

# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

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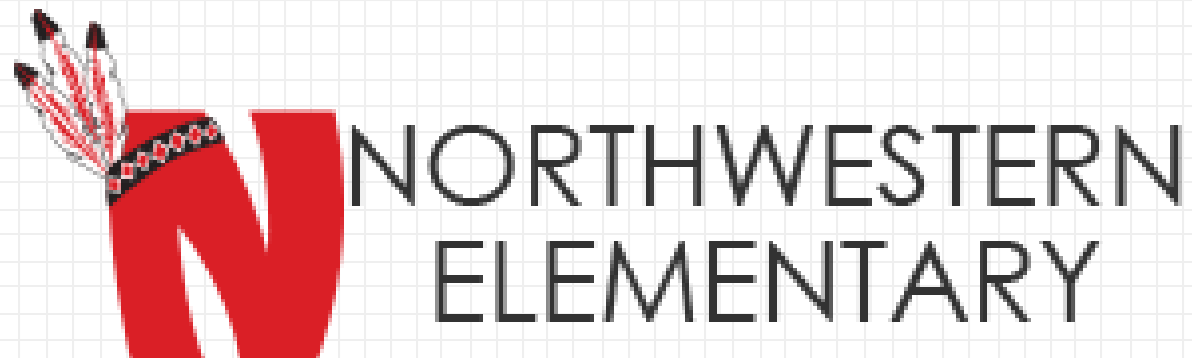


# Staying Connected

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# ZCSB Log In

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- To log in to your child's Microsoft Office account, follow these directions:
  - Your child's username will be his email:  
[firstname.lastname2036@zacharystudents.org](mailto:firstname.lastname2036@zacharystudents.org)  
(john.smith2036@zacharystudents.org)
  - Your child's password is FirstInitialLastInitialLast4SSN  
(Example: js1234)
  - Or use your child's QR code sent from his/her teacher.



# Clever

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- Once you log into your child's account, you will be able to access Clever through our Zachary Schools page.
- You will be able to log into your student's Clever account from home. This is your student's own personal portal where they will find digital resources recommended by his/her teacher.

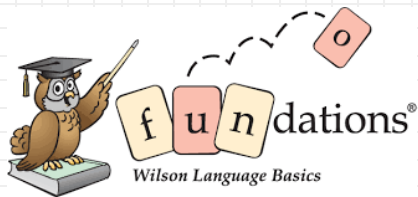


# Pupil Progression & Curriculum

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- Kindergarten students must meet the required number of skills in Reading and Math to be promoted to First Grade.
- NES services many students with varying needs (speech, gifted, physical disabilities, etc.).
- Our teachers and specialists differentiate instruction across the curriculum.

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(PBIS) seeks to reduce or eliminate poor behavior through the encouragement of positive behaviors.

## NES Student Expectations

- Follow teacher's directions
- Stay in your assigned area
- Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- Talk with permission

# CELEBRATIONS!



Building  Positive Behaviors 

# Visitors / Parent Involvement

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- NES will welcome families in our school beginning **Tues., September 5th**. Please notify your child's teacher if you'd like to volunteer and check in at the front office when you arrive.
- Join ZEPTO
- Scan Box Tops
- Save Community Coffee UPC codes
- Engage with your child in school activities and read with your child daily.
- Communicate regularly with your child's teacher.



# NES Health Measures

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- Germs spread quickly in a Kindergarten setting!  
If your child is sick, PLEASE keep them home.
- Our staff will reinforce handwashing and appropriate etiquette for covering coughs and sneezes.
- Please keep the contact information on your child's emergency card current and update the school nurse with changes to your child's allergy and health concerns.

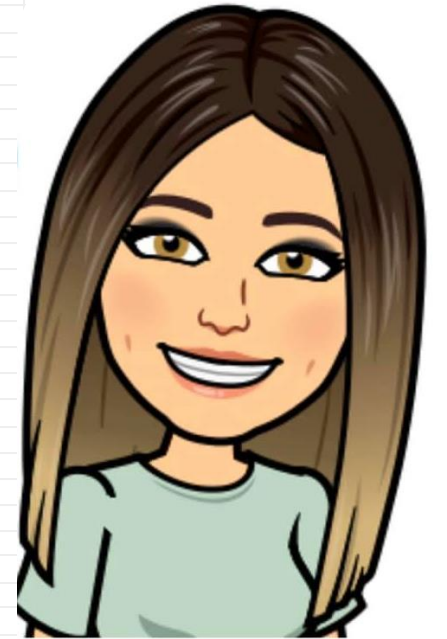




# Medical Information

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- If your child is on **prescribed medication**, you may bring it to our school to be checked in by our nurse at Orientation/Meet and Greet or anytime during normal school hours.
- The [ZCSD Medication Packet](#) (signed by doctor) must be completed prior to checking in medicine.
- If you have not done so, please complete the EMERGENCY CARD before leaving Orientation/Meet and Greet today. Also complete the food allergies card to be shared with café/office staff on the first day of school.



# Breakfast and Lunch

- A School Lunch Benefits Form **MUST** be completed for ALL students (regardless of need) at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com).  
**Use the QR code on our agenda to access the form!**  
Only **one form per family** needs to be completed.
- Breakfast is **NOT** required (as it is at ZELC).
- If your child is eating breakfast, he/she must arrive at school no later than 8:45 a.m. before school starts at 8:55 a.m.
- Students will eat lunch as a class in the cafeteria.
- Please pack a daily snack for your child to be eaten with his/her class.



# Meal Purchases

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- Meals may be purchased online at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com), with cash or check.
- Please make checks payable to ZCSBCNP.
- Prepayment by week, month or year is recommended.

# Bus

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- Students will be assigned to a bus through First Student. They can be reached at 654-9729.
- First Student will NOT make bus changes until after Wednesday, August 16th. Parents will receive a call from the driver once the change has been made.
- Please know that buses may run a little behind schedule for the first week or two.
- Parents may utilize the First View app to track student buses. More information can be found at the district website, [www.zacharyschools.org](http://www.zacharyschools.org).



# Carpool

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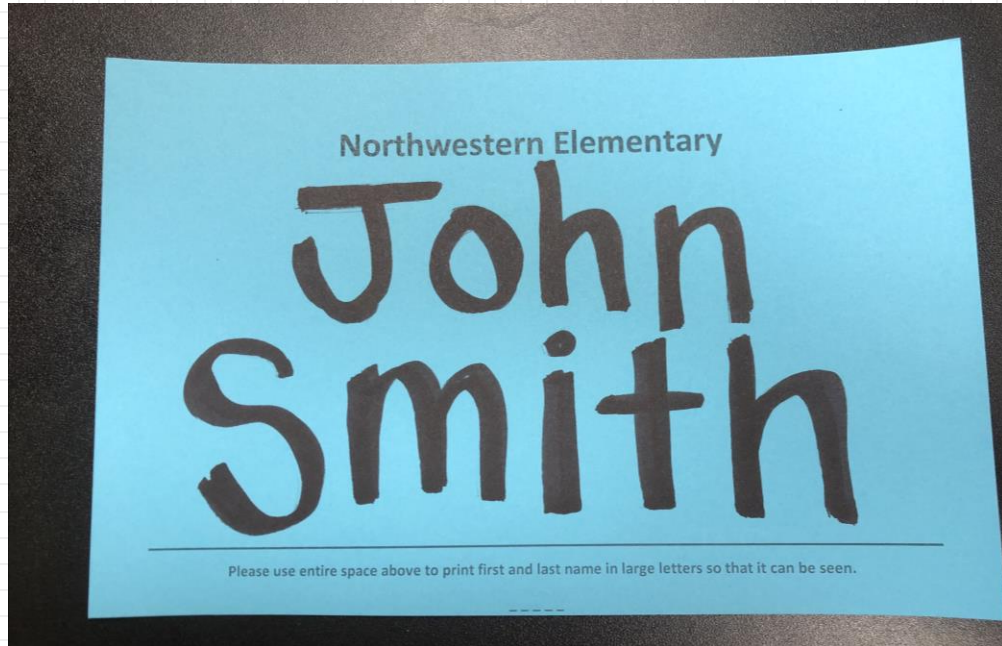
- Please make sure to have a **blue carpool tag** visible during carpool. If you or the person picking up your child does not have a blue carpool tag, s/he will need to park and show their license at the front desk.
- **No pets or cell phones** in the designated carpool line.





