



## Important Dates this Week:

### Half days at New Groningen:

Wednesday, May 10th - 8:40 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Dismissal will be at 12:00 noon.

Thursday, May 11th - 8:40 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Dismissal will be at 12:00 noon.

Friday, May 12th - 8:40 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Dismissal will be at 12:00 noon.

### Muffins with Mom:

Wednesday, May 10th 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Last names beginning A-L.

Thursday, May 11th 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Last names beginning M-Z.



### M-Step Testing for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade M-Step – May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Grade M-Step - May 8<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please check with your child's teacher for the times they will be giving the test if you need to pull your child for any reason. We ask that unless your child is sick, they are here for testing. Also, this is a great time for your child to get extra sleep every night, and a healthy breakfast during this testing schedule.

## Middle School Open Gyms

Any 5<sup>th</sup> Grade girls interested in playing basketball in middle school is invited to Creekside Middle School every Wednesday evening in May from 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. This will be led by our middle school coaches: Swanson and Bolhouse.

## Spring BOGO Book Fair

New Groningen is gearing up for our annual Buy One Get One Free Scholastic Book Fair! It will run between Monday, May 15- Thursday, May 18 and we will also have before school hours for families to shop beginning at 8:00. This is always the perfect time to stock up on some summer reading, and this year we are hoping that every child here at New Groningen can walk away with a book to start their summer off right ☺ If you are able and would be willing, please send in (up to) \$5 or, if you would like the “get one” book of your child’s purchase to be donated, you can do that as well. This will help get quality, high-interest books into the hands of our kids. If this sounds like something you would like to do, you can have your child bring in the extra money the week of Book Fair or jot a note that the free book is to be donated. Thank you so much for your consideration!

## 2017-2018 School Year

If your child will not be returning to Zeeland Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year please notify the office: 748-3375 or [sbecktel@zps.org](mailto:sbecktel@zps.org). This information is helpful for when we begin placing students for next year. Thanks.

### Upcoming Events:

#### May –

- 9<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Egg Drop
- 9th – 23rd – 4th Grade M-Step Testing
- 10th -Muffins with Mom (A-L) 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
- 10th – 12th Half Day of School –Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.
- 11th - Muffins with Mom (M-Z) 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Spring BOGO Book Fair
- 15th – NGFA Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
- 19th – KG John Ball Zoo Field Trip
- 19th – 5th Grade Circle of Friends
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Camp Geneva Field Trip
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Water Treatment Plant and Tunnel Park
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day – No School

### New Groningen Impact:

Our Kindergarten classrooms are thrilled to report that 485 containers of Play Dough (plus some toys as well) will be donated to DeVos Children's Hospital on behalf of New Groningen Kindergarten students. Your generosity to our community is so appreciated! Thank you so much for supporting our community service project!

### 2017-2018 Transportation Forms

Today, in your child's Monday bag will be a 2017/2018 Transportation form. Please return this form as soon as possible. Please do not wait until June. This form is very important for our Transportation office to plan for the next school year. Thank you for your help.



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### 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



NG Field Day was so much fun!!!!

### 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/>

Thank you so much for all the volunteers who helped out at our NG Field Day!

### Cell Phones at NG

If a student chooses to have a cell phone at school, it must be turned to silent or off and needs to be stored in their backpack while they are in the school. The same policy pertains on the bus as well. The phone is their responsibility if lost, broken or stolen.

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.