

New Groningen

Elementary



School Wide Fundraiser

Changes for 2015!

This year we are changing our school wide fundraiser. The Entertainment Books are no longer available, so a company named the Great American Savings Pass is replacing the books. The Savings Pass is for the local Holland/Zeeland area and also access to National offers online. The cards (passes) will be \$20.00 and we will begin selling them in October. Please watch your child's backpack for this information to come home around October 12th.

Breakfast at NG: Half Day - Oct 2

We are serving breakfast at New Groningen every day of school. When the students are dropped off (at 8:20) or from the bus, they are directed to the Anchor. If students want to eat breakfast when they are dropped off, we encourage them to eat and head to their classroom when the bell rings at 8:30 a.m. Students who ride the shuttle and require breakfast will be directed to the Anchor upon arrival of their bus.

Your student's account will be charged unless you qualify for Free/Reduced.

Free/Reduced Applications are available on-line or in the office.

Breakfast will be served:

8:20 am – 8:35 am

PRICES

Student Breakfast: \$1.80

Milk: \$.50

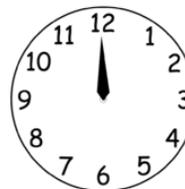
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Issue 2

September 28, 2015

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Upcoming Dates at New Groningen

September:

29th - 4th Grade Field trip to Art Prize

30th - Okay 2 Say Assembly for 2nd-5th grades

October:

2nd - Half Day of School. Dismissal at noon.

16th - Popcorn Day

20th - NGFA Meeting—2:30 p.m.

23rd - KG to Post Family Farm Field Trip

27th - Picture Retake 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



Being safe in the parking lot at school is a must!

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.



5th Grade fundraiser

Pick up /Drop off Reminders

Parents -

If you drop off or pick up your child at New Groningen you are aware that it is a very busy place with lots of kids:) I was out there this morning to check the flow of traffic. Here are some reminders to follow so that we can keep our kids safe:

Please **ONLY** drop off on the playground side of the drive. Find a spot, let them out and then the students do not need to walk in front of any potential vehicles since they are in the closest lane to the sidewalk.

IF you want to walk them to the office door, that is not a problem, but please park in a designated spot in the parking area, not along the drop off lane. Walk your child across the cross walk and then you cross back over. I do not want kids, even the older grades, walking across there without a parent.

Once you drop off, please use caution pulling in to the passing lane and head out to your day.

For pick up time:

IF you are the parent of a kindergartner, please remember to park your vehicle in the parking lot (not along the pick up lane unless ALL spots are filled in lot) since you need to get out to come get them. They are released 5 minutes early so that you can pick up and get on your way, leaving more pick up space for others.

IF you are the parent of a 1st-5th grader, please do your best **NOT** to arrive before 3:40 p.m. This allows the kinder parents time to get their child with less traffic to cross.

Please **NEVER** allow your child to cross in front of traffic to your vehicle. They need to wait until you can pull into the inside lane by the playground, or you park in a parking spot and walk across the cross walk to get them. This takes a few extra minutes, but may avoid a terrible situation.

The basic thought is to be patient and do what it takes to make sure it is a smooth flow and kids are safe. We, the adults who monitor this area, will always do our best, but we need your help to support this as well. Thank you SO much!

Hungry Howie's Fundraiser

Our 5th graders are doing a fundraiser right now for their trips to Chicago and camp. The pizza certificates are \$7.00 for a one-topping pizza. Please see a 5th grader for ordering details.

Mr. Freeze Pops

Don't forget Mr. Freeze Pops are available for students to purchase on Fridays during lunch. They are .25 cents each and all the proceeds go to our 5th Grade Camp.

Pumpkinfest 5k Run and Kids Fun Run

Saturday, October 3rd, 2015

8 a.m. Kids Fun Run and 8:15 a.m. 5k run

Zeeland East High School

Register for this event at: www.signmeup.com/107331



Pumpkinfest 2015 is
October 2nd & 3rd.

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, October 27th.

New Groningen is going Paperless!

If you have access to an email account, you have hopefully received a few emails from the office of reminders and important information. We will only be printing this newsletter out for parents that don't have an email account beginning with this newsletter. If you don't have access to the internet, please contact your child's teacher or the office and we will gladly send home a paper copy.

Students will
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global
citizens.

Technology News

I just wanted to send a quick note to let you what your students have been up to in technology these past two weeks.

2nd-5th grade: Your students received their login cards (stored in the media center closet - use them anytime!), reacquainted themselves with their gmail and google apps, the process of logging in and logging out, and joined my google classroom. In classroom, they learned how to download, complete, and submit assignments. Their first assignment was an attachment from google docs and they worked on typing, editing, changing fonts, spacing, and inserting pictures in preparation for next week's project that we will create in google slides. We ran into a few bumps in the road as we all got used to logging in, using our new devices, and getting comfortable in our new learning spaces, but I was amazed by how your students focused and persevered!

K-1st grade: Your students also received their login cards (stored in the media center closet - use them anytime!) and began working on learning their student numbers. We spent some time discussing the rules and procedures of technology class, and then we got to work right away on getting comfortable with our devices (chromebooks and the new ipad minis!) The K-1 kiddos created an all about me project using Starfall.com and we did a gallery walk to check out and talk about everyone's creations. The 1st graders finished up with some labeling and reading activities in Starfall, and the Kinders worked on ABC games (sorting, matching, tracing, etc.) Again, I was impressed by how well the students handled both devices and adapted to their new learning space(s), too!



Technology Update!

New Groningen Art Club

A remedy for those Winter Blues

Coming Soon!

What: New Groningen Art Club!

Who: Open to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders (Hosted by Ms. Schuring, 4th grade teacher)

When: Tuesdays after school from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Late October-February

To get an idea of how many students may be interested, there will be a sign-up sheet outside the Anchor later this week. There will then be a sign-up sheet each week for those planning to attend that Tuesday's session. Students do NOT have to participate every week if they are unable. It's a time for crafts, art, camaraderie, and just plain fun!

More details in the next newsletter



News from Mrs. Fuller - Art Teacher

Art Prize Entry:

I am so happy to announce that my collaborative painting entitled "Every Child Matters" has been chosen to be a part of ArtPrize seven and can be seen at Palatte coffee and Art, in the Heartside of Grand Rapids across from the GR Children's Museum. Voting is open September 23rd-October 11th.

Old T-shirts needed:

The art room is in need of some old t-shirts that have been washed and ready to use as paint shirts for our students. If you feel you can donate, please drop them off in the office. Thank you.



ARTPRIZE



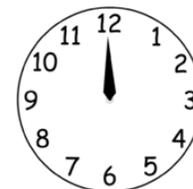
Half Day of School - October 2nd

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"Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire."