

Wednesday Words

September 16, 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As we are in the middle of our third week of full-day online learning, most of our students are getting in the groove and feeling a part of the classroom community. Please know how much we value the importance of your role as encourager and motivator for your child – you are your child's coach! Being a positive encourager is possibly the most important role for the caregiver in an online setting. Please provide praise for your child's successes. When helping your child understand a concept or complete assignments, be encouraging without giving answers. Coach your child but don't give answers! If something is too difficult or your child does not understand, your child should ask for assistance from the teacher. We all know we learn from our mistakes - mistakes are part of the learning process. Teachers would rather see the mistakes or misunderstandings than to have an adult complete the work for the child. Please also engage in a daily check with your child on their progress asking them to show you the assignments they completed and to affirm when you see them working independently or engaged in live instruction. Teachers have expressed concern regarding the students that are at their computer but they turn off their screen and start doing something else. Teachers are working hard to create engaging lessons but they are unable to be in the same place to encourage them to stay on task nor see what they are doing. The caregiver should periodically check to see that the students are actually doing what they are supposed to be doing and not engaged in something not related to school!

Thank you for keeping open lines of communication with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to support you in your difficult role as we navigate online learning together.

Together we are stronger!

With grace,

Sherri Miller

Announcements/Reminders:

1. Last night at the Board Meeting, the district is proposing a **target date of October 26** for students who have opted for Plan B to return to in-person instruction. The district will

be soliciting feedback about how to bring students back and will be presenting to the school board in the next 2-3 weeks a detailed plan for approval from the Wake County Board of Education.

2. **1st-5th grade will have a Virtual Open House** available on Wednesday, September 23rd for viewing. I will share the link to the Open House in next week's Wednesday Words and will also be available on our Lacy website. The recording from last night's Kindergarten Virtual Open House will also be available for viewing. All questions from the Open House should go directly to the teacher(s).
3. **Interims** will be sent to families electronically on Friday, September 25th.
4. **Istation Reading Assessments** will be administered online late next week. Families will receive information regarding the assessments during the Virtual Open House and through teacher communication. It is critical that students do not receive any help with answers but may need assistance with the technology.
5. **Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Students.** Students in all grade levels can receive a free breakfast and lunch from an operating location until December 31*. Please visit <https://www.wcpss.net/food> for a list of operating sites. Students are not required to visit their assigned school and do not have to be present to receive meals. The curbside meal service will operate Monday through Friday from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Students will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost! No student ID number required to receive meals. *Or until funding is depleted.
6. If your child has a **preferred name** from what is currently listed, please complete this [Home Base Request Form for Name Change](#).
7. **Do-it-Yourself Cubicles** article if interested!
<https://www.yahoo.com/amphml/lifestyle/mom-goes-viral-creating-diy-180818503.html>
8. **The Lacy Library Is Back!** In the next few weeks, Mrs. Brannon (our Lacy librarian) will instruct students how to place a hold on library books via an online system. Students have a deadline for placing holds and a scheduled book pick-up date as indicated below. Students can keep the books for about three weeks as indicated in the schedule below. 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	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