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Dear Northwest Families,

Hope this letter finds you well. Though the holidays are just a short distance away, this is also a good opportunity for us to dialogue with you all over a few changes on the horizon at Northwest Academy.

- As of November 21, 2019, the cell phone policy was agreed upon unanimously by the school board. This means **that all scholars are required to turn in their cell phones while on school property**. School property occurs the moment scholars enter the building to the minute they leave. An adult faculty member will ALWAYS collect and REDISTRIBUTE the cell phones to the homeroom teachers. If scholars need to contact you, they are of course permitted to use the phone in the main office after they ask and receive permission from their teacher
- While we encourage parent visitors, all visits must be scheduled ahead of time via contacting either the main office or via class dojo. We are trying to maintain an academic environment and respect both the teachers instructional time as well as your schedule. **This applies to all teachers, intervention specialists, 1:1 aide, Title teachers and administrators**
- When dropping off scholars in the morning parents will no longer be allowed to walk scholars to classrooms. As the safety of our scholars is our number one priority, parents may walk students to the cafeteria and then must exit the building. If you need to meet with a teacher, please make an appointment or leave a message at the front office.
- If visiting the building for a scheduled visit, please report directly to the main office to sign in and receive a visitor sticker. Please sign out prior to leaving the building as well.
- We are currently working on a newly revised progressive discipline plan for Northwest Academy. Once approved by the board, we will hold a forum with parents to discuss as well as send home.

On a final note, when we return from our Thanksgiving Break, all scholars in grades K-8 will engage in the next round of testing for NWEA and IREADY. It is vitally important for scholars to be on-time, well rested and having eaten a healthy breakfast. We use this data to identify how best to assist the scholars on a more individualized level.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me via phone at 216-226-6800.

Sincerely,

Principal Dykstra