

Wednesday Words

December 15, 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As much as I wanted to keep this last Wednesday Words brief, I have some information that I need to share. Sorry!

The Board of Education voted last night to move ALL students to remote instruction from January 4-15. This decision was made due to the impact of an increased number of COVID-19 infections in Wake County. Students will NOT be returning to the building until January 22nd which is the first day of second semester. Please do everything you can to ensure that your child is engaged in remote learning every day. Your child's teacher will be contacting you prior to January 4th so you will know the schedule. Count on the day starting with the Morning Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on January 4th!

The VA Registration window closed last week. We have 188 students who will be attending school through Virtual Academy and 58 students who are returning to the building from VA. We will have 72% of our students in the building which means there will be changes to class lists and class assignments. We will do our best to minimize major changes and will be sensitive to the students who have already made changes this year. We are unable to take special requests at this time due to the many moving parts and the need to align cohort assignments for our new Plan A students based on older siblings. Please give us grace as we work through all the details. We will communicate pertinent information with you after the holidays as any changes will be made for the start of 2nd semester (January 20th).

I did update our [Lacy Protocols for Students Returning to the Building](#) with specific numbers by grade level but also the information under Health Care Information. Please take the time to read through this section as I know many of you have received calls from the school to come pick up your child for at least one of the symptoms listed. Also, some of you have needed to quarantine your child due to exposures. What I have included is the information that I have as of now. As we receive updates, I will update. It will help you know what to expect upon the return to school on January 20th.

I wish you all a wonderful and SAFE holiday. May you create new memories during this pandemic! Enjoy your time together and reach out to those who may be lonely during this holiday season. Thank you for all you have done to help our teachers feel so appreciated and valued!

Happy Holidays!

Sherri Miller, Principal

Announcements:

1. We plan to all watch the new movie *Jingle Jangle* as a school on Friday afternoon starting around 12:30 p.m. This will include students learning remotely. We want students to come to

school in their pajamas! I do need to let you know that this movie is rated PG and this is the information I captured from Common Sense Media: *Parents need to know that Jingle Jangle is an appropriate and even inspiring film for most age groups, but a couple of scenes could scare very young viewers. These include some sad moments such as when a little girl's mother dies and her father sends her away, or when the man later ignores and yells at his granddaughter. He eventually comes around and rediscovers both love and wonder. In another sequence, two kids mount a dangerous escape after they've sneaked into a palatial estate to retrieve a stolen robot. The robot thief is only comically menacing, as is the matador doll that persuades him to lie, steal, and cheat. These two characters show that envy, crime, and greed don't pay. Kids could be inspired by the mostly Black ensemble cast and the main character, a girl with a vivid imagination and a gift for technology, engineering, and math. The film also has some flashy musical numbers and positive messages about family, tradition, patience, forgiveness, and curiosity.*

If you do not want your child to watch this movie with the class, please let your child's teacher know by Friday morning.

2. **If you have a Broken WCPSS Device:** Visit StudentTechHelp.wcpss.net. **Complete** the online form. You will be contacted by the WCPSS technology department to troubleshoot and **help to resolve** the issue. If the issue **cannot be resolved**, a replacement will be ordered. The replacement will be checked out to the student and **sent to the school**. **The school will contact you** to swap the broken device for the replacement. This could take up to two weeks.
3. Please find here a memo that provides information: [2020 Lacy TSI Letter](#)
4. Not getting PTA emails about Picture Day, Spirit Week, Spirit Nights or other PTA-sponsored activities? Click [here](#) to **sign up for Memberhub**.