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ZCS Blue Note

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What a blessing it was to watch our band led by Mr. Brummel perform in Pella's Tulip Time. The band did a great job not only in the parades but also as they wandered around town and made new friends and acquaintances. I heard many comments from merchants and people living in Pella about our students and one of them even called the school and left the message below. It was truly a blessing to watch our students and your children in action. I praise God that they were a blessing to that community and to each other.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Calendar

May 20-21	Seventh Grade Leadership Camp
May 28	9:00 am Chapel
June 1	Family Games
June 2	8th Grade Class Trip
June 2	No Am Bussing Middle School
June 3	8th Grade Banquet
June 3	No Am Bussing Middle School, No PM Bussing Elementary, No Hot Lunch

Athletic Schedule

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

7th/8th Girls Soccer
7th/8th Girls Softball
7th/8th Boys Baseball
7th/8th Boys/Girls Track
Boys/girls summer basketball camp forms are in the office and can be downloaded off the athletic website.

Hot Lunch

Thurs.	A-Mac & cheese, B-Pepperoni pizza
Fri.	A-Chicken salad wrap, B-Foot long hot dog
Mon.	A-Cherry hamburger, B-Waffle with egg patty
Tues	A-Turkey taco, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Wed.	A-Meatballs, B-Chicken nuggets C choice is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.

Tulip Time in Pella As you read above, the trip to Pella was a great success. We praise God for safety in travel and for the two first place awards that the Zeeland Christian Band won. A special word of thanks to Mr. Brummel for all the work he put in preparing for this event and making it such a positive experience for everyone. This is the message that Barb Rininger in the office received from a woman who is the Education Department chair in Central College in Pella. She said she saw our band and wanted to pass on her positive impressions. She said that because she is in education she appreciates good behavior in middle school students and that our students were wonderful. She also thought our band uniforms were the most practical she has ever seen and was inspired to see students in wheelchairs in our band.

Tulip Time in Holland We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the band for their performance in Holland's Tulip Time. That also went extremely well and it was great to march in front of many cheering Zeeland Christian School supporters. Thanks for coming out and supporting the band and our school.

Philippines Donations We continue to collect items for the Philippines. There is a spot in front of school by the office for these items. Please look at what we need for the Philippines and decide if you can help with this worthy cause.

- T-shirts
- Tennis shoes
- Medication
- Toothpaste
- Personal hygiene items

Your generosity in the past has been deeply appreciated by our friends in the Philippines.

Walters Gardens Perennial Plants are in the front hallway once again. They will not last long and the weather is perfect for planting. Please stop by and pick up your plants as soon as possible!

This year I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Veenstra for doing a great job with the 5th-7th grade choir concert last night at Community Reformed Church.

After School Child Care will be happening the next school year. Stacey Bouwkamp will be coordinating the after school care as well as working in Barb Newman's classroom. We will get you more information about this new program later!

Barb Newman's classroom is looking for a gently used love seat for their room. If you have one you are willing to donate, please call the school office.

MEAP results were sent home. Once again, if you have any questions please feel free to ask. As a staff, we were pleased with the results of these MEAP tests.

Summer Learning: It's very important that students keep thinking during the summer months. One of the ways to do that is to encourage them to read. If you would like any assistance in choosing good books that students can read, please check with your classroom teacher.

URGENT NEED: Ditto needs any extra volunteers to come in and help THIS WEEK with a big clothing sale that is happening. If you have any extra time to help this week, Ditto desperately needs YOU! No experience necessary!!!! Just stop in the store and they will put you to work! Come anytime between 10-7 Wednesday-Saturday of this week!! Thanks for your continued support of Ditto!

The Ditto store is expanding and our volunteer list needs to expand also! We need volunteers between the hours of 10-7 in many different areas of the store. You can choose from being a cashier, to working in the back room sorting merchandise, to working with donated computers-setting them up and preparing them to be sold, to driving the Ditto truck on Tuesday or Thursday from 1-4, or just working on the floor, providing a smile and a helping hand to customers. If you are interested in helping out with our store that helps keep Christian education more affordable for ZCS and HCS students, please call Ditto at 396-8870 or stop by and talk with one of the managers.

Bussing/Hot Lunch Info until the end of the School Year:

No am bussing on June 2 and 3, grades 6-8

No bussing home on June 3, grades K-5

No bussing home on June 4, grades K-8

No hot lunch for whole school on June 3 and 4.

Annual 7th Grade Totally Free Car Wash to benefit the Philippines next Saturday, May 15 from 9 am to noon at the Zeeland Ace Hardware on W. Main Ave. Students are raising pledges and support so that this can be a totally free service to the community. Last year, the 7th graders washed nearly 200 cars in 3 hours! Please come bring your dirty (or clean) cars and help us raise money while getting a completely free car wash. See you there!

