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ZCS Blue Note

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This week got off to a great start at Zeeland Christian. We praise God for the blessing of two new families who stopped to walk through Zeeland Christian. Both of these families were very impressed, not only with the facility but especially with the students and the staff who were so friendly and also the spiritual emphasis and the spirit of God in this place. We praise God for blessing us with those gifts, and pray that we can be a blessing to additional families both this year and in the coming years.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Calendar

Feb. 4	Preschool Registration-7:00 pm
Feb. 12	Chapel-9:00
Feb. 15	No Bussing-Whole School, No Hot Lunch
Feb. 18	Kindergarten Registration/Information Meeting 7:00 pm
March 1	Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School

Athletic Schedule

Check out our new Athletic website! Go to www.zcs.org under Quick Links click on Athletic Events to find announcements, dates and locations of sporting events!

- 7th Grade Girls Basketball
- 8th Grade Girls Basketball

Hot Lunch

Thurs.	A-Tomato soup & grilled cheese, B-Pepperoni pizza
Fri.	A-Cheeseburger sliders, B-Hot dog
Mon.	A-Walking taco, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Tues	A-Hamburger, B-French toast sticks,
Wed.	A-Roast turkey, B-Chicken nuggets
C choice	is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.

We also praise God for the preschool meeting that we had last week. This meeting was well attended. There is a lot of interest in ZCS preschool and we pray that this interest will turn in many students for next year. This year we have approximately 280 combined students in our three year old, four year old, and five year old classes.

Small Talk got started yesterday at a reduced price of \$95 per student for a nine week session. We encourage anyone interested in this program to still sign up. It is not too late. You can register in the office or contact Nancy Pyle at npyle@zcs.org.

The Preschool Information night was last week, the Preschool Registration Night is next week. **Open Registration for Threeschool, Preschool and Young Fives** classes will be held on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7:00 pm in the preschool commons. A \$50 deposit is required with the registration. The schedule information is available on our school web site or in the office. This registration is for all programs and all locations. Please help us promote our preschool program by sharing this date with your family, friends, neighbors who have children of preschool age.

Kindergarten Registration/Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7:00 pm in the media center. This is an important meeting for parents of students who will be attending kindergarten here next year. Please note that we will be offering the half-day/every day kindergarten class and both a morning and an afternoon El Puente (Spanish immersion) class if there is enough interest. This will be determined on a first come, first served basis using regis-

tration forms filled out at this meeting. If you know of anyone who is thinking of attending Zeeland Christian School, this meeting would be very helpful for them. Enrollment packets will also be available in the office beginning on Feb. 19.

Special Registration for Preschool, and Young Five classes will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 pm in the office for parents who currently have children in the threeschool, preschool, or young fives programs. We will only register children currently in the preschool program, not siblings who have not attended previously or children entering threeschool. Those registrations will be taken at the open registration on Feb. 4 at 7:00 pm. A \$50 deposit is required with the registration.

Looking Ahead: There will be no school on Monday, March 1 due to Parent/Teacher Conferences. They will be held on March 1 and 2.

Haiti There are lots of interesting things happening here at Zeeland Christian in relationship to the earthquake in Haiti. Our students have a real heart for people who are suffering. There are a variety of things that classes are doing. Please join us as a school in praying for the people of Haiti. If you have any ideas on how we can help, please feel free to share that with any of us.

Advanced Bussing Notice: There will be no bussing all day for K-8 on Monday, February 15. There will also not be hot lunch that day. Please make a note of this on your calendar.

FACTS Reminder: Please contact Linda Keen at 879-0302 if you want a gift or TRIP amount deducted from your next

FACTS payment.

Tuition Assistance There will no longer be paper tuition assistance applications available. You will need to apply online at www.factstuitionaid.com. If you do not have a computer available, you may use the one in the school office. Please call the school office to make arrangements. You will need to provide information from your tax return from 2009, so plan ahead! The deadline to apply is March 12, 2010.

Also, families who participate in the Milt Kuyers plan through their church are not eligible for tuition assistance.

Kiva Micro-Loans After studying micro-entrepreneurs in Africa, the 7th grade has made a micro-loan through an organization called Kiva to a woman in Africa. As the loan gets repaid we will continue to reinvest this money. We had great success with this last year. The present 8th grade also gave \$200 and each time some of the loan has been repaid it has been reloaned, and now a year later we have reloaned eight times in eight different countries! It's been so exciting to watch as this gift keeps on giving as we spread the love of God to others.

8th Grade Parents: If you have not yet placed a Parent Ad in the yearbook for your 8th grade student, they are due on Feb. 19. Please contact Mrs. Meeuwssen if you have questions.

Volunteers Needed! We are making pig-n-blankets one last time this school year on Tuesday, Feb. 9. We are looking for 3 volunteers for the am shift (8:40-10:30 am) and 10 volunteers for the pm shift (1:15-3:30 pm). Please contact Kris DenBleyker at 772-4713 or Krisdb@egl.net. if you can help.

