

Friday, May 22, 2020

Good afternoon WLMS Community,

I hope this message finds you all settled into the Continuity of Learning routine and in good health. As we head into Memorial Day weekend and the final month of school I wanted to reach out with a few reminders and updates.

Student Engagement - As the May weather settles down and we compete with sunshine and warmer temps student attendance is beginning to slip in Google Meets. I recognize it's been shared that Google Meets are not mandatory if students are able to accurately complete their assignments, however they are a consistent way to gain access to clarifying questions, have discourse with peers, and stay engaged in the learning process. We are noticing a trend of students not attending Google Meets and then sending emails to staff late in the week scrambling to gain clarity prior to assignment submission. Please encourage your student to not only attend the Google Meets but to actively engage in the discussion. I don't want our students to miss out on the opportunity to engage with peers, staff, and extend their thinking. We need to support them in keeping the routines of Brick and Mortar Wilde Lake the best we can while the Virtual Lake is in session.

End of The Year - Many parents have inquired about the EOY timeline, picking up items your student left behind, Memory Books, Spring pictures, and 8th Grade Celebrations. We currently have the school pictures at the Lake and once decisions are made with the guidelines and timeline of how students can return and pick up items at school we will reach out. I appreciate your patience as we all are working to ensure the safety of the school community is first and foremost as these decisions are being made.

Regarding a 19-20 Memory Book we are working with the vendor to come up with a version that captures as much of the year as we can, represents every student, and would be solely available via on-line orders directly through the vendor.

Finally more information about how WLMS will uplift the accomplishments of our 8th graders will be sent out in early June following high school graduations. Eighth grade parents, look for a message coming out on how to order the Eighth Grade Class picture. Again, we thank you for your patience.

SAVE THE DATE - While it may seem a long way off, the 20-21 school year will be here before you know it. As of now here are the dates for New Student Orientation and Back To School Night.

New Student Orientation - Friday August 21 at 1:30 pm
Back To School Night - Thursday September 3 at 6:30 pm

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing Memorial Day weekend! Thank you again for all you do for our school community.

Mr. Rattay
Principal

Last Day of School

Per approval at the Board of Education meeting, and pending final approval by MSDE, the last day of school for students and staff will be Tuesday, June 23rd. Friday, June 19-Tuesday, June 23 will be half days of school for students. Details to follow.