



Wildcat Chat



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CELEBRATIONS



September 15-October 15

Upcoming Dates/Events

Thursday, October 8th
Half-day for Students

Monday, October 12th
Columbus Day – no school/no remote learning

Tuesday, October 13th
Virtual Curriculum Night
Check child's google classroom for link to WFA Goggle School

Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences
Week of October 19th -23rd



Dear Wilson Foundation Academy Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! It has been such a different start, but we have been encouraged by our families' commitment to Wilson Foundation Academy and our new and different educational experience.

We had to re-envision our instructional day so that our greatest treasures, your children, will have positive learning experiences in a unique virtual environment. Your children have stuck it out through the perils of our new distance learning and we encourage you to keep up your dedication to accessing school and learning. It has been great seeing our scholars virtually with beautiful smiles and actively participating and working hard. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school family. If you have any questions or concerns after reading through this letter, please reach out with a message through our school's email: WFAinfo@rcsdk12.org.

- Dr. Matthew, Principal



From Your Parent Liaison

Tiffany Bumphis
Tiffany.bumphis@rcsdk12.org

Our school's parent group is called PAWS (Parents Always Willing to Serve!)

Please stay tuned for information on how to get involved through virtual learning season!

PAWS TALK SESSION – Every Wednesday from 11:00 AM - 12:00 noon Zoom link:
<https://rcsdk12.zoom.us/j/97612915047?pwd=Y3JjTmhpZEslL1Q2TnluzGw5ZldQdz09>

Join your Parent Liaison to chat about what's on your mind!

Attendance! Please make sure your child is logging on to Zoom and See-Saw for classes! Attendance is being taken daily and it counts toward our school's attendance rate. It also is recorded in your child's official attendance record.

Keep in Touch



Join our Facebook group:

*Wilson Foundation Academy
Parent & Teachers Group*

Website:

<https://www.rcsdk12.org/wilsonfoundation>

School email: WFAinfo@rcsdk12.org

School phone number: (585) 463-4100




VIRTUAL LEARNING CHEAT SHEET

Login Information

Username: 890 @rcsd121.org

Password: Eight Digit Birthdate (Example: 04242005) unless changed directly by a teacher or administrator

Google Classroom

If you are not using a district issued Chromebook . You must be signed onto your google account before accessing google classroom	
Enter your Google classroom through the chalkboard seen on the bottom of the Chromebook	
Do not enter through Google Chrome Icon	

Chromebook Information:

1. To request a Chromebook only for a student that has never had one:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemBNRoWDId5eUc23jmyZen6BH2NFKLlweWUuQKvyvc0i6oqA/viewform?pli=1>
2. To request a MiFi:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezgNnAbcfY9Kw3EBFRIDBkheqN6cCPSYuUWug4vliyYgg/viewform>
3. **Broken chrome books:** Please remember that they need a HelpDesk Ticket number to go to the lockers.
 - 1) Students/parents will still call the family support line at 262-8700 to get their Chromebook tickets in through ROConnect.
 - 2) Once the ticket is entered you can direct the Student/Parent to drive to either locker location at Jefferson or Monroe Campus.
 - a) The location at Monroe is Exit 4. Time **10am – 2pm**. This is the preferred site to send families to.
 - b) The location at Jefferson is Exit 5. Time **10am – 2pm**.
 - 3) At the locker location there is a sign directing them to call a number, this number routes directly to a tech who will provide them with a pin so they can open a locker.

No more waiting for call backs, no more code expiring. As soon as they get to the locker they can call and get a pin to open the locker.

The information that we required before we still need in the ticket, as we are verifying Chromebook model and student ID when they get there.

Please copy and paste from PowerSchool:

- o Grade level
- o 890#
- o Student Name
- o Parent Name
- o Working phone number
- o List family choice for the pick-up location, which will be either Monroe or Jefferson campus.

Please note that the lockers are **ONLY** for repair, and new requests still need to go through the request form and are handled by the school. The HelpDesk will be contacting families for any existing tickets.

Zoom Meeting



VIRTUAL LEARNING & EXPECTATIONS



Students:

- (1) Sign-in to Google Classroom every day and complete assignments on time.
- (2) Check your email everyday
- (3) Join online Zoom meetings as scheduled using a proper first and last name. Students will not be admitted into class without providing a proper first and last name (Attendance Purposes).
- (4) All students must be fully clothed when participating in a Zoom meeting.
- (5) All students must have his or her video turned on unless given permission by the classroom teacher ahead of time.
- (6) All students must have a calm, quiet, distraction-free workspace that includes an appropriate background.
- (7) If you are having trouble completing, work, communicate with your teacher through Google Classroom or ask your parent to email your teacher to schedule an online meeting (Wednesday's office hours or another agreed upon day.)

