

Wednesday Words

October 14, 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As we get closer to the first day when students on Plan B arrive to Lacy, there are so many details that we are working on to ensure all students are safe and that instruction continues to be meaningful. Teachers are working tirelessly to plan on how they will meet the needs of students face-to-face and students that are working remotely with 3-week rotations. The Health Committee is also working to develop all the processes and protocols for students returning. For those who have signed up for **Virtual Academy**, I would suggest reading just the **first 5 Announcements** as the remainder of Wednesday Words this week is written for families on Plan B.

I have received so many messages from parents asking, "How can I help? How can I support Lacy?" Reading and following the information below is the BIGGEST help right now! Please begin to make plans for how school is going to be different than what we all knew it to be prior to March 13th. There will be new processes around carpool and walkers, as well as what to do before your child gets on the bus in the morning. No longer can families park on Darien to drop off their child or let them arrive to school as walkers without a parent. We need every parent to be diligent about keeping their child home if they are not feeling well. Parents need to help us talk to their child about mask wearing. Please do not have mask wearing be a first at school! Students need to arrive to school on their first day with a mask. Students will receive 5 washable masks to take home, but they need to wear their own on the first day.

These are all ways you can help and support our Lacy community. Together, we can do this! Take the time to review the information below including the videos.

Please reach out to me if you have questions or specific concerns.

With grace,

Sherri Miller

Announcements/Reminders for ALL Families:

1. **Instructional materials** for all students will be outside on **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday** from **8-5 p.m.** under the cover **between the carpool parking lot and the bus loop parking lot**. Materials will be organized in alphabetical order by grade level

and homeroom teacher. Parents can drive up and pick up your child's large envelope any of those three days between 8-5 p.m. These materials are for students following **Plan B AND Virtual Academy**.

2. Not getting PTA emails about Picture Day, Spirit Week, Spirit Nights or other PTA-sponsored activities? Click [here](#) to **sign up for Memberhub**.
3. **October 28th** is now a **Remote Learning Day** for Lacy Elementary.
4. [Wake County Community Food Hubs](#) Our partners at Wake County Cooperative Extension have set up community food hubs to continue our work in providing students and families with access to food.
5. **The Lacy Library Schedule:** 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. If you missed picking up books, please email Lori Brannon who will then place on the front porch for pick up. lbrannon@wcpss.net

| 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) |
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| A - F | Monday, Sept. 21 | Friday, Sept. 25 | Friday, Oct. 16 |
| G - P | Monday, Sept. 28 | Friday, Oct. 2 | Thursday, Oct. 22 |
| Q - Z | Monday, Oct. 5 | Friday, Oct. 9 | Friday, Oct. 30 |
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| A - F | Monday, Nov. 2 | Friday, Nov. 6 | Monday, Nov. 30 |
| G - P | Monday, Nov. 9 | Friday, Nov. 13 | Friday, Dec. 4 |
| Q - Z | Monday, Nov 16 | Friday, Nov. 20 | Friday, Dec. 11 |

PLAN B INFORMATION:

Principal Chat Opportunities: I will share the link to the meeting each evening in Wednesday Words that day.

- **Track 1/Cohort A:** Wednesday, October 21st from 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- **Track 2/Cohort B:** Wednesday, October 28th from 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- **Track 3/Cohort C:** Wednesday, October 28th from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

We are excited to see your children, but in order for everyone to be safe, the school protocols will be much different than the school you left on March 13th. We continue to work on systems to keep us safe and in the building, but it is up to the entire community to follow them so we can all stay at school together.

Here is what is to come:

Health Information:

- It is crucial that students and staff who are **not feeling well stay home**. Due to public health laws your student will not be able to remain at school should they begin to feel ill. Students and employees who are sick or not feeling well must stay home. If a student begins to not feel well while on campus, shows signs of illness, or becomes sick during the day, they must immediately tell an employee. A parent or guardian will be expected to **promptly pick the child up** from school. In order to keep the school safe, we need **up-to-date information** to reach you or your emergency contact.

Please complete prior to October 23rd: [Important Contact Information Form](#)

School Arrival:

- All students K-5 are required to **wear a mask to enter the building**. Each student is also required to have a health screening at home **and** when arriving to school. Upon arrival at school, all students will be asked the symptom screening checklist questions and have their temperature outside, before being allowed to enter the building.
- **Walkers:** Are required to arrive on campus with an adult. The adult must stay and supervise the student through the health screening. Groups will maintain social distancing while waiting to be screened.
- **Carpool:** Students will remain in the car until their health screening is complete. Please be prepared for the line to move slower than normal as we learn the new system. No student can be dropped off outside of the carpool line.
- **Buses:** At this time, a health attestation form is required to ride the bus or vendor transportation. The form, signed by a parent or guardian, is required before a student may be assigned a seat on the school bus. All students riding a bus or vendor transportation must wear a face covering unless they have an approved accommodation for medical reasons. More information to come about the Health Attestation Form.
- **Visitors:** No visitors will be allowed in the building, only students. We will have staff ready to walk your child to their new room. We know this is possibly the first time to a new room, a new floor or even the first time in the building. Please know we will be there to help your children in the building to safely navigate them to their room

Daily Behaviors:

- The day will look different for students and new systems are in place for everything. Please use the link below to watch videos the county created to help your children learn what some of this will look like. [Click Here for the link to the Videos](#)
- **Now is a great time** to start teaching your children what it will look like, so they are prepared for the changes in the building.
- **Face Coverings:** Face coverings are required in the building for all students.
- **Hand Washing:** Children will have breaks throughout the day to maintain healthy hand washing habits.
- **Social Distancing:** Signs are placed throughout the building reminding children to remain 6 ft apart.
- **Water Fountains:** All water fountains will be closed as a source to drink directly out of. Students can use water fountains to fill their own water bottles. Please send you student with a **water bottle clearly labeled** with their name each day. There will be NO LOST AND FOUND, so make sure your student's name is on all belongings.
- **Meals:** Please have your child bring to school a towel for sitting outside for lunch. During the three-week rotations, we will have no more than 45 students eating in the cafeteria sitting 6 feet apart facing the same direction. Some classes may want to eat outside.
- **Recess:** Due to the playground equipment being closed, students will have time outside doing activities that allow for distancing.
- **More information coming on other topics/activities!**

YMCA After School Care:

- Due to COVID-19 and cleaning procedures that need to occur after hours, the YMCA after school program for Lacy students will not take place on our campus at this time. Please contact the Alexander YMCA for other after school program options.