



# Wildcat Chat



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### Principal's Message

Dear Wilson Foundation Families

Happy Holidays! This is a wonderful time of year, despite us still being under the careful watch of a pandemic. This makes it an even busier and stressful time for many. As the adults scurry around preparing for the excitement of the holidays, children can also feel the stress and exhaustion brought on by this busyness. Please continue to support your child in his/her school success by ensuring that their bed time is maintained at a reasonable hour and that he/she is ready for learning as they join their teachers and peers remotely. Adequate sleep supports learning, brain development, concentration and mood and so directly affects children's success in school.

The staff of WFA is working tirelessly to deliver an educational program that prepares our children with critical skills needed to be globally competitive. Although instruction remains remote learning for at least the next quarter for most of our students, it is important to have your children participate every day, complete all assignments, and turn them into their teachers. I have high hopes that we will soon be together in the school building – learning, sharing, and laughing together. I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season and a wonderful turn to a new year

Sincerely,

Dr. Deasure Matthew

#### Week of 11/23

Report cards mailed home

#### Wed. 11/25 - Friday 11/27

Thanksgiving Recess

#### Friday 12/2

Early Dismissal day

#### Thursday 12/24 - Friday 1/1

Winter Recess

#### January 4, 2021

Classes resume

#### Friday 1/29

End of 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period



### Keep in Touch

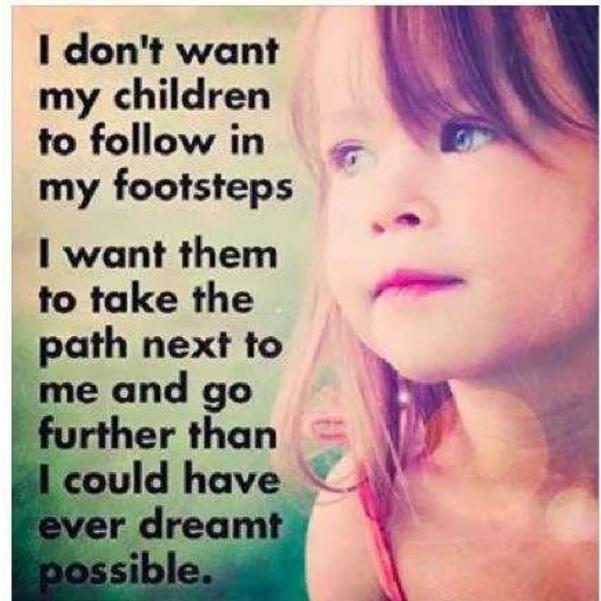


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### Read with Your Child – DAILY

Although the life of a parent is often hectic, you should try to read with your child at least once a day at a regularly scheduled time. But don't be discouraged if you skip a day or don't always keep to your schedule. Just read to your child as often as you possibly can.

**Reading with your child not only supports his/her *reading skills* but also *language development, problem solving skills, self-regulation, and a LOVE of reading.***

### SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CLASSROOMS

**PYP** We are excited to share that we have applied for PYP Authorization and have a verification visit scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Both scholars and staff are eager to share their journey through the PYP Candidacy phase. Our scholars continue to work hard to exhibit the 10 Learner Profile Character Traits in their virtual classrooms. They have been open-minded and risk-takers as they adjust to this new way of learning.

Additionally, PYP Scholars are using a new literacy program titled myView Literacy. Instruction in myView addresses literacy, content areas, social-emotional learning and student curiosity. This new program is aligned with the IB philosophy of educating the whole child and preparing them to be lifelong learners.

**MYP** Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> As we continue to operate our virtual classrooms, our MYP Scholars have been hard at work learning about how our world works on a global perspective. Students have been engaging in virtual learning to explore their studies from PE and Arts through Language and Literature and Mathematics. Students and teachers alike are embracing the challenges this presents, but as MYP Scholars they are prepared to accept the challenge. Our Individuals and Societies courses spent much of this fall looking at elections, both past and present, and how our United States government works. By looking at the historic foundations, they were better able to study what was happening in our current political climate, both before and after Election Day. Even though they are a few elections away from being able to cast their own ballots in an election, they are preparing themselves to be productive citizens of our future world. Stay tuned for more updates from our other classes.