



# #TeamLaug NEWS LETTER

## **Email ([plaug@wcpss.net](mailto:plaug@wcpss.net))**

Please feel free to email me anytime with questions or concerns, and I will respond within 24 hours. If you need to get a hold of me right away, call the main office.

## **Classroom website ([www.mrslaug.weebly.com](http://www.mrslaug.weebly.com))**

My classroom website is a great resource for parents and students! It is jam packed with curriculum information, helpful videos, links, and reminders. I update my website weekly.

## **Newsletters**

Newsletters will be sent out approximately twice per quarter. They will include curriculum updates, important dates, upcoming events, and classroom celebrations.

## **Remind Text Messages**

I will use the Remind app to send reminders of upcoming events or important, time-sensitive information. To join and receive text messages, text @mrslaug4 to the number 81010.

## **Friday Folders**

Every Friday, I will be sending home the purple SPOT folders with important PTA information, school information, and classwork.

## **Classroom Twitter**

I will tweet out exciting things that are happening in Room 512. Follow me on Twitter @paigelaug.

## **Conferences**

We will meet (formally) twice this school year to discuss your child's progress; however, you are more than welcome to schedule a conference with me at any time.

## **The following information is from the Principal's Message:**

What should parents do when they have questions/concerns about something happening in class?

1. Contact the teacher. The teacher is working with your child every day and is usually best prepared to answer most questions. It is important that teachers and parents become partners in the education of our students. Even when there is a concern, the teacher can usually give parents important background information that places the situation in context.
2. Consider the best form of communication for the situation. If you are just looking for some quick information or clarification, email is a great option. Teachers are not able to check email regularly during the instructional day, but they are committed to responding to parent emails within one full business day. If you have a more complicated question or bigger concern, please email the teacher with a very brief summary of your inquiry and your contact information. The teacher will call you back within one business day to discuss the concern or set up an in-person conference.
3. If you have spoken with the teacher and have not been able to come to a resolution, please contact the assistant principal, Ms. Miller ([mdmiller@wcpss.net](mailto:mdmiller@wcpss.net)), or the principal, Mr. Evans ([devans4@wcpss.net](mailto:devans4@wcpss.net)).

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**Volunteering**

At Salem, we always appreciate all that our parents do, and welcome volunteers for field trips, class projects or celebrations, and more. Please make sure you register to be a WCPSS certified volunteer in the front office as soon as possible.

**Homework**

Fourth graders are expected to read 25 minutes each night. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, students will complete a reading prompt in their yellow Independent Reading Logs. Directions for this are glued into the front of the Reading Log.

Students will also be completing “Overtime” homework this year. Overtime homework is weekly homework that consists of 3-5 engaging activities directly related to the curriculum and/or state standards. Students are required to choose 2 options to complete and turn in on Fridays. More information and details about Overtime will come during Open House.

**Graded Work/Friday folders**

Every Friday, students will come home with their purple folders filled with important information, graded work, etc. for you to look at and review.

When at all possible, students will place papers to keep at home on the LEFT side of the folder, and papers to return on the RIGHT side.

Please make sure that any papers that need to be completed are filled out and returned on Monday. For graded work, some items will have a sticker/stamp labeled “Please Sign and Return”. These items will be placed in your child’s Fourth Grade Portfolio for this year. We will use the portfolio for parent conferences, to document growth, and celebrate reaching our goals!

**Class Wish List Items**

Thank you in advance for donating any of the following:

- Mr. Sketch Markers
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers
- Electronic Device Wipes
- White Copy Paper
- White Cardstock
- Colored Cardstock
- Clear Page protectors
- Electric pencil sharpener

<b>LEVEL 1 - NON-PROFICIENT</b> Student does not yet demonstrate an understanding of the standards, concepts, and skills taught during this reporting period.	<b>LEVEL 2 - APPROACHING PROFICIENCY</b> Student is approaching an understanding of the standards, concepts, and skills taught during this reporting period.
<b>LEVEL 3 - PROFICIENT</b> Student consistently demonstrates an understanding of the standard, concepts, and skills taught during this reporting period.	<b>LEVEL 4 - EXEMPLARY</b> Student consistently demonstrates an in-depth understanding of the standards, concepts, and skills taught during this reporting period.

**Snacks and Birthdays**

Students are encouraged to bring a snack every day. We will have a “working snack” so healthy, easy to eat snacks are always preferred. No candy please. Students may also bring a water bottle to keep at their desk throughout the day. Please try to avoid sugary drinks such as juice.

Recently, we have had a number of families raise concerns about the practice of parents bringing in cupcakes or other unhealthy treats for their children’s birthdays. The reasons for parents’ concerns vary, but concerns include severe allergies, diabetes, and childhood obesity. We are asking parents to consider alternative ways of celebrating that do not include food. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Interim and Report Card Dates:**

	<b>Quarter 1</b>	<b>Quarter 2</b>	<b>Quarter 3</b>	<b>Quarter 4</b>
<b>Interims (week of)</b>	August 27	November 26	February 25	May 28
<b>Report Cards</b>	October 26	February 8	May 3	June 28