

Wednesday Words

August 12, 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to welcome all of our Lacy Lions back to school starting on Monday, August 17th. How I wish we were not in the middle of a pandemic, and that I would be able to stand in the hallway to greet and meet every child walking in the door. However, that is not where we are right now, and I know each of you wish your own children were in our building as well! As we navigate the beginning of school together virtually, please know that we are going to do our best on our end to provide a nurturing, inclusive, and welcoming environment while also providing rigorous instruction. We need for you on your end, to help your child(ren) attend the “live” instruction and complete the assigned work. We will be checking attendance by a child’s participation in the “live” instruction, as well as the work completed (more details about this coming over the next two weeks). Teachers will be giving feedback on assignments. The daily work will be more like a full day of school as if your child was attending school. Our teachers will provide all the necessary orienting lessons to ensure all students know how to access the “live” instruction and know where to find every assignment and how to turn in assignments. We are in this together – as it can’t happen with any one of us supporting your child(ren) alone. Truly it will take a village and we are thrilled to be in the village together!

I look forward to seeing you next Friday when you pick up your child’s instructional materials. Bring your child(ren) with you as they will be able to see their teachers “live!”

I know there is a lot of information below so please read carefully and come back to this as often as needed! We need to give each other grace as we try to roll out all of this information, support you as needed, and most importantly support your child(ren).

With grace and gratefulness,

Sherri Miller

[First Two Weeks of School](#)

Click on the link above to find the outline of what to expect during the first two weeks of what WCPSS is calling “Orientation.” Teachers will be working on Thursday and Friday of this week when they return to the building to populate the week with the lessons and the independent activities they would like students to be engaged in. Information will be coming to you on Friday afternoon from your child’s homeroom teacher on how to join the first Morning Meeting on Monday and where to find the assignments.

Student Instructional Material to be Picked Up

On **Friday, August 21st**, we will host a “**drive through Lacy Parade**” where you will see your grade level teachers, instructional assistants, specialists, Office Staff, Administrators, and Lacy Lion while you come through the carpool line to pick up your child’s instructional materials that they will need for remote learning. It is very important that you arrange for someone to pick up your child’s materials if you are not able to do so. I would encourage you to bring your Lacy Lion students as I know they will be excited to see

their teacher “LIVE!” PTA will also have a tent and will be handing out a special treat for the children along with information to join the PTA and last year’s yearbook to those that have not yet received.

We will have a late pick up from 4-5:30 p.m. for those who need to swing by after work. We will not have a parade at that time! If you have multiple children in various grades, please know that the teachers for each grade level will only be joining the parade for their specific time.

K – 9:00-10:00 a.m.

1st – 10:00-11:00 a.m.

2nd – 11:00-12:00 p.m.

3rd – 12:00-1:00 p.m.

4th – 1:00-2:00 p.m.

5th – 2:00-3:00 p.m.

K-5 - 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Please place a piece of paper in the dash window that includes in large print your child’s name and grade level. If someone else is picking up your child’s materials for you, please make sure they have a piece of paper with the same information. This will keep everything moving quickly! No one is allowed out of their car, and we will all have masks on but will wear large name tags. We will engage in virtual “high fives” and “hugs!” If you have Lacy library books that need to be returned, please bring those to drop off.

Device Distribution

If you have requested a device through the device survey or have let us know what you need through the phone calls made today, please know that the device distribution will happen through Wake County Technology Department and NOT Lacy Elementary. Parents who requested a device or hotspot will **receive a notification via email** when your device is ready for pick up. You will be notified **three days before your collection date** from WCPSS. You will be able to collect any time **on or after** that date. We are not giving out devices from Lacy Elementary. If you need a device or hotspot and you have not let us know yet, please email Lori Brannon, lbrannon@wcpss.net, so she can add your information to the district’s information. The devices will be ready sometime during the first two weeks of Orientation. We want everyone to have everything they need to launch a very strong start to instruction after the two-week Orientation.

[Lacy’s Daily Online Schedules](#)

Please find through the link above the daily schedules for every grade level. Please note the different tabs along the bottom of the document that correspond to your child’s grade level. Please note the following:

-Every schedule includes the times of “Live” instruction when your child will be expected to be on the computer WITH a teacher.

-Every schedule includes Independent Work (IW) time when your child will either be working independently on something in paper form, an activity, or completing an assignment on the device.

-Every schedule starts the day at 8:30 a.m. with a morning meeting.

-Every schedule includes Office Hours in the morning and afternoon.

-For grades 2nd-5th, you will also find a Student Schedule A and a Student Schedule B. Teachers are teaming for remote learning and your child’s daily schedule in those grade levels will be dependent upon whether they are following A or B. No matter whether your child is following A or B, they will receive the same lesson that has been

designed and planned as a team at that grade level. The assignments will be the same! You will find out your child's specific schedule (A or B) in the letter coming to you on Friday by your child's Homeroom teacher.

Homeroom Teacher Assignments

You will receive a message from your child's Homeroom Teacher on Friday afternoon between 3-4:30 p.m. that will include an introduction to the Grade Level Team and specific tools that will help you with having your child ready for Monday. Included in this email will be your child's Wake ID and the information needed to have your child access the Google Classroom. Since we will not have Staggered Entry for kindergarteners, parents of kindergarteners will receive a letter from your Homeroom teacher as well.

Communication

Across the entire school, grade level teams and individual teachers will be communicating with families using *Remind* (to help you know what to look for and not have to navigate several different communication tools). As the principal, I will continue to send you a message every Wednesday, *Wednesday Words*, through School Messenger. The *Wednesday Words* can also be found on our Lacy Website each week. Please use the Office Hours established for daily communication. We will also be working on updating our Lacy Website. You can follow us on Twitter @LacyESLions or Facebook, Lacy Elementary, WCPSS. If you are not receiving the *Wednesday Words*, please reach out to Emily Spooney, espooney@wcpss.net to make sure she has the right information in the district's system. If you would like to give feedback on how we can improve communication, please let us know! We are in this together!!

PTA and Lacy Foundation

Lacy is a very special place with such wonderful staff, smart children, and an incredible supportive parent group. We could not do what we do without the support from PTA and the Lacy Foundation. Please be sure to sign up to receive their communication. You can find this information on our lacyes@wcpss.net website. I am forever grateful for the incredible leadership of both organizations supporting our Lacy Lions family.

New Student to Public Schools? Kindergartener?

State law requires every child entering public schools in NC for the first time to receive a health assessment. The assessment must occur within 12 months prior to entering school. You or your medical provider should provide a completed [N.C. Health Assessment Form](#) to Lacy Elementary on or before the child's first day of attendance. NC Health Assessment Forms are also available at Wake County schools, area doctors' offices or at the [Wake County Health Department](#). State law requires [these vaccinations](#) before a student enters kindergarten. Please email Emily Spooney, espooney@wcpss.net. Thank you!

Breathe! You made it! There is so much information, so take your time digesting it all and reread if you need to. You know where to find us if you have questions, smiller@wcpss.net!

Reminders:

-First Day of School is Monday, August 17th

-Material Pick Up is Friday, August 21st

