

Dear WMS Families,

I hope you are enjoying the weather on the remaining days of summer.

This is update #2 as we prepare for the school year.

Here are some other important reminders:

- Classes are **synchronous** for our remote learners (all students at home) this year. That means that it is crucial that students are **on time** for their scheduled classes. As you know, being on time is something that will always be important in all aspects of life.
- Attendance will be taken in homeroom to start the day. Attendance will also be taken in the **first five minutes of each class**. If a student is not on Zoom within the first five minutes he/she will be marked **absent** for that class. If the student logs in after five minutes then they will be marked late. If more than half of the class time period is over the absent mark will stay. This is different from last year when we were remote. Again, students will be expected to be in homeroom and all Zoom classes when they are home. Our schedules for this year are attached.
- **Mask Breaks** - the number of positive cases are up in Brookfield, so we have been instructed by our local Medical Director to let students take a mask break for **only up to 1 minute**. It was previously stated that it would be a 5-minute break. Students will get a mask break during each core and during lunch. For the break, students will have up their desk shield. Please practice over the weekend with your child of being able to go for around 20 minutes without a mask break while they are watching TV or playing a board game/video game, sitting outside, or even taking a walk.
- **First Day of School** – your child will start to receive emails from their teachers with Zoom links for the first day and also Google classroom invites. Please help them navigate what they need to do so that they are ready to learn on the first day. We will use the **extended homeroom schedule the 1st three days** so that we can get everyone situated and in the right place.
- **Recess** – Students will have around 10-15 minutes to go outside to get fresh air. Students will not be able to use the swings or share any equipment while outside. On certain days we may need to keep students inside depending on the weather and/or number of staff available.
- **Supply list for 100% remote learners only:** The things you would **not need to purchase** from the supply list that is on our website if you are a 100% remote.
 - Extra folders for handouts
 - Non-wireless headphones/earbuds

- Water bottle
- Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer
- Mask storage
- **Schedules:** see attached schedules
- **Wildcat Promise** – see attached sheet

We are so excited to see the students!!!! Again, we are sorry that we were not able to have our usual student walkthroughs this summer. Like I said before, the walkthrough is actually not as important this year because students will only need to have to get to their homeroom where they will stay for the day. **IMPORTANT:** students need to remember their homeroom teacher’s name. Don’t worry; we will have staff in the hallways to make sure that they get to their homeroom.

Enjoy the remaining days and know that we are going to do everything possible to help ease that transition back to school. We are all in this together. Bring that smile on September 8th.

WMS Principal
Mr. Deane Renda

5th/6th Assistant Principal
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Please see my previous communication below:

Dear WMS Families,

We hope you were able to relax and enjoy time with your family and friends this summer! We are so excited to see all of you in a couple of weeks and get back to our routines. We know that the new school year is an exciting time, but we also know that there is some trepidation. Please know that we are going to do everything we can to help ease that transition back to school. We are all in this together. Enjoy the remaining days of summer and make sure that you bring that smile on September 8th.

Student Schedules: As you know, student schedules will be available on the Powerschool Parent Portal on **Monday, August 28th after 4:00 p.m.**, if you have filled in all the necessary paperwork (Digital Locker, Health Information, and Athletics) on the portal. The final student handbook will be uploaded by Monday.

We are sorry to say that we will not be able to have our usual student walkthroughs this summer. The walkthrough is actually not as important this year because students will only need to have to get to their homeroom where they will stay for the day. We will have staff in the hallways to make sure that they get to their homeroom. Be on the lookout for a welcome video from our staff before the 1st day of school.

Lunch: The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 8th** and it is a full day of school. **Lunch will be served.** This year students will eat lunch in their classroom. Students will have the option to bring their own lunch or to buy lunch. Lunches that are purchased at school will be delivered to the classroom each day in a box or bag with the student's name. We are encouraging all families to sign up and prepay for your child's lunch through My School Bucks. School lunch choices will be cheese pizza, cheeseburger (or no cheese), chicken patty, turkey sandwich (lettuce and cheese), and a house salad. All lunch orders will be taken by the teacher the day before in school. We will take orders in the morning for the first day.

Medication Drop Off: Will be on September 1st and 2nd from 8-3:00 p.m. Please pull around the front of the building near the gym doors. When you pull in the parking lot, please call 7722 or 7352 and a nurse will come out to accept the medicine. You must have a completed and signed doctor's order form and the medicine must be in the original container.

Communication: As always, communication is vital to make sure that you are up to date on what is going on at WMS. We will look to communicate through the PowerSchool Parent Portal, emails from SchoolMessenger, and posting information on the school website. You can also follow us on Twitter and Instagram @whisconierms. It is crucial that you update your contact information in the PowerSchool Portal so that you receive important information and dates!

Students taking the Bus: It is mandatory that all students wear a mask on the bus. The bus schedule will be posted on the district's website at www.brookfieldps.org next week. Students will be released in waves off of the bus and enter single file into school.

Parent Drop Off & Pick Up:

We have a new system for arrival and dismissal this year. All busses will be in the front of the building and parent pickup and drop off will be in the back. We really need to be patient and understand that there will be larger numbers of students that will be dropped off and picked up more than ever. Following these guidelines is important for the safety of everyone.

Drop Off: please follow the cones and signs at all times. The line will form around the back of the school (see attached picture). It is important to stay in the lanes. Students should have on their mask as they are exiting the car and have their backpack ready as they exit the car door closest to the school. We ask that parents/guardians do not get out of the car. Students should be let out near the back gym doors only. You can start to enter the parking lot at 7:40 a.m., but please do not let your child out of the car until you see an adult.

Pick up: please follow the cones and signs at all times. The line will form around the back of the school (see attached picture). Students will walk up to their car when they see it in the designated area of pick up. There will be signs posted that designate the area. You must stay in your lane unless a staff member tells you can pull around.

***Please know that we may have you circle around if your child is not outside when you

are in the front of the designated area. You can start to pull in the parking lot around 2:25 p.m.

Early release days

Drop off starts at 7:40 a.m.

Pick up starts at 11:35 a.m.

Weather-Related - Early Release

Drop off starts at the same time at 7:40 a.m.

Pick up starts at 11:10 a.m.

Weather-Related - 2 Hour Delay

Drop off starts at the same time at 9:40 a.m.

Pick up starts at 2:25 p.m.

Weather-Related - 3 Hour Delay

Drop off starts at the same time at 10:40 a.m.

Pick up starts at 2:25 p.m.

Visitors and Security: Visitors will not be permitted to enter the school building unless they have been scheduled ahead of time by the administration. Visitors must be prepared to show a photo ID and will be required to be screened by our school nurse or other WMS staff. Screening will include a temperature check and answering COVID related questions.

In an effort to reduce visitors in the building, we ask that you do not bring items that your child forgot at home or any “special” lunches. Mornings will be less stressful if you have your child pack their backpack at night and create a checklist of anything needed for school.

Other Reminders:

- The suggested **2020/2021 supply lists** for students are on our website. Remember that there is **no expectation** to have all of the supplies by the first day of school.
- Open House will take place virtually on **Tuesday, September 22nd** for all grade levels. The format and grade level times will be forthcoming.

Checklist of what to bring back and forth to school every day:

- A comfortable face mask
- Reusable water bottle
- Fully charged** Chromebook or other approved device

We look forward to seeing everyone on **Tuesday, September 8th!** Enjoy the remaining days of summer.

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