

Wednesday Words

September 9, 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday weekend and your child is getting a little more used to a full-day of school. As we are in our second week of full-day school, we will all continue to give each other grace as we navigate our new normal. Teachers continue to navigate the technology tools to support the content and support the various needs of students, as well as make minor tweaks to the daily schedule to help students navigate the transitions. Students are continuing to navigate how to mute/unmute, stay engaged when there is a lot going on around them, leaning into the work, and having their materials with them. Parents are navigating life with school at home and a busy daily schedule of their child. All is new, all is hard, and together we can do this! We need to support one another! Together we are stronger!

With grace,

Sherri Miller

Announcements:

1. In accordance with a Board of Education Resolution, all schools are directed to conduct a moment of silence on September 11 for **the anniversary of 9/11/2001**. I wanted to let you all know the statement that has been provided by the district for teachers to share on Friday. We will share the statement and have a moment of silence during the Morning Meeting on Friday. **Statement:** *September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of efforts originally launched in 2002 that promotes community service on 9/11 as an annual and forward-looking tribute to the 9/11 victims, survivors, and those who rose up in service in response to the attacks. September 11, 2020 is the 19th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center Towers, New York City, the Pentagon, Washington, DC and Flight 93 resulting in the deaths of over 3000 people representing 93 countries. Today's moment of silence serves as an important way in which to remember and honor their lives.*
2. **Kindergarten Virtual Open House** will take place on Tuesday, September 15th from 6:30-7:15 p.m. You will find the link to the event on your child's Google Classroom Stream that evening. Hope to see you all there!

3. **1st-5th grade will have a Virtual Open House** during the week of September 21st that will be recorded and available that week for viewing which will include a way for you to ask questions. More details to follow.

4. **WCPSS playground equipment remains closed.** Despite the Governor’s announcement to reopen public parks and playgrounds, WCPSS playground equipment will remain closed. Under our [Social Distancing-Elementary Guidelines](#), playground equipment will remain closed until schools move to Plan A operations, where schools are allowed to operate at full capacity for face-to-face instruction. The WCPSS decision to keep playground equipment closed is to best protect the health and wellness of our students, employees, and their families. We do not have the staff and resources to clean and disinfect all playground equipment between uses. We also cannot guarantee the proper social distancing of children while playing on playground equipment. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this important matter.

5. **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