

This is Tripp Crayton, Principal at Wakefield Middle School, with your weekly announcement.

It was great to see so many parents last night for "Meet-the-Teacher" Night. I know it was a fast-paced evening, but I am sure that it was a very informative one for all. If you did not get a chance to join our PTSA last night, there is still time. Feel free to drop off your membership form and money at the front desk or have your child submit to his/her homeroom teacher.

Thursday, September 17th is school picture day at Wakefield Middle School. Picture flyers will go home today or Monday with information on purchasing picture packets. Students will have their pictures made during their Healthful Living class. I look forward to seeing our students dressed to impress for the big day. We are looking for parent volunteers to work this event. If you can work a couple of hours that day, please contact Mr. Sellars at 562-3500 or by email at [wsellars@wcpss.net](mailto:wsellars@wcpss.net). We need as many parents as possible to make picture day a success.

Be reminded that students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. next Wednesday. Also, remember that our first early release day with students being dismissed at 12:30 will take place on September 23rd. Please mark your calendar accordingly.

I know that I am a broken record regarding H1N1, but I want to remind parents that the Centers for Disease Control recommends that people with influenza-like illness remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100 degrees), or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. There are simple steps that you can take to protect your health, including (1) stay home from school or work if you are sick; (2) cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze; (3) wash hands or use hand-sanitizer regularly; and (4) keep your hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth. I continue to encourage you to purchase small bottles of hand sanitizer for your child to use throughout the school day. It is important that we follow the before mentioned guidelines to prevent the spread of any virus. Please refer to our school's website regarding information on how the Wake County Public School System works closely with Wake County Human Services on any cases of communicable diseases or viruses.

6th Grade Parents Only: Selected students received letters last week as a result of us not having documentation that your son/daughter has had the Tdap vaccine. Remember this immunization is required for all current 6th grade students. Failure to abide by this requirement will result in your child being suspended from school until the requirement has been met. We must have this documentation no later than Friday, September 25, 2009. Please contact Student Services at 562-3509 if you have questions. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Have a great and enjoyable weekend. Goodbye.