

Wednesday Words

January 6, 2021

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful and safe holiday. Please continue to stay safe so we have a COVID free start on January 20th when students return to the building. The teachers have shared that students were engaged on Monday and “hadn’t missed a beat” in getting back to learning. Please do all you can to ensure your child is attending the “live instruction” which includes listening, engaging with the teacher, responding to questions, and having their camera on so teachers can actually see them. Also encourage your child to complete the classwork assigned. If you have any questions or concerns about how your child is doing, please reach out to your child’s teacher. They are so willing to help!

As we are preparing for 58 more students coming into the building starting on January 20th, we are busy moving desks in our 4th and 5th grade classrooms to accommodate the 29-30 students per class. We will not be able to keep social distancing of students in these grade levels due to numbers of students returning to the building. Students MUST wear their masks correctly all day while in the classroom! We are moving Lunch and Recess schedules around to allow for the 4th and 5th graders to now eat in the Cafeteria where they will be 6 feet apart facing the same direction when masks are off. This does mean that some grade levels will now be eating in their classrooms or outside on nice days (safely). Specials will stay at the same time but will follow a 6-day rotation so no group of students miss the same special on the Remote/Asynchronous Days. We have had to assign students to different teachers but those have occurred mostly for the students who have changed from VA to Plan A or Plan A to VA, as well as some who are moving to create homeroom classes for teachers moving from VA to Plan A to keep homerooms balanced and with the lowest numbers possible. Communication will go out on Thursday, January 14th to all families who have students who have been assigned a different teacher for second semester.

We also welcome new staff members to our Lacy team: Katherine Brook (long-term sub for Mrs. Buey), Monica Vance (1st grade teacher), Ryan Matthews (2nd grade teacher), Georgette Abdalla (2nd grade IA), and Elizabeth Eaddy (1st grade IA).

We have some exciting PTA and Foundation sponsored events coming up, so please make sure you have signed up for Memberhub to receive the weekly communication. STEMNight is next Tuesday with activities planned for everyone starting today (information is below)!

I look forward to what we can all do TOGETHER in 2021 as a Lacy Family – Together we are stronger! Continue to give yourself, your child, and the staff grace as we continue to navigate these uncharted waters around this pandemic.

With grace,

Sherri Miller, Principal

Announcements:

1. All students will continue to engage in remote learning through January 15th. Students returning to the building for 2nd Semester will start on **Wednesday, January 20th**.
2. For families who have students who will be in the building this year for the first time on January 20th, we will offer a **Principal Chat** next **Wednesday, January 13th** from **6:30-7:15 p.m.** I will share the Google Meet link in the Wednesday Words next week. I will share the protocols for students returning to the building.
3. Material Distribution Date for students attending **Virtual Academy** is scheduled for Tuesday, **January 19th** (Teacher Workday) from **8:00-1:00 p.m.**
4. Teachers have invited all 2nd, 4th, and 5th grade **VA students** and **4th/5th grade Cohort B and C** students to a Math Kit material distribution **today** from **8:00-12:00 p.m.** between the carpool and bus parking lot. Students will need these Manipulative Math kits for upcoming math lessons! It is okay if someone else picks up your child's math kit for you!
5. **STEM Night is NEXT TUESDAY JAN 12th and STEM@Home STARTS NOW!** This year, you can enjoy the fun in **TWO** ways. PTA members have compiled loads of fun activities in our **STEM@Home Classroom** [HERE](#) that you can do in your free time and earn a fun STEM goody bag! Also, join us next **Tuesday, January 12th, 5:30-7:30pm** for live virtual presentations from Wolfpack Meteorology, former Lacy teacher Terri Denny, NC Museum of Natural Sciences and more! For more information about **STEM Night**, look for a Memberhub email on January 12 or check your child's Google Classroom! For questions, email franceslacypta@gmail.com.
6. **Lacy Live - 2/20/21.**
Stay home, tune in and go live with Lacy! Please consider giving in advance of the event at <https://event.gives/lacylive>. Giving levels packages are available until **January 31**. All proceeds directly support the Lacy Foundation.

7. **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.
8. 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 23rd. We will collect books in bins outside of the building between January 23rd-February 6th. More info to come.
9. 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**.
10. Here is our [Lacy Protocols for Students Returning to the Building](#).
11. **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.

Student's Last Name	Book Hold Date (Online by 5:00PM)	Pick-Up Date (@ Main Entrance School Days 9am-3pm)	Return By Date (@ 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