



Wildcat Chat



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you and your families are staying well during our school closure. As I'm sure you've heard, Governor Cuomo has closed schools through April 15th and recently, the President has extended the social-distancing guidelines until April 30th. We will learn more as we get closer to the April 15th date, when we will be returning to school. I know that Digital Learning is challenging and I appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility as we do our best to stay connected and engaged. We also hope to learn soon how grading during school closure will be handled. There will be no NY State Assessments in ELA, math, and science for this year, but all New York State Regents Exams are still scheduled to happen in June for those 8th graders taking Regents courses. It is important that our 5th-8th graders are checking Google Classroom for their assignments and communication from teachers. For 6th-8th graders in need of a Chromebook, please call the parent hotline at (585) 262-8700 to reserve a Chromebook and schedule a time to pick one up.

I know that grades are a big cause for anxiety with our students and teachers right now – please DO NOT worry about this now! Instead, focus on the emotional health and well-being of your child and simply make sure he/she is connected and engaged with our teachers and the activities provided.

I know I speak for all of WFA in saying that we miss our students terribly and hope we will be able to see them soon. Remember, our school team is still here for you and will do everything possible to support our students and families during this time. Please reach out to any of us if we can help in any way. Together, we are Wilson STRONG!

Take care,
Dr. Matthew



How to get a Chromebook for your 6-12 grade child

Beginning on Monday, April 6, the District will begin providing a Chromebook if needed to any students in grades 6 through 12 who have not yet received one this school year. To schedule a pick-up time for a Chromebook families will need to call the District Support hotline at 585-262-8700 to request a Chromebook and schedule a time next week to pick it up. This phone line is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. You will need the following information to receive a Chromebook:

Student's ID number (890XXXXXX) OR Student's full name and birthdate

Drive-through pick-up service at Edison Campus beginning April 6

Drive-through Chromebook pick up will occur at the **Edison Campus, located at 655 Colfax Street** from Monday, April 6 through Thursday, April 9. You must call 585-262-8700 to schedule a pick-up time. Pick-up times will take place between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm, and then again between 12:30 and 3:30 pm.

District Support Hotline @ 585-262-8700

IB Learner Profile Trait of the month Thinkers

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CLASSROOMS

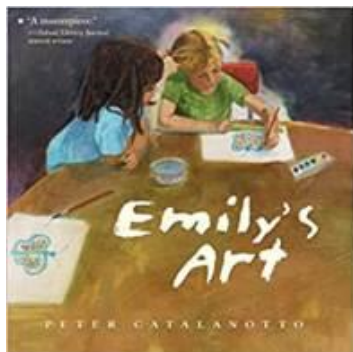
PYP Grades K-6 Free Educational Websites: Livinincolor.com

Math:	Science:	Social Studies:	ELA:
Funbrain.com	NASA Kids Club	Who Was?	Starfall.com
MathPlayground.com	Amazing Space	Time for Kids	Education.com
SplashLearn.com	Code Academy	Smithsonian for Kids	

MYP Grades 7th-8th March saw our MYP scholars working on their communication skills as they undertook learning in a new virtual environment. Units of study for history included the Great Depression for our 8th graders, drawing connections from history and making connections with current events while 7th graders were continuing to study the creation and development of the United States. Math is focusing on building knowledge by using iXL and focusing on the recommended skills based on the diagnostic tools. Khan Academy work has also been assigned. Our ELA classes have students are working on written communication and reflection as they complete weekly journal entries, both based on prompts and allowing free written response as they embrace a unit on Isolation & Loneliness, What does it mean to be lonely? They are provided with a variety of written texts that can help make connections and the unit will culminate with a summative task of writing their own personal narrative.

For all students enrolled in NYS Regents Courses (Living Environment, US History & Government, Algebra, and Geometry), those exams are still on schedule for June and work is being provided via Google Classroom and eLearning (<http://elearning.rcsdk12.org/>) so please keep up to date in your studies. Students are making the most of the unexpected time away from the traditional classroom and embraced lessons through ZOOM, Flipgrid, Google Meet, text, phone call, and Google Classroom. They are entering April being Thinkers and will continue to make the most of these unprecedented times.

SPECIAL REQUEST TO 8TH GRADE FAMILIES: Please email Molly.gildea@rcsdk12.org 2 pictures of your 8th grader, one from when they were little and one current image for a special project honoring our 8th grade scholars. Thanks so much.



IB Book of the Month

Emily's Art
by Peter Catalanotto

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-V0nki94zQs>

Meals at School Sites

The following Rochester City School District schools will provide pack-and-go breakfast, lunch, and dinner between 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday to Friday:

- East Upper & Lower School, 1801 E. Main St.; ([map](#))
- Dr. Freddie Thomas Campus, 625 Scio St.; ([map](#))
- RIA /Jefferson High School Campus, 1 Edgerton Pk.; ([map](#))
- James Monroe High School, 164 Alexander St.; ([map](#))
- John Williams School No. 5, 555 Plymouth Ave.; ([map](#))
- Virgil I. Grissom School No. 7, 31 Bryan Street.; ([map](#))
- Wilson Foundation Academy, 200 Genesee St. ; ([map](#))
- Abelard Reynolds School No. 42, 3330 Lake Ave. ([map](#))

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& Teachers*

or

Visit our website @
<https://www.rcsdk12.org/wilsonfoundation>

R-Center Openings and Meal Sites

The following R-Centers will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Friday to provide meals and recreation to the city's school-age children:

- Adams Street, 85 Adams St.; ([map](#))
- Ave D, 200 Ave. D; ([map](#))
- Carter St., 500 Carter St.; ([map](#))
- Tyshaun Cauldwell, 524 Campbell St.; ([map](#))
- Frederick Douglass, 990 South Ave.; ([map](#))
- Flint Street, 271 Flint St.; ([map](#))
- David Gantt, 700 North St.; ([map](#))
- Trenton and Pamela Jackson (Clinton-Baden), 485 N. Clinton Ave.; ([map](#))
- Thomas Ryan, 530 Webster Ave. ([map](#))

Children will be serve pre-packaged breakfast, lunch and dinner meals. School-aged city residents can access these services using their [EZ Rec Pass](#). Those without an EZ Rec Pass will be registered immediately on site.



Hello Wilson Foundation Scholars and Staff!
We Miss You!
Please Practice Social Distancing.
See Mr. Moroni and Mr. Hugelmaier's PE/Nutrition
resource email given to staff/students to stay
Active and Healthy!!
Be safe! Be well! Be Smart! Be Wildcat Strong!

BE SURE TO DRINK PLENTY OF WATER AND STRETCH.

STAY FIT, STAY HEALTHY & PROTECT YOURSELF AND FAMILY.

[HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS/2019-
NCOV/PREPARE/PREVENTION.HTML](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html) 😊



~MR. LAPIETRA, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR