

NGFA Meetings: 1/9 and 10/2017

1/9: Nancy Chanthaphanh, Laurie Poll, Marjie Guerriero, Julie Ruster, Sara Stevens, Kim Rosenau

1/10: Erinn Haisch, Sara Nyenhuis, Mike Bailey, Courtney Albrecht, Kate Greene, Angela Huisman, Amanda Scholten, Kerry TenBroeke, Angela Lloyd, Amy Machiela, Marjie Guerriero, Deanna Throesch, and Kim Rosenau

1. Angela Lloyd (5th Grade Teacher): Staff Reading Initiative

*The Book Whisperer is a book that all the teachers read. A group of teachers (Wild Readers) meet on a regular basis to discuss ways to promote reading.

*October: Reading time added as an option for students during Penny Carnival

*November: "Books for Bennett" School in Detroit

*"Twas the Night Before Christmas" event: Jen Meyering (kindergarten teacher) made over 500 cookies. NGFA bought ingredients. 70% of the staff volunteered. People were patient. Each child did get a cookie. The elf and Santa were a hit. This was a nice event for families. It was inviting and nonthreatening. This is an event that clearly shows the dedication of this amazing staff!!!!

*January-February: 3rd-5th grades will have option to read during recess time instead of going outdoors

*March is Reading Month: Book Bracket Event; calendar of activities

*Angela shared that the entire staff sincerely appreciates the sweatshirts from the NGFA. The BELLieve embroidered on the sleeve of each sweatshirt in memory of Lynette Belle means a lot to the staff and Lynette's children. It is a good reminder of just how much Lynette gave to the entire New Groningen family.

2. World's Finest Chocolate Bars: This is our 3rd year with this fundraiser. We are changing the prizes, which will be coordinated by Sara Stevens.

*1st box = lanyard with a key chain

*every 2 boxes sold or \$20 donation student will get a ticket to enter a drawing

*3 boxes = stuffed animal

*Top 15 sellers get a limo ride

*We will try to get ice cream or freezie pops for the top class

*Charity Donation for 10% of our profits: "Mission LaTronquera" in Nicaragua

-Mrs. Kaboos (former New Groningen teacher) and her family are working with this organization and living in Nicaragua. It would be great if the students could Facetime or Skype with her.

*Thursday 2/9 we will distribute the chocolate. The sale will end 3/3.

*Each candy bar costs \$1. The NGFA makes \$.50 on each one.

3. Carnival 2/17 6-8 pm at Cityside

4/10 at 2:00 pm