

Good evening, this is Dr. Henderson from Wesley Chapel ES.

The start of school is just around the corner! We enjoyed getting to know the Class of 2038, our kindergarten students, at Kindergarten Camp last week!

Just a reminder that our Open House is this Thursday, August 21:

- Last name starts with A-L 3:00-4:00
- Last name starts with M-Z 4:00-5:00

Please check your VM if you have not yet received a call from your child's teacher by Wednesday at 3PM. If no message, please call the office tomorrow.

For Open House:

- Go to homeroom first.
- Your child can bring his/her school supplies.
- Be sure to confirm your child's AM & PM transportation in their classroom.
- Go to the media center if you need a PM car rider tag, have bus questions, or still need to pay tech fee (grades 3-5).
- Go to the cafeteria if you need to see Nurse Bonnie, Ms. Katkowski our school counselor, or want to connect with our awesome PTO, including to purchase new WC Spirit Wear!

UCPS sent out a parent checklist on Aug. 18. I am attaching it for your convenience (links are embedded). With the shift to more than one new system, it is imperative to act ASAP. Nutshell:

1. Claim Infinite Campus account
2. Pay tech fees (grades 3, 4, 5)
3. Create cafeteria account in PaySchools Central.
4. Access bus info in Edulog, if applicable.

Important: Board of Education policy regarding student meal charges has changed. To read School Nutrition Policy 8-04 in its entirety: <https://go.boarddocs.com/nc/ucps/Board.nsf/Public?open&id=policies#>

Here is the meat of the information as it pertains to elementary school students for easy reference:

Students who are required to pay for meals are expected to provide payment in a timely manner. The Board recognizes, however, that students occasionally may forget or lose their meal money. In the event that a student is unable to pay for a meal on a particular day, the following will apply:

a. Elementary School. In the event that a student is unable to pay for a meal on a particular day, the student may charge a reimbursable meal. A student carrying a negative balance of \$5.00 in a meal account will receive a letter sent home to his/her parent. Payment of the balance is expected in a timely manner. A student carrying a negative balance of \$18.75 in a meal account will not be permitted to accrue additional charges until the negative balance drops below \$18.75. Instead, the student will be served an alternate meal provided at no cost to the student. Appropriate modifications to the reimbursable meal will be made when required by the student's documented special dietary needs. To safeguard the dignity and confidentiality of students in the serving line, reasonable efforts must be used whenever possible to avoid calling attention to a student's inability to pay.

Our bus driver shortage continues, and we expect to again have some double routes. In addition to the normal 1st week delays, the UCPS Transportation Department communicates any delays using the Edulog Parent Portal app. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated as we work through these challenges.

Please link/re-link your Harris Teeter card; re-linking must be done after Aug. 1st each year. Our number is 2130.

We need help with our afternoon car rider line from 2:00-2:30. Please contact me for details if you may be able to help.

As you're most likely aware, road construction is occurring just north of the school on Potter Road. If using our car rider line in the mornings, please allot extra time, as we anticipate the construction ripple-affecting the surrounding roads.

The remainder of this message is for parents of students in grades 3, 4, & 5.

If you have paid the \$30 technology fee, disregard this message and thank you. If your child has already qualified for free or reduced lunch, you may also disregard.

To ensure your child receives his/her Chromebook on Monday, please pay the tech fee of \$30.

Method 1: Online in Infinite Campus (preferred)

Method 2: Pay at Open House:

1. Go to the media center.
2. Look for the sign for Tech Fees.
3. Have the – EXACT AMOUNT OF \$30 in cash or check ready. NO CREDIT CARDS.

Method 3: Send the money to school:

1. Place cash or check in sealed envelope.
  2. Write student name, grade level, and teacher name on envelope.
  3. Have your child give to teacher upon arrival Monday morning.
- Know that your child may not receive their Chromebook on Monday if you wait until next week to pay.

We look forward to partnering with you this school year to grow your child, our student, toward future success! Hope to see you on Thursday!