students not enrolled in the Virtual Academy to begin **returning to schools** the week of February 15. The plan calls for the following:

- Pre-K through third grade: Daily in-person instruction
- **Grades 4 and 5: Three-week rotations (in cohorts)-Cohort B(2) will come on February 15th.**
- Middle and High School: Three-week rotations
- Special Education Regional Programs, K-12: Daily in-person instruction

Please complete the following form to receive financial support for school meals. You may be eligible and not even know it. This will have a huge impact on the resources we receive. www.MySchoolApps.com. Paper applications were also mailed. Please complete this form as soon as possible. If you need help filling out the form online please contact Sandra Ramirez Tapia at 919-365-8990 or at sramireztapia@wcpss.net. All information provided will remain confidential.

If you were not able to attend the **material distribution pick up**, you may come any day from 9-3 to pick up your child's materials. Please come to the front entrance and ring the bell. Someone will come and help you. **There are materials for all students.**

Spring Picture day has been rescheduled for Monday, March 29th for Virtual Academy students and Wednesday, April 21st for face-to-face students. There will be no make-up dates due to the late timeline. A sign-up link will be shared soon for Virtual Academy students.

PTA needs your support! If you are interested in being a member of the PTA Board for 2021-22 please email me at the email address below. I know you want to!

iStation Assessments will begin February 1st.

- iStation is a computer adaptive program used to assess reading skills.
- It is BEST practice for students to take the test **without any help** so teachers can see their true needs. IF your child is helped on the assessment, teachers will not be able to determine skill strengths and areas for improvement. It is critical that they show what they know!!
- The test will reset on the first day of each month. When you see the **BLUE ISIP in**

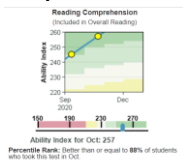
Progress button your child is taking the assessment.



- As soon as that button disappears, it will automatically move your child to start working in the adaptive curriculum for practice. We recommend 30-40 minutes in the “adaptive practice” per week, but they can certainly do more! Students can go back in and practice any time using the **same "Reading with ISIP" icon** they used to take the assessment.



- You have access to your child's data in the **Parent Portal**. Each time your student takes an ISIP they will get another data point on the chart in the Student Summary Report.



- Please always feel free to contact your child’s teachers to discuss any results or if you have any questions.

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

Sincerely,
Tina Zarzecki