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WHS students are building benches for an outdoor classroom at Westwood (see page 6 for details).

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Reminder: There is NO SCHOOL Friday, Feb. 26 & Friday, March 26 (Staff vaccination days)

Upcoming events:
March 2: BOE Work Session 6 p.m. via Zoom

March 15-16: Kindergarten Screening

March 26: End of the Third Quarter

5-DAY MODEL BEGINS MARCH 1

by Ed Weber, Superintendent

As previously announced, our schools will be resuming a 5-Day in-person option on Monday, March 1.

As we continue to prepare for this option, please make sure your child's principal knows if you are selecting the in-person model or the fully online model.

With our 5-Day Restart, we are also resuming our Dickson Field Shuttle. If you would like your child to ride the shuttle bus to Dickson Field please visit our website under "Services" and select "Transportation" to locate the shuttle and bus permission forms.

As a reminder, our Schools are participating in the Federal Food Lunch Program which during the pandemic allows every child to receive a free breakfast and a free lunch throughout the 2020-2021 school year. We need your help to increase our participation rates by utilizing the school lunch program. By eating the school lunch every day our federal reimbursements will prevent our food service program from a deficit.

If you have any questions please reach out to your child's principal or contact my office at 440-647-4286.

GO DUKES!

RESTART PLAN Q&A

Families were provided a copy of the district's ReStart Plan which included details for returning to school full-time. To review the plan, click [here](#). We will also be stressing the importance of frequent hand washing to students and staff, and will ensure ample soap and paper towels are available. Thank you for your support as we work to ensure a healthy environment for our students/staff.

Below is a list of frequently asked questions.

1. Will there be daily health screenings, including temperature checks, for students and employees?

Families/staff are asked to self-check before coming to school. If you feel sick or if you have a temperature of 100 degrees F or greater, you must stay home. Do not come to school until you meet CDC criteria or are cleared by a medial provider.

2. How will physical distancing be maintained throughout the day?

Classrooms will be arranged and hallway traffic patterns will be adjusted to allow physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. Teachers, along with their administrators, will arrange rooms that provide the maximum social distancing that can be maintained within each classroom.

3. Will visitors be permitted in schools?

We will be limiting the number of visitors that are allowed in our schools and support buildings.

4. Will students and staff be required to wear face coverings?

Facial coverings are required for everyone. Masks breaks will be provided when students/staff are safely socially-distanced. Students who ride a school bus will be required to wear face coverings.

5. How will you sanitize the buses between routes? Drivers will use disinfectant spray to wipe down high-contact areas in between routes.

RESTART Q&A Cont.

6. Will our custodial staff be properly trained on effective/mandatory sanitation methods and practices?

Yes, the Custodial team continues our protocols for intermittent cleaning during the day which also includes the restrooms. We hired a full-time custodial staff member for each building.

