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Dear WJHSD Families,

As we begin week number four of school, we would like to provide you with a few updates on topics of interest to many families.

Survey

Please complete a brief survey designed to provide us with valuable feedback on the learning experience your son/daughter is having. Please complete a separate survey for each child. We will use this information as part of our continued efforts to improve and plan our next steps as a school district. In order to gather the thoughts of our students, a separate survey will be sent to the students in grades 3-12. Please note that for some of the questions in the survey, the responses are automatically shuffled on purpose from one survey to another, so please be sure to read the choices carefully before making your selection.

To complete the survey, please click [20-21 Initial Parent/Guardian Survey](#) The survey closes on Thursday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m.

NWEA MAP Testing

Students all across the WJHSD have been completing the NWEA MAP assessment over the last two weeks either at home or at school. We've received reports from some of our students testing at home that they are having connectivity issues or are receiving an error message when taking a test or logging into MAP Growth. NWEA Engineers are working around the clock to resolve the issue. The most common solution to this issue is refreshing the page. Thank you for your patience as we administer this important assessment.

Please see this previously shared document that applies to all students testing at home: [WJHSD NWEA MAP Assessment Guidance for Full-time Canvas Students](#)

Free Lunches

We are pleased that, due to Federal funding, every WJHSD student is entitled to one free school lunch per day. Students learning at home are also eligible to order lunch and may pick it up at the high school. Students at Thomas Jefferson and Pleasant Hills are now able to grab and go home with a pre-packaged lunch at dismissal for their at-home instruction day. Students in the K-5 schools will have this option very soon as well. This program also allows all children, ages 2-18 in the community to participate and we are pleased to be currently providing this service to the children at Red Apple, Tiny Tykes, and Little Kids Playcare. Stay tuned for more information on this rapidly evolving program.



Please see the attached flyer for more information or visit the District website at:
<https://www.wjhsd.net/FoodServices.aspx>

“Live” Instruction: Too Much, Too Little?

At all levels, we have received much feedback from families on the amount of “live” or synchronous opportunities currently being provided for students of all ages. Finding the “just right” amount of live instruction often represents a delicate balance between the independence level of a student related to their age and ability, available at-home adult support, and the nature of the lesson. While learning new technologies to facilitate synchronous learning, teachers are also working through technical issues related to high demand usage in addition to engaging the students in-person. As you can imagine, this is a huge feat in and of itself.

Please be patient with all of us as we continue to find the “just right” balance for everyone. To provide greater clarity and a framework for live instruction, the following document has been developed for students, teachers, and families: [WJHSD Remote Learning Framework for Live Instruction](#)

Thank you for your continued support of the West Jefferson Hills School District. The amount of positive feedback received from our community has far outweighed the negative and for that, we say, “thank you.” We will continue to provide you with regular updates as new information becomes available. Until then, “Go Jaguars!”

Sincerely,

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