Pigs Left: There are 15 dozen pigs left in the freezer in the school kitchen for sale. Please pay the school office-\$7.00 per dozen. First come, first serve.

ZPS Student Transportation Information Forms are due back in the office by May 15. If you have any transportation questions, call 748-3425.

3D Art Camp at ZCS July 12-17 for grades 4-6. More details to come!

ZCS Golf Outing Mark your calendar now for the Zeeland Christian Golf Outing! Plan to join us on Saturday, September 11. Registration forms and more information will follow soon.

Looking for a Summer Educational Experience for your 1st-3rd grade child in August? Check out "Blast Off" Science camp opportunity. See the brochure in the office or watch for information coming with your child's classroom newsletter.

Girls Volleyball Camp at ZCS is August 23-27. Forms went home with girls entering grades 5-8 but extras are available in the office or from Mrs. Miller. Hope to see you there!

Bob's Butcher Block Meat! You can pick up your meat at Bob's Butcher Block at Felch/120th Ave. beginning on May 20.

Calling all future Maroon Boys Basketball players! Head Coach Kevin Koeman and his staff want YOU to come to basketball camp this summer! You will receive a camp tee shirt and instruction from varsity players and coaches. Grade School Special: Incoming 3rd-6th grade campers will receive a pass to ALL the varsity home games for this upcoming winter! (passes only good when student is accompanied by a paying parent). The sign-up deadline is May 21. For registration, visit www.maroonandwhiteshop.org.

"Question of the Week" Some of you are wondering if there is more input from 8th graders and there certainly is. Another question on the survey is the following:

Question: What middle school activity or event had the greatest impact on you?

- Serve and Skate because you bonded with your small group while serving the community.
- Mikvah because I dedicated myself to God again.
- I really like Leadership Camp because it taught me how to be a better leader and it brought everyone closer together as 8th graders.
- Worship Team because it was a great experience growing together and the first camp fire we had.
- Chapels really helped me grow close to God.
- 7th Grade Camp made me decide to do Profession of Faith.
- 7th Grade Camp made me grow closer to God and the other students.
- Chapels-I love corporate worship as a middle school.
- I would say 7th Grade Discovery Camp had the greatest impact on me because I really grew in my faith through the campfire and singing.
- Camps-I really enjoyed the campfires and also God bonding as well as grade bonding.
- 7th Grade Camp-sitting around the fire sharing our stories was amazing. You learn things you never even knew about people you had known forever.
- Camps-grew closer to God, teachers, classmates, and had a good time at the same time.
- Small groups really taught me about Christian characteristics and how we should live.

TRIP News

Summer TRIP dates are June 15 & 29, July 13 & 27, and Aug. 10 & 24. Instant TRIP will be available on the above dates from 9-10:30.

Mirror Image Salon and On Silver Shores are no longer participating with Zeeland \$\$.

My Favorite Dish is now with Zeeland TRIP.

Arrowaste is now 11.5%

Lane Bryant/Fashion Bug is 7% thru June 1; Land's End is 17% thru May 19. Best Western is 13% thru May 25. L.L. Bean is 16% thru June 1

• For Sale: BowFlex Power Pro XTL. Includes several attachments, owner's manual, in excellent condition. \$600. Call 772-4705.

• For Sale: Drum set, good condition. Call Lynette at 566-9703 for more information.

• Please join Drenthe CRC youth for our annual pancake breakfast on Memorial Day. Serving 7-11 in ZCS gym. Free-will donations will be used for our summer youth service trip.

• Windridge Greenhouse Garden Center is open! Choose from beautiful geranium hanging baskets, perennials, patio pots, cemetery planters, landscape services. Hours: M-F 12-7 & Sat. 9-3. (616)688-5209. 7364 Adams St. Zeeland

• Turning Pointe School of Dance offers affordable summer dance classes and camps for students ages 4-18. Classical ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop! Call 394-7109 or visit us at www.turningpointedance.org

• Garage Sales: 519 Huizenga, 228-103rd and 530 Williams. May 13, 9-4 and May 14, 9-1. Kids clothes, books, toys, new ping-pong table, futon, crib, pack-n-play & more!

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- For a hot lunch menu, go to www.zps.org and click on the Lunch Menu tab at the top of the page.
- ZPS will send you an e-mail when your lunch account drops below \$5. If you are interested in this, please email Tami Bush at tbush@zps.org. You must provide her with your student's name and the name of the school/schools. Questions? Call Tami Bush at 748-3128.
- 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
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