

# New Groningen Elementary

October 24, 2016

## ***Penny Carnival is this Week!***

Our annual Penny Carnival will be held on Friday, October 28th. Activities (carnival games) designed by our third, fourth and fifth grade students and teachers will be set up in *The Anchor* during the noon hour. The cost of each Penny Carnival game will be 1 to 3 cents. Kindergarten will participate in the activities from 1:00 to 1:20 p.m. First and second grade students will participate in the activities from 1:25 to 2:00 p.m. and third, fourth and fifth grade students will take part from 2:20 to 3:10 p.m. A recess from 2:00 to 2:15 p.m. allows us to reset for the third session of activities.



**Please note:** (lunch choices have changed for Friday. Please see the next page.)

- Costumes are allowed after lunch, but not necessary on this day.
- Students are not to bring aerosol cans to school.
- Use discretion with costumes. Don't scare the principal ☺
- We are asking for donations of individually wrapped penny candy, and small prizes (pencils, small erasers, etc.) which are needed as prizes. Please send donations in any time before the 28th.
- Profits go to the fifth grade camp fund.
- Parents are invited to attend. Younger brothers and sisters are welcome!

## ***Scholastic Book Fair – 11/7/16-11/10/16***

We have our Fall book Fair coming up soon and we are all very excited here at New Groningen! This year, we will have the Fair the week of conferences, Nov.7-10. Students will have an opportunity to shop with their class throughout the week during their assigned classroom time, and the Book Fair will also be open during afternoon and evening conference times for families to have the chance to shop as well!

Did you know that Scholastic gives our school 50% of our profit in new books for the library? We also use this money to purchase books for all of our new teachers so they can help build their classroom libraries as well. During our Book Fair, students not only get to buy exciting books for themselves, but they are also giving back to our school at the same time!

## ***Parent/Teacher Conferences Coming In November***

This year's Parent/Teacher conferences are November 7, 9, & 10. Conference sign-up for parents have begun on-line as of Friday, October 21st. This sign up will be available until October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you need to change anything on the schedule, please call the office 616.748.3375 before November 4<sup>th</sup>. The link to sign up again is: [https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/New\\_Groningen\\_Elementary](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/New_Groningen_Elementary)



## ***Entertainment Book Sale Fundraiser***

October 21<sup>st</sup> was the turn in day for orders for the Entertainment Book Sale. If you haven't already, please return the orders or books as soon as possible. In the past, this has been a great fundraiser for us. Thank you so much for your support of New Groningen students!

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

## Lunch on Penny Carnival Day

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE EATING LUNCH IN THE GYM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> FOR PENNY CARNIVAL. THE LUNCH CHOICES FOR THE DAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A – PEPPERONI PIZZA

C – SOY BUTTER SANDWICH

OR BRING A COLD LUNCH FROM HOME

## Be Nice T-Shirt Order

Going home in Monday bags are order forms for Kindergarten for Be Nice T-Shirts. Please return these orders by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If your student has out grown their shirt or are new to our school, please refer to our website or pick up an order form from in the office.

## Upcoming Events:

### October –

24<sup>th</sup> – NGFA Meeting 2:00 p.m.

25<sup>th</sup> – Picture Retake Day

28<sup>th</sup> – Penny Carnival 1:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

### November -

7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair

7<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7 pm

9<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-5 pm

9<sup>th</sup> – Half Day of School for Students – Dismissal at noon

10<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences 2-8 pm

10<sup>th</sup> – Half Day of School for Students – Dismissal at noon

15<sup>th</sup> – All School Pool Party at Cityside Middle Pool

17<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Native American Dig Presentation

22<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade “The Talk”

23<sup>rd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> – No School - Thanksgiving Break

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.

## Pick up at NG – Thanks!!

Just a reminder as you pick up from NG after school. I understand that there are limited spots and NG is a very busy place, but please do your best to avoid parking on Chicago Drive if at all possible. I worry about you getting in and out of your vehicle to pick up your child, and I also worry about how the vehicle can block the view of cars going out of the drive.

On a brighter note - the morning drop off and afternoon pick up are going much smoother overall! Thank you so much for being patient and cautious when doing either one! We appreciate the time you take to keep our kiddos safe.

## Exciting Happenings at NG



NGFA Meeting Minutes will be posted on our website.

### Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences:

November 7<sup>th</sup> – 4-7 pm

November 9<sup>th</sup> – 2-5 pm

November 10<sup>th</sup> – 2-8 pm



Penny Carnival – October 28th

NG All School Pool Party – November 15<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Cityside Middle

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.