

Happy 2021, Welch Families! It has been great to be back in session and see your children this past week! We have been busy planning and preparing for the transition to hybrid learning and are looking forward to seeing many of our White Tigers for in-person learning!

We look forward to sharing specific details regarding the upcoming transition with the hybrid and remote learning schedules this week. When we do share that information, a specific classroom schedule for all students (remote and hybrid) will be shared by your classroom teacher, in addition to what supplies hybrid learners should bring with them each day. Please don't ever hesitate to reach out to me or your child's classroom teacher with any questions or concerns.

It is a GREAT day to be a Welch White Tiger!

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, January 11th - Material Distribution for students in Miss Danca, Mrs. Owen, and Mr. Rakas' Fifth Grade Math Classes from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday, January 14th - Material Distribution for First Grade Students 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Monday, January 18th - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 19th/January 26th - Hybrid Model Tentatively Begins

Monday, January 25th - No School; School Improvement Planning Day

Here are a few reminders as we prepare for the transition to the Hybrid learning schedule:

All students (remote and hybrid) will learn remotely on Mondays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Please be sure to review your child's cohort assignment in ParentVUE for which days he/she will be attending starting the week of the 18th (K, 1, 2) and 25th (3, 4, 5), if metrics allow. Please note that regardless of your child's cohort, ALL students will follow a new schedule starting next Tuesday, January 19th.

Students assigned to Group A:

Attend school on Mondays remotely from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Attend school in person Tuesdays/Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 AM;

Participate in independent remote learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 - 3:30 PM;

Participate in independent remote learning on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-11:30 AM and then live instruction via Zoom from 12:30 - 3:30 PM.

Students assigned to Group B:

Attend school on Mondays remotely from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Participate in independent remote learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 AM and then live instruction via Zoom from 12:30 - 3:30 PM.

Attend school Wednesdays/Fridays from 9:00-11:30 AM;

Participate in independent remote learning on Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 - 3:30 PM;

Students who selected Remote Learning:

Participate in independent learning Tuesdays - Fridays from 9:00 - 11:30 AM and then will participate in live instruction via Zoom these afternoons from 12:30pm - 3:30 pm

Please note the following -

ALL students will receive an equal and equitable amount of direct instruction from their teacher on a daily basis, regardless if that is in-person or remote. Project Arrow, Intervention, and IEP supports and services will continue; times will most likely be adjusted. Specials have been assigned in large part to the afternoons; each day every student will have at least one live or independent Art, Music, or PE.

There will be opportunities for students who selected remote learning to participate in learning opportunities and activities with Welch staff in the morning session.

Hybrid Planning and Preparation

Students are required to wear a mask at all times during their time in school, and parents will be required to self-certify their child(ren) each day via ParentVUE. Parents will use ParentVUE to self-certify that students coming on campus are free of COVID-like symptoms. Each school day you login to ParentVUE, you will see a screen asking you to self-certify that your child is symptom free. This video explains the simple process of how to complete this step. This must be done each day prior to your child arriving at school. If this step is not completed and your child is at school, a health services staff member will call you to discuss your child's health status. We ask that you please monitor your child's health closely and keep them home if they aren't feeling well. You can report your child's absence using ParentVUE after completing the self-certification process. You can also call Welch's attendance line to report an absence at 630.428.7200 x3; please ensure you state the reason for the absence.

Prior to our transition, you will receive a hybrid schedule and supplies needed from your classroom teacher. If you need any assistance with school supplies, please reach out to Sarah Nowak ([sarah\\_nowak@ipisd.org](mailto:sarah_nowak@ipisd.org)).

Students need to be in the door by 9:00 AM to begin our day. Students coming to school late will need to arrive at the main entrance, Door 1 and be accompanied by an adult.

We appreciate you scheduling appointments outside of school hours, but if appointments must be made during the school day, please refrain from scheduling during your child's in-person or remote core learning time.

The school will not be accepting any forgotten student items that have been left at home. School staff will make sure that the student with forgotten materials is able to navigate the school day without the forgotten materials. Please also note that we are unable to allow visitors or parents into the building at this time.

Students should bring water bottles. Please ensure your student eats a healthy and complete breakfast, as snacks are not allowed at this time while students are in the building.

Our Arrival and Dismissal procedures have changed a bit from prior years to ensure appropriate social distancing.

For Arrival -

ALL walkers will enter through Doors #2 and #3 (located in the front of the school)  
Students who arrive or leave by private vehicle should be dropped off and picked up in the circle drive at the west end of the school by the staff parking lot.

During drop-off, students may exit at the furthest of the cones within the drop off zone, and enter the building through Door #7.

Signs will indicate where student drop off begins and ends.

Please know that staff leave their assigned posts at 9:00 AM; after 9:00 AM a parent will need to escort their child(ren) to Door #1 (front drive) and sign them in with a Welch staff member.

All bus riders and day care riders will enter the building through Door #1.

Bus information is available in ParentVue in the Student Information section.

For Dismissal -

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Walkers will exit through Door #4 (located by the playground)

2nd and 3rd Grade Walkers will exit through Door #6 (rear of the building)

4th Grade Walkers will exit the building through Door #5 (located by the playground)

5th Grade Walkers will exit the building through Door #7 (by the staff parking lot)

Bus riders and day care riders will exit through Door #1 when their bus/van arrives.

Car riders will be escorted out Door #7 by Welch staff.

Parents should have their student(s) name displayed on the provided bright green card in the dash or window of their car for dismissal. It is important that cars have the tags clearly displayed to ensure students locate their car quickly. \*If you need a green card, please email Sarah\_Nowak@ipisd.org.

Staff will direct parents to one of the assigned loading spots, which will be identified with cones.

Staff will assist students in locating their car at the specified loading spot.

Parents must stay in their cars; staff will assist students as needed.

As cars load and exit the lot, parents should move forward to the furthest available loading spot/cone.

Please see diagram sent via email.

During arrival and dismissal, the car line is the procedure for all families in vehicles. Parking in the west end parking lot to drop off your child or wait for them at the end of the day requires children and adults to cross through the car line. This presents a safety concern and also delays the procedure for the car line. Thank you for using the car line to insure the safety and efficiency of this system for the Welch School community.

Additionally, we ask that families refrain from dropping students off on Leverenz or nearby courts, as this creates a safety hazard. There have been several incidents where cars have been speeding in our school zone, making illegal U-turns on Leverenz, and drivers using their cell phones. Please note that all of these are illegal, and we have asked the Naperville Police Department to have a presence around our school during arrival and dismissal to address these concerns.

Crossing Guards... Welch is in dire need of a Crossing Guard! Crossing Guards are responsible for being available and crossing students Tuesdays - Fridays from approximately 8:45 - 9:05 AM and 11:25 - 11:45 AM and are paid for two hours each day. If you are interested, please reach out to me (sarah\_nowak@ipisd.org) or Gina Getting (gina\_getting@ipisd.org). Thank you for considering!

Chromebook Issues...If you or your students are having any Chromebook issues, please use the following Google Form rather than emailing support@ipisd.org. In addition, see this link for updated troubleshooting steps.

[Chromebook Ticket](https://bit.ly/204ChromebookTicket)

If you made it to the end of this VERY long newsletter, THANK YOU! I know it is a ton of information. I also know that we will figure it all out together - we've got this, White Tigers!