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ZCS Blue Note

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What a blessing it was to watch one of our servicemen talking to over 600 students last week Friday. All of those students then went to their family groups made up of students in first through eighth grade and wrote cards to over 30 additional servicemen who are in the armed forces. We deeply appreciate the sacrifice the men and women in the service have made and this is just one small way to connect our students with people who are making these kinds of sacrifices. We hope and pray that our cards are a blessing and that our service men and women will continue to bless our country with their service.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Calendar

Feb. 18	Kindergarten Registration/Information Meeting 7:00 pm
March 1	Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School
March 2	Parent/Teacher Conferences-Evening
March 8	No Bussing Y5-5
March 9	Spring Band Concert 7:00 pm
March 11	Society Meeting 7:00 pm

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-Sloppy scoops, B-Hot dog
Fri.	A-Cheesy breadsticks, B-French bread cheese pizza
Mon.	A-Nachos supreme, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Tues	A-Macaroni & cheese, B-Sausage, egg & cheese
Wed.	A-Salisbury steak, B-Chicken nuggets
C choice is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.	

This is the week for kindergarten registration. It will be happening on Thursday night. If you know of anybody that is interested in ZCS, please let them know that we have kindergarten registration Thursday night beginning at 7:00 in the media center.

Share the Good News about ZCS! You are the by far the best promotional tool that Zeeland Christian has. Please continue to share the good news. If you need any additional information, we will be happy to provide you with a packet of information and even more happy to show new parents around the building and share our school system with them.

Thanks! We would like to thank all the parents who provided transportation and lunch for their students on Monday. Thanks so much for your support. It's important to the Board to get the most education possible out of our school year.

Board Shorts: School Board met in special session last week Thursday night to do future planning. Before the future planning meeting, the Board approved class assignments for next year and a budget to present to the Society. At the future planning meeting the staff and Board went over core values at ZCS and several other items. The Board also approved doing a survey to decide if an after school program for students in grades K-5 would be of interest to our parents. This would be a supervised after school program that would be on a per-hour cost basis.

The School Board will also be sending a letter out to all of the parents sharing information on decisions that have been made and answering some questions that have come up in the last couple of

months. As a Board, we appreciate the support of the School Society and ask that you continue to pray for God's blessing and wisdom.

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 registration forms filled out at this meeting. Enrollment packets will also be available in the office beginning on Feb. 19.

Auction 2010 The Auction Committee met recently and would very much like to encourage every single family who has kids in ZCS to donate something for the auction. This will give us lots of affordable items that people of all income levels can bid on. Your support of the auction has a direct effect on the amount of money that the Parents' Club raises and therefore on the budget here at ZCS. If you have any questions on the kind of items that we would like, please don't hesitate to call the school office and talk to Jennifer Schafer, the Parents' Club Coordinator.

Please keep Sue Arendsen, an assistant in our CLC room, in your prayers. Sue was diagnosed with breast cancer and will be going in for surgery on February 19.

Curriculum Spotlight: 6-8 Grade Language Arts The 7th grade language arts students recently had a

variety of experiences focusing on the dangers of substance abuse. Each 7th grader chose an addictive substance to research and wrote a research paper on the harmfulness of that substance. During this research time, the students also went on a field trip to the library, heard the testimony from a recovered alcoholic, listened to a police officer explain the dangers of driving under the influence (including a time where the students wore goggles showing them what perception is like when one is under the influence of alcohol), and finally some Hope College nursing students came to the classroom and presented some hands on lessons about the dangers of smoking. Our hope is that this unit has led to conversation at home and that the students will remember all that they learned in the years to come.

No Bussing will be available for grades Young Fives-fifth all day on Monday, March 8.

