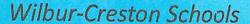
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Dear Wildcat Elementary Parents!

It is hard to believe that we have entered the second half of October already. Looking ahead just a couple of weeks and we will be done with the first quarter of the school year. I have met with the teachers and we have decided that it will be valuable to do parent/teacher conferences at the end of this quarter. The partnership you have joined us in this year is unprecedented and it will be good to have a time for all of us to talk about the progress each student has made and make plans for the next quarter. The conference days are scheduled for Thursday, November 5, and Friday, November 6. All students will stay home those two days and engage in distance learning. You will be contacted soon by your child's teacher to set up a time to meet. To help accommodate families' needs, we are able to do in person conferences and video or phone call conferences.

Thank you for how understanding and flexible you have been with our changes to the schedule. I know that many of the regular routines for school have been completely upended and I appreciate the amazing job that you are doing to make things go smoothly. I especially appreciate how helpful you have been with drop offs and pick ups, your efforts to make sure students arrive at school between 7:50-8:00 and the prompt pick up at noon allows teachers to maximize learning time for in person and distance – thanks!

We recently received notification that the federal free lunch & breakfast program will likely be extended through the school year. Grab and go breakfast and lunch are available every school day including Monday distance learning days. If you are unsure how to order lunches and breakfasts give Traci a call or email her at <a href="mailto:tstarzman@wcsd.wednet.edu">tstarzman@wcsd.wednet.edu</a>.

As always, please call or reach out with any questions or ideas that you might have. We are continually evolving to try to create the best learning options possible with whatever the current conditions are. Your flexibility, grace, and willingness to partner with us inspires me every day and gives energy to our school's efforts!

Sincerely,

Belinda Ross

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