

New Groningen Elementary

September 12, 2016

Welcome

What a fantastic start to the school year! We are excited to welcome you all to our newly updated building. Thank you for your support and encouragement to our staff this past week. It was such a delight to see so many at the Open House. The final touches will continue to be put on throughout this fall, along with finishing up the upper grade level playground. By January, we should have all classrooms and hallways finished up. Again, thank you for your patience as we have to change some procedures until it is all complete!

Here is to a great start to the year!

-Mrs. Poll



Update Your Information

It is very important that we have the most current contact information in our system for EVERY student. You may have received a Census Verification form at the Open House or Orientation. If you did not already do so, review the information, make necessary changes and return that form **as soon as possible** to the office or your child's classroom teacher. Please make sure you include an email address for electronic communications. **This newsletter will be sent electronically today, so please let us know if you do not receive that email.** Beginning in October, this will only be sent by email unless you contact us for a paper copy. Also **two emergency contacts** are very helpful as we often have sick or injured children and are unable to reach parents.

ZKids

ZKids: Zeeland Public Schools now offers a childcare program (ZKids) at every elementary building during the school year. ZKids is open Monday-Friday from 6:30 am – 8:30 am and from 3:45 pm – 6:00 pm. In addition, ZKids is open on snow days and school break days (i.e., conferences, holidays). For more information on our childcare program, please email Cheryl Kraker at ckraker@zps.org or call 748-4711.

Before and After School Procedures

Drop Off/Pick Up Students: If you are dropping off and/or picking up your child from New Groningen, please use the entrance by the flag pole, on Chicago Drive. In the morning, students will go right from parents through the front doors any time after 8:25 a.m.

After school, the students will travel through the hallway by the office to parents. If you are picking up a Kindergarten student, you must come to the door to pick them up at 3:35 p.m. Other students will be dismissed and waiting by the building. Students may not cross the parking lot unattended, so please be patient as the crossing guard or a staff member crosses with them.

Bus Driveway: The east side of our school is designated as our bus transportation drop off and pick up. Please do not use this area to drive through or park before or after school.



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

Monday Bags >>>

EACH MONDAY YOUR CHILD WILL BRING HOME HIS/HER MONDAY BAG. THIS BAG WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND/OR FORMS FROM THE SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S BAG EVERY MONDAY, AND RETURN THE BAG TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY WITH THE NECESSARY FORMS.

ZHC Choir: The Zeeland High Choir program is hosting a brand new event this year called "Synergy," and we would like YOU to be a part of it! We are looking for anyone in 5th grade or above to perform with us on September 24 including students, teachers, siblings, parents, grandparents, and friends! All are welcome! Tickets are also available if you would like to attend the event as an audience member. Details are available at this link: <http://zeelandhighchoirs.weebly.com/synergy.html>. Contact Mr. Van Eck (jvaneck1@zps.org) for more information.

Upcoming Events:

September –

12 – TTQ Practice begins for Boys 3rd-5th grades

13 – KG Dibels Assessment

16 – Picture Day

29 – 4th Grade Art Prize Field Trip

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.

Physical Education Shoes:

For safety and participation, please have your children wear socks and gym shoes to school (or bring in their backpack) on the day of physical education class to ensure their safety during activities. Shoes such as slip-ons, sandals, boots, Crocs, and flip flops are not safe for jumping, climbing and running that occur in the gym.

Donate for Physical Education:

Attention families: If you have any gently used gym shoes that you'd be willing to part with, our physical education program is looking for donations! Students are able to wear these donated shoes for our PE class period if they forget gym shoes so they are able to safely participate in all activities. Donations can be dropped off in the PE office or in the main office. Thanks for considering!

Exciting Happenings at NG



Picture Day – Friday, September 16th



3rd-5th Grade Boys start TTQ 9/12/16



Construction Continues at NG until 12/2016

JRL Reminders -

1. Please turn in any books borrowed over the summer to your child's teacher as soon as possible.
2. Anyone interested in volunteering this year should find the sign up sheet in the Monday bag this week and return it to school by Friday.



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.