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Dear WLES Parent/Guardian,

First let me say I hope you and your family are safe and healthy as you read this letter. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we have been adjusting, like you, to the drastic changes in life during the past two months. I am extremely appreciative of our students, parents, and staff for their positivity, flexibility, and resilience during these trying times. A huge debt of gratitude goes to all of our doctors, nurses, hospital employees, first responders, and state leaders for all they are doing to keep us safe and healthy. Thank you as well for the love and appreciation that you have shown our teachers during the recent Teacher Appreciation Week. Our PTA provided yard signs for all teachers, and the teachers were so excited to find the sign in their yards!

As you know, distance learning for West Lake Elementary is in full motion. Our goal is to provide continuous educational opportunities and practice for students until the very last day of the school year. We aim to eliminate as much stress as feasibly possible for students, parents, and teachers. While it is our responsibility to continue to educate our children, we also appreciate your compassion as you take into consideration the variety of difficulties that we are all enduring at this time.

We will be opening the school for two final days for parents to pick up belongings/class assignments for 2020-2021. This is on a staggered basis and the process is very specific for entering and exiting during pick up. Please refer to the following document for more information prior to the pick up day/time: <https://bit.ly/2WF7ME3> If you are unable to come during the times that the building is open, we will save your child's belongings until the next school year. Our building will undergo an extensive cleaning after this pick up and we will limit access from that point until the next school year begins.

The Kindergarten Orientation that was originally scheduled for rising 2020-2021 kindergarten parents has been cancelled. Due to our current school closures, there will be a virtual parent orientation shared online in mid-June 2020. Specific information will follow.

End of Year Report cards for all students will be emailed to parents for Track 1 students on May 29. Report Cards for Tracks 2,3,4 will be emailed to parents on June 5, 2020. Teachers will provide year-end feedback for students regarding both strengths & needs in the areas of academic and social-emotional perspective. Due to the shift to remote learning resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, final grades will not be issued. These comments are reflective of your child's progress over the entire 2019-2020 academic year. However, they are primarily a reflection of the school year up until the start of remote instruction.



**WAKE COUNTY**  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

In preparation for next year our PTA is providing access to the “Teacher Tailored” Supply Kits this year. You can purchase a box of supplies from your child’s grade level list and it will be delivered directly to the school. It will save you the hassle of going shopping and then bringing your supplies in during the beginning of the school year. This is an optional service for our families. The information and pricing can be found here:

Website: [www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com)

User Account: #88467

In closing, one of our main focus points for our educators and students during the 2020-2021 school year will be having a “**growth mindset.**” A growth mindset unlocks our ability to learn and grow especially during challenging times. Little did we know how important this growth mindset would be for all of us with the ever-evolving changes we are facing! Because of this experience and a growth mindset, I believe we all will be stronger when we come out on the other side of the COVID-19 Pandemic! History is being written! We hold the pen! **Together, we will write the BEST story for our children!**

Please contact me if you or your children need support.

Stay strong! Stay healthy!

Serving you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly F. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kelly" being the most prominent.

Kelly F. Wilson  
Principal