

WILLOW WEEKLY

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August 14, 2020

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE/PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, August 17-Electronic Device Distribution –Pick up devices today

Tuesday, August 18-1st day of Remote Learning 9:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, August 19- Remote Learning 9:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, August 20- Remote Learning 9:00am-2:00pm

Friday, August 21- Remote Learning 9:00am-2:00pm

Missing Registration Documents

Courtesy letters and emails have went out to notify parents of missing registration documents. Please make sure to complete your student registration by submitting all documents to Ms.Flores. Online Registration was very successful this year, but many families forgot to upload documents to prove residence. Below are several ways to submit your documents. Please choose one and submit the documents by the end of day Friday, August 14th. **The plan for electronic device distribution on Monday, August 17th is to service ONLY those who have completed student registration.**



To submit documents:

1. Please take a picture of the document or scan and send it in an email to cflores@willowspringsschool.org Once I receive your documents I will confirm by replying to your email.
2. Fax to 708-839-8399 Attn:Ms.Flores
3. Drop off at the school office Monday –Friday 7:30am-4:00pm

If you have already submitted your documents please call Ms.Flores to confirm receipt at 708-839-6868

MEAL PICK-UP SCHEDULE



Lunches will continue to be handed out at Willow Springs School and Sterling Estates. In order to ensure your child will get a lunch each day please reply to the lunch questionnaire that will be sent out on Fridays. The questionnaire will ask what days you would like to order a student lunch for the following week. On Monday the 17th, Device distribution day we will do a verbal lunch count. Please make sure to tell your teacher what days you would like to order lunches and how many students live in your household..

Monday, Aug 17th-Turkey Sandwich

Tuesday, Aug 18th-Roast Beef Sandwich

Wednesday, Aug 19th-Beef Bologna Sandwich

Thursday, Aug 20th–Soy Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich

Friday, Aug 21st- Roasted Chicken Sandwich



STUDENT DEVICE PICK-UP SCHEDULE



Student electronic device distribution is Monday, August 17th. Please park in the front parking lot. The Willow Springs Staff will be on the front lawn. Devices will be handed out by the first letter of your child's last name. The parent/guardian and child must attend. Each child will go home with an electronic device and a plastic bin full of school materials. Please allow about 15 minutes for this pick up. The teachers will be showing each student how they will log into school on Tuesday morning. For the safety of our staff and students please practice social distancing and remember to wear a mask.

LAST NAME

A-E 9:30am-10:15am

F-L 10:30am-11:15am

M-R 12:30pm-1:15pm

S-Z 1:30pm-2:15pm

Meet Your
TEACHERS



PFC NEWS

Mobile Food Pantry: The Greater Chicago Food Depository is extending its Mobile Pantry program to Lyons Township locations. Mobile food pantries will be at the following location: Justice Village Hall 7800 Archer Rd, Justice, IL 60458 from 3:30 pm- 5:30pm. Open to the public. It is recommended that you bring your own grocery bags. The service dates are: 9/15/2020, 1/19/2021, 3/16/2021, 6/15/2021



eLearning Plan for Weather Emergency Days

The District will be adopting an eLearning Plan to use on snow days and other emergency days. It is based upon the plan we're using during the Remote Days during the Pandemic -- students online with teachers from 9-2. This plan will only be used in severe weather when it is unsafe to come to school. The public hearing for this plan is during the School Board meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Willow Springs School District 108 Board Vacancy

The Willow Springs School District 108 Board of Education has a Board Member vacancy due to the resignation of Lauren McSweeney. Ms. McSweeney has served on the Board since 2015, including as the Board Secretary, and has moved out of the district.

Those interested in volunteering to serve as a member of the Willow Springs School District 108 Board of Education should send a letter of interest to the Board of Education in care of the school office at 8345 Archer Avenue, Willow Springs, Illinois 60480. More information is available on the District's website, willowpsringsschool.org. Letters must be received by August 21st, 2020 for consideration.