# Carpool Tags

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- PLEASE make sure that we can clearly see your child's name when you come through afternoon carpool.
- Write in large print with **BLACK** marker.
- TIP: Hang the card from a plastic skirt hanger from the rearview mirror. Otherwise make sure we can see it when you come through the line.

# Transportation Changes

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- Please make changes to afternoon transportation **in writing** to your child's teacher or by fax (225-654-6613) to the NES office by 12:00 p.m.
- Please do not relay messages through bus drivers or rely on emails to your child's teacher. We cannot accept changes over the phone.



# Extended Day Fees

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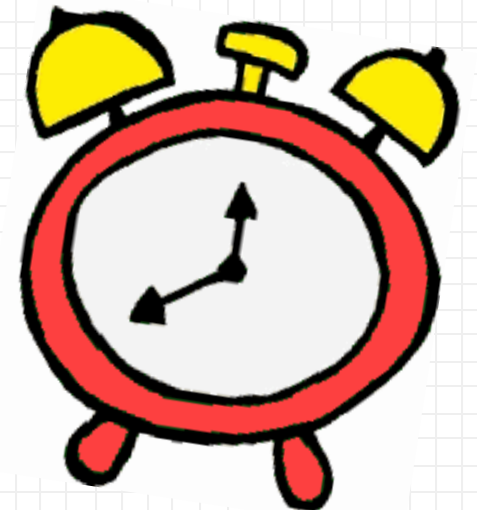


- A \$50 nonrefundable registration fee is required.
- All Extended Day fees MUST be paid MONTHLY using the online portal at <https://zacharyschools.schoolcashonline.com/>
- All payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.
- Monthly fees vary based on the number of school days and whether your child participates in the morning or afternoon programs only or both morning and afternoon.

# Arrival and Departure

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- School hours: 8:55 am – 3:55 pm
- Carpool and buses will begin unloading at 8:30am
- All carpool students eating breakfast **MUST** arrive **BEFORE** 8:45.
- Check-outs are not allowed after 3:25 pm
- You will need to present your driver's license / state identification in order to check your child out.

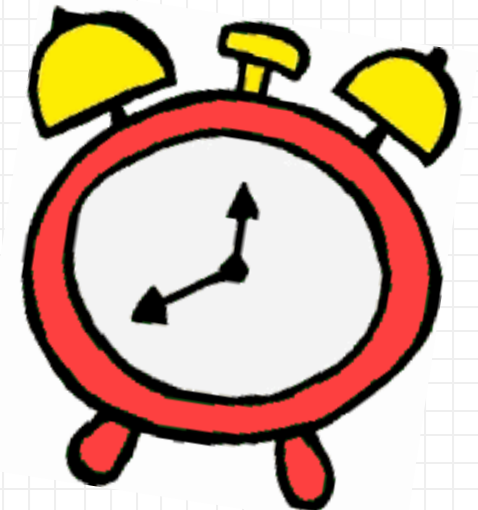


# Staggered Start Days

## (PreK and Kindergarten Only)

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- **Wednesday, August 9:** Students whose last name begins with A – K. *(L – Z students DO NOT attend.)*
- **Thursday, August 10:** Students whose last name begins with L – Z. *(A – K students DO NOT attend.)*
- **Friday, August 11:** All students attend.





