



COVID-19 Update

May 19, 2020 Board of Education Work Session

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Graduation 2020



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Drew Cook, Assistant Superintendent, Academics
Brian Pittman, Senior Director, High School Programs

Graduation 2020

- Release of May 20-22 & June 10-13 venue reservations

School Graduation Celebrations

- On-campus events that are true celebrations
- Parents will have the opportunity celebrate, take photographs, etc.
- Distribution of diplomas from the principal
- Continuation of school traditions to the degree feasible



Graduation 2020

- **Virtual Celebrations**
 - Mirror to the degree possible our original graduation schedule
 - Student & principal speeches, calling of graduate names and turning of tassels
 - Opportunities to personalize the event to the individual / school
- **We have not ruled out future celebrations for the Class of 2020 if and when current social distance restrictions are eased or lifted by state and local health officials.**

Virtual Graduation Components

- *Pomp & Circumstance*
- Welcome from the School
- Pledge / National Anthem
- Welcome from Superintendent
- Student & Principal Remarks
- Calling of Student Names
- Turning of Tassel

Sample Student Slide

Holly Springs High School



John Smith

Cum Laude Graduate
NC Scholar



Graduation 2020 - Questions



Food Distribution Updates

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Paul Koh, Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services

Food Distribution Updates

- As a collective effort:
 - Prepared over 1.1 million meals.
 - Distributed over 10,000 emergency food boxes.
 - Since 4/30/20 provided 1,500 emergency meal bags.
- Thank you to our partners and volunteers!



Food Distribution Updates

- Will continue distribution efforts until schools reopen - necessary waivers extended through 8/31/20
- Assessing volunteer availability during summer
- Continuing to assess school site and Big Bus Food Truck distribution for potential expansion
- Seeking out additional sponsored summer sites with Wake County Cooperative Extension for summer



Food Distribution - Questions



Social Media: Connecting & Celebrating

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Tim Simmons, Chief Communications Officer


Social Media: Connecting & Celebrating

Using social media to foster and strengthen relationships

Timber Drive ES Retweeted

Jennifer Cooper
@Jennife56694785

Introducing Albert Einstein...
What do you do when your class misses out on Wax Museum at school? You allow your sweet kiddos to give their presentations to their friends over Google Meet. Our kids' teachers are doing an AWESOME job with online learning. @TimberDriveES



10:17 AM · May 12, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

Wildwood Forest Elementary
19 hrs · 🌐

Hey parents, it's Mr. Emelle! I know that it's been a while, but it's time for another episode of the "Mr. E Book of the Week"! Enjoy, and have a great day!
MR. EMELLE DOES NOT OWN THE RIGHTS TO THIS BOOK.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n87Cem-obNg&t=139s>



YOUTUBE.COM

The "Mr. E" Book of the Week (Ep. 6)
Mr. E is an educator who enjoys reading books to young children. HE...

GMHS Softball
@garnersoftball

On what would've been @Garner_HS prom night, I hope you were able to find a way to celebrate somehow, someday. And if you haven't yet, I encourage you to! Had a surprise visit from Cinderella 🥰 that made a child's night! #Trojansfindaway



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Social Media: Connecting & Celebrating

Wake County Public School System added 42 new photos to the album: **Teacher Appreciation at Bryan Road ES.**
Published by Paul Cory [?] · May 5 at 4:12 PM · 📷

Bryan Road Elementary celebrated their teachers Monday afternoon with a drive-by parade and a Pizza and Game Night Virtual Staff Appreciation Dinner. Parents and student lined one side of the school's two lane drive to cheer on their teachers as they slowly drove through in the other lane. After passing the cheering section, teachers had games, sodas, take-and-bake pizzas, desserts and gifts delivered to their cars by school staff, parent and student volunteers. To keep numbers down and maintain social distancing, cheering sections and teachers came through in 4 shifts.

May 4-8 is Teacher Appreciation Week.
#ThankAWCPSSTeacher #WPCSSLovesTeachers2020



#thankawcpssTeacher

Wake County Public School System
Published by Michael Yarbrough [?] · April 30 at 1:06 PM · 📷

Tonight (April 30) was to have been the Senior Concert where Fuquay-Varina High School seniors could share their many talents. Instead, choral director Taylor O'Donnell asked some seniors to record the songs they would have performed from home.

