



June 5, 2017

A Note from Mrs. Poll:

I want to thank you for another amazing year at New Groningen. As I reflect on the school year, I'm continually grateful for the support, participation and joy shown by our families. We have had a very fun year with daily learning, family activities and student events throughout the year. Some examples this year are the Penny Carnival, 'Twas the Night before Christmas Family Reading Night', NG Family Carnival, 2nd grade Science Night, Reading Marathon, 5th grade Camp, Memorial Day Parade, the Celebration of the Arts for 4th graders last week and the list goes on. Each time we have an event, I look around and am reminded of how blessed our students and staff are to be surrounded by supportive families.

As you head into summer, enjoy the extra time with your children, leave the busy schedule behind and please continue to have your child reading for sweet joy! We will be so excited to welcome you all back in September! Thanks again for an amazing year!



2017-2018 Classlists

Class lists this year will be coming out later this summer. We will send out an Infinite Campus email message when they will be posted on the windows of the school and on the website. A school supply list per grade level will also be posted on the website as soon as they become available.

Thank You New Groningen Families



Thanks to all the many volunteers New Groningen has had all year long! We are so very blessed here to have wonderful parents/grandparents that spend time helping students, teachers, and at extra events like the Family Carnival, Mileage Club, the Book Fair along with all the daily help at school! Please stop in the office on Tuesday, June 6th for a wonderful treat in your honor. Thank you – Thank you – Thank you!!!!

ZPass Bus Pass Turn In

Returning ZPass Bus Tags:

Bus tags need to be turned in on the last day of school!

Bus tags may be given to student's bus driver on the last day that they ride the bus, turned in to the school office, or dropped off at Transportation office.

All bus tags will be reactivated and reissued in the fall. There will be a \$10 charge for any bus tag not returned.

*Please note: ALL students have been assigned a bus tag, regardless if they rode a bus or walked/parent pickup, etc. So all students should be returning their bus tag.



Barnes & Noble:

The Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program is here! Read any 8 books throughout the summer and record them in a B&N Reading Journal, telling which part of the book is your favorite and why. Bring your completed journal to a B&N store and pick out a FREE book! The program begins on June 5. For more information and to print a copy of the Reading Journal, visit:

www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9

Zee Bus2017 Schedule

June 12th through August 11th:

Monday - 9:30 - Borcuilo CRC

10:45 - Ottawa Reformed

12:00 - Imperial Estates

1:00 - Rustling Winds

Tuesday - 9:30 - Hunter's Creek (corner of Caribou Ct and Caribou Ln)

10:45 - ECC (On McKinley)

12:00 - Maple View MHC

1:00 - Logan Estates MHC

Wednesday - 9:30 - Niekerk Church

10:45 - Drenthe CRC

12:00 - Vriesland (Chicken Lickin parking lot)

1:00 - Ottogon Estates MHC

Thursday - 9:30 - Maple Ct./Sundance

10:45 - Wiersma Dr.

12:00 - Savannah Lakes/Woodfield

1:00 - Holiday/104th

Friday - 10:00 - Lawrence St. Park

Story time, craft, activities, snack and free book!

Howard Miller Library Summer Reading Club

Our local library is hosting a Summer Reading Club called "Build a Better World" with registration beginning on June 12th. They will have a kick-off party 10:00-11:00 featuring "Stormy the Magician"! Kids can register for the program and receive a Summer Reading Log. There are FREE programs and prizes all summer long for all ages. Check out their website for a calendar of events: www.hmpl.org.



JRL Schedule

Just Right Library begins June 14th and continues through August 23rd on Wednesday nights (no JRL on the 5th of July). Located in both JRL and Media Center at NG.

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Please enter on the West side of the building by the Gymnasium.

Also students can "swap" the books they received from Summer Stretch on those JRL Wednesdays as well (if they finished or would just prefer a different book).



Upcoming Events:

June -

5th - 5th Grade Breakfast

7th - 1st Grade Meijer Gardens Field Trip

8th - Half Day of School - Dismissal at noon.

9th - Last Day of School - Half Day - Dismissal at noon.

Student Dress Code

Parents are asked to dress their child appropriately for the variety of school activities planned each day. Warm weather dress should be comfortable, but not too skimpy. Tank tops, halter tops, short shirts, or skimpy shorts are not allowed. Cold weather dress should be warm and appropriate for outdoor play. Articles of clothing advertising alcohol or smoking products or containing inappropriate language or messages are not appropriate. No hats or caps are to be worn in the building.

Exciting Happenings at NG

Back to School



First Day of School 2017-2018
Tuesday, September 5th

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/>

Summer Stretch 2017

Summer Stretch is our district wide summer reading program that is designed to help encourage reading and keep away the summer slide (the loss of reading levels). The last couple of years this summer practice came in the form of a workbook and reading log. This year there will be no workbook to complete and turn in at your home school.

The top researchers in the area of summer reading loss have discovered that the number one way to prevent the "summer slide" is to read for enjoyment in June, July and August. We want our kiddos to know that the end of the school year means the start of summer reading.

At the assembly, your child will be creating their own summer reading goal. They will also be writing down books of high interest. Your child will get to choose two books to keep. Ownership of high interest books is proven to be powerful in engaging young readers. They will also receive a pennant to review and recommend books to their peers. These will be able to be turned in at Summer JRL but are not required. This year our JRL and regular library will be open to students. Zee bus will be making their rounds too! More information coming soon! We hope that you will be able to share in their excitement of reading.

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.