

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

This is Principal Newkirk with the update for the week of September 11, 2020

### **The Week in Review**

Attendance remains strong in our Google Meets. Remember that this school year we are taking grades and students must master the curriculum to move on to the next grade level. I also want to remind you that unlike during face to face instruction when our Friday schedule changes, students should go to the same teachers daily Monday through Friday. If your child is struggling with any part of the online learning, contact your child's teacher.

### **Show Your School Spirit**

The PTA wants to make sure your students still feel a part of the Cougar Pride here at ZES. Whether virtual or in person, we know small school traditions like Spirit Week are still important. With Spirit week creeping up soon, we will be taking orders in our ZES PTA Memberhub store for spirit wear. Click the "Shop Now" Button on our Facebook page to purchase yours or visit: <https://zespta.new.memberhub.store/store>

This year we will have two designs available for Spirit Wear. These profits support the PTA's goals to fund projects for our students and teachers.

Orders will be taken until September 30th.

### **Technology Support for Students and Families**

All students who requested a device or a hot spot should have received an invitation to pick up their device. The technology request website will close today so we will not be able to request any additional devices until further notice. If you have a technology issue or a broken device, please visit [here](#).

## **Principal Office Hours**

I will hold virtual office hours daily from 11:00 – 11:30 Am daily. You can reach me [here](#).  
([meet.google.com/bim-sfgj-wkf](https://meet.google.com/bim-sfgj-wkf))

## **Istation**

Your child's teacher will be using istation to assess your child's progress toward being an independent reader. This assessment will take place remotely in September for all students in grades K-5. It usually takes 30-40 minutes. This is one way for your child's teacher to decide on the best literacy instruction for his/her needs.

The classroom teacher will let your child know when to take the assessment and which assessment to take.

To take the assessment your child will need an environment free of distractions. A headset is a good idea to help with this. It will also help our younger students to hear the sounds asked for more clearly. Please encourage your child to pay close attention to the screen to do their best work.

[Directions for accessing istation at home.](#)

As the year goes on your child will interact with this platform several times, both as an assessment and as a learning tool.

## **Remote Learning Etiquette**

We enjoy seeing your children remotely every day in our Google Meets. As we meet in groups it is important that all students adhere to the same dress code as we would have in person. Shirts should be worn during all Google Meets.

## **School Pictures**

We are working with Lifetouch to finalize a date for Fall pictures. Families wanting fall pictures will schedule a time on our picture date. Families will drive through the bus loop to drop students off at the gym. Lifetouch staff will greet the student wearing a face mask and ppe. I will send out more information as plans materialize.

## **Food distribution sites closed Monday, Sept. 7.**

All students are eligible for lunch and breakfast free of charge at all WCPSS lunch distribution sites. Students do not need to be with you and you do not need the child's student ID number. Free lunch and breakfast is available until December 31, 2020.

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

<b>September 21</b>	<b>Electives Begin!</b>
<b>September 23</b>	<b>Interim Reports go home</b>
<b>September 28, 2020</b>	<b>Teacher Workday</b>

**Yours,**

**David Newkirk, Principal**