Grab a hanky for this rendition of "For Good" from the musical "Wicked" by FVHS senior Mary Obiol! Mary dedicates this song to the friends she has made at FVHS. ... See More



#WPCSSOnWithTheShow

Team WCPSS
Published by Sara Clark [?] · April 29 at 11:05 AM · 📷

Our next #WCPSSHero is Knightdale Transportation District Team Leader Elana Christmas. She has worked for WCPSS for 18 years. In her role as Team Leader she supervises Transportation staff, coordinates bus runs and assists customers in any way possible.

According to her supervisor, "Ms. Christmas has been a Team Leader for about 12 years and has certainly excelled in her duties of supervising and assisting our entire staff. She can be reached at all times and is in constant c...
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#WCPSSHero

Garner Magnet High School
1 hr · 📷

Congratulations to Destiny Hilliard, GMHS Class of 2020! 🇺🇸🇺🇸
#gmhsseniorsrock #classof2020 #iamatrojan #wcpsscelebrateseniors



CLASS OF 2020

DESTINY HILLIARD

PLANS TO ATTEND NURSE TECH AND TRANSFER TO GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

My extracurriculars: ASL club and Track and field.

High school accomplishment I am most proud of: I'm proud I was able to experience new ways of learning in all my classes and improve in ways I never thought I could.

My favorite high school memories: Pep rallies

My favorite teacher/mentor is: Ms. Washington- she motivated me to try my best instead of taking the easy route in everything, she told me challenges are here to help us grow.

Ms. Egan- she taught me to see that all children aren't as easy as you think to care for. Ms. Curry- she helped me to understand most of my work and was fun to joke around with. Ms. Conger- super nice and always was open to help with problems she never denied a good opportunity to help in teaching.

Mr. Bondurant- he was a great Counselor and track coach he always pushed the team to have fun and improve in the sport. He always had a warming smile when I walked into his office no matter the reason.

My favorite quote: If you want crazy things to stop happening to you, then stop accepting crap and start demanding more.
-Cristina Yang

My favorite quote: I never know what my 4th Floor

#WCPSSCelebratesSeniors

Social Media - Questions



2020 - 2021

Calendar Updates

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Wade Martin, Assistant Superintendent of School Choice, Planning & Assignment

2020-2021 Calendar Updates

2019 - 2020 School Calendars

- Calendar committee assembled to develop revised school calendars to support an immediate need due to school closures until May 15
- Calendar committee reconvened to address session law updates that impact the 2020 - 2021 calendars
- Draft calendars meet the 1025 hour requirement, all new session law additions and do not exceed the 215 staff contractual days

2020-2021 Calendar Updates

2020 - 2021 School Calendars - Session Law

Key new requirements that have to be included:

- Must meet the language that defines year round schools
- Must add 5 remote learning (RL) days to all calendars
- Must meet a minimum of 1025 hours that includes the 5 RL days
- Must add 5 individually separate and distinct full session law (SL) days
- Must be 42 days between the end of 2019-20 and start of 2020-21 for traditional schools

2020-2021 Calendar Updates

Draft 2020- 2021 Traditional Calendar

- Start of school moved to August 17th per SL
- 5 additional days added shown as SL on the calendar
- 5 remote learning days added shown as RL on the calendar
- Teacher workdays were reduced from 17 to 12 in order to add the SL days
- The earliest teacher work day must be August 13
- 2 Calendar Out days added shown as C on the calendar

2020-2021 Calendar Updates

Draft 2020- 2021 Modified Calendar

- Start of school moved to August 3rd
- 5 additional days added shown as SL on the calendar
- 5 remote learning days added shown as RL on the calendar
- Teacher workdays were reduced from 17 to 12 in order to add SL days
- Last school day shifts from May to June

2020-2021 Calendar Updates

Draft 2020- 2021 Multi-track Year Round Calendar

SL 2.1 6b. A plan dividing students into four groups and requiring each group to be in school for assigned and staggered quarters each school calendar year.

- Start of school moved to August 3rd
- 5 additional days added to the calendar shown as SL on the calendar
- 5 remote learning days added shown as RL on the calendar
- The RL days will occur **on** teacher workdays during student track out
- 15 minutes will be added to the instructional day in order to meet the 1025 hour minimum for instruction

2020-2021 Calendar Updates

2020- 2021 YR Single Track 4 & Early College Calendars

- No change at this time
- Further review of Single Track 4 schools is needed based on potential legislative action, or DPI processes
- Working to align Early College calendars with University/College partners

School Choice, Planning & Assignment - Questions