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Frank C. Patrick
Superintendent,
Willow Springs School District 108

Dear Willow Springs School Families,

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

The beginning of school is always a time of renewal: new teachers, new school supplies, new routines, and new friends! Even in these strange, pandemic times, the excitement of starting the daily learning routine again brings consistency and a sense of purpose.

This year, schools were asked to prepare two types of learning plans, the remote plan and the blended learning plan. We are starting the year with the remote plan and must be prepared to switch back and forth depending on COVID-19 statistics. We know this imposes great pressures on a working family and are thanking you for your flexibility in the matter.

I've seen memes and short videos about parents becoming the "homeschool teacher" in the remote model. Becoming the homeschool teacher is not your role! Leave the Willow teachers to do the instruction! However, we might need your assistance in helping your child navigate the technological portion of the learning, especially with the younger children. The first few weeks should be the hardest, until your child(ren) learn the mechanics to navigate between Zoom and Seesaw/Google Classroom. Reach out to the teacher if you're having difficulties; they are there to help you!

Back in March, the State of Illinois declared all children would pass the spring quarter and be promoted to the next grade. They wanted "no harm" to come to any child. For this school year, we are returning to traditional grading, attendance & tardiness, and a daily school day of 9:00-2:00. This is REAL SCHOOL. Students are going to have to pass their classes to be promoted to the next grade level. We would appreciate your support in emphasizing this return to tradition, especially for our older students.

Lastly, I want to compliment the Willow staff. They have been working tirelessly in figuring out the technological portion of the framework. It's almost as if they are first year teachers again, including limited experiences of teaching over the internet. We will probably hit some roadblocks and potholes along the way, and will solve the problems together.

Tuesday, August 18th is the first day of online instruction. It should be a memorable beginning!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lori Smuda

Principal, Willow Springs School

10 TOP TIPS

REMOTE LEARNING FOR PARENTS

Remote learning can be a great way to continue learning outside the classroom, particularly in difficult circumstances. For parents and carers, the idea of remote learning isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of factors they need to consider, especially around ensuring their children feel comfortable and are familiar with the whole concept. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers support their child in getting the most out of their remote learning experience.

1) Take an active interest in your child's learning

As a parent or carer, remote learning will be a new concept for your child and there are bound to be a few teething problems to start with. Take an active interest in their learning and help support them whenever they need a helping hand.



2) Monitor your child's communication and online activity

It's important to remind your child that despite being at home, the same level of behaviour and conduct exists as if they were at school. Encourage them to remain polite, remember their manners and not to post or send any negative comments just because they are behind a computer.



3) Establish a daily schedule and routine

Working from home and trying to learn in a more casual setting that children might associate more with play and a degree of freedom might take a bit of getting used to. Try to stick to a daily routine and use the timetable/schedule that schools have sent home to help children keep on top of their daily learning.



4) Encourage screen breaks away from devices

Remote learning will inevitably require more interaction with computers, laptops and tablets. Teachers will invariably advise on screen breaks however it doesn't hurt to keep a check on their time online or encourage them to get some fresh air/exercise.



5) Ensure your learning device is in a public space in the home

It's important to consider where your PC or laptop is placed if live video is being used. Try to keep the background neutral with no personal information visible and move learning devices out of the bedroom as this could be deemed inappropriate.



6) Implement safety controls and privacy restrictions on apps and software

Dependant on how your school implements remote learning, your child may be required to download certain software or apps. Whilst these are likely to be relatively safe to use, like any other new app or platform, parents should still implement safety controls as a precaution.



7) Ensure your child only uses official school communication channels

It's important that all communication with teachers and school staff is directed through approved school channels, whether that be through the school's online portal or the relevant secure messaging site.



8) Familiarise yourself with relevant school policies

Schools should have a policy on remote learning and direction that they can share with parents. Familiarise yourself with this and ensure you know what is expected of teachers and your child during lessons, both online and offline.



9) Maintain feedback with teachers

Engage in communication with teachers where possible and try to feedback progress and development as well as any helpful suggestions around the learning process. Be transparent but remain professional and only use official channels to communicate.



