

## **New Groningen Impact – March/April 2017**

We are continuing to move from 'March' impact to helping our students learn to impact others in big and small ways each and every day. We will be partnering with Lincoln Elementary again and work to enrich the lives of the students at Bennett Elementary in Detroit. There are two needs that have been identified and between NG and Lincoln we will work to ensure that each child at Bennett Elementary will leave for summer with at least 2 books that are of high interest and a shirt to wear that fits their newly initiated uniform code.

The following was written by Tom DeGraaf: **School Uniforms**

**“This past year, this school was directed to adhere to a district wide uniform policy. Many parents were not able to afford enough uniforms to get their children through the week, so many students are having to wear the same clothes day after day. Monetary donations collected through a 'Penny War' will go towards purchasing white, pale yellow, and light blue polo shirts for the 571 students. We know the numbers and sizes needed for each classroom and we are able to purchase each shirt for \$4.00 through a local company.”**

So, NG will host a Penny War between the grades and all the money that comes in will be used to purchase shirts and any extra will be used to purchase books for them. *I love that we love our own, and still look out for others in our world. Thanks for your help and support in teaching our children this important skill in life!*

### **Donuts with Dad – March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

This day is an opportunity for students and their father, grandpa, uncle, and/or other special guest to enjoy a morning donut along with coffee or milk before the school day begins.

Come join us in the Anchor starting at 8:00 am and ending by 8:35 am for a time of fun with your child. When you are finished eating you are welcome to visit your student's classroom to have your child read to you.

You may join us on the following dates based on your last name:

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Last name beginning with A–L 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Last name beginning with M–Z 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

### **World's Finest Chocolate Sale:**

The chocolate sale has ended. If you still have chocolate and/or money at home please return it to school ASAP.

We still have several assorted boxes of chocolate bars available. At this time we would like to make these boxes available for any student interested in selling them. Please see the office with details if this is something you would like your student to do.

#### **RESULTS:**

Our school raised over \$12,000.00! Thanks so much for all students and parents that participated/donated in this year's sale.

The top selling classes were Gutierrez/McMarty-48 boxes; Lampe-37 boxes; Chew-30 boxes

The top sellers were Andrew Skaggs 24 boxes; Kyler Zwagerman, Joseph Meiste, and Jasper Hardin with 8 boxes each.

There are 12 students for the limo ride: Acacia Wright – Oshnock; Jasper Hardin – Meyering; Jonathan Hossink – VanHoven; Emry Wyngarden – Mumby; Andrew Skaggs – McCarty/Gutierrez; Kamryn Beltran – DeVries; Izabell Berkenpass – DeVries; Kyler Zwagerman – Lampe; Joseph Meiste – Chew; Alexander Cooper – Wolffis; Makayla Clason – Klyn; Troy Postema – Klyn.

## New Groningen Spirit Wear Order

Sometime this week an order link will be sent out for New Groningen students and parents to purchase t-shirts and quarter zips.

### Upcoming Events:

#### March –

- 20<sup>th</sup> – NGFA Meeting – 2:00 p.m.
- 21<sup>st</sup> – NGFA Evening Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Donuts with Dad (A-L) 8:00 a.m.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Donuts with Dad (M-Z) 8:00 a.m.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Visit Creekside during the day
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wax Museum
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Roller Skating Party – 6-8 p.m. @ the Rink
- 31<sup>st</sup> – No School – Spring Break

#### April –

- 10<sup>th</sup> – Return to school after Spring Break
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Night at Creekside Middle
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Popcorn Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Mileage Club begins
- 27<sup>th</sup> – NG Community Open House



### NG Field Day Volunteers Needed

Hi! My name is Biz Geertsma and I am the PE teacher for New Groningen. I am looking for volunteers for our Field Day on Friday, May 5th. The details are listed below:

**Who:** New Groningen Elementary School

**What:** Field Day 2017

**Where:** Zeeland Stadium

**When:** Friday, May 5th (9:30am-2:30pm)

**Why:** To celebrate a fabulous school year and to have some fun!

If you are interested in volunteering for this FUN day, please email me back at [egeertsm@zps.org](mailto:egeertsm@zps.org). A sack lunch will be provided for you as well as a treat bag to help get you through the day. The kids just love having you there! Thank you. :) Please let me know if you have any additional questions!

**Reading Marathon Needs:** We would like to have parent's donate boxes of granola bars for our Reading Marathon on March 30<sup>th</sup> for the students. Please drop the boxes off at the office any time between now and then. Also, we need to have some volunteers who'd like to run literacy activities. These volunteers will work with a partner and will be given ideas for their activities. If you are interested, please contact Julie Paterick at [jpateric@zps.org](mailto:jpateric@zps.org).

### ZPS Community Page

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/>

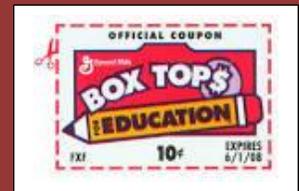
## Exciting Happenings at NG



Help NG win the Froyo Challenge!  
Read all about it below:

### ZPS Mission Statement

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



Box Top Challenge Continues. Turn in those box tops from now until March 27<sup>th</sup>!

### New Groningen 2017 Froyo Spirit Challenge

If you and your family are having a craving for something sweet head to Orange Leaf in Holland for some frozen yogurt. The company is hosting a Spirit Challenge where our school will compete with another school to raise the most funds. New Groningen is matched up with Sheldon Woods (West Ottawa Public Schools) for the first round which runs **March 19<sup>th</sup> to March 25<sup>th</sup>**. If we win, the next round starts April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If you go to Orange Leaf during this time simply ask for a receipt for your order and put the receipt into the jar/bucket that is for New Groningen Elementary. Our Family Association will receive 20 percent of your order. The school that raises the most money in round one will move on to round 2. The overall winner of the event will receive an extra \$500 for the school. Orange Leaf is at 184 S. River Ave, Holland, MI, 49423.

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.