

Hello, Zebulon Elementary Families,

This is Principal Newkirk with the update for the week of August 21, 2020

The Week in Review

What an amazing first week of virtual school. Despite still having over 140 students who have not received a device, almost every student enrolled in our school has found a way to engage in online learning. That is the type of tenacity and grit that will be required of all of us to overcome the negative effects of covid-19. This week, we as a school community, proved that we are up to the task. Keep calling with your questions until we get every student on and working.

Virtual Support Session

Now that the first week of school has concluded, we want to take a moment to support parents with strategies and skills development to support your child in virtual learning. Join us Friday August 28 at 11:30 AM for a virtual parent engagement. I will also share our annual Title I information session which will take about 10 minutes. We will have sessions in English and Spanish to meet individual needs.

How to Access Instructional Activities

To ensure that our Google Classrooms and Google Meets are safe and secure from outside intrusion, we are changing the way Google Meets will be set up. From now on, students should start their day off by visiting the Google classroom. Do not copy or bookmark the Google Meet link. Teachers will change the Meet link on a regular basis to ensure student safety. The updated link will be visible daily on the teacher's Google Classroom launch page. All students must be logged into their Wakeid to enter the Google Meet. You will be denied entrance if you try to attend without a Wakeid.

Device Distribution

All students who have requested a device will receive an email from WCPSS letting them know when the device is ready. Devices will be picked up at one of five distribution centers. Knightdale High School is our closest distribution center. If you go to a distribution center before you are emailed, there will not be a device for you.

New Parent Liaison

Welcome Mrs. Rebecca Brown, our new parent liaison. Mrs. Brown is passionate about helping families connect with schools and she is bilingual! You can reach Mrs. Brown at rbrown9@wcpss.net. Below is some information from Mrs. Brown to help you help your child engage in remote learning.

Wake County has sent out guides on how to get your learners logged in. Here is the [link](#) to guides in English and Spanish.

Below you will find videos in Spanish helping parents and students change the language settings in Google Chrome and your child's Google Account so that you may better understand the directions, links, and tabs. The change in these settings will not translate the material and announcements posted from your teacher. Therefore, the third video shows how to download the Google Translate extension. This button makes translating material and directions very simple.

[Video 1: How to Change Google Chrome Setting](#)

[Video 2: How to Change Language in Google Account](#)

[Video 3: How to add Google Translate extension](#)

In Spanish:

El condado de Wake ha enviado guías sobre cómo entrar en los clases virtuales. Haga clic está [enlace](#) para obtener los guías en inglés y español.

A continuación, encontrará videos en español que ayudan a padres y estudiantes a cambiar la configuración de idioma en Google Chrome y en la cuenta de Google para que pueda comprender mejor las instrucciones, los vínculos y las pestañas. Este ajuste no traducirá el material y los anuncios publicados por su maestro en Google Classroom. Por eso, el tercer video muestra cómo descargar la extensión Google Translate. Este botón simplifica la traducción del material y las instrucciones.

[Video 1: Cómo cambiar la configuración de Google Chrome](#)

[Video 2: Cómo cambiar el idioma en la cuenta de Google](#)

[Video 3: Cómo agregar la extensión Google Translate](#)

Grade Level Item Pickups

Thank you to all of the parents who have already picked up your child's materials. It is very important that students have these instructional materials, especially students in grades 2-5. If you were not able to come last week, please come out Monday August 24 to pick up items for your child.

August 24 – 10:00 – 12:00 4th and 5th grade item pickup

Entering the Building

Beginning August 17, all visitors will need to wait outside to have their temperature taken before entering the building. This allows us to keep our staff safe and eventually your children safe. We are also halting volunteering in the building until further notice.

Lunch Pickups

Zebulon Elementary will remain a lunch pickup location this year. Lunches will be served from 10:45 AM – 12:45 PM. Beginning August 31 students will either need to be with the parent picking up lunches or they will need the child's lunch number. Lunches will be offered at no cost until August 31 and then students will need to pay the normal rate.

Each year families need to reapply for free and reduced-price lunches. You may apply online at <https://www.wcpss.net/meals>.

August 28, 2020	Virtual Support Session 11:30 – 12:30 PM
September 7, 2020	Labor Day Holiday
September 28, 2020	Teacher Workday

Yours,

David Newkirk, Principal