

Wade Park School

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Principal Message


Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! We are excited to kick-off another semester of learning and discovery at Wade Park. Educational excellence is our goal as we strive to meet the needs of our students. You are encouraged to monitor your child's academic progress by keeping in close contact with your child's teacher. We invite you to participate in the many activities that we offer so that together we can enhance and promote learning both at school and at home.

Wade Park is committed to providing a safe, orderly, and positive learning environment for all students. Parents, please continue to reiterate, the Student Code of Conduct with your child. In addition, ensure that your child logs on by 8:30am each day for class. If you lost the printed daily virtual schedule- visit our school website and click on "Reopen Wade Park". We look forward to another fantastic semester of learning.

Thank you for your support

Warm regards,



Dr. Lee Clinton Buddy Jr.
Principal



January 5, 2021
School Reopens for scholars

January 12, 2021
SPO Parent Meeting
9:00am

January 14, 2021
Parent Tech. Workshop
6:30pm

January 18, 2021
School Closed for MLK. Day

January 26, 2021
NWEA Assessments Begin

January 27, 2021
Parent Tech. Workshop
6:30pm

January 29
Parent Pick up day-supplies
9:00am-6:00pm

January 30, 2021
Literacy Events Begin

Choose Greatness!

HEADLINE NEWS

Hello to All, and Happy 2021!

The Kindergarten team hopes that your holiday season was joyous and safe. During the waning months of 2020, Kindergarten was building strong foundational reading skills so that students can become early readers. Some of our scholars are already reading simple repetitive word books. We ended the year in our math classes by laying the foundation for early numbers in number operations, with 0-5 being the focus. In our online platform, instruction mirrors what we are teaching. Your scholars need to engage in the learning apps that the district has installed for kindergarten learning. Students log in to the virtual class in one of our homerooms, but many online platform assignments need completion. In this new year, PLEASE have your scholar log in daily to VIRTUAL and ONLINE.

In December, Ms. Bouch's class attended two virtual field trips. We heard AirPlay and learned about air and shadows. The students enjoyed the performance, part comedy, part sculpture, part circus, and part theater. Our second field trip was to the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. We learned about three different habitats, as well as living and non-living things in nature. We are planning more virtual field trips in the new year for all of the kindergarteners. We hope to see you there. We are looking forward to solving equations with larger numbers when we return in January. The students have also become good at recognizing the characters and settings in the stories that we are reading. We will begin to narrate our own stories after Christmas break.

MISSION

The mission of Wade Park is to provide each child with engaging and personalized instruction using 21st century technology that addresses individual styles and needs in a cooperative, nurturing, and safe environment!

First Grade

Happy New Year!! I'm sure that we're all looking forward to what the year 2021 has to offer. 1st graders have grown at an amazing pace in technology (and so have their parents) due to the necessity for learning in a virtual environment. Please be reminded though, that "page turning", or reading actual books to and with your scholar is still very necessary and important. Let them hear and mock your fluency. Reading to them with expression, helps them to better understand the meaning of the text. Don't have enough books? Well, Scholastic Book Fair is on the way. Stay tuned for updates!!

Second Grade

Here we are, Year 2021! *Second graders* are reading, adding, subtracting, observing and most of all, questioning. Inquiry is an amazing way to develop and increase critical thinking skills. Second graders don't just want the answer, they want to know why, why, why! **Here are 6 strategies** from teachthought.com that are proven to sharpen those 2nd grade minds:

1. **Make sure that they are learning through play.**
2. **Turn their questions into projects.**
3. **Stop being the expert, allow them to search for answers on their own, then discuss.**
4. **Have a good plan for questions (point them in the direction of appropriate resources).**
5. **Create a wonder wall. Use a cork board or post-it notes to keep track of what you wonder.**
6. **Give it time. No one knows everything but if we take our time and explore the possibilities, our why, why, why's can become our opportunities to grow.**



Mr. McCue's 3rd grade classes have been working extremely hard during this new virtual learning experience. Everyone should be able to login the following learning apps through Clever: I-Ready, Epic Books (Password is wzw4345), Typing.com, NitroType, and SeeSaw. Our third-grade families still need to make sure that our third-grade scholars are experts accessing these learning apps. Have your third-grade scholar(s) show you more than once that they can access each learning app.

Scholars need to complete 20 minutes of Epic Books and I-Ready. (Monday-Thursday). They also need to complete any SeeSaw activity that gets posted, as well as practice Typing.com and NitroType for extra support. Students will earn extra credit for the work that is completed. You can contact Mr. McCue and Ms. Robinson for any extra support

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In 5th Grade we are continuing our study of the Solar System and are preparing for a program we were accepted into. This is a special program with NASA that begins in January. During this program that will last until the end of the school year students will have time to work in teams to research, plan, and create a permanent facility on Mars for astronauts to live in. Students will have opportunity to speak with NASA scientists and astronauts throughout the program to gain a stronger understanding of the science and math they need to consider when constructing their facilities. At the end of the program each team will have the opportunity to present their project to NASA.

