**Update – April 21, 2020**

Wesclin Unit School District #3:

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. As you are aware, on Friday, April 17 Governor Pritzker announced remote learning will continue for the remainder of the school year. Although in-person learning has been suspended for the remainder of the year, I assure you our entire staff remains committed to learning and engaging with all students through remote learning, as well as continuing with our food distribution program.

Like you, we are saddened by the reality that our school community will not be able to reconvene this school year. Everyone has worked so hard to learn and grow in both the classroom and in extracurricular activities and this is upsetting.  However, the final chapter of this school year hasn’t been written yet. These past few weeks have proven our school community is resilient, compassionate and capable. I’m confident our collective strength will shine through during the remainder of the school year, and we will emerge even stronger.

**Remote Learning**

* Everyone is reminded that you need to be actively completing assignments.
  + Students MUST be completing assignments during remote learning days.
    - We understand that each family is dealing with specific challenges. We are here to help you, please reach out to your teacher and/or principal if you need assistance.
    - If assignments are not completed, you will need to complete work over the summer.

**School Calendar for the remainder of the year**

* Calendar through May 22, 2020:
  + **Tuesday, April 21 – Thursday, April 30** – Complete remote learning activities that have been provided by your teacher(s).
  + **Friday, May 1** – Remote planning day/Remote teacher institute – There will be no assigned lessons on this day. We will use this day to plan and disseminate additional activities, which may include additional packets of information.
  + **Monday, May 4 – Tuesday, May 19** – Complete remote learning activities that have been provided by your teacher(s).
  + **Wednesday, May 20 – Friday, May 22** – End of year wrap up (return work assignments, locker clean out, returning of textbooks, chrome books, learning supplies, etc.)

**End of Year Wrap Up**

* Wednesday, May 20 – Friday, May 22 will be end of year wrap up. We will develop a schedule to allow you to access the school. During this time, you will return items to us as well as clean out lockers and/or desks and collect items. The schedule will be shared as we get closer to the end of the school year.

**High School Graduation/Prom**

* + Wesclin School District remains committed to having an in person high school graduation, but we are also planning a virtual graduation.
    - * Sunday, May 17 – Virtual graduation
      * Mid July (sometime between July 18 and July 26) – Live graduation
  + We are still coordinating the virtual graduation and gap and gown pick up. Please be patient with us. We will provide guidance directly to the high school families in week or so.
  + The exact date for the live graduation will be shared in the next few weeks. We are trying to coordinate with local activities as well as hoping for additional information from the Governor (specifically, any guidance as to when we can have large gatherings again).
* We are also looking to schedule prom right before graduation in mid-July (probably during the week as we may have more success finding a venue). Our plan is to share this date in the next few weeks, again we are coordinating with other activities as well as waiting for additional information from the Governor.

**Other Activities**

* Many end of year activities are being cancelled and we understand the disappointment that many students are feeling. The building principals and teachers are finding various ways (mostly electronically) to honor the students. I encourage you to be watching for these throughout the month of May.

**Spring Sport Fees**

* With remote learning continuing, unfortunately the spring sport season as we know it has been cancelled. In the next few weeks, you will receive reimbursement for your spring sport fees.

**Free Breakfast and Lunch**

* Free Breakfast and Lunch will continue through Friday, May 22
* Breakfast and Lunch will continue and not violate the stay at home order. Just remember ALL students are eligible to receive a free breakfast and lunch. Pick up is from 8:00-12:00 daily at Trenton Elementary and New Baden Elementary.

* + **Anyone and everyone can have a breakfast and lunch.**

**Summer Pals**

* Our plan is to still have Summer Pals. However, at this time, schools and day cares are not open. We are waiting for additional guidance from the Governor’s office and/or the Illinois State Board of Education. We will update you once we know we may reopen for Summer Pals.

**Questions**

* If you have specific classroom, curriculum or grading questions please contact your child’s teacher. They are checking their email daily and will answer all of your questions. (Grades 3-12 – Make sure you are checking your child’s google classroom account as much information is shared there. Your child can also email the teacher.)

I know this is not the school year that any of us imagined, but I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have dealt with this together. It’s important we continue to work together and support our students. I can't thank you enough for all that you are doing!

I continue to be available. **My email address is** [**filyawj@wesclin.org**](mailto:filyawj@wesclin.org) **and my cell phone 618.830.0990. No question is too small.** Do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Jennifer C. Filyaw

Jennifer Filyaw, Superintendent

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