7. Where will students congregate in the morning before class begins?

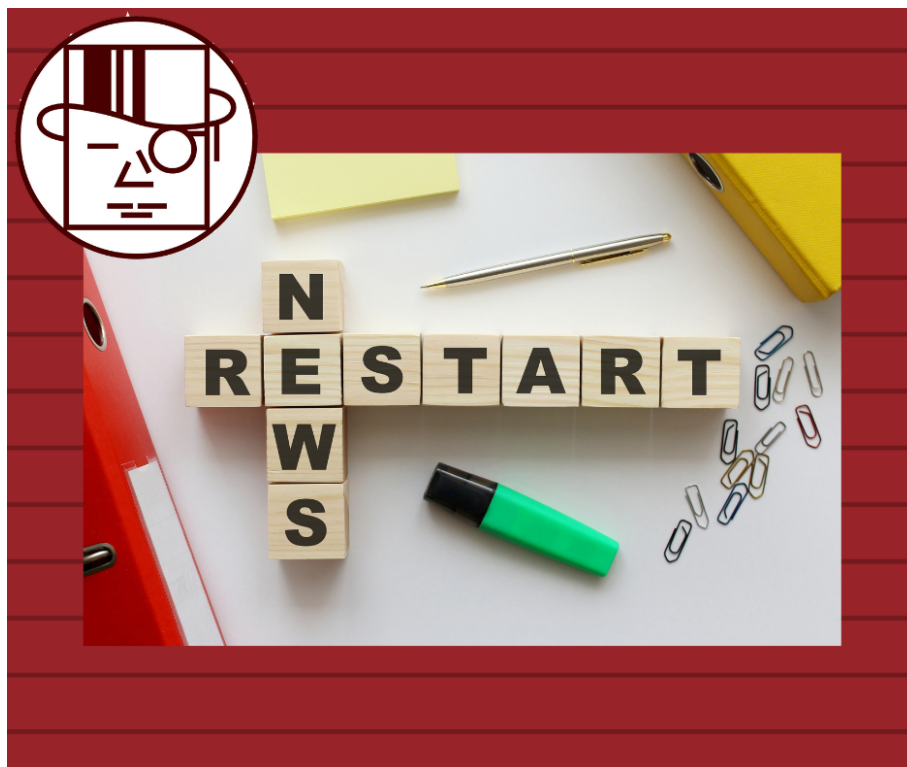
Students will report directly to their homeroom class when they arrive at school.

8. Will bus routes be adjusted?

We will maintain our current transportation routes. The only addition to transportation is now the 5-day in-person model.

9. How will social distancing and safety protocols be implemented during lunch?

Middle and high school students have been eating in the cafeteria since the beginning of the school year. To accommodate for the increase in students, additional plexiglass dividers have been ordered. Elementary school students will continue to eat in their classrooms.



AG MECH STUDENTS BUILD DIVIDERS

Wellington High School Agricultural Mechanics Skills class are assisting in the effort to bring students back to class in-person, five days a week. The students were asked by WHS Principal, Tina Drake, to build 24 plexiglass dividers for the cafeteria. The dividers will run along the center of center of the table so students can sit socially distanced on either side.

“I love that we will be able to get our kids back to school by helping build things we need to stay safe,” said WHS senior Jazmine Auble, 18.

But wait, there’s more! The Ag Mechanics students are also in the process of making benches for Westwood Elementary School’s outdoor classroom. The puzzle-piece inspired designed interlocks to form a long bench, but the pieces can also be taken apart to serve as single stools or tables. Removable all-weather cushions will also be made so the students can sit on the bench, or remove the cushion to sit on the ground and use the bench as a table.

The puzzle pieces are decorated with primary colors, numbers, letters, consonants, vowels, and holiday themes. A total of eight benches are being constructed, with six individual seats within each bench.

The students are also making clipboards for the younger students to use while they are outside. The class also ordered children’s books that deal with agriculture for the young students to read while they are outside.

“I’m glad that we (students) were included and the school does not have to pay someone else to provide the items,” said WHS senior Taylor Michel, 18. “It also gives us more experience. My grandmother is going to sew the cushions. She is in Coldwater Michigan. Mrs. Thome (Ag Mech teacher and FFA adviser) made the prototype. We sent her (grandmother) the prototype. We have the precut filling ready to go.”

As soon as the weather breaks in the spring, Westwood students will be able to enjoy the outdoor classroom space. Funding for both projects was made possible through a grant from the Wellington Schools Foundation’s Dorrell and Hazel Pitts Family Educational Fund. This fund supports agriculture-related grant opportunities in the Wellington schools.

EMPOWERING SEMINAR FOR GIRLS

I MATTER 2021

CREATING GENERATIONS
OF STRONG, CONFIDENT
& COURAGEOUS GIRLS



An empowering event for teen girls, moms and female mentors to understand healthy relationships & celebrate our collective strength as girls and women



**SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Experts from ROX and The Center for Family Safety and Healing are excited to provide attendees with an engaging and inspiring experience. Program topics include:

- Managing Stress & Anxiety
- Self-Defense
- Healthy Relationships & Boundaries
- Digital Dating

Virtual access to this year's event is complimentary, but requires registration.

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