Magazine Sale: Coupons will be accepted this year, with up to \$5 off the QSP list price. ZCS makes 40% of all the sales! Remember you can always order on-line at www.QSP.com. The first turn-in date will be Tuesday, February 23. Also, the Mag Booklets will be due on Friday, Feb. 19. By addressing them to your out of town friends and relatives, we earn money when they order magazines. The school pays for mailing these booklets, so PLEASE do not list people who would normally be contacted to buy magazines-like fellow ZCS families, teachers, local relatives etc.

The Ditto store On Monday, February 22 the store will be closed. This is the day for an unlimited number of volunteers to help out. Starting at 9 am, the changing over of clothing from winter to spring/summer will happen. Bring a friend! Snacks and lunch will be provided.

100 Mile Club Have your sixth, seventh, or eighth grade kids been asking you to go for a walk or run with them? How about a bike ride, swim or rollerblading? Have they been talking to you about their "100 Mile Club", and you have had a puzzled look on your face? The 100 Mile Club is a joint effort between ZCS and Zeeland Community Hospital to get our students to do physical activity outside of organized sports and have it become a part of their weekly routine. Team practices and general "play time activities" are not included because we want students to be deliberate about their exercise. So far we have over half of the middle school students committed to complete 100 miles by May 3, but we want to offer one last chance to have your child join. We will be offering various types of support to them during the program, which will conclude with each successful participant receiving a "100 Mile Club" t-shirt and a completion certificate. If your child would still like to participate, please email Mrs. Roskamp at jroskamp@zcs.org by this Friday.

Middle School the 6th grade class is hosting a Beach Day lunch on Thursday, February 18. This lunch includes two hot dogs, chips, two cookies, and a can of pop. The cost of the lunch is \$3. Since the food is all donated by the 6th graders and their teachers, all the proceeds will go to help CRWRC Haiti Relief. This lunch is for the middle school only and normal hot lunch will not be offered for the middle school students on that day.

Dear Parents of 8th graders and business owners: If your child is a part of the 8th grade play, you can place a note and a picture of your child in the play program. You can also place an ad for a business. A half page ad is \$10 and a full page ad is \$20. Please turn money and picture with message into the office. Please make check payable to ZCS. The ads are due by March 5.

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.

Little Caesars: Order forms are 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 due Feb. 27 and are available in the office or online at zcs.org, under "Recent News and Events". Call Diane at 772-1624 with questions.

Bring in the Box Tops The challenge continues during February and March! K-5 classes that collect an average of 25 Box Tops per student will earn a reward. Keep up the good work!

The Holland Christian Summer Athletic Camps are available for online sign-up. There are 14 different sporting camps available. The deadline for online sign-up is May 22. Go to www.maroonandwhiteshop.org or www.hollandchristian.org/athletics.

TRIP News

The last TRIP Registration meeting will be March 16 at 7:00 pm in the media center.

PLEASE do not seal your envelopes!!!

American Eagle is now 9%.

Lands' End is now 15%.

Motherhood Maternity is 11% thru March 30.

Lane Bryant/Fashion Bug is 7% thru June. 1

Mobil is 2% thru March 30.

- Spring Break Vacation Condo: Spacious 1500 sq. ft. two bedroom condo (sleeps 8) near Fort Lauderdale, FL for April 3-10 (Sat-Sat). Large enough for 2 families, \$750. Call 772-3960.
- Don Piper, author of *90 minutes in heaven*, will be sharing his experience-a true story of his death and life at Fair Haven Ministries in Hudsonville, March 18 at 7 pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.allendalechristian.com or call 895-5108.
- Need a Pediatric Ophthalmologist for your child? Lisa Vredevogd is now accepting patients at the Zeeland Medical Center. (616)953-0387. M,T,Th, F 9:00-3:00.
- For Sale: 24"x48" office/study desk, 2 drawers on one side, light color finish. \$25. Call Paul Meeuwse at 772-1466.
- For Sale: Set of bunk beds, 3 dressers, nightstand. Also large, wine colored leather recliner chair. Call 772-4139.

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.
- 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.