

Hello, Zebulon Elementary Families,

This is Principal Newkirk with the update for the week of January 12, 2024

Preschool

The universal application for pre-k services is now open. Any child who will be 4 years old before August 31, 2024 may apply for free preschool services in our Title I blended program. The application can be found here. <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/38130>

Rising 6th Graders

1. Students in 5th and 8th grade who would like to continue in a magnet school at the next level **MUST** apply. Apply at wcpss.schoolmint.com. The deadline is January 25
2. Students may apply to any magnet school that is an option for their address (review at wcpss.net/eligible)
3. Students with magnet status should be selected if they request their pathway school. See pathways at wcpss.net/pathways.

*Please note -

*Magnet students at Poe and Partnership have the highest priority at Moore Square Magnet Middle as their pathway school.

* Magnet students at Fuller, Hunter, Powell, Underwood, Washington, Zebulon, and Wiley have the highest priority at the TRADITIONAL CALENDAR GT Magnet Middle school for their address (Carnage, Ligon, Martin or Zebulon) as their pathway school. They have priority 3 in an application for Moore Square and are not guaranteed to be selected for that school.

4. ENTRY Grade siblings - those rising into grades K, 6 or 9 - **MUST** apply and will be assigned with an older sibling who will still be assigned to that magnet school for the 24-25 school year. (NOTE - some siblings have already been assigned - feel free to share my contact with parents who have questions).

1. *The magnet application deadline for the 2024-2025 school year is January 25th and you're in luck because tour dates are still available! We would love to see you on campus for a tour of our school and give you the opportunity to speak with some of our current students. Tour sessions*

usually last for approximately 1 hour . Use the following link to sign up today! [ZGTMMMS Tour Sign Up](#)

2. *Can't find a tour date that works for your schedule? No worries, be sure to join us for our Magnet Showcase and Open House! During this time you will speak with many of our elective teachers and learn more about the wide variety of elective options. You will also have the opportunity to learn more about our magnet theme and complete a mini tour of our 6th grade building. Access the flyer [here](#) and register here: bit.ly/zmsopenhouse*

Sweetheart Dance

The sweetheart dance will be held February 16th from 6-8 PM. More details will come soon from our PTA.

Student Retentions

Report cards are scheduled to go home February 2. Students who are still not meeting grade level benchmarks will be identified as potential candidates for grade level retention. Those students will receive a letter from me explaining why the child is at risk of retention and what plans the teacher has to get the student back on track. Any student who receives a retention letter must have a face to face conference with the teacher where the teacher and the parent/guardian will map out a plan to get your child on grade level. Our hope is that no student will ever be retained, but we also know that sometimes when a student gets too far behind, they have no chance of being successful at the next grade level. Be mindful that by law, all students must meet grade level standards by scoring a 3 or a 4 in reading and math on their report cards.

Welcome New Teachers

Welcome to Mrs. Elisa Hodge, who will begin next Tuesday as our new 4th grade teacher. We are excited to have a permanent teacher filling this very important role.

Yours,

David Newkirk, Principal

January 15	MLK, Jr Holiday – No School
January 16	Electives begin 3rd quarter
January 24	Teacher Workday
February 2	Report Cards

