

**Wildcat Chat** 



#### SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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 for the remainder of the school year. 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 and all New York State Regents Exams are have been cancelled. It is important that our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are checking Google Classroom for their assignments and communication from teachers. For 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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

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#### 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 (890XXXXX) 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 Caring

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

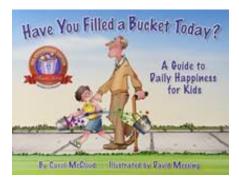
#### SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CLASSROOMS

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 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> As we have continued teaching and learning under unprecedented times, our teachers and students are engaging in new ways of communicating and learning. Through zoom calls, video lessons, web based games, interactive debates, Google Classroom, phone calls, texts, and many more we have students continuing to grow following the IB Learner Profile Attributes and concepts of being a global citizen. As students throughout the world experience the same pandemic, it speaks even more to the importance of raising global citizens and building awareness of the world in which we live. Our students are rising to these challenges but we look forward to the days where we are back together again.

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



### **IB Book of the Month**

Have You Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud

#### 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

#### **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 <u>EZ Rec Pass</u>. Those without an EZ Rec Pass will be registered immediately on site.



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> Wilson Foundation Academy Parent & Teachers

> > or

#### Visit our website @

https://www.rcsdk12. org/ wilsonfoundation

# Digital Learning Expectations For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Google Classroom Page!
→Please join the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

 $\rightarrow$ 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 7<sup>th</sup>/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



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.

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~MR. LAPIETRA, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR