

## **Hello, Zebulon Elementary Families,**

This is Principal Newkirk with the update for the week of September 17, 2021

### **Staying Focused**

On Monday students begin taking electives. Students will each take two electives each quarter. The electives are chosen by students and families and we try to make sure that students are placed in at least some of their choices. However, many of our students have returned to school with significant learning loss due to the breaks in instruction caused by the pandemic. Many of our supplemental and enrichment opportunities are offered during the elective periods to avoid pulling students out of core instruction for academic support. Our hope is that we will bridge the learning loss and students will return to full choice sooner rather than later.

### **Interim Report Cards**

Interim report cards will be sent home with Wednesday folders September 22, 2021. All students scoring level 1 or level 2 are required to have an interim report

### **Title I Compacts, Policy, and Feedback**

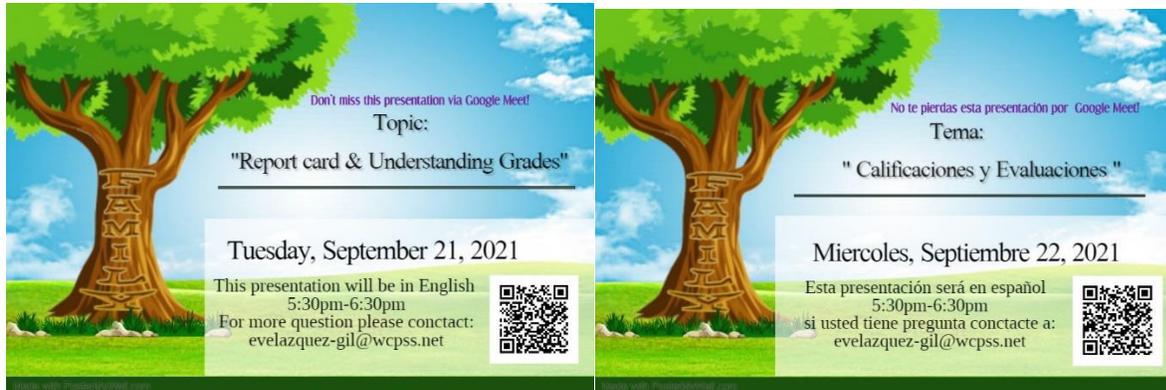
As a school that receives federal Title I funds, we are required to share with our families our Title I policy, compacts for ensuring a school-home connection, and provide an opportunity for you to provide feedback. Your child's teacher should have already sent home a compact for how your child's grade level will collaborate with the home. Please check out this [website](#) as well to read the Title I documentation, school compact, and school title I policy. There is a link at the bottom of the page for families to provide the school with feedback. We seek your feedback to better support your child.

### **Family Engagement**

Tuesday evening we will host a virtual family engagement on understanding Standards Based Grading. Wednesday evening, we will host the same workshop presented in Spanish. Bridging the home-school connection is key to student growth and responding to learning loss from the pandemic. We encourage all families to participate in this training. See below for QR codes to attend these meetings.

Yours,

David Newkirk, Principal



### Coming Up

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| September 20 | Electives Begin!                     |
| September 21 | Virtual Family Engagement in English |
| September 22 | Virtual Family Engagement in Spanish |
| September 22 | Interim Report Cards go home         |

