



Dear WISD families,

Week 7, done: can you believe it?

The quarter is flying by, with less than two weeks before we close the chapter on that slice of the school year.

Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of this week. The format was different this year, as the conferences were remote. A zoom link was emailed to families which afforded the students, parents-guardians and teachers a chance to connect and discuss each student's academic growth and progress. I want to thank everyone for their patience, understanding and cooperation during these two days of conferences. I know too well that though technology is a wonderful thing, it can also bring challenges and frustration. Please feel free to reach out to any of us regarding questions or concerns that you may have. We value your partnership.

A copy of the 2020-21 WISD Student Handbook was sent home last week, in your family's progress report packet. We hope that you were able to review this booklet with your family. Ms. Zuzka has asked

me to remind everyone that the orange sheet attached with the handbook, needs to be signed and returned to the school office. Thanks for attending to that matter. Should you need help with this, or need another copy, please let her know. She is wonderful at assisting our students, staff and families.

Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> is a non-instructional day for students. We will certainly miss not seeing them at school, but we hope that you will enjoy the long weekend together.

Ms. Margaret Foss is finalizing this year's Parent Focus Group meetings. The first meeting is slated for 10:00 am on October 27<sup>th</sup>. These will be remote sessions. She will email those attending a Zoom invite. We look forward to these connections, as they support our school-wide Title I program.

Please take a moment to look at the district webpage. There are some great photos of our students and staff that were taken during Spirit Week 2020. Congratulations to all who dressed up for each of this week's spirit days! A thank you goes out to the high school students and Ms. Welke for organizing this event. We know that they have more such events up their sleeves!

The weather is getting noticeable colder. We want to make certain that students get a mask break, which generally occurs during their recess-lunch time. Students are going outside for recess, and need to have clothing at school that keeps them warm and dry. Thank you for helping out our great paraprofessionals, Ms. Kirsten Foss and Ms. Karin Baxter. They work hard each day to keep students happy and safe at recess.

I want to give a shout-out to Ms. Briesemeister for her creative and clever music education program that the WISD students are afforded an opportunity to attend. I watch her set up her "classroom" in the Commons, preparing for each group of students that she teaches. She never ceases to amaze me with her enduring lessons, which seamlessly tie into her music plans...despite the COVID restrictions. We are truly blessed to have her on our staff. A big **THANK YOU** to the **WI Music Festival** for their Music in the Schools program. Without their support, we would have no music program. We are humbled and grateful.

The WISD Board of Education held its annual public meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>. During this meeting, the district budget was disclosed and discussed, as well as the district's growth plan and accomplishments of the 2019-2020 school year. The BOE and public also passed 5 district resolutions. Thanks to Mr. Don Riewe chairing the meeting. A sincere thank you to the BOE for their endeavors to continue to make the WISD a great place to educate students. A special thanks to all who have supported the district over the years. Your belief in the value of public education for our island children is genuinely appreciated.

**Have a great weekend. Get out and enjoy the fall colors. They are a sight to behold!**

