

Wednesday Words

October 7, 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Hopefully, your child had a positive experience today. I know our teachers were hard at work all day planning and meeting with me by grade level to begin to plan for the students returning to Lacy Elementary. There are many processes and protocols that need to be established, as well as many decisions that need to be made by grade level on how students in the building and students working remotely will receive all the content area instruction. Still to be figured out: Will the schedule stay the same? Will my child have different teachers? What will the day look like when they are in the building? The details are many and we will continue to seek answers from the district and will begin to make decisions by the end of next week. Please give your teachers grace and not ask them these questions as we do not have answers yet.

You should have just received a message through School Messenger from me with information regarding your child's cohort assignment. In the message you will also find a link to the WCPSS calendar outlining which weeks your child's cohort will be in the building. You will also find the dates the district has determined to be Remote Learning Days. They are indicated on the calendar as RL – mostly falling on a Wednesday. These are days when your child will not receive face-to-face instruction in the building or remotely. It will be very similar to what your child experienced today. The RL Days are county-wide starting on November 18th.

There will be updates on the site for families. Please review to find answers to questions related about returning to school: [Back to School for Families](#).

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

With grace,

Sherri Miller

Announcements/Reminders:

1. Below is the information about state law related to **Health Assessment**. North Carolina General Statutes (G.S. 130A-155) **requires immunizations** for every child attending public school in this state. Every parent, guardian or person in loco parentis is responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) receives required immunizations. North Carolina General Statutes (G.S. 130A-440) requires every child entering public schools in North Carolina for the first time to **receive a health assessment** (physical exam report).

- Assessment must have been completed within 12 months prior to school entry
- Assessment must be completed on a North Carolina Health Assessment Transmittal Form

Families are given 30 calendar days from the first day of school to comply with immunization(s) and health assessment requirements. If your child is missing the Health Assessment, he/she will be excluded from school on **October 30, 2020** if records are not provided. If you have any questions, please let Emily Spooney know. Please email complete forms to espooney@wcpss.net.

2. **PTA Reflections Program.** Get ready for some creativity Lacy Lions! National PTA's Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme. This 50+ year-old program helps them explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life. [North Carolina's PTA page promoting The Reflections Program can be found here.](#) Students can choose to participate in one or all the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.. This year's theme for the 2020-2021 program year is *I Matter Because....*

[See the guidelines and entry form here.](#) Lacy Lions have the month of October to develop a creative entry should they choose to participate. The submission window opens Monday, October 26, 2020 and the deadline closes at the end of the school day on Monday, November 2, 2020. Entries will be dropped outside the front office at Lacy with all forms attached. Please mark with Attn: Dawn Wade. Questions can be emailed to reflections.lacy@gmail.com or you may contact Kristin Rouse at 919-637-3377.

3. [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. Please share with your families and appropriate staff.
4. **The Lacy Library Is Back!** 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)
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
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