

New Groningen Elementary

December 5, 2016

Christmas Reading Night at New Groningen

December 15th 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

New Groningen teachers have made their list of favorite Christmas stories (and checked it twice!). Students and their families are invited to come and enjoy an evening of reading Grab your slippers, put your PJs on and head to New Groningen for Christmas bedtime stories, warm hot cocoa, and maybe even a special visitor!

Join us on Thursday, December 15th!!!



NG Family Carnival (February 17) – Theme Basket Announcements

Kindergarten:

Summer Fun (sidewalk chalk, bubbles, goggles, swim tube, beach towel, outdoor games)

Michigan vs. Michigan State (anything Michigan or Michigan State...t-shirt, poster, cup, hat)

1st grade:

Sleepover (blanket, slippers, craft items, nail polish, hair items, movie)

Spring Break (anything to keep the family busy while traveling...movies, word search book, travel games, snacks)

2nd grade:

Legos (Lego sets, Lego books, Lego stickers)

Arts and crafts (art supplies, craft items, school supplies)

3rd grade:

The gift of cards (gift cards to any store or restaurant)

Sports for kids (football, soccer ball, jump rope, tennis ball)

4th grade:

Baking with kids (cookie, brownie, cake mixes, cookie cutters, baking supplies)

Family movie/game night (games, movies, card games, puzzles, popcorn)

5th grade:

Dux (Dux athletic gear, Dux sport passes)

Chocolate Lovers (any candy, chocolate)



Bittersweet Ski Discount Cards Available

Attention Skiers! Bittersweet Ski Discount Card registration forms for students (\$16.00/ea) and adults (\$16.00/ea) are available in the school office. Don't miss out on an opportunity to save money on downhill skiing at Bittersweet. The final date to turn in your registration forms to the school office is 11:00 a.m. on December 14, 2016. The cards will come home before Christmas vacation. Any questions please contact Colleen Ball at 772-5826.

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

Fall Conference Results

We had a great turn out for fall parent/teacher conferences . . . 97% attendance!

Upcoming Events:

December -

- 6th - Hearing Testing for KG, 2nd, 4th Grades
- 6th - Kids Hope Christmas Party (after school)
- 9th - ½ Day of School for Students – Dismissal at noon.
- 15th - Vision Testing for 1st, 3rd, 5th Grades
- 15th - NG Family Christmas Reading Night – 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 16th - Popcorn Day
- 16th - ZHS Dance Program Assembly at 2:00 p.m. at NG
- 22nd - 5th Grade Native American Program
- 23rd - January 2nd – Holiday Break – No School

January -

- 3rd - First Day back from Holiday Break

Custodial Positions Available at ZPS:

We currently have several Part-Time custodial positions available for evening and Saturday hours. You can find details at <http://www.zps.org/jobs/>

Thank you from the NG Media Center –

Our fall Book Fair at New Groningen was a huge success thanks to all of our volunteers and families who helped support the Fair. It was wonderful seeing so many families during conferences! Together, we sold over \$7,000 worth of product. Since Scholastic gives our school 50% of our profit in free books, we earned about \$3,500 in free books. These “Scholastic Dollars” help buy new books for our library and supplement classroom libraries as well. Thank you so much!

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.

The Salvation Army Angel Tree



Once again the holidays are upon us! We will be participating in the Salvation Army Angel Tree this year. Please stop by the front office and grab a tag off of the tree. Donations can be placed under the tree between now and December 12th. All donations need to be returned unwrapped with the tag attached by December 12th. Thanks in advance for making this a very Merry Christmas for everyone!

Exciting Happenings at NG



1st Grade to DeGraaf Nature Center



The snow is here – so excited to see the snowmen on the playground!



2nd Grade went to City Hall last week – ask a 2nd grader all about it!

Community Action House Collection Continues . . .

We will continue to collect some specific items per grade level to donate to the Community Action House where they will be distributed to people in the area! The collection will be now through December 19, 2016.

Kindergarten – Whole Grain Pasta/Crackers; **First Grade** – Oatmeal/Cream of Wheat/Brown Rice; **Second Grade** – Cans of Soup; **Third Grade** – Dish Soup; **Fourth Grade** – Canned Veggies & Fruit; **Fifth Grade** – Shampoo/Conditioner

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.