

Hello, Zebulon Elementary Families,

This is Principal Newkirk with the update for the week of July 20, 2023

Welcome

Spring is here and so is the pollen! This week we have had several students come to the office for their inhaler, only to find that it is not here at school. Now is the time to update your form 1702 and bring in those inhalers and medications that support your child against asthma and allergies. Call Mrs. Corbett in the office for help.

Decline Bus Transportation

It is likely we will **not have a driver for all routes** at the beginning of the upcoming traditional calendar year. Removing students who have no intention of riding the bus from our rosters will allow us to consolidate as many routes as possible, improving the likelihood that students at our school will have bus service. If you know that your child will not ride bus transportation and you have been assigned transportation, please decline transportation now.

Thank you for your support as we try to manage this critical situation.

Meet the Teacher

Our Meet the Teacher has a few changes this year. Families will meet their teachers in the bus lot from 11-12 PM on August 25. To combat the heat, popsicles will be available to all who attend. Our teachers will then return to their rooms at noon to prepare for the first day of school on August 28.

First Day of School

The first day of school is an exciting day for both students and families. Help us keep it as safe as possible by showing patience and following basic rules during carpool. First, there are not enough parks in carpool for everyone to drop off their child. Please do not park to walk your child to his/her classroom. New safety protocols require that each visitor scan his or her photo ID in the office. We will not bring visitors into the school until after carpool.

Additions to the Magnet Theme

Zebulon Gifted and Talented Magnet Elementary is adding to its magnet theme to make our magnet program more attractive and relevant. Many of our changes are dependent on the MSAP grant. We will know if we received the grant by October 1, 2023.

New additions to our theme include STEM and design thinking. We will add additional STEM electives and integrate STEM into the core curriculum. Design Thinking is a problem solving process developed by NC State that will be used to complete STEM activities.

Register for school for next year

Registration is open to register your child for the next school year. You may register your child at www.wcpss.net/enroll.

Yours,

David Newkirk, Principal

August 25 Popsicles in the Park

August 28 First Day of School

