

New Groningen

Elementary

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Welcome Back to New Groningen:

September 10, 2018

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, if you have any further questions or concerns.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to stop in or call 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.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events:

September:

20th: Picture Day

21st: Half Day of School - Dismissal at 12:00 noon

October:

12th: Half day of School - Dismissal at 12:00 noon

31st: Penny Carnival - afternoon only

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



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Please update your student's
information ASAP!

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.

TOTAL TREK QUEST

TTQ is a fun, high energy program designed exclusively for boys in 3rd-5th grade! TTQ incorporates strength and stretching exercises with training for a 5K. Boys in this program will develop positive peer relationships and feel a part of a team while working toward individual goals

TTQ is now online! Register online if you are interested in being part of this great program. Register at:

www.raceplanner.com/register/index/TTQFall2018AO

Cost is \$45.00 and scholarships are available. If you have any question or concerns regarding the online registration process, or need a scholarship, please contact Brandon Melnyk at 616.450.4651 or bmelnik@arborcircle.org. **Also, we are in need of coaches, so please let us know if you or someone you know would be interested!**

Update Your Information

It is very important that we have the most current contact information in our system for **EVERY** student. You should have received a Census Verification form on the first day of school. 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 10th

At: Zeeland East High School Gym

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

November 10, 2018 – 9a.m. to 2p.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 doors will remain LOCKED until 8:25am. Students need to remain with parents until 8:25.

Y5 -2nd grade can walk through building to get to their playground
3rd-5th grade can head directly to the playground

After school, the students will travel through the hallway by the office to parents. If you are picking up a Y5 or Kindergarten student, you must come to the door to pick them up at 3:30 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 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 before or after school.



Having fun before and after school!

Monday Information

EACH MONDAY YOUR CHILD WILL BRING HOME HIS/HER MONDAY INFORMATION. IT WILL CONSIST OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND/OR FORMS FROM THE SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S FOLDER EVERY MONDAY, AND RETURN ANY FORMS 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!

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

~ Dates to be aware of ~

Our **HALF DAYS** this year are as follows:



September 21st

October 12th

November 8th

December 14th

January 18th

February 1st

March 1st

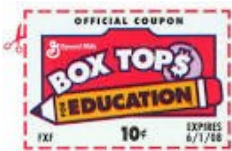
April 19th

May 8-10th

June 5-7th.

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>

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



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