

Principal Message for January 22, 2021

Greetings Lake Myra Families!

Every year in March the state and federal government calculates the number of students we have who receive Free & Reduced Lunch support. These numbers determine how much funding our school will receive through Title 1 for the 2021-22 school year. Currently we fund, 3 additional teaching positions at our school with this funding. These additional teachers are used to keep class size small in 4th and 5th grades and provides intervention support to struggling learners. Due to COVID, the district has been providing free breakfast and lunches to all students. Because of this we have received very few applications for assistance. This will have a huge impact on how much funding we will receive through Title 1. **Please complete the following form.** 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 will always be made available by calling 919-588-3535 or 919-856-2920 to have one mailed to you. Please complete this form as soon as possible.

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.

Spirit Wear Pre-Orders available now! All pre-orders need to be received by 8:00pm on February 3rd for pick-up on February 24th. <https://lakemyra.memberhub.store/store?category=Spirit%20Wear>

Our Students LOVE **Spirit Sticks**! Kids love getting mail! This is a WIN-WIN!!! **Pre-Order Valentine's Day Spirit Sticks** to send to your student and/or their friends! All pre-orders must be received by 8:00pm on 2/3. Please read all instructions when placing your order. Unfortunately, specific requests for Spirit Sticks cannot be accommodated.

<https://lakemyra.memberhub.store/store/items/668466>

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**

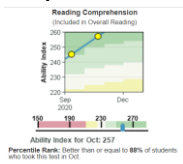
Progress button your child is taking the assessment.



- 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