Happy New Year Wade Park families and students from *5th and 6th grade GT!* In the first two semesters of 2020, the 5th/6th grade scholars learned how to write a one-page essay and create a PowerPoint presentation merging their Science, Writing curriculums with technology on the topic of Covid-19 in collaborative groups. The fifth graders learned about places in the Western Hemisphere in Social Studies. They ended the school year using PowerPoint to create an imaginative "Road Trip" presentation about their traveling adventures. As we enter the New Year of 2021, we will continue to work towards "Choosing Greatness," in education. Soar Eagles!

ENRICHMENT | The following enrichment classes are offered at Wade Park:

Cooking, Band, Orchestra, STEM, Recording Arts, Dance, Poetry/Spoken Word, Bucket Drums, Puppets, and Arts/Crafts. **Sign up today!**

Middle School News

Happy New Year from the ***Middle School Team!*** We can't believe that we are already in January. We have been working hard and learning new technology this school year. As we begin a new year, it is a great time to build on what we have learned and set new goals for ourselves. Our TRUE2U mentor session takes place on January 12, 2020. The session is from 9:00am –9:50am. Also, our 8th graders will attend a virtual high school choice fair in January.

Ms. Ivory expects all students to complete their work online in their math book (Ed app in Clever). The assignments that students must complete are online and graded immediately so that the scholar may receive immediate feedback. They are also given quizzes and once a quarter they receive an opportunity for bonus points. All classes are expected to have their math book, notebook and pencil - grades 7 & 8 can use calculators during class.

Mr. Parks wishes everyone Happy New Year, and welcome 2021! I hope that you had a restful Winter Break. We will continue with writing Introductory, Body and Conclusion paragraphs. We will also continue to emphasize Informational Text. A second debate will be coming up, so please be prepared to research and work in collaborative groups.

Happy New Year from ***Ms. Kaulins***. I hoped you enjoyed the winter break and are now eager to settle in for the remainder of the second quarter. Scholars have worked hard and have made significant progress since the beginning of the school year. The start of a new year is an opportunity for scholars to assess what worked well and what did not, and to make changes for the days ahead. This month, the scholars will be engaged in a variety of Project Based Learning assignments that align with the standards.

Mr. Lockard wishes you a Happy New Year! A new year and many possibilities are waiting for you! The 6th grade is beginning a new unit on energy and motion; 7th grade is starting conservation of energy; and 8th grade is taking on earth science. These promise to be exciting units for all of the students!



CHOOSE GREATNESS!

Middle School News continued....

Ms. Powell's class will celebrate Dr. King's birthday by writing poems, researching social justice issues and presentations. We are excited about our celebration. Parents, please encourage our scholars to read daily and to complete and pass I-Ready lessons.

A big shout out to Janiyah Hands for winning Great Lake Theaters Christmas Carol Writing Contest. In 7th and 8th grade GT, we are working on writing an informational essay. We are learning the components to 5 paragraph essay writing and using evidence to strengthen our writing. In math, your child should be completing a few problems nightly at home for practice. In 7th grade math we are working with adding and subtracting positive and negative numbers. In math our 8th graders are learning how to solve systems of equations. In Social Studies we are wrapping up writing informational texts using articles in NEWSELA while creating a works Cited Page and use In-Text Citations in MLA Format. In Science, scholars will continue to focus on how to properly carry out the steps of the Scientific Method.

Please make sure your child is reading 30 minutes nightly as well as completing their 20 minutes of I-Ready minutes in both reading and math during their independent time. Thank you so much for your support at home!!



Encore News

It's hard to believe we are already in 2021 and still going strong with virtual learning! We don't have much news to share yet for the new year. There is a reminder that all fourth and fifth graders may join Ms. Hutchinson for art club, during lunch on Tuesdays and Fridays. Zoom information is the same as logging into art class. We hope to see you there!

If you are not sure what your scholar's encore schedule is, please check out the Wade Park website and go to your scholar's homeroom teacher's schedule. Here you will see their encore schedule along with our zoom codes.

If at any time you or your scholar needs to meet with any of the encore teachers, please send us an email or reach out through Clever/Schoology. We are available on Wednesday mornings and would be happy to set up a time to meet with you. Wednesday mornings will also be a time that encore teachers will be reaching out to parents regarding attendance and missing work. We hope to keep everyone on a better page when it comes to grades at the end of the quarter.