

# Wednesday Words

January 13, 2021

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As we enter our 2<sup>nd</sup> week of students attending school virtually, I wanted to say THANK YOU for all that you continue to do to support your own child(ren) in attending. It has required a lot of flexibility, resilience, and perseverance on your part to remind, convince, encourage, and demand your student to get online at the right time and to have them complete the classwork assigned. Your own children are practicing resilience as well! Please encourage your child to continue to attend and engage – also, please encourage them to leave their camera ON so the teacher can see them engage in the learning. We have two more days to the end of first semester with a new semester starting on Wednesday. We want everyone to end strong in the remote environment. Thank you, parents, as we could not do this without YOU! Please also give yourself GRACE when things may fall apart. Life happens and we know that!

As the Board of Education discusses on Thursday the return of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders for second semester, I will be sure to communicate with all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents to ensure everyone understands the changes (if there are any).

Please do NOT send your child to school next week if they are sick. We will continue to follow the health guidance as outlined from the district and in our [Lacy Protocols for Students Returning to the Building](#). We will continue to do everything that we can to prevent any spreading of COVID by following the 3 W's. Please do your part by keeping your child as safe as possible AND to avoid sending them to school if they are not feeling well.

As we started the 2021 school year, we also have been faced with the events of what happened at the US Capital last week and continue to happen leading up to January 20<sup>th</sup>. As was stated in the community message you received from WCPSS, resources have been shared that can be used to support our students, teachers, and families to have conversations. Here is another resource that you may consider watching: [What To Say To Kids When The News Is Scary : Parenting: Difficult Conversations : NPR - NPR.org](#)

A huge thank you to our PTA for the wonderful STEM@Home event last night. Your child can still interact with the materials created which can be accessed through the Member Hub or my email from yesterday. I was also impressed with how our students engaged in the live presentations. Thank you!

With grace,

Sherri Miller, Principal

## Announcements:

1. All students will continue to engage in remote learning through January 15<sup>th</sup>. Students returning to the building for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester will start on **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**. If your child's teacher has changed, you will receive an email by end of day on Thursday (tomorrow) from your child's current teacher. The teachers will work together to "virtually" introduce your child to their new teacher on Friday.
2. Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> is Martin Luther King Holiday – no school. Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> is a Teacher Workday – no school.
3. **If you have a Broken WCPSS Device:** Visit [StudentTechHelp.wcpss.net](http://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.
4. For families who have students who will be in the building this year for the first time on January 20<sup>th</sup>, we will offer a **Principal Chat** tonight, **Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:15 p.m.** I will share the protocols for students returning to the building. Please join us using this link: [Principal Chat Google Meet Link](#)
5. **Students returning to the building for the FIRST TIME on January 20<sup>th</sup>:** Please fill out the following forms and turn them into your teacher on your first day back in the building. The required bus attestation form can be completed online if you choose. If you have any questions, please email Lise Sherlin at [esherlin@wcpss.net](mailto:esherlin@wcpss.net).
  - [BYOD Consent Form](#).
  - Read [Student Accountability and Required Health Protocols](#) and sign the [acknowledgement page](#).
  - Riding the bus? Complete the [required Bus Attestation Form](#) and learn the [new procedures](#) to protect everyone's health and safety.
6. **Report Cards** will be **emailed** to parents on **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you do not receive your child's report card by end of day Monday, please reach out directly to your child's first semester teacher.
7. [Reminder: Food Distribution Sites are Open](#)  
Through June 30, 2021, all children age 18 and under may receive breakfast and lunch at no cost via Curbside and Big Bus Food Truck Pop-up locations. Meals are also free to all

Wake County students when they are at school for in-person instruction. Meals will not be available on holidays designated on the student's calendar. For more information, visit [wcpss.net/food](http://wcpss.net/food).

8. Material Distribution Date for students attending **Virtual Academy** is scheduled for Tuesday, **January 19<sup>th</sup>** (Teacher Workday) from **8:00-1:00 p.m.**
9. **Bus Attestation Forms - Required for Transportation use 2nd Semester**  
If your child is registered for WCPSS transportation, you are **required** to submit this form stating that you and your child will abide by all health and safety protocols for bus ridership. Forms can be found at [wcpss.net/busform](http://wcpss.net/busform). You can fill out the form [online](#) or complete a printed form and turn it into your school. Students are **not** permitted to ride the bus until this form has been submitted. When completing the form please ensure you are using your student's correct ID number. The student ID number will be used to validate your request. You will need to submit a form for all of your children who plan to ride the bus during the 2020-21 school year. Please contact Lise Sherlin at [esherlin@wcpss.net](mailto:esherlin@wcpss.net) if you need assistance.
10. If you or someone you know is interested in being a substitute at Lacy Elementary, please read/share this link: <https://www.wcpss.net/subs>
11. **Lacy Live is happening virtually on February 20<sup>th</sup>**. Stay home, tune in and go live with Lacy! Please consider giving in advance of the event at <https://event.gives/lacylive>. Giving level packages are available until January 31 with all proceeds directly supporting the Lacy Foundation.

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12. If you have any gently used or new children's books (birth – age 12) that you are willing to donate, please put them aside until we start our annual **WAKE Up and Read Book Drive** on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will collect books in bins outside of the building between January 23<sup>rd</sup>-February 6<sup>th</sup>. More info to come.
13. Not getting **PTA** emails about Picture Day, Spirit Week, Spirit Nights or other PTA-sponsored activities and **Lacy Foundation**? Click [here](#) to **sign up for Memberhub**.
14. **Lacy Media Center Schedule - 2020-21**  
The Media Center book check-out schedule for the remainder of the school year is below. Students have a deadline for placing holds online and a scheduled book pick-up date. Students can keep the books for about three weeks. We are staggering book check-out and returns to better control the demand at any given time. Pick-up and

return your child's books in the designated area outside the main entrance during school days 9am-3pm. Returns may occur on or before the due date.

<b>Student's Last Name</b>	<b>Book Hold Date</b> (Online by 5:00PM)	<b>Pick-Up Date</b> (@ Main Entrance School Days 9am-3pm)	<b>Return By Date</b> (@ Main Entrance School Days 9am-3pm)
A - F	Wednesday, January 13	Friday, January 22	Friday, February 12
G - P	Wednesday, January 13	Friday, January 22	Friday, February 12
Q - Z	Monday, January 25	Friday, January 29	Friday, February 19
A - F	Monday, February 22	Friday, February 26	Friday, March 19
G - P	Monday, March 1	Friday, March 5	Friday, March 26
Q - Z	Tuesday, March 8	Friday, March 12	Tuesday, April 6
A - F	Monday, April 12	Friday, April 16	Friday, May 14
G - P	Monday, April 19	Friday, April 24	Friday, May 21
Q - Z	Monday, April 26	Friday, April 30	Friday, May 28