

# New Groningen

## Elementary



### Parent/Teacher Conferences

**November 10, November 11, & November 12**

Parent/Teacher Conferences are quickly coming upon us. You should have received a yellow Parent/Teacher Conference reminder form last week. This is a confirmation of your student(s) conference day/time/room. Please mark your calendar so you do not miss this special one-on-one time with the teacher.

**Wednesday, November 11th - Half Day (8:35am - 12:00pm)**

**Thursday, November 12th - Half Day (8:35am - 12:00pm)**

**Friday, November 13 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

### Community Action House Donations

As a school we continue to teach our students how to positively impact others - in our school, in our community and in our world. This month we are coming together as a school to bless others in our community. **We will be collecting some specific items per grade level to donate to the Community Action House** where they will be distributed to people in the area. We did a collection similar to this a few years ago and our school amazed the CAH at how much we had collected! We will be adding a fun twist this year - each grade level has a male NG employee that has offered to participate in 'No Shave November' for the cause! There will be a bucket set up by the Anchor starting on Tuesday (tomorrow) to collect items for the each grade level to collect items for CAH. When a bucket is 'filled' a layer of 'beard' will be added to a photograph of that male staff member showing each grade levels collection progress. At the end, there will be a fun 'shave off' to celebrate our generous giving. Thank you!! We will collect these items from November 10 - December 16, 2015.

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)

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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.



## Bittersweet Ski Discount Cards

Attention Skiers! Bittersweet Ski Discount Card registration forms for students (\$16.00/ea) and adults (\$16.00/ea) are available in the school office. Stop in during conferences and pick one up. Don't miss out on an opportunity to save money on downhill skiing at Bittersweet. The cards will come home before Christmas vacation. Any questions please contact Colleen Ball at 772-5826.

## Penny Carnival Donations

Thanks so much for all who donated treats and prizes to the Penny Carnival!

It was an amazing day for the kids.

## Cityside Players - Lion King Jr.

The Cityside Players will be presenting Lion King Jr. November 19 & 20 at 7:00 p.m. and November 21 at 2:00 p.m. at Lokers' Auditorium. Please call the Cityside office at 748-3200 for reserved tickets. All tickets are \$5.00. Tickets will go fast so don't delay!

## Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Just a reminder to parents who receive free and reduced lunch for their students: Every year you will need to submit a new free and reduced lunch application to Food Service. Please go to [www.zps.org](http://www.zps.org) and Food Service for an on line application to print off; or stop in the office and pick up a pre-printed application.

## Great American Savings Pass Fundraising Update

Thank you to all who sold the savings pass, purchased one for your family or returned it! Our school wide sale was a success and we were able to sell over 160 cards with a profit of just under \$2000. \*There are some who still haven't turned in their cards yet, and we are responsible to pay for those, so if you haven't paid for it or returned it, please do so ASAP. Thanks again for all your help and support!



“Learning  
is a treasure  
that will follow  
its owner  
everywhere.”

– Chinese  
Proverb



## 90/WIN/WIN+

There are many exciting instructional changes happening in Zeeland elementaries this year! Teams of teachers and administrators from around the district have come together to review current research in an effort to design instruction to better meet the needs of ALL of our learners!

### 90-Minute Block

All classrooms now have 90 minutes of uninterrupted reading time every-day. Of course teachers have always been teaching reading daily! However, this block of time ensures that every child will have specific instruction in reading strategies, phonics, and word study, as well as time to practice at their individual level each day.

### WIN Time

Maybe you have heard your child talk about WIN time at school? This simply means What I Need. It is a special 30 minutes set aside each day for smaller group instruction based on the specific needs of each child. For some, this may be a time for extra practice with foundational skills. For others, this may be a time for extended learning. The goal is for ALL students to be working on what they need to be successful.

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## ECC Preschool Opportunities

Tuition Free and Tuition Programs Available. The Early Childhood Center has preschool openings for three and four year old children. Please call the ECC at 748.3275 for enrollment information.

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## The Book Fair is coming and we need your help!

The Scholastic book fair will be at New Groningen the week of November 30th - December 3rd. Many volunteers are needed to help before, during and after the book fair. Please contact Mrs. Hanegraaff at dhanegra@zps.org or 748-3375 ext. 2720 if you are able to help.

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## Upcoming Dates at New Groningen

### November:

- 10th-12th - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11th & 12th - 1/2 day of school for students - Dismissal at noon.
- 13th - No School
- 14th - TTQ Final Run at West Ottawa High School at 9:30 a.m.
- 20th & 21st - 5th Grade to Chicago
- 24th - 5th Grade "The Talk"
- 25th - 27th - Thanksgiving Break - No School for Students
- 30th - Dec. 3rd - Scholastic Book Fair