

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the September 1<sup>st</sup> closure due to the water outage in the surrounding area. Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> will be the designated makeup day including Field Day activities.

The STAR assessment window is now closed. All students completed their reading assessments. Teachers began conferencing with students to discuss their results and set reading goals for the quarter.

Overall, we have a great baseline of our student's reading comprehension levels. Our teachers have a better understanding of how to support our students. We want students to make adequate growth throughout the year. We will encourage students to read more at home. Parents, we need your help with this. A great way to spend time with your child is to read with them. So, please sign up for the [Dads and Donuts](#).

ECC/Elementary students participated in their first end-of-the-month assembly on Thursday. The assembly began with the community song "We Are All in This Together" led by Mrs. Schmit.

The students were then introduced to the new initiatives for the year which included, participation in a science fair, a reading challenge, and the "Paw"sitive program.

As a part of our STEAM initiative, each class during an assembly throughout the year will perform a skit that focuses on one of the LifePlus 9 Qualities of Life.

Students were hard at work earning pride chips. It was wonderful to see the student's enthusiasm. The Tigers are currently in the lead. Pride Chip totals will be reported starting next week.

We had our first PTA meeting of the year. Parents had a great time learning how the school and the PTA will collaborate this year. The Executive Leadership Team (ELT) was also selected. Congratulations to our new [PTA leaders](#) [Download PTA leaders](#). Our Pride shirts have been redesigned and are ready for purchase. Your child can still wear their previous Prides shirt but if you need to order a new one, we are working with a new vendor, [K12, to facilitate our Pride shirts](#) [Download K12, to facilitate our Pride shirts](#). Please follow the link to find the instructions.

For secondary parents wishing to attend a college fair held around Wuxi, here is the information and [sign-up](#) [Download sign-up](#) instructions for your convenience.

Here are some important dates and reminders to be aware of for the upcoming weeks.

- Open House
  - Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00-7:00 pm.
  - The schedule will be sent out next week.
- [Dads and Donuts](#)
  - Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:30 am.

If you drop off and pick up your child(ren) after school, please note that the traffic in front of the school will be worse once all the surrounding schools begin. Please plan accordingly to ensure your child(ren) will arrive at school on time in the mornings.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child(ren's) classroom teacher. We want to encourage good communication between parents and teachers.

Have a great weekend, Wildcats! We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Dr. Williams