

New Groningen Elementary



NG Field Day Volunteers Needed

Parents, relatives, and friends:

New Groningen is hosting our Field Day Friday, May 20th at Zeeland Stadium from 9:45am - 1:45 pm. This event celebrates the school year with entertaining games and activities that bring us closer together as a learning community. We are looking for volunteers to host our different stations that we have set for the day. Volunteers will teach and run 1 of the 18 fun games and activities. **If you are interested in volunteering for our special day, please send an e-mail to Biz Geertsma**

at egeertsm@zps.org and she will reply with confirmation. Volunteers can plan on meeting at Zeeland Stadium by 9:30 a.m. to receive teaching instructions and station placements for the event. If you have any questions, please contact Biz Geertsma by email (egeertsm@zps.org).

We look forward to a fantastic field day to celebrate the 2015-2016 school year!

Staffing Update for Fall 2016

As is always the case, we will have some staffing changes for the fall that I would like to share.

Kinder - Mrs. Bolhouse, Mrs. Lauritzen, Mrs. Meyering, Ms. Lazo (Spanish Immersion)

1st - Mrs. Cousins, Mrs. Holman, Mr. VanHoven, Ms. Mumby (Spanish Immersion 1st/2nd)

Mrs. Kaboos has requested a leave of absence to move to Nicaragua with her family. They will be serving as missionaries there. **Ms. Becca Mumby** has been hired to teach a first and second grade combination class.

2nd - Mrs. Gutierrez/Mrs. McCarty, Mrs. Pratt, Mr. DeVries (Spanish Immersion 2nd/3rd)

Mr. DeVries will be teaching a second and third grade combination class.

3rd - Mr. Brower, Mrs. Lampe

4th - Mr. Chew, Ms. Wolffis (moving from 3rd grade to 4th), Mrs. Lamer (4th/5th split class)

5th - Mr. Klyn, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Lamer (4th/5th split class)

Mrs. Walcott has requested to teach science and will be teaching at Creekside Middle.

Resource Room - Ms. LaPorta

CI Categorical Kinder-2nd - **Mrs. Parnacott** has requested a leave of absence to be home with her young children. We are in the process of a hire for this position.

CI Categorical 3rd-5th - Mrs. DeYoung

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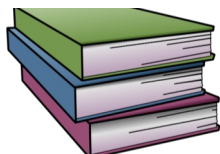
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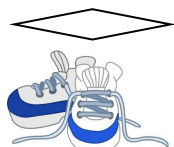
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The mission of New Groningen Elementary School, in partnership with staff, family and community, is to promote learning as a lifelong goal by providing opportunities for all students to succeed.



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



Special Person's Day:

On April 26th (Tuesday) any parent, grandparent, special person, siblings, etc are invited to come walk with your child. We would love to have you come join us! Lunch Schedule: KDG - 11:45-12:20; 1st Gr. 11:55-12:30; 2nd Gr. 12:05-12:40; 3rd Gr. 12:10-12:45; 4th Gr. 12:15-12:50; 5th Gr. 12:20-12:55. The students are outside about 15-20 minutes at the end of this time to walk/run.



March is Reading Month Book Donations

Thanks so much to the family that donated 40 books for March is Reading Month. A special thank you to Sarah Pierson who helped with the set up and distribution of all the books for the NG Book Swap, which also occurred during March.

Fundraiser Limo Ride and Donations

New Groningen Elementary School in Zeeland recently completed their World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser. In support of the school's mission for students to become life long 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 Pancakes R Us as the recipient. Pancakes R Us is a local organization that aims to provide a healthy breakfast to everyone, in an atmosphere of friendliness and respect.

On Saturday, April 23, the school's top three sellers presented the organization with two new skillets, spatulas, 18 boxes of pancake mix, and funds to purchase coffee mugs and other necessary supplies. While on the limo ride for the top sales students, they stopped at GFS to purchase these boxes of pancake mix as a physical gift to give to the organization.

New Groningen's top sellers included first grader, Andrew Skaggs, who sold 1,140 chocolate bars; fourth grader, Kaden Cook, who sold 1,080 chocolate bars, and second grader, Kyler Zwagerman, who sold 660 chocolate bars.

When asked how a fourth grader manages to sell over a thousand candy bars, Kaden Cook explained that he hit the bleachers at his sister's basketball games. Kaden's parents are so pleased with their son's hard work. He did this on his own. He's already making plans for next year's sale! Kaden and his classmates at New Groningen are believing, achieving, and succeeding!

~written by Kim Rosenau



BOGOF Book Fair

The Scholastic **Buy One Get One Free** Book Fair is coming up! The Book Fair will be held in the New Groningen Media Center May 2 - 5. Students can get 2 books for the price of one! This is a great way to stock up for some summer reading. Teachers will be signing up for classroom shopping times during school, and parents are welcome to stop in as well. Families are also welcome to shop before school on Wednesday, May 4 and Thursday, May 5 from 7:45-8:30 a.m.

Calendar of Events

April:

- 26th - 3rd Grade M-Step Testing Begins
- 26th - Special Friend Day for Mileage Club
- 28th - 1st Grade Field Trip to DeGraaf Nature Center
- 29th - KG Field Trip to John Ball Zoo

May:

- 2nd-5th - Buy One Get One Free Book Fair in the Media Center
- 6th - Boxtop Winner's Ice Cream Party
- 6th - 1st Grade to Captain Sundae
- 6th - KG Field Trip to Royal Park Place (rescheduled from April)
- 9th - 4th Grade M-Step Testing Begins
- 11th - Muffins with Mom (Last Name A-M) 8:00-8:30 a.m.
- 12th - Muffins with Mom (Last Name N-Z) 8:00-8:30 a.m.
- 11th - 13th - Half Day of School - Dismissal at noon (12:00 p.m.) Tulip Time
- 18th - NGFA Meeting 2:30 p.m.
- 20th - NG Field Day