9.8 Weekly Family Message

***Student Cell Phone Usage***

* *Cell phone usage by students is not allowed during school hours. Phones should be placed on silent, and students should wait until the end of the school day to answer any calls. If a student is caught using their phone during school hours, they will receive a warning, and a parent will be called. Further incidents will result in the phone being given to an administrator, and a parent will need to pick it up. Please help us by reminding your students to keep their phones away during school.*

***Carpool:***

* *All carpool students must be picked up by 3:30. However, a large number of students have been picked up well after 3:30. If you are having trouble picking your child up on time, please let your child ride the bus.*
* *Please adhere to all carpool guidelines. Our staff moves efficiently to get each student out promptly.*
* *Please do not drop your child off or pick them up in the neighborhood, as this poses a safety risk for your student.*

***Afternoon checkout:***

* *If you plan to check your child out of the front office, you must do so by 2:30. After 2:30, you must pick your child up through carpool.*

***Bus Behavior:***

*Please remind your student of expectations for riding the bus. Students must adhere to all safety expectations to ride the bus. Students who do not follow these expectations will be taken off the bus.*

***Dates to Remember***

*Friday, September 20th: No School; Teacher Workday*

*Monday, September 23rd: Interims go home*

*Thursday, September 26th: First Football game against Neuse River Middle School*

*Thursday, October 3rd: No School; Teacher Workday*

*Monday, October 14th: No School; Teacher Workday*

*Wednesday, October 23rd: Hispanic Heritage Night*

*Thursday, October 31st: End of 1st Quarter*

***6th-grade news/reminders:*** *6th-grade is off to a wonderful beginning! We have loved meeting all the students and look forward to a great year. We are beginning to plan some exciting activities and field trips, so please be on the lookout for those! We love parent engagement and involvement, so be sure to sign up to be a volunteer. Be on the lookout for progress reports. They will be sent home by your child on September 23rd. Also, please save the date for Hispanic Heritage Night, October 23rd. We hope to see you there! More information is coming soon.*

***7th grade news/reminders:*** *We are off to a great start in 7th Grade. Please keep an open line of communication with your student’s teachers. If you have not done so already, please submit the required 7th-grade immunization records to the primary office. Requests for parent-teacher conferences should go to the grade-level counselor, Ms. Ramsey, at blramsey@wcpss.net.*

***8th-grade news/reminders: Besides*** *starting the curriculum, we have reviewed grade-level expectations, processes, and procedures. Please remind your students that they cannot have phones in the classroom or the hallway. The same applies to any earbuds. Please get in touch with your child’s teacher(s)or counselor, Ms. Harris, if you have any questions or concerns. Ms. Harris can be reached at vharris@wcpss.net.*

*We are starting to discuss field trips for the school year. The 8th grade will go on one, possibly two, field trips. The big field trip will occur in Washington, DC, in late March or the beginning of April. Last year, the cost was a little over $400. We are trying to find resources to reduce the price this year. Be on the lookout for this information soon.*

***Curriculum Reminders:***

*This week, students will be taking a reading screener called STAR Reading. STAR Reading is part of a comprehensive system that combines tools to assess standards and foundational skills in reading. An adaptive computer program provides data about each student’s growth and achievement. Teachers will use this data to drive their classroom instruction, and students will receive individualized practice in their areas of need. This screener will be administered on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Students should take 20-30 minutes to complete the screener. There is nothing students need to do to prepare for it. Please ensure your child gets a good night’s sleep and is ready for the screen on Wednesday.*

***Math News/Reminders:***

*Welcome back from the RBMS math department. Our first week of school was a whole of getting to know procedures and routines. This week, students have begun to get into the flow of their curriculum. Each student should have a math workbook they need to use daily. Students should review their lesson summaries and practice problems daily. As a school, we have implemented the Dream Box program to enrich and remediate students’ focus skills during our math classes; students must complete more than five weekly lessons. If you have any questions about the number of lessons your student needs each week, please get in touch with their math teacher. Within the next few weeks, students will receive assessments on their learning. Students should practice good study habits to prepare for these assessments. As always, remember that Math is not a spectator sport! You must DO it!!*