

Hello, Zebulon Elementary Families,

This is Principal Newkirk with the update for the week of November 6, 2020

Welcome Back

For the week of November 9-13 only students in grades pre-k-3rd grade will return to school and that is only for students in Cohort C. Students in grades 4 and 5 will continue to engage in remote learning.

Carpool Ideas

As a reminder, all students entering through carpool will have their temperature taken in the car before they are allowed on campus. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or greater will have their temperature taken two additional times. If the student is below 100.4 both times the student can come into the building. One thing we have noticed is that students who are bundled up in a car with the heat blowing are at a higher risk of a high reading on the first check. Have your child remove heavy coats, hats, and hoodies before pulling into the carpool lane.

Academic Expectations

In the first quarter we had 52 students out of a total of about 490 students score a level 1 or a Not Scoreable for a subject on a report card. These students are all at risk of grade level failure! Many of these students risk grade retention because they are not held accountable to complete their work. I strongly encourage all parents and guardians to ensure their student is engaged daily and participating in the lesson.

Changing from Face to Face Instruction to Virtual Academy

Several parents have called to inquire about moving their child from face to face to the Virtual Academy. As much as I want to meet the needs of my families, we are too far into the year to make these types of changes. All students were placed into face-to-face

instruction. Parents were then given a chance to enroll in the Virtual Academy. Two application windows have passed to enroll in Virtual Academy.

The next window to apply for Virtual Academy is from December 2-December 9, 2020. If your child is in face-to-face instruction and you wish for him/her to move to Virtual Academy, you can complete the application. You can also complete the application if your child is signed up for yearlong Virtual Academy and you want him/her to return to face to face instruction.

Social Distancing

In the classrooms we will operate with as much space as possible. Grades 4-12 will require social distancing of six feet. Grades K-3 should operate with as much social distancing as is practical.

Register for school for next year

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

November 7	Magnet Schools Fair 9-12
November 9	School Psychologists Awareness Week
November 11	No School – Veteran's Day
November 18	Remote Learning Day
November 23	Remote Learning Day
November 24	Remote Learning Day
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Holiday Break

Yours,

David Newkirk, Principal

