# Hello, Zebulon Elementary Families,

This is Principal Newkirk with the update for the week of May 7, 2021

### **Materials Collection**

At the end of this school year students need to return the following materials: EL books, math manipulative kits, library books, Wi-Fi hot spots. To better organize the process of collecting materials, we have created a process to make drop off simple and convenient for families.

We will begin collecting materials the last week of school, June 7-June 11. June 11 is the day after school is out, but teachers will be on campus to gather materials. Boxes will be placed outside of the front door with grade levels written on them. Place your child's materials in the box that corresponds with his or her grade level.

#### **New Guidance on Masks**

New guidance has come from NCDHHS that no longer requires students or staff to wear a mask while outside. This can be at recess, a class learning outside, students eating outside, and students in carpool. We still encourage students to maintain social distancing while outside without a mask.

## **Virtual Academy for Next Year**

All students who attend virtual academy must abide by a set of rules that includes maintaining good attendance and completing work on time. Failure to maintain good standing in the Virtual Academy will result in dismissal from the academy and a return to face to face learning.

#### Summer School

Summer school invitations have been sent home. If your child received a summer school invitation, his or her academic profile indicates a potential need for additional academic support. Summer school should not be viewed as a negative, rather it is an additional support to help students overcome learning loss caused by the pandemic. Also consider that students who

attend summer school will return with much less learning loss potentially that students who do not go.

If you received an invitation, please complete it as soon as possible. If you did not receive an invitation and wish to attend, let me know. I will place you on a waitlist until rosters are finalized.

## Register for school for next year

Schools receive funding to hire teachers and buy materials based on the number of students enrolled. When students are enrolled at the last minute, we begin the year with substitute teachers leading classrooms. If you know someone with a child who will begin kindergarten next year, encourage them to register their child now. You may register your child at <a href="https://www.wcpss.net/enroll">www.wcpss.net/enroll</a>.

Yours,

**David Newkirk, Principal** 

- May 11 School Performances (evening)
- May 12 Interims go home VA EOG ELA testing
- **May 13** Remote Learning Day
- May 14 VA EOG Math
- May 14 Last day of electives
- May 17 VA EOG science 5th grade
- May 18 VA EOG makeup testing
- May 18 Family Academy Spanish
- May 19 Family Academy English
- May 20 EOG Math 3rd F2F
- May 21 EOG ELA 3rd F2F
- May 24 EOG Math 4th F2F
- May 25 EOG ELA 3rd F2F
- May 26 Remote Learning Day
- May 27 EOG Math 5th F2F
- May 28 EOG ELA 5th F2F
- May 31 Memorial Day
- June 10 Last day of school!!!