

New Groningen Elementary



Chocolate Sales Continue

Updated information**:

**For each box sold, a student will receive 2 raffle tickets for prizes. For each \$30 donated, a student will receive 2 raffle tickets (We know that some families will still want to donate instead of selling chocolate.)

**Prize Weeks:

- Tuesday, February 16th the class with the most boxes sold (since 1/30) will get donuts.
- Monday, February 23rd the class with the most boxes sold (since 2/17) will get ice cream sandwiches.
- Monday, March 2nd the class with the most boxes sold (since 2/23) will get donuts.



**When a full box is sold, a slip will go home with the student that needs to be returned with a parent signature indicating whether or not to send another box home.

**Sale runs from January 30th - February 25th. We have more boxes here at school - so if you can sell another box please send a note in with your child to the office.

**If you have chocolate at home that you don't intend to sell, please return it to school ASAP. Thanks so much.

Student Art Contest

Congratulations to the following students who had artwork in the 2016 Student Art Contest exhibited by Zeeland Community Hospital!

Third Grade Artists

Jonah Driy 1st Place; Even Wiersma 2nd Place; Senica Wallenburg 3rd Place

Fourth Grade Artists

Adyson Smith 1st Place; Liberty Gonzalez 2nd Place; Veronica Mateev 3rd Grade

Fifth Grade Artists

Kamrin Lopez 1st Place; Jenaviv Alicea 2nd Place; Madelyn Augustyn 3rd Place



5th Grade to 6th Grade Visit Dates

All 5th Grade New Groningen Students will visit Creekside Middle on March 24th. Students will visit Creekside Middle from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A bus will be provided.

Optional Cityside Middle visit is on March 8th and 9th. No bus provided. If your 5th grader is interested in attending Cityside Middle next year, please give the office a call at 748.3375.

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New Groningen Pool Party

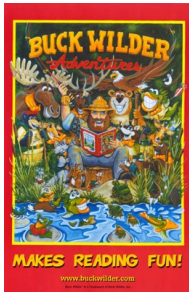
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2/25/16

6:00 p.m.



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 applications.



Author of Buck Wilder here at NG

New Groningen was able to snag the author of the Buck Wilder books Tim Smith for a visit with our students. For those that have been at NG for a bit, we saw him a few years back. He is the author of the Buck Wilder Adventures as well as other books too. The kids loved him, and many Buck Wilder books were ordered and autographed last week.

Spring Conferences - March 2016

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will take place Monday, March 7th by appointment.

We do not hold conferences for every student. Parents may call their child's teacher if they feel a conference is needed or a parent will be invited to attend if the teacher or principal feel a conference is needed.

Conferences will take place between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please note that our district policy encourages you to contact your child's teacher anytime during the school year if you have questions or concerns.

There will be 1/2 day of school for students in K-5 on Monday, March 7th.

Parent Survey

Thank you to all the parents who filled out the survey recently. The survey is closed and we have gotten the confidential report sent back to us.

The comments we received are helpful for our school as we plan for the staff. One theme that was loud and clear was the need to keep looking at any options to keep our pick up and drop off safe. Along with the patience of the drivers, I have requested a meeting to see if we can look creatively at this concern.

Also, there were many kind words shared about the staff at NG. I feel blessed to be here with this team and we will keep working to make our communication and updates frequent and useful.

Calendar of Events

February:

17th - NGFA Meeting - 2:30 p.m.

19th - Popcorn Day

19th - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Outdoor Discovery Center

23rd - 5th Grade to DeVos Hall; Grand Rapids Concert (morning only)

25th - NG Pool Party - 6:00pm at the Cityside Middle School pool

March:

7th - 1/2 day of school - Dismissal at 12:00 noon.

7th - 2:00-8:00 p.m. - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Appointments only

8th - 5th Grade Wax Museum

8th - KG-2nd Grade Skating Party

15th - 3rd-5th Grade Skating Party



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Dear Parent:

Our Miles of Smiles (MOS) mobile dental unit is scheduled to be in Holland throughout the school year. The mobile dental unit provides free dental services for financially-qualifying children. Unfortunately, MOS will not be visiting your school. However, we want parents to know that they can schedule their child to be seen on our mobile unit when we locate at a school in the Holland School District or West Ottawa School District.

Please contact our office at 1-800-467-5905 to schedule a dental appointment for your child (ren) at a nearby school. Consent forms for our dental services are available on our website: <http://www.miottawa.org/dental>. A consent form can also be obtained by calling 1-800-467-5905.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR CHILD(REN) ON MILES OF SMILES!

Sincerely,

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Miles of Smiles Free Dental Services for Children

WHO

Children 0-20 years old with Medicaid insurance/Healthy Kids Dental or uninsured who:

- Do not have a dentist. (If your child has a dentist, please do not complete the attached form)
- Have not had a dental checkup in the last 6 months
- Qualify financially

WHAT

- Dental checkup
- Teeth cleaning
- Fluoride treatment to prevent cavities
- X-rays
- Sealants
- Dental health education
- Fillings and extractions if needed
- Other necessary dental treatment



WHERE

The Miles of Smiles mobile dental unit will come to your child's school to provide dental services during school hours.

HOW

1. Complete attached form, sign and return to your child's school immediately.
2. Child's Medicaid Recipient /Healthy Kids ID # must be written on attached form (if eligible)
3. Financial information must be completed on attached form.
4. Parent must complete the attached health history form every year.

Although your child may be moving into middle school or high school, Miles of Smiles can still provide dental services through the age of 20. You will need to call us at 1-800-467-5905 to schedule an appointment at a location near you.

Thank you.

DENTAL INSURANCE

Due to state budget cuts, Miles of Smiles has limited grant monies to provide dental treatment for low-income, uninsured children. If your child qualifies for Free/Reduced Lunch, they would also qualify for low-cost (\$0 - \$10 per month) medical and dental insurance. Please call 1-800-764-4111 ext. 5731 or (616) 393-5731 for assistance in completing an application. The application may also be completed on-line at www.michigan.gov/mibridges.

Apply now to ensure that your child receives the dental care they need on Miles of Smiles!

Información en español en el otro lado de esta página.

