



WALKERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

June 17, 2020

Dear Walkerville Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to write to you about our conclusion for the 2019-2020 school year and to provide you with information for events over the next few months. What a year this year was, but through it all we were able to persevere and I know that we will be stronger as we return because of that.

Report Cards - Due to the Covid - 19 pandemic and the closure of schools starting on March 13th, it was decided, based upon Governor Whitmer's recommendation, that we would look at a credit or no-credit grading system for the remainder of the year. This impacted the last week of the 3rd marking period, and the entire 4th marking period. As a result of the information collected during our packet delivery, the effort made by students virtually, and personal contacts with staff members, the determination of credit was assigned on a per student basis. Report cards were not sent home because there was no new information presented, it was just a determination of credit. Unless directly contacted by the school all students were presumed to have received credit and advanced to the next grade level.

Summer School/Credit Recovery - Students will be receiving letters indicating their ability to register for summer school or credit recovery. Based on information collected during the closure and routine credit audits for graduation, students were identified for possible inclusion into these programs. If you would like to speak to the guidance counselor or principal about your student being in this program please contact the central office at 231-873-4850. You can also email jconkle@walkerville.k12.mi.us or adroste@walkerville.k12.mi.us with your questions.

Kinder/Pre-K Round-Up (July 7th 3:00 - 6:00 P.M.) - Walkerville Public Schools will be conducting a Kindergarten round-up and Pre-K open house on Tuesday, July 7th, 2020. This will run from 3:00 - 6:00 PM at the school. Enrollment packets will be available with the opportunity to meet staff and ask any questions that you may have. We look forward to seeing you and your child, and starting off an incredible new year together.

Food Service - Walkerville Public Schools remains committed to ensuring that all students and families receive the greatest support possible at this time. In that spirit, WPS will continue to provide meals throughout the summer; however, due to changing rules and regulations, there will be some changes. While we will continue to provide meals as we have been on Wednesday for the month of June, but beginning in July we will only be able to provide meals on site. You can still pick up a full week's worth of meals for yourself, or anyone else that isn't able to make it on their own, but we cannot offer a satellite pickup in Bitely or deliver meals to individual households. Hours for pick-up will continue to be 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM at the normal school pickup location. We recognize that this change could impact your ability to receive needed supplies so please contact the school food service office for assistance. If possible we encourage you to make arrangements for having someone that is available to pick up for multiple families.

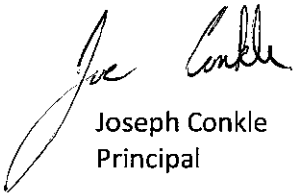
Chromebooks - School is an important part of building a strong academic community, and as we transitioned to a distance learning plan earlier this year we recognized how important technology can

be. It was decided that school-issued Chromebooks would be left for students to continue to use over the summer to help decrease summer slide and provide more opportunities for them to advance their education through the use of Khan academy and other resources. Please note that we will be collecting computers starting Wednesday July 29th in order to have them refurbished and updated prior to the start of school. Feel free to drop off your child's computer at the main office, or we will collect them on Wednesday during food distribution. We appreciate your effort in ensuring that we get the devices back to get them ready for their use in the fall.

Mrs. Peterson's Retirement - It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to Mrs. Peterson. Mrs. Peterson is a 23 year veteran with our district. We are so happy for her to be able to transition to the next phase of her life and we wish her the best, but we will miss her unique sense of humor and her wonderful love for our community. We have grown to appreciate the knowledge and expertise that Mrs. Peterson has shared with all of us and will miss her, but she has earned this and we are thankful for the years of service she has provided at WPS. God Bless you Mrs. Peterson, and remember that "There is no cat like a WILDCAT" and that you will always be a Walkerville Wildcat.

Finally, we wish you all a wonderful and safe summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Conkle". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name and title.

Joseph Conkle
Principal