



Wildcat Chat



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Principal's Message

The 2019-2020 school year sure has been unlike any other. Who could have ever predicted that we would spend the last 15 weeks of the school year quarantined due to a global pandemic?! As the year comes to a close, I want to say THANK YOU all for everything you have done this whole school year and especially since the start of at-home/online learning.

I want to extend a huge thank you to our teachers. They have gone above and beyond to connect with students and their families during this time, to ensure that students had quality instruction and opportunities for reinforcement of previously learned skills, and to try and incorporate some fun into their students' days even when they couldn't be together face to face. Our support staff also needs to be recognized - our counselor, social workers, secretaries, teacher assistants, paras, cafeteria staff, school nurse, nurse's assistant, parent liaison, our custodial and maintenance staff and administrators have also played a vital role in keeping WFA running and instruction continuing during this time.

Lastly, I want to give special recognition to our parents. The final months of the year held unexpected events that led to changes in your home and daily routine that could not have been successfully done without your support – I know it hasn't always been easy. The most important thing this year is that students knew they were safe and loved by you at home, their teacher and school staff cared about them from afar, and we did all we could to stay healthy and safe. We all look forward to the day we are able to come back together to learn in person.

A final word to Wilson Foundation Academy students: Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. I am so honored to be your principal; you make me proud to be a Wilson Wildcat. You keep me laughing and smiling and I am grateful for your joy, astute insights and amazing talents.

Until next school year, I wishing you love, laughter and learning.

Respectfully,

Dr. Deasure Matthew



How to get a Chromebook for your 4th and 5th grade child

Starting on Thursday, June 4, 2020, the Rochester City School District will begin providing a Chromebook to RCSD students in 4th and 5th grades.

Families can reserve a Chromebook online at www.rcsdk12.org/chromebook. If families need assistance or do not have internet access, they can call the District support hotline at 262-8700. When reserving a Chromebook online, parents will be given an option for dates to pick up a Chromebook at the Edison Tech Campus, located at 655 Colfax Street.

Pick up dates: Thurs., June 4 – Fri., June 5 – Tues., June 9 – Wed., June 10 – Thurs., June 11

When reserving a Chromebook, parents must have the student's ID number, the student's full name, and date of birth. If a student ID number is unknown, parents can call 262 - 8700 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, for assistance.

IB Learner Profile Trait of the month

Thinkers

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CLASSROOMS

PYP Grades K-6

Our Elementary Scholars continue to engage in distance learning. Science and Social Studies learning has been filled with Inquiry video clips and discussions that answer conceptual questions on the topic. Art classes have enabled students to focus on their emotional well-being through the activity of developing their own emoji/bitmoji showing their feelings.

Please continue to join weekly zoom classes and make sure your child is reading each day!

MYP Grades 7th-8th As our scholars continue to learn in a virtual environment, they are continuing to work on many of the necessary skills of 21st Century Learners. Students and teachers together are working to reinforce time management skills while engaging students in new and at times challenging ways. Classrooms may not look the same, but authentic learning is happening as students engage in virtual Physical Education classes and work out with their teacher from home, or debate with classmates during Zoom Calls or using Flip Grid. Google Classroom remains the centralized hub of Virtual Learning but teachers are branching out and using a variety of tools and formats to help reach students. While we are not ending the 2020 school year in a typical fashion, our scholars are showing their learning and proof that they are thinkers as they adjust and adapt and look forward to their next challenge.

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

Counting on Katherine

by Helaine Becker

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.
- Dr. Freddie Thomas Campus, 625 Scio St.
- RIA /Jefferson High School Campus, 1 Edgerton Pk.
- James Monroe High School, 164 Alexander St.
- John Williams School No. 5, 555 Plymouth Ave
- Virgil I. Grissom School No. 7, 31 Bryan Street
- Wilson Foundation Academy, 200 Genesee St.
- Abelard Reynolds School No. 42, 3330 Lake Ave.
- Douglass Campus, 940 Fernwood Park
- Mary McLeod Bethune School No. 45, 1445 Clifford Avenue
- Roberto Clemente School No. 8, 1180 St. Paul Street
- Enrico Fermi School No. 17, 158 Orchard Street

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

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.

Digital Learning Expectations

For 7th and 8th grade students and families!

★ Log into your Google Classroom Homepage Daily

★ You should expect to spend 1 to 2 hours a week on each class



EXAMPLE: I have 6 classes so I should plan on spending 6 to 12 hours a week on my school work.

We have some new changes

→ You now have a 7th and 8th grade Google Classroom Page!

→ Please join the 7th and 8th grade Google Classroom page so you are kept up to date on updates and content

CLASSES

→ Every Sunday evening, weekly assignments will be posted the 7/8 Google Classroom page

→ Please visit each of your teacher's Google Classroom.

→ Plan to attend office hours if you have questions, need extra help, or want to connect with your teacher.

How do I organize myself to complete all of my work?

1. Develop a weekly schedule/routine to manage time and work completion.
2. Look in your 7th/8th Google Classroom for an electronic student planner.
3. Read all directions carefully and review lessons thoroughly.

What do I do if I have a question? 🙋

- Reach out to your teacher on Google Classroom or Email.
- Email/text a friend to get clarification.
- Email your Counselor or Advisor for any help or support.
- Attend your teachers virtual office hours to ask a question or get clarification.
- For technical problems, please call the help desk at 262-8700