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Dear Wellsville Families,

I want to officially welcome all of you to the 2020-2021 school year! Summer has come and gone and now it is time to move forward into a new school year. We have been very busy throughout our campus this summer from the redesigning of rooms to fit students for social distancing, making improvements to the WES kitchen, to preparing for the arrival of our students either in-person or remotely. Everything is progressing for a great opening of the school on **Monday, September 14, 2020**. With that all being said, we are coming upon a unique school year with many changes to support our students, families, and staff during a global pandemic. Below are some highlights regarding the changes that have been made:

- In-person learning will occur at the Wellsville Elementary School Monday- Friday. Due to the number of families choosing the remote learning option, online instruction with teachers will occur shortly after school lets out each day (approximately 3:30 pm). Remote families will be contacted shortly to pick up student iPads and materials, that will be used during remote student instruction.
- iPads will be distributed to PK-5th grade students the first week of school in their classrooms this year. All iPads will remain in the classrooms & will only be distributed for home if we are closed for a longer duration of time. An emergency 3-day packet of schoolwork will be sent home with each child to cover any unexpected daily closer. Please keep the packet in a safe place. You will be notified via a school messenger call which day of work in the packet should be completed if we need to close.
- Parents and Guardians will be receiving an additional mailing regarding our daily COVID screening procedure. This screening must be logged into and completed each morning prior to student arrival. If a student is not feeling their best, please keep your child home. If your child will be absent from school, you will need to call Wellsville Elementary School at 585-596-2122 each day they are not in attendance. This includes remote students.
- Morning Parent Drop-off & Pick-up procedures have changed for this school year. Parents will be dropping off in front of the Elementary school. PK-2 parents will be stopping and releasing their children on the Primary side of the building & grades 3-5 will be stopping and releasing their students on the Intermediate side of the building (pool side). Please review the attached information sheet regarding these changes.

- For the 2020-2021 school year, we will be limiting access to WES to only essential personnel. If you need to come pick up your child from school, please come to the main office & we will call your child down. Parents will not be allowed to walk their child to their classroom (including the first day). In order to keep within spacing regulations in the cafeteria, we will NOT be allowing parents/guardians to enter the building for lunch.
- Snacks & Celebration Treats: In order to account for the health and safety for all of our students, including those with food allergies, all snacks or celebration food items (aka-Birthday treats) must be store bought sealed or provided in individual pre-packaged sealed items (no homemade or home packaged items). We encourage parents and guardians to have a conversation with their student's classroom teacher before sending food items into school. All items should arrive a couple days in advance, when possible.
- To limit the number of items being transported in and out of school this year, we will NOT be allowing backpacks or bags to school, at this time. Students bringing lunch can do some in a small lunch bag or tote.

Just a reminder that the following school supplies need to be purchased for your child & labeled with their name & grade level:

- Two (2) facemasks or coverings. Facemasks are required to be worn at times during the school day. Face shield maybe worn in addition to a cloth facemask/face covering
- A small bottle of Hand Sanitizer to be left at school
- A water bottle (not glass) to be left at school
- Sweatshirt or Jacket sent to school daily

Unfortunately, this school year we will not be having an open house. Teachers will be reaching out to families over the next week to introduce themselves and share information about their classrooms.

The Wellsville Elementary Faculty and Staff are very excited to have students back in the building; March was a very long time ago. We hope to make the transition for everyone into this school year as smooth as possible, if you have any questions or concerns, please call the Wellsville Elementary Main Office. I look forward to seeing our One PRIDE Family soon!

Stay Safe & Healthy,

Elizabeth M. Sinski

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