Apple dumplings are available for sale in the school kitchen. They cost \$6 per 1/2 dozen. Take what you want, and pay in the office.

Pig-in-blankets will be for sale on Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 2-5:30 pm. First come, first serve. If you want more than 10 dozen that day, please contact Kris DenBleyker before Feb. 9 to reserve your order. One dozen for \$7.

CHAMPS Coupon Books are available in the office for \$25.

Little Caesars: Order forms went home with students this week and will be due Friday, Feb. 19. Pizzas will be available for pick-up on February 26 from 2:30-6:00. This is a great fundraiser because the pizzas are delicious and easy. Consider stocking up your freezer!

ZCS Basket Breakers 3 on 3 will be held Saturday, March 20 at Zeeland East High School. Registration forms are available in the office, or online at zcs.org, under "Recent News and Events". Call Diane at 772-1624 with questions.

Box Top Challenge! Reminder! Box Tops are due this Friday! Each K-5 class that collects an average of 25 box tops per student will receive a reward at the end of the month. Please either attach the box tops to the forms sent home, or you may send them in a bag but please count them and record how many box tops you have, and your student's name. The class that collects the most at the end of March will get a pizza party with Mr. Van Dyk!

Wanted: Your odds and ends of craft and art material of any

kind or quantity to be used at the children's activities on the night of the ZCS auction. Please call Sande at 820-4239 if you have items you would like to donate.

Russ' Nite Fundraiser: Monday, Feb 1 from 5-9 pm at all Holland Russ' locations to benefit the Holland Christian High School band & orchestra service & performance trip to Florida. Coupons available on-line at www.hollandchristian.org/florida/files/russ_coupon.pdf. Coupons will also be available at the restaurants to have 25% of your total bill donated to HC! We also have coupons in the office at Zeeland Christian School!

Auction Alert! Please join us for the annual CLC Network Auction on Sat. Jan. 30 at Calvin Christian Middle School, 3740 Ivanrest in Grandville. Supper and silent auction begin at 5:00, and the live auction begins at 6:00. Additional auction items are still needed. Thanks for supporting inclusive community for those with disabilities. Questions? Call Bev, Julie, or Cathy at (616)245-0838.

HELPFUL LINKS:

- To gain valuable ZCS information, go to www.zcs.org
- To view the Blue Note on line, go to ZCS's web site, click on News & Events at the top of the page.
- To subscribe to the Blue Note via email, email your request to brininger@zcs.org
- For a hot lunch menu, go to www.zps.org and click on the Lunch Menu tab at the top of the page.
- For free and reduced cost lunch information and to access your student's lunch account, go to www.zps.org, click on Serving Parents at the left side on the page, and click on Food Service.

TRIP News

Motherhood Maternity is 11% thru March 30.
New Vendors: Amazon.com \$25 at 3.5%. iTunes \$15 and \$25 at 4.5%. (Write both of these in). Zager Pool & Spa 5% - pick-up a voucher slip at the TRIP office before you make your purchase.
Domino's Pizza is now 7%.

- "The Wonders of the World of Parenting" on Jan. 31 at 5 pm at Ridge Point Church with speaker/author Dan Seaborn & musical artist Mark Harris. Tickets are \$7 & available by calling Ridge Point at 395-2600 or www.winningathome.com.
- Lakefront cottage for rent on all sports Long Lake east of Ludington. 4 bed, 2 full baths, sleeps 12+ \$800/wk. 748-0566.
- Spring Break Condo for Rent: 2 bedroom condo, full kitchen, located 20 min. from Fort Lauderdale in Westin, FL. Many extra amenities. Rental dates 4/3-4/10. Call 772-3960.
- Holland Christian's Living Hope Singers will be presenting "A Walk Down Memory Lane" on March 18 & 19 at Christ Memorial Church at 7:00. Purchase tickets by accessing HC's website under HCHS/Fine Arts/Choir. Call Julie at 399-9894 with questions.
- Does anyone have an extra copy of the soft blue cover ZCS cookbook that they would be willing to sell? Call Deb at 772-9068.
- Rock/Worship Band bluetree with their #1 song "God of This City" will be at Community Church, Feb. 25, 7:00. Tickets are \$7/adults, \$5/students & are available at www.communityreformed.org. or call 772-4907.
- Need home repairs, remodeling, or painting done? Call Larry Lokers at Lar's Repairs. Call 879-0759.

NON \$500.00

- To receive a cell phone or email alert if school is delayed or closed, go to <http://closings.woodtv.com/>
- To access your student's grades, go to www.zcs.org and click on Parent Portal under click links
- To join us on facebook, go to www.facebook.com and search for Zeeland Christian School.