Hello, Zebulon Elementary Families,

This is Principal Newkirk with the update for the week of February 12, 2021

Welcome

Students do not have school Monday or Tuesday of next week. Students registered for face-to-face instruction in grades pre-k through grade 3 will return to school Wednesday. Cohort 2 students in grades 4 and 5 will return Wednesday. We look forward to opening our doors again for student learners.

Remember to check your child's temperature each morning and leave him/her at home if they display any signs of illness. Students who arrive in carpool should unbundle before pulling into carpool to help get an accurate temperature. Bus riders should have a signed attestation before boarding the bus.

Sick Students

Sick students will be taken to our CARES room where they will wait for a parent/guardian to pick him/her up as soon as possible.

Teacher Appreciation

The PTA needs your help stocking the breakroom for teachers and staff! Please donate individually wrapped, pre-packaged (no homemade) snacks like granola bars, single-serving trail mix, chips, pretzels, dried fruit, candy, etc. to show our appreciation. Drop off will be on Thursday and Friday, February 18 and 19. Call the office or ring the doorbell and someone will come out to bring the treats into the building.

Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

Parents, please consider applying for meal benefits by Feb 26. For every student that turns in the free and reduced lunch application and qualifies, the school receives federal funds that benefit the student and teachers at the school. These funds provide additional teachers and staff for the school which means more services for students, especially students that are struggling in reading or math. These funds also are used for materials and supplies for students and teachers. These are valuable resources that teachers can use to improve student achievement.

Help our school continue to receive this funding by completing an application online at <u>MySchoolApps.com</u>. Paper applications can be requested by calling 919-404-3680. Linked <u>here</u> is a video in Spanish explaining the process for those who need Spanish directions.

Pre-K Application Open

Did you know that Zebulon Elementary has two pre-kindergarten classrooms? The pre-k Title I application process is now open. Parents should follow the procedures below to apply for the program.

- Pick up the Universal Application form from the school, the Smart Start website (wakesmartstart.org), or print from Wake County School's website: <u>www.wcpss.net/PKTitlel</u>
- Complete the application
- Attach required documents
- Mail or take the application to: Wake County Smart Start 4901 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 101 Raleigh, NC 27606 919-851-9550
- Deadline for the pre-k Titlel program is April 30, 2021

Literacy Night

Due to issues with supply delivery our Literacy Night will be rescheduled. A new date and time will be announced soon. I strongly encourage all families to participate to ensure that your child is prepared for the next grade level.

Bus Attestation

You are required to submit <u>this form</u> stating that you and your child will abide by all health and safety protocols for bus ridership.. Students are not permitted to ride the bus until this form has been submitted. You will need to submit a form for all of your children who plan to ride the bus during the 2020-21 school year.

Register for school for next year

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

Materials Pickup

Many of you picked up materials this past Wednesday for the 3rd quarter. Please make every effort to receive your child's materials any day from 8:30-3:30 PM. Each student is receiving materials to support math and literacy as well as noise reduction headphones to support online learning.

Yours,

David Newkirk, Principal

- February 15 Workday
- February 17 Interims go home
- February 24 Remote Learning Day
- February 25 Family Engagement 5:30 PM