

Hello, Zebulon Elementary Families,

This is Principal Newkirk with the update for the week of October 15, 2021

How to Combat Learning Loss

Most of our students grades K-3 have already received beginning of year mclass assessments to determine where students are in regards to math. Teachers are currently giving NKT and STAR assessments to determine where students stand in math. Early analysis of the data indicates significant learning loss due to virtual learning and the pandemic. As a parent there are things you can do at home to prevent and eliminate some of those learning gaps.

To remediate learning loss in reading you should encourage your child to read at least fifteen minutes every night. The more students read, the better adapted the brain becomes to decoding, reading fluency, and comprehension.

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5th Grade Magnet Transition

Information for 5th parents regarding magnet school opportunities at the middle school level.

Magnet Family Info Session - for current magnet students

10:00 – 11:00 am

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/nat-zjoe-rrd>

November 3 & 10

December 1 & 8

January 5 & 12

Volunteering in the Schools

As a reminder, any parent who wants to volunteer in the school must first register at school for volunteer clearance. Mrs. Flory can help any interested parent or guardian register in the library.

Outdoor Movie Night

The ZES Planning Committee and PTA Fall Fest Committee have partnered with the Zebulon Community Center for their FREE family movie night on Friday, October 22nd! We will be there selling raffle tickets for 4 amazing prizes for the holidays and passing out candy so be sure to wear your costumes!!!

Bring your lawn chairs or cozy blankets and snuggle up to watch Raya And The Last Dragon under the stars. Activities start at 6:00 PM with Concessions from [The Candi Queen](#) and [Bruno's Burger Bar](#) and the movie starts at 7:00 PM.

Visit the Facebook event for more information here [Outdoor Movie Night: Raya And The Last Dragon](#)



Changes Coming in First Grade and Kindergarten

Due to higher-than-expected growth, we will need to make some changes to kindergarten and first grade classroom assignments. This move is necessary to help us decrease class size in our kindergarten and first grade classes.

To address crowding, ten kindergarten students and five first grade students will move to a K/1 combination classroom. Kindergarten students in the combo classroom will continue to receive instruction at the kindergarten level and first graders will continue to receive first grade instruction. These students will, however, learn in the same classroom. We hope to move students into the combination classroom starting October 26, 2021. Any student movement will be communicated with families by the end of next week.

Picture Make-Up Day

Make up day for school pictures is November 11, 2021.

Yours,

David Newkirk, Principal

Coming Up

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| October 19 | After hours magnet tour 6:00 – 7:00 PM |
| October 23 | After hours magnet tour 10:00 – 11:00 AM |
| October 27 | Teacher Work Day |
| November 11 | Picture Make-Up Day |