# Uniforms

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- Navy or white collared shirts.
- Khaki shorts or pants. NO cargo pockets.
- Belts must be worn if there are belt loops. Belts must be navy, brown, or black.
- Girls may wear khaki skirts or jumpers. (Shorts, tights, or leggings underneath, please!)
- No open toe shoes, boots, or Crocs. (Also applies to Free Dress Days)
- Solid white or navy socks and tights.
- Spirit shirts may be worn on Fridays

# Birthday Recognition

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- We are especially careful about allergies at our school. Due to district policy, ONLY non-edible treats (stickers, stamps, pencils, etc) may be sent to school to celebrate your child's special day.
- OPTIONAL birthday posters may be purchased at SchoolCashOnline.
- Our school will recognize student birthdays each month. Birthdays during the summer months will be recognized in May.



# School Supplies

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- NES will provide your students with all the necessary supplies s/he needs for the entire school year.
- Our Supply Fee of \$65 can be paid on our NES website.
- Students will need a backpack (no rolling backpacks are allowed).
- Send a zip bag with an extra uniform, underwear and socks to be kept at school.



# Student Items Available for Purchase

Required and Optional Items may be purchased at SchoolCashOnline.

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- Student Supply Fee (\$65) – Required
- Field Trip T-Shirt (\$10) – Required
- Extended Day Registration Fee (\$50) – Required ONLY if your child is registered for Extended Day
- Extended Day Fees (per monthly schedule) – Required ONLY if your child is registered for Extended Day
- NES Spirit Shirt (\$15) – Optional
- Birthday Poster (\$20) – Optional
- Yearly Free Dress (\$15) – Optional
- Yearbooks are available for purchase at Jostens.com (\$30) – Optional



# Required Student Forms

Available for Completion at SchoolCashOnline.

**\*\*Please complete prior to the first day of school\*\***

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- Student Technology Form
- Videoconferencing Student Consent Form
- Permission to Publish Form
- Physical Education Form
- Food Reward Form
- Handbook Receipt Form
- Extended Day Registration Form—Required ONLY if your child is registering for the Extended Day Program



# Family Engagement

## 2023-2024



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# What is Title I?

**Title I is a federal grant that provides financial assistance to schools to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.**

## **Activities may include:**

- Additional teachers and paraprofessionals
- Professional Development
- Extended Time (Before and/or Afterschool Programs)
- Parent and Family Engagement activities
- Supplemental Materials and Equipment



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# Title I Family Engagement

All Title I schools must allocate at least one percent of the Title I budget towards programs, activities, and procedures for parent and family engagement.

Activities may include:

- Orientation/Meet the Teacher
- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meetings
- Parent Volunteers
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Newsletters
- Star Student Lunch
- Literacy/Math Nights
- JCampus



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# Parent Input Form

The goal is that Title I schools, and families work together!

- School Improvement Plan (SIP) – School Improvement Plan Overview
- School-Parent Compact
- Parent and Family Engagement Involvement Policy



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# Our School Improvement Plan

## District Vision:

The Zachary Community School System is recognized as a model of excellence serving all citizens.

## District Mission:

The mission of the Zachary School Board is to assist every student in reaching his or her maximum potential through high-quality instruction and good stewardship of community resources.

## School Mission:

NES is committed to the best interest of all students by establishing a climate in which the school, parents and community emphasize academic excellence, develop a sense of responsibility and respect, and help students develop a better understanding of themselves and others in order to help reach their maximum potential.



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# Our Goals and Objectives

## School Goal:

By 2025, all students will reach high standards by attaining proficiency or better in all content areas.

## School Objectives:

- To increase the percentage of students who score Mastery on End of Module Eureka assessments • To increase the percentage of students scoring on or above benchmark on DIBELS
- Our school uses data to align the curriculum to state and district academic standards.
- Our instructional practices are adjusted based on the findings of the assessment data.



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# Our School Performance Data

## Where are we?

Academic performance of your child on academic assessments.

- Louisiana Literacy Screener

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# Questions

If you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Coats or Dr. Longmire.

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# THANK YOU!



Thank you for sharing your child with us. We are so grateful to be a part of his/her education. Please reach out with any questions.

School Phone: 225-654-2786

School Website: [www.northwesternelementary.org](http://www.northwesternelementary.org)

District Website: [www.zacharyschools.org](http://www.zacharyschools.org)

