

New Groningen

Elementary



Welcome New Staff at New Groningen:

Brad VanHoven - Mr. VanHoven is teaching 1st grade and comes to us from Lincoln Elementary where he taught 1st grade.

Garrit DeVries- Mr. DeVries is teaching 2nd grade Spanish Immersion and also comes to us from Lincoln Elementary where he taught 2nd grade Spanish Immersion.

Mackenzie Wolffis - will be teaching 3rd grade and is a recent graduate of Hope College. Ms. Wolffis was at New Groningen last year student teaching in kindergarten and with special education.

David Klyn -Mr. Klyn is teaching 5th grade and he has previously taught 3rd grade and PE.

Elizabeth Triminio - Mrs. Triminio will be teaching Spanish to the majority of the school. She will also be teaching part time at Woodbridge. She previously taught through Bethany Christian Services.

Michelle Fuller -Mrs. Fuller will be sharing the teaching of Art this year at New Groningen. She has been teaching in the district for several years and has joined us at NG this year.

Allison Nelson - Mrs. Nelson is not a completely new face to NG, but she was at home last year with her children and has returned to us teaching Technology part time. She will also be teaching at Lincoln.

Jessica Tyner - Mrs. Tyner will be teaching a few Spanish classes at New Groningen this year. She has been at NG before, but we knew her as Ms. Zommermand:)

Maggi Rivera - Ms. Rivera comes to us to help support the EL program throughout ZPS and the Spanish Immersion classes at NG and Lincoln.

Becky Rehor - Mrs. Rehor has been at NG for many years helping with the lunch playground support. This year she will be helping in the Categorical program, helping with students.

Annie Henry - Mrs. Henry will be working as an Interventionist for us. She previously taught in Allegan at the middle school.



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Calendar of Upcoming Events:

September:

18th: Picture Day

22nd: NGFA 1st Meeting at 2:30 p.m.

October:

2nd: Half day of School - Dismissal at 12:00 noon

16th: 1st Popcorn Day

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

Note from Mrs. Poll

We are very excited to have your family at New Groningen! There have been many staff working to make sure everything is ready to go for the school year.

Hopefully your family was able to come to the Open House and find your child's classroom, locker, and teacher. It was wonderful to see so many families. If you weren't able to make it, please feel free to email your teacher. Your teacher's email address is available on the New Groningen web site at <http://newgroningen.zps.org/>.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to call or stop in to the office. We would love to help out in any way we can. We want to make this the best school year ever for your child.

- Laurie Poll, Principal



Welcome to
New Groningen
Elementary!

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.



Please update your student's information ASAP!

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.

Craft & Vendor Show - November 14th

At: Zeeland East High School Gym

3333 96th Avenue; Zeeland—enter by the flagpole or south door

November 14, 2015 – 9a.m. to 3p.m.

Free Admission

Interested in being a vendor? Email: zehscrafts2015@gmail.com

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 to the playground any time after 8:20 a.m. They enter through the gate entrance on the north part of the parking lot. They are allowed to go inside if they eat breakfast at school.

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 3:40 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.



Having fun before and 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.

Physical Education Needs

PE 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.

Donations:

Donate: 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 the 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!



Monday Bags have so much information from the classroom and office.

ZKids Before and After School Care



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.

New to our school calendar this year is four Fridays that will be half days for professional development training for our teachers. We realize half days may be difficult for families that need childcare, therefore, we will be offering our ZKids childcare at New Groningen for New Groningen students only on these half days should you need it.

Our half days are as follows: October 2nd, December 11th, February 12th, May 13th.

ZKids childcare will be open from 12:00 pm-6:00 pm on these days. The cost for these half days is \$16.00/child. If you are interested in using the ZKids childcare on the above mentioned half days, please call Cheryl Kraker at 748-4711 or email her at ckraker@zps.org, and she can email you a registration form. To reserve a spot for your child on these half days, the registration form with payment needs to be turned in 1 week prior to the dates above. If your child already attends ZKids on a regular basis, you do not have to complete a registration for the half days.

RECYCLING FUNDRAISERS AT NEW GRONINGEN:

Please save your Box Top Labels; Campbell's Soup Labels; and Terra Recycling Materials. If you would like a more detailed list, please visit the websites listed below:



Box Tops: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/participating-products>



Campbell's Soup Labels: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Earn-Points/Participating-Products>



Project A+ by Tyson Foods: <http://www.tyson.com/>



Papergator Materials: <http://www.papergatorrecycling.com/>

Welcome Back!!!



ZEELAND EAST HIGH SCHOOL GYM

3333 96TH AVE, ZEELAND MI 49464
ENTER BY THE FLAG POLE OR BY THE SOUTH DOOR

NOVEMBER 14, 2015

9AM-3PM

FREE ADMISSION

THIS SHOW HELPS TO FUND THE
PARENT SPONSORED ZEELAND EAST
ALL NIGHT SENIOR PARTY 2016!

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