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ZCS Blue Note

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In this first Blue Note of the year 2010, I can't help but look back at how 2009 ended. It ended with all of our students involved in blessing other people in some way. Many of them gave to great causes in our community. Others went out and served by visiting senior citizen homes, helping in churches, working at second-hand stores, and a wide variety of other ways to bless others in our community. I praise God for students and a school system that takes time to bless others and pray that as a school system we will continue to use the blessings that God has given us to bless those around us.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Calendar

Jan. 7	Spelling Bee
Jan. 19-21	No AM Bussing for Middle School
Jan. 21	Preschool Information Meeting 7:00
Jan. 22	No School-End of Semester
Feb. 4	Preschool Registration-7:00 pm
Feb. 18	Kindergarten Registration/Information 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-Chicken soup, B-Cheese pizza
Fri.	A-Crazy cheesy garlic breadsticks, B-Hot dog
Mon.	A-Hamburger, B-Waffle with ham
Tues	A-Baked potato with toppings, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Wed.	A-Roast turkey, B-Chicken nuggets
C choice	is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.

Praise God A huge "Praise God" for safety over vacation. As far as I know, everyone has returned back to school safely and we praise God for that considering all the different activities that take place over a two week vacation.

ZCS Wish List We would like thank many people who helped us with items on our Wish List. If you are ever interested in donating items that are on our Wish List, this is an ongoing list that we print between Thanksgiving and Christmas but that we maintain over the course of the year.

Are you looking for the right preschool experience for your child? Check out Zeeland Christian Preschool. Plan now to attend our information meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the media center. The schedule information is available on our school web site or in the office. Learn about our threeschool, preschool, and young fives programs, both traditional and Spanish immersion (El Puente), view the classrooms and student projects, and ask the teachers questions. All parents of young children (ages 1-5) are welcome! This meeting is for parents only; we'd be happy to have your child visit with us at another time. Registration for preschool will be held on February 4 at 7:00 p.m. Please help us spread the word about our great preschool program by passing this information on to family, friends, and neighbors with young children.

Ski Club registration forms are still available in the office. Ski club is planning on going to Bittersweet next week Tuesday, January 12. Ski club is for middle school students. We will leave at 3:00 and return back to school at 9:30. Parents should be in the back parking lot ready to

pick their students up at 9:30 or before. The bus ride to Bittersweet costs \$2. The rest of the fees are on the forms that were filled out by ski club participants. Additional dates are January 21, February 12 and February 19.

Upcoming Trip to the Philippines: Ten students along with Mr. and Mrs. Bouman and Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyk will be heading off to the Philippines over spring vacation. We would very much like to be able to distribute medicine like we did two years ago. That means that we need to begin collecting items for boxes so that they can be shipped off by January 20. Our focus this time is on the following items: any kind of **medicine** but there is a great need for cough medication, cold medication, pain medication, eye drops. In addition, **personal hygiene items** would be deeply appreciated. Any kind of **hotel samples** that you may have are also very popular. A new item this time is any kind of **bug spray**. There have been outbreaks of dengue fever and this can easily be avoided with insect repellent-any kind is appreciated and works well in the Philippines. In addition to these items-any **clothing items or shoes** and **sandals** would be appreciated. The following item that you may have available are any kind of **electronics**: specifically, cameras, electronic games, computers, etc.

Advance Bussing Notice: There will be no am bussing for middle school only on January 19, 20 and 21. Also, there will be no bussing all day for K-8 on February 15. There will also not be hot lunch that day. Please make a note of this on your calendars for 2010.

Thank you We want to thank the ZCS family for all of your prayers, words of concern, meals brought in, and many gen-

erous gifts. Paul is doing well and plans to return to school part-time soon.

The Doug Vander Ploeg family

Spelling Bee We would like to invite everyone to attend the annual ZCS Spelling Bee this Thursday, January 7 at 7:0 pm in the media center. Students in grades 5-8 will be competing.

What a Blessing! A huge thank you to all those who came to this year's "Jingle Jog" for the Philippines. The students raised about \$4,000! What a blessing the ZCS families have been once again to our friends in the Philippines!

Small Talk for Kids Reduced Price! A new session of parent-tot Spanish classes through Small Talk for Kids is starting on January 26 with a reduced price of \$95 (discounts for enrolling a second child). Classes run on Tuesdays through March 16, at City on a Hill Ministries. Parents and kids enjoy playing games, singing songs, and interacting with their native Spanish-speaking teacher. You may register in the Zeeland Christian office. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Pyle at npyle@zcs.org.

Family Group Activity Next week Friday, we will be having our January Family Group activity. We will be eating lunch and sledding together. Please send a bag lunch and warm clothes with your child. There is NO hot lunch available on Friday, Jan. 15.

Christmas Decorations ZCS wants your Christmas decorations. Do you have items that you want to get rid of? There will be a table set up in the front hallway to collect your unused and unwanted Christmas decorations. The Christmas Marketplace/Home Tour Committee will create beautiful new decorations out of them!

Ditto News The mission statement for the Ditto store is "To provide financial support for the Holland Christian and Zeeland Christian Schools through the sale of donated merchandise." We thank each one of you for your support in 2009! Exciting things are happening at the Ditto store and we will be in need of people to help with a renovation project. If you could help out in any way for this you may contact the store at dittoupscalersale@gmail.com and give us your name or call the store at 396-8870 and give your name and number to be contacted for when we need your help. Thanks!

CHAMPS Coupon Books Students in grades 5-8 are selling CHAMPS books for \$25. The sale ends Jan. 8. When they turn in their money they will receive \$2 for every book sold. CHAMPS has helped ZCS with thousands of dollars in athletic equipment over the last several years! Books will still be available in the office after the student sale is over.

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. The pigs and blanket are gone! We will be making pigs one more time this school year. (February 9).

Please be sure to notify the office if you change email addresses and receive the Blue Note via email. Thanks!

ZCS Soft Hitch Covers are for sale for \$5 in the office!

Box Top Challenge! For the next three months (Jan-Mar) we will be doing a Classroom Challenge called *Bring in the Box Tops!* Students will be coming home with more information soon!

TRIP News

Next TRIP Registration meeting is Jan. 26 at 7:00 pm in the media center. Tell your family and friends!
Please do not seal your envelopes!
If there ever is a Snow Day on a Friday, there will be NO Instant TRIP.
Best Buy will be 3.5% thru Jan. 26

- "Showcase 2010" Holland Christian's Living Hope Singers will be presenting "A Walk Down Memory Lane" on March 18 & 19. For tickets, go to HC's website, home page, under Living Hope. Or you can call Julie at 399-9894 or Judy at 392-2120.
- House for Sale: Reduced \$204,900. 2 blocks from ZCS, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors, 2 stall garage. Includes kitchen appliances, washer/dryer. Call 772-6466 or email clyzenga@gmail.com.
- Caberfae Ski Day-Friday, Jan. 22. Lift & ski rental/\$12 total, add \$8 for snowboards. All are welcome! Forms & payment collected in school office until Jan. 15. Call Carrie Beyer at 772-1477 or jcbeyer3@sbcglobal.net.
- Piano Lessons: Openings on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Call Kim Mast at 218-9144.
- House for Sale: 3 bedrooms, 2/12 baths, on 1.71 acres. 1408 sq. ft. main floor. Daylight basement with finished rec. room & space for 2 bedrooms and 1 more full bath. Borculo area. \$199,900. Call Nate at (616)836-7966.

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