

## July 20 2020 School Messenger

Dear Families,

I enjoyed our Q&A session last Wednesday and my meeting with our PTA board this past Friday. These meetings help me to best understand family needs as well as provide families with clarity around the many changes/choices in learning/programs. [This Q&A document link](#) helps you track the current questions and answers. I will continue to provide you with updates and the most current information so you are able to navigate as best possible these unique times.

### **Child Care Options this Summer**

- *The Boys & Girls Clubs is open from 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday for summer camp until August 14th. They are accepting new and returning members on a first come, first serve basis. Lunch and snack are provided. Call Club Director, Emma Benedyk, at (919) 518-9609 for information on the new steps they are taking to keep kids safe as they return to the Club.*

### **Extension of Virtual Academy (VA) Application Window**

- *The School Board is Meeting tomorrow, July 21, to consider possibly moving to Plan C. The Virtual Academy application window will be extended beyond today, 7/20. The ending date of this new extension hasn't been set. Families can wait to hear the School Board's decision about whether we will move to Plan C before completing the virtual Academy application, if desired.*
- *Please note, after the first semester you can potentially switch from VA to plan B (if Plan B is an Option). You could also request a switch from Plan B To VA. Further, you could request to stay in VA for the whole year if you had originally signed up for the first semester only. The goal at Washington would be to facilitate these moves if possible. However, **any moves from your original plan choice is contingent on available space and will have to be assessed by the principal at that time.***

### **SSA (Single Subject Acceleration)**

- SSA testing for students not currently qualified for SSA will Occur the first 10 days of the school year. Use [this link](#) to learn more about SSA testing. If you would like to request that your child have SSA Testing please complete the SSA testing request form [using this link](#). This form also has information about the SSA program. The dates for the testing window and when the form is due *are incorrect* as they were from earlier this spring, pre-COVID. Ignore those dates, but complete and send in the form by email to our AIG teacher (Mr. Bastin [abastin@wcpss.net](mailto:abastin@wcpss.net)) by the 10th day of school, August 28th.

### **Student Supplies**

- *Student supply needs will be listed on our website later in August once the WCPSS Learning Plan has been established and we know how teachers and students are matched within a grade level. Additionally, given the numbers of students who are/will be learning from home/virtually we will be working to create supply kits that contain necessary supporting materials and manipulatives.*

*Your partner, Mr. Grant*