Parents:

- (1) Set aside a calm, quiet, distraction-free space for your child/children to work every day.
- (2) Ensure virtual learning equipment is available and charged.
- (3) Try to keep a consistent schedule for completing classwork.
- (4) Help your child check Google Classroom every day.
- (5) Check your emails or Google Classroom regularly for online meeting links.
- (6) Communicate with teachers regularly via email or Google Classroom regarding any questions or issues that arise.
- (7) If your child is having trouble completing work, email teachers to schedule a time for an online meeting.
- (8) If there are any issues, logging in to a class you can also call 324-9289.

It's not only children who grow.
Parents do too. As much as we
watch to see what our children
do with their lives, they are
watching us to see what we do
with ours. I can't tell my children
to reach for the sun. All I can do
is reach for it, myself.

~Joyce Maynard

During remote learning, our IB Learner Profiles will be recognized weekly.

<i>Learner Profile Trait of the Week</i>	What IB Learners do...?
Week 1 Principled	We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.
Week 2 Inquirers	We nurture our curiosity , developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.
Week 3 Reflective	We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.
Week 4 Open-Minded	We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.
Week 5 Balanced	We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for others and ourselves. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.
Week 6 Risk-takers	We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.
Week 7 Communicators	We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.
Week 8 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.
Week 9 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.
Week 10 Knowledgeable	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.



IB LEARNER PROFILES



Stress Relief During Pandemic

Helpful contacts to support students and families...

If you or another family member is having difficulty coping with COVID-19 pandemic time or any other community-based stressor and would like to speak with someone from help, you can call The NYS Emotional Support Helpline at 1-844-863-9314 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily

Mental Health Crisis: Call LIFELINE at #211 or Mobile Crisis at 585-275-5151. Toll free: 877-356-9211. TDD/TTY: 585-275-2700. Text Line: 898-211. Also available online at: <http://www2.monroecounty.gov/mh-emergency-resources>. Courteous, professional clinical workers are on call to help with your safety needs.

RCS D Social Emotional (SEL) Hotline: 8AM-3PM weekly: (585) 262-8333

RCS D Center for Youth (24-hour help hotline): (585) 271-7670

Non-emergency Medical & Mental Health Care Connections: You may contact your child's pediatrician or your family doctor for health care referrals. Other ways to connect with care – call for intake appointment at provider of choice:

1. **Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Center** (part of Rochester Regional Health)
The Rochester Regional health Behavioral Health Access and Crisis Center (BHACC) is available for those who need help with a mental health or substance use issue. In many situations you or a loved one may need assistance right away but not the full resources of the emergency department. The Deter can be an alternative to a trip to the emergency department for an urgent mental health need.
89 Genesee Street
Rochester, NY 14611
(585) 368-3950
2. **Open Access Clinic** (pare of Delphi Rise)
The Delphi Rise Open Access Clinic operates 24/7 and provides substance use evaluations and makes a referral for the appropriate level of care that may include detoxification, inpatient, and outpatient care. Delphi will coordinate transportation to treatment facilities as needed. This program serves persons age 12 and older.
835 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14611
(585) 627-1777
3. **EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS:**

Rochester General Hospital Emergency Department
1425 Portland Ave.
Rochester, NY 14620
(585) 922-4000

Strong Behavioral Health/Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program
300 Crittenden Blvd.
Rochester, NY 14642
(585) 575-4501

4. Food, Clothing, Household Item Needs:

<https://211lifeline.org/categories.php?county%5B%5D=MON&searchat=&tax=0&cat=Pantries&searchstr=>

1. DHS (Dept. of Health Services) (585) 753-6000
2. Emergency Housing, 691 St. Paul Bl. (585) 753-1742
3. House of Mercy, Emergency Housing, 285 Ormond Street 14605 (585) 546-2580
4. HEAP (Heat/Electricity help) (585) 753-6477
5. Medicaid Application Line (585) 753-6960
6. Benefit Replacement Card (585) 753-6006
7. Matthews Closet, 316 Bay Street 14605 (585) 232-5160

5. Other Supports and Needs:

- a. Legal Assistant Center for Disability Rights, 497 Sate Street 14608 (585) 546-7510
- b. Alternatives for Battered Women (585)232-7375,
- c. Women's Place (585) 436-5452
- d. YWCA 175 North Clinton Ave (585) 546-5820
- e. Sojourner Home (585) 436-7100
- f. Open Door Mission (for men), 210 West Main St. (585) 454-6696

MEALS AND EDUCATION SUPPORT: For a complete list of schools and R-Center sites:

<https://www.rcsdk12.org/domain/14001>

1. Grab-and-go breakfast and lunch are served to RCSD students at 22 school sites throughout the city **between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday.**
2. The City of Rochester R-Centers will provide breakfast, lunch, dinner as well as **instructional support for school, between 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday.**

Still not sure who to call?

Send an email to one of the following:

1. Parent Liaison, Tiffany.Bumphis@rcsdk12.org
2. School counselor, Sherroletta.Scissum@rcsdk12.org
3. School social worker, Melissa.Woods@rcsdk12.org
4. School Information Helpline: WFAinfo@rcsdk12.org