10) Monitor your child's wellbeing and mental health

Remote learning will likely mean that your child won't get the same level of social interaction and might not see their friends for a while. Keep a check on their wellbeing and try to encourage them to get out as much as you can. Whilst learning from home might seem fun and exciting to start with, missing out on seeing their friends everyday might take its toll.



WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 108

AUGUST 2020

STUDENT LUNCH MENU



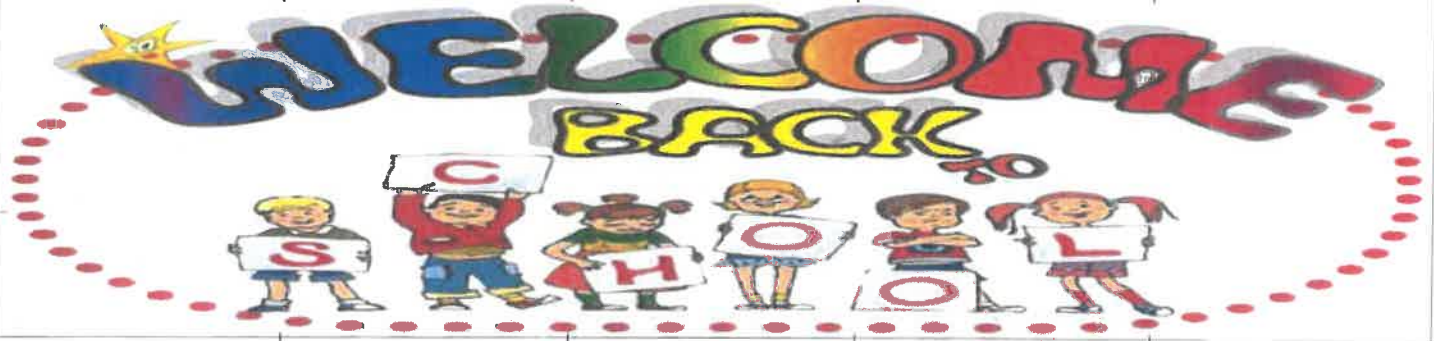
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**TEACHER
INSTITUTE**

NO

**STUDENT
ATTENDANCE**

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INSTITUTE**

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**STUDENT
ATTENDANCE**

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17

**TURKEY SANDWICH
WITH YELLOW
CHEESE SLICE
ON BREAD

VEGETABLE
FRUIT
MILK (SOY)**

18

**ROAST BEEF
SANDWICH ON
A BUN
STRING CHEESE
VEGETABLE
FRUIT
BAKED CHIPS
MILK (SOY)**

19

**BEEF BOLOGNA
SANDWICH WITH
CHEESE SLICE
VEGETABLE
FRUIT
GOLD FISH
CRACKERS
MILK (SOY)**

20

**SOY PEANUT
BUTTER AND JELLY
SANDWICH
VEGETABLE
FRUIT
BAKED CHIPS
MILK (SOY)**

21

**ROASTED CHICKEN
SANDWICH
VEGETABLE
FRUIT
MILK (SOY)**

24

**CORNED BEEF
SANDWICH
SLICE OF CHEESE

VEGETABLE
FRUIT
BAKED CHIPS
MILK (SOY)**

25

**TURKEY SANDWICH
YELLOW CHEESE
SLICE

VEGETABLE
FRUIT
MILK (SOY)**

26

**ROAST BEEF
SANDWICH
ON A BUN

STRING CHEESE

FRUIT
BAKED CHIPS
MILK (SOY)**

27

**BEEF BOLOGNA
SANDWICH
CHEESE SLICE

VEGETABLE

FRUIT
MILK (SOY)**

28

**SOY PEANUT
BUTTER AND JELLY
SANDWICH

VEGETABLE
FRUIT
BAKED CHIPS
MILK (SOY)**

31

**CORNED BEEF
SANDWICH
SLICE OF CHEESE

VEGETABLE
FRUIT
BAKED CHIPS
MILK (SOY)**



ALL LUNCHESES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE