

Hello WLA Families!

March 21, 2020

As we approach the implementation of distance learning, we wanted to send an update on our progress and to hopefully answer some of your questions. We also want to share the good news that China had zero new COVID-19 cases reported yesterday! We're optimistic that while it is tough on us all right now, that this is a temporary situation.

Student Belongings Pick-Up

We have packaged up your students' belongings for collection. In an effort to comply with social distancing please follow the **pick-up guidelines by last name below**:

- **A-G - Tuesday, March 24th**
- **H-M - Wednesday, March 25th**
- **N-T - Thursday, March 26th**
- **U-Z - Friday, March 27th**

Please pull into the handicap spaces in front of the main doors between 8am - 6pm to claim your students' things. Visitors will be asked to remain in their vehicles and call 651-571-2100. A staff member will bring your items to you. WLA is asking no visitors enter the building. WLA is working on an intercom system, for those who don't have access to a cell phone to call from outside the building. In the meantime please call ahead with a window of your arrival.

If you are unable to stop by during the designated times, or unsure if your student(s) has a bag to collect, please contact the office at info@wlamn.org or call 651-571-2100.

"Magic Bus" Distribution

Minnesota Coaches will provide a courier service along established routes for delivery of curriculum materials to and from school and for paper copies for students who do not have access to technology. The bus will run next week on Tuesday, March 24th and Thursday, March 26th. When distance learning begins on Monday, March 30th the courier service will run on Mondays and Thursdays. You can expect the bus approximately 4 hours earlier than when school was in session and you can still use the MyStop application for tracking purposes. The buses will also be utilized to deliver student belongings in the event that parents are unable to come to WLA during the pick-up times noted above. For families that do not currently receive bus service that would like to participate, please contact the school to determine your options.

Distance Learning

Distance Learning is designed to be fully inclusive and self-guided lessons by teachers. These will be complete lessons with online access to all teachers throughout the standard school day. A portion of their Distance Learning will be live interaction with their teachers and specialists (and Special Education teachers, if applicable).

Specialists will be providing online assignments weekly. Teachers will be providing online assignments daily. In accordance with a typical school day, students will be expected to complete their assignments on a timely basis.

Parents will not be required to head the distance learning process. Our teachers are fully prepared to deliver curriculum to students and parents are expected to be available for help with setup and homework.

Thank you, parents, for your questions on staggering Morning Meeting times among grade levels, and conducting some trial runs next week. We will look into both of these things further.

As families plan for instruction, we are planning on having curriculum delivery in the mornings, and leaving the afternoons open for homework completion, homework help from staff at WLA, special education and English language learner support, and student to staff interactions.

In regard to school supplies, we are compiling a list from teachers as to what items you may want to refresh at home. We are of course preparing materials and returning items that are currently housed at school, that we know you may want access to soon.

Attendance

Daily attendance should still be reported to your homeroom teacher. For Minnesota Department of Health tracking purposes, if your student cannot be online any given day, please contact your teacher and the office at info@wlamn.org with the reason for the absence.

Prepaid Milk & Pizza Friday Money

Student prepaid account balances for milk and pizza will be carried over until the 2020-21 school year. If you prefer a refund, please contact the office and a check will be issued.

Resources

Internet service provider, Charter, will offer free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription and at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.

Please refer to your home district websites for further information and resources for your area:
South Washington County: <https://sowashco.org/>
North St. Paul/Maplewood: <https://www.isd622.org/>

As well as the state government and health websites:
<https://mn.gov/>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us>

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your student's classroom teacher or dean.

WLA Office Hours

The WLA office will be open our regular office hours, 8AM - 4:30pm unless we communicate otherwise. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give us a call at 651-571-2100 or email info@wlamn.org.