

# Principal's Newsletter

## Lake Myra Elementary

Preparing all learners for their future

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## WCPSS Strategic Plan

On January 20, WCPSS launched a new strategic plan. The plan centers on six core beliefs:

Every student is uniquely capable and deserves to be challenged and engaged in relevant, rigorous, and meaningful learning each day.

Every student is expected to learn, grow, and succeed while we will eliminate the ability to predict achievement based on socioeconomic status, race, and ethnicity.

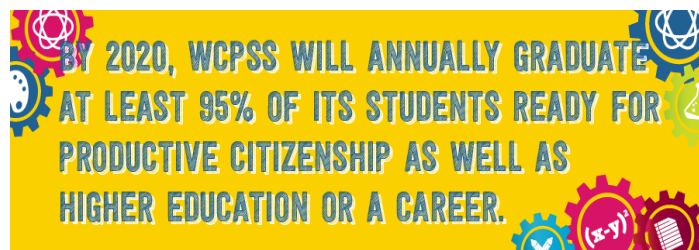
Well-supported, highly effective, and dedicated principals, teachers, and staff are essential to success for all students.

The Board of Education, superintendent, and all staff, while sustaining best practices, will promote and support a culture of continuous improvement, risk-taking, and innovation that results in a high-performing organization focused on student achievement.

The Board of Education, superintendent, and all staff value a diverse school community that is inviting, respectful, inclusive, flexible, and supportive.

The Wake County residents value a strong public school system and will partner to provide the support and resources to fully realize our shared vision, accomplish the mission, and sustain our core beliefs.

Based on these beliefs, WCPSS developed a graduation goal:



LMES will work within the core beliefs and five objectives (learning & teaching, achievement, balanced assessment system, human capital and community engagement) to positively impact our system's goal.

For more information visit: <http://www.wcpss.net/Page/4773>

## The Leader In Me

## Read Across America

The LMES Community Lighthouse committee is currently preparing for Leadership Day which is Friday, May 15, 2015. Students and staff are working hard on using the 7 Habits and implementing the use of Leadership Notebooks to help meet individual, classroom, and school goals.

Your child may be talking about “WIGS”, wildly important goals. Our school WIGs are to increase reading comprehension proficiency by 10% by the end of the school year and to also increase math proficiency by 10% by the end of the year. Students are working on Problem of the Week, POW to demonstrate this proficiency.

Each student has their very own Leadership Notebook where they document their academic and personal WIGs. These goals are created by students and monitored by students. The goal is for every child to realize that they contribute to a classroom goal and a school goal by doing their best. We are very excited about this work. More details will be coming.

LMES will celebrate Read Across America week March 2-7. This special celebration of reading will correspond with a Dr. Seuss book title. Students may dress according to each day’s theme. Students are encouraged to be creative and have fun!

Mon. 3/2	Sport Team	Wear sportswear!
Tues. 3/3	Pajama Day	Wear you comfy PJs.
Wed. 3/4	Fashion Disaster	Be a mess!
Thur. 3/5	School spirit day!	Wear our school colors— teal, blue, green
Fri. 3/6	Book Character	Dress as a book character

This should be a fun week of reading activities. We will DEAR, Drop Everything and READ on a daily basis where students and staff will drop everything and read for 15 minutes.

Also, Carmen Sandiego will be on the loose to confiscate books from the Media Center. Help Mrs. Zarzecki capture her and return all the books to our library.

### Important Dates to Remember

**March 9:** Picture Day

March 12<sup>th</sup>—Open House at LMES for East Wake MS and Wendell MS, from 6:00-7:00pm

March 19, PTA meeting at 6:30pm

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Performance at 6:30pm

**March 27:** Report Cards (*This may change due to all the snow days.*)

**March 27:** Early Release: School dismisses at 1:15 pm.

Track out!! Students return on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

EOG Dates—Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> grade Science, Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>-3-5<sup>th</sup> grade Reading, Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> - 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade Math, R2A for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will be Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. These dates may change due to the inclement weather we had in February.