New Groningen

Elementary

Half day of school on Friday, December 11th. Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.

The Hour of Code is Coming!

The Hour of Code is back again! ZPS elementary students will be joining hundreds of thousands of students across the country (and world!) for this exciting introduction to computer programming next week! **The official Hour of Code event takes place Dec. 7-11th.**

Also, this year has not one, but <u>TWO</u>, engaging themes for the tutorials: **Star Wars AND Minecraft!** :) The kids are sure to love them! The tutorials are a bit tricky this year, so we'll be saving them for 3rd-5th graders. Younger students will begin with some of the more basic coding lessons and can progress from there.

Feel free to check out the tutorials and view/show some of the promotional videos: at: https://code.org/learn

Community Action House Donations

Below is a reminder of the items being collected at each grade level. We will collect these items until December 16, 2015. Thank you for your incredible generosity!

Kinder - Peanut Butter & Shelf-Stable Fruit Cups

First - Oatmeal/Cream of Wheat & Ramen Noodles

Second - Shampoo/Conditioner & Bar Soap

Third - Toilet Paper & Tooth Paste

Fourth - Laundry Soap & Deodorant/Antiperspirant

Fifth - Canned Fruit (in its own juice) & Canned Vegetables (Low/Reduced Sodium)

Next Art Club Session Sign Up

Copy and paste the following link into your web browser to sign up for the next Art Club session: https://goo.gl/hx1bO2

Session #2 runs from January 5th - February 23rd

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.

Salvation Army Angel Tree - until 12/10

All donations need to be returned unwrapped with the tag attached by December 10th.

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.

Bittersweet Ski Discount Cards

Attention Skiers! Bittersweet Ski Discount Card registration forms for students ($15.00/ea) and adults ($15.00/ea) are available in the school office. Stop in and pick one up or call and have one sent home!! 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 December 8th by 11:00 a.m. The cards will come home the week of December 14th. Any questions please contact Colleen Ball at 772-5826.

ZWHS Basketball Elementary School Night

When: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 Varsity Game at 7p.m. vs. Belding

Where: Zeeland West High School Main Gym

Who: Any Zeeland Elementary Student (Grades K-5) Receives FREE admission w/a paid adult

Come on out and watch the Zeeland West Varsity Girls in action!!!

NGFA and JRL Updates

New Groningen Family Association is on Facebook. Any updates from the NGFA are on there as well as any parent to parent question/answers.

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JRL (Just Right Library) is looking for more parent volunteers to help during the day checking books in and out. Please call the office (616.748.3375) if you are interested. Thanks so much!

Calendar of Events

December:
10th - 1st Grade Field Trip to DeGraaf Nature Center

10th - Popcorn Day

10th - Last Day for Angel Tree Donation Drop Off

11th - Half Day of School for Students - 8:35 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dismissal at noon.

16th - Last Day for Community Action House Drop Off

17th - ZHS Choir Concert Assembly - 3:10 p.m.

18th - ZHS Dance Ensemble Assembly - 9:30 a.m.

21st - January 1st - Christmas Break - No School

January:
4th - Return to School

22nd - NG Family Carnival at Cityside