



# WCS Newsletter

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## Quick Links

*Revised re-entry transition plan and options can be found [here](#).*

*A list of Frequently Asked Questions concerning COVID-19 precautions can be found [here](#).*

*Parent support tools for iPads and Schoology can be found [here](#).*

*Wood County Schools COVID-19 Dashboard can be found [here](#).*

**"Our vision is to work as a community to inspire a passion for learning, pursue excellence and empower students to reach their potential."**

- Wood County Schools

## Snow, Man

To say the past week didn't go quite how we had hoped is a bit of an understatement.

Wood County Schools was scheduled to welcome all students back to in-person classes on campus beginning Monday.

But Mother Nature had a different plan, sending not one but two separate winter storms through the area which coated roads with ice and snow, making travel treacherous. Some areas of the county lost power due to ice building up on power lines or downed tree limbs.

Though the Mid-Ohio Valley didn't get hit as hard as some areas of Ohio and West Virginia, the storms were enough to send us back to remote learning for most of the week. All students returned to in-person learning Friday.

So looking toward next week and hopefully better weather, what can parents, students and staff expect?

All students, except those enrolled in virtual school or distance learning, will be in class Monday through Friday. All students and staff will follow all the necessary COVID-19 precautions, including mask wearing, frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer, and frequent cleaning of surfaces and common areas.

Wood County Schools officials will continue to monitor the **WVDHHR Daily COVID Map** which tracks community transmission by county.



**"The best way to predict your future  
is to create it."**

**Abraham Lincoln**



## Teacher of the Year

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Wood County Schools Teacher of the Year!

Anyone can nominate an outstanding Wood County Schools educator by going to <https://tinyurl.com/wcboetoy2022> and filing out the nomination form. Nominations will run from Feb. 15-26. Teachers will be notified of their nomination and will have the opportunity to submit their information for consideration for Teacher of the Year.

All local nominations will be reviewed by a panel, which includes two former Wood County Teachers of the Year, representatives of the local chapters of the American Federation of Teachers, West Virginia Education Association and West Virginia Professional Educators, as well as representatives from West Virginia University at Parkersburg and the Chamber of Commerce of the Mid-Ohio Valley.

The winner will be announced at the end of April and the Wood County Schools Teacher of the Year will have the opportunity to compete for West Virginia Teacher of the Year.

The nominated teacher should be an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher in any public school in Wood County, West Virginia, who is planning to teach for the 2021-2022 school year. The opportunity is open to all Wood County Schools' teachers.

## Important Dates

Feb. 22-26 – All students in person five days a week.

Feb. 23 – Wood BOE meets.

March 14 – Daylight Savings begins.

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day.

## Feedback?

Questions or suggestions can be emailed to the Wood County Schools Communications Department at [merb@woodcountyschools.wv.net](mailto:merb@woodcountyschools.wv.net) and everyone encouraged to download the WCS app for news and announcements.

