



April 10, 2017

## New Groningen Impact – Penny War Continues through April 24<sup>th</sup>!

We are continuing to move from 'March' impact to helping our students learn to impact others in big and small ways each and every day. We will be partnering with Lincoln Elementary again and work to enrich the lives of the students at Bennett Elementary in Detroit. There are two needs that have been identified and between NG and Lincoln we will work to ensure that each child at Bennett Elementary will leave for summer with at least 2 books that are of high interest and a shirt to wear that fits their newly initiated uniform code.

The following was written by Tom DeGraaf: **School Uniforms**

**"This past year, this school was directed to adhere to a district wide uniform policy. Many parents were not able to afford enough uniforms to get their children through the week, so many students are having to wear the same clothes day after day. Monetary donations collected through a 'Penny War' will go towards purchasing white, pale yellow, and light blue polo shirts for the 571 students. We know the numbers and sizes needed for each classroom and we are able to purchase each shirt for \$4.00 through a local company."**

So, NG is hosting a Penny War between the grades and all the money that comes in will be used to purchase shirts and any extra will be used to purchase books for them. *I love that we love our own, and still look out for others in our world. Thanks for your help and support in teaching our children this important skill in life!*



## BoxTop Competition Winners -



Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> place winner Mrs. Cousins' classroom and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner Mr. Brower's classroom in the BoxTop Competition. Both 1st and 2nd place winners will receive an ice cream sundae party this Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> after last recess.

## World's Finest Chocolate Sale Limo Ride/Donations:

In support of our school's mission for students to become lifelong learners who are responsible, respectful, and prepared to be global citizens, the family association remains committed to giving 10% of the sale's profit to a charitable organization. This year the association chose the Hand to Hand program and Bennett School as recipients of this donation.

The **top sellers** for the WFCS will be going on a limo ride on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. During the ride students will be shopping for food for the Hand to Hand program donation and stopping for a free ice cream cone at Captain Sundae. The following 12 students will be going on the limo ride: **Acacia Wright - Oshnock; Jasper Hardin - Meyering; Jonathan Hossink - VanHoven; Emry Wyngarden - Mumby; Andrew Skaggs - McCarty/Gutierrez; Kamryn Beltran - DeVries; Izabell Berkenpas - DeVries; Kyler Zwagerman - Lampe; Joseph Meiste - Chew; Alexander Cooper - Wolffis; Makayla Clason - Klyn; Troy Postema - Klyn.**

## Zeeland Lacrosse – Middle/Elementary School Night

When: Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> JV Game @5:30 p.m. / Varsity Game @ 7:00 p.m.

Where: Zeeland Stadium Who: ZPS Middle and Elementary School Students (Grades K-8) Receives FREE

admission w/ a paid adult. Come on out to support and watch the Zeeland Lacrosse Program.



## New Groningen Spirit Wear Order

Our Online Apparel Store for New Groningen Apparel is still open and can be found by going to: <http://teamchaser.com/>  
Click on the TEAM SALES tab in the upper left hand corner.  
Then put in the sales code: NGAPPAREL17

This is an online order/purchase link that will be open until April 15th. Two weeks later the orders will be sent to the NG office for pick up.

## Upcoming Events:

### April –

- 10<sup>th</sup> – Return to school after Spring Break
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Body Safety Presentations
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Night at Creekside Middle Large Gym  
5:30-6:30 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. enter east side of gym
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Popcorn Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Last day for NG Spirit Apparel orders
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Mileage Club begins
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Museum Field Trip – Gutierrez/McCarthy/Pratt
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Museum Field Trip – Mumby
- 27<sup>th</sup> – NG Community Open House

### May –

- 5<sup>th</sup> - NG Field Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> -Muffins with Mom (A-L)
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Muffins with Mom (M-Z)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Half Day of School –Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.



## NG Field Day Volunteers Still Needed

Hi! My name is Biz Geertsma and I am the PE teacher for New Groningen. I am looking for volunteers for our Field Day on Friday, May 5th. The details are listed below:

**Who:** New Groningen Elementary School

**What:** Field Day 2017

**Where:** Zeeland Stadium

**When:** Friday, May 5th (9:30am-2:30pm)

**Why:** To celebrate a fabulous school year and to have some fun!

If you are interested in volunteering for this FUN day, please email me back at [egeertsm@zps.org](mailto:egeertsm@zps.org). A sack lunch will be provided for you as well as a treat bag to help get you through the day. The kids just love having you there! Thank you. :) Please let me know if you have any additional questions!

## Classroom Placement for Next Year

If you have information that would be helpful in classroom placement for your child next year, please make an appointment with Mrs. Poll by April 21st. You can email Mrs. Poll at [lpoll@zps.org](mailto:lpoll@zps.org) or call 748-3375 to set up an appointment.

## M-Step Testing for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

5<sup>th</sup> Grade M-Step – April 17<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade M-Step – May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Grade M-Step - May 9<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please check with your child's teacher for the times they will be giving the test if you need to pull your child for any reason. We ask that unless your child is sick, they are here for testing. Also, this is a great time for your child to get extra sleep every night, and a healthy breakfast during this testing schedule.

## Exciting Happenings at NG



First Annual  
Love and Lean Walk for Mental Health  
Awareness  
April 29<sup>th</sup>

More information is on our ZPS Community Page

## ZPS Mission Statement

Students will become lifelong learners who are responsible, respectful, and prepared to be global citizens.



Please refer to our ZPS Community Page (on the ZPS website) for many community happenings for students and families in our area:

<http://www.zps.org/community-page/>

## 5th Grade Parent/Student Creekside Middle School Meeting

THIS Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (same information at both)

Meeting will be held in the large gym. Please enter the gym at the east entrance.



We believe in fostering relationships between staff, parents, and the local community. We believe in a safe and positive school environment where everyone is treated with respect. We believe that all children can learn through experiences and real life applications.