



Superintendent's Office

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In this update, there are a few reminders regarding:

- Contact information;
- The last Grab and Go meal service of the school year;
- Chromebook and library book return; and
- Personal belongings and medication pickup.

This update also includes new information about:

- Grades for the fourth quarter and retention/promotion to the next grade level; and
- Administrative Center and School office hours as the WESD enters Phase 1 of reopening from the state-mandated closure.

While Tuesday, May 19 is the last day of school, please know that we are planning for the next school year, which starts Monday, August 10. We will be using guidance from the CDC (Center for Disease Control), the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Governor's Office, and the ADE (Arizona Department of Education). Please ensure we have your contact information to update you during the summer.

Contact Information

To stay connected, it is important that we have current phone numbers, email addresses and mailing addresses. If your information has changed, please be sure to contact your child's school to share any changes to your contact information before schools close for the summer on Tuesday, June 2.

Grab and Go Meal Program – Ends Tuesday, May 19. Summer Feeding Begins Monday, June 1

During the last eight weeks, the WESD served 533,500 meals! **The last day of the Grab and Go program is Tuesday, May 19 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the 13 locations below. There will be no meal service May 25-29.** The Glendale Union High School District will be providing meals the week of May 25-29 for families who need it. The Nutrition Services Department begins its Summer Feeding program Monday, June 1. Specific information about times and locations will be sent next week.

Acacia Elementary	3021 W. Evans Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85053
Cholla Middle School	3120 W. Cholla Street, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Desert View Elementary	8621 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020
Maryland School	6503 N. 21st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85015
Mountain View School	801 W. Peoria, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Ocotillo Elementary	3225 W. Ocotillo, Phoenix, AZ 85017
Orangewood School	7337 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021
Richard E. Miller Elementary	2021 W. Alice, Phoenix, AZ 85021
Roadrunner Elementary	7702 N. 39th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051
Shaw Butte Elementary	12202 N. 21st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Sunnyslope School	245 E. Mountain View Road, Phoenix, AZ 85020
Sunset Elementary	4626 W. Mountain View Road, Glendale, AZ 85302
Washington Elementary	8033 N. 27th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051

If you have questions about the Grab and Go Meal Program, please email Nicole Augustine at Nicole.augustine@wedschools.org or call 602-896-5240.

Chromebook Return – Monday, May 18

If you checked out a Chromebook for your student, it needs to be returned to the school that you checked it out from on Monday, May 18. For families with more than one student, Chromebooks were checked out where their oldest child is enrolled. A schedule for returns has been established by each school. Be sure to watch for specific information from the school you borrowed the Chromebook from for more information. Please be sure Chromebooks are charged before you return them. For more information, contact your school principal.

Library Book Return – Monday, May 18

If you have any library books, please be sure to return them to the school on Monday, May 18.

Student Belongings Pickup – Monday, May 18

This week, teachers returned to their classrooms and removed students’ personal belongings from their desks. These items will be bagged and labeled and the teacher will reach out directly to students who have items to be picked up. Be sure to watch for information from your school or contact your child’s teacher directly if you have additional questions.

Medication Pickup – Appointment only, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19 and 20

School Health Techs will be calling families who have medication in the Health Office and scheduling a time on either Tuesday, May 19 or Wednesday, May 20 to pick it up.

Grades

The closure of WESD schools has been a challenging time for all of us that has required WESD to provide educational opportunities in very different ways. The priority during this time has been the health and safety of our students and staff. Our goal has been to provide meaningful educational opportunities that reinforce standards by providing weekly packets and online options.



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WESD will focus on diagnosing the needs of each child when school opens. Interventions and small group instructional strategies will be prioritized upon return to school to close any gaps in student learning due to the closure.

The State Board of Education took action on March 31, 2020, to enact an emergency regulation that changed the requirements of a minimum course of study. Local school districts may determine if a student met or was on track to meet the minimum course of study and competency requirements prior to the school closure. Based on this guidance, the WESD will use the letter grades from quarters one, two and three (for grades 3rd – 8th grade) and mastery of standards from quarters one, two and three (for grades K-2nd) to promote students this year. Therefore, the report card that was sent home at the end of third quarter reflects your child's progress for the 2019-2020 school year. No report card will be sent home for the fourth quarter.

Retention/Promotion

Unless you have received communication throughout the year that retention was being considered, your child will be promoted to the next grade for the 20-21 school year. If your child's teacher has discussed retention with you throughout the year, you will be contacted by the school no later than May 18, 2020, as to a final decision.

Office Hours for the Administrative Center and Schools Starting Monday, May 18

With the Governor's Stay Home order expiring today, the WESD is moving into Phase 1 of reopening. This means the District will continue to follow the CDC Guidelines related to social distancing, reinforcing hygiene and cleaning practices and limiting the number of people in buildings. Limited staff will be working in their locations beginning Monday, May 18. Main phone numbers will be answered during regular business hours. To visit a school or the Administrative Center, you will need to make an appointment with the person you want to meet with in advance.

Please stay safe and care for the needs of your family. WESD continues to remain committed to offering resources and support during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Stanton
Superintendent