



ZCS Blue Note

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In this Christmas season, our students at ZCS are giving up the traditional gift exchange to instead be a blessing to people in our community. Listed below will be some of these organizations that our students are supporting. We are working on supporting these organizations over several years, not just making it a one time gift. Please pray that our students will learn how important it is to bless others and how God has given us so many blessings that we have an opportunity to share with those around us.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Calendar

Dec. 15	Christmas Band Concert 7:00 in ZCS gym
Dec. 18	Middle School Serve and Skate Day
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Christmas Vacation
Jan. 4	Students Return
Jan. 7	Spelling Bee
Jan. 21	Preschool Information Meeting 7:00
Jan. 22	No School-End of Semester

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 Boys Basketball
- 8th Grade Boys Basketball

Hot Lunch

Thurs.	A-Crazy cheesy garlic breadsticks, B-Hot dog
Fri.	A-Chili, B-French bread pizza
Mon.	A-Nachos supreme, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Tues	A-Mac & cheese, B-Sausage, egg & cheese on English muff
Wed.	A-Chicken leg, B-Winter Wonderland chicken nuggets
C choice is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.	

Blessing Others Please look over the list of organizations that our students in Kindergarten-fifth grade are supporting and join me in praising God for this support:

- Kdg: A ZCS family in need
- 1st: Beacon Ministries
- 2nd: Kids Helping Kids, Good Samaritan, El Buen Pastor Ministries
- 3rd: Snack Sack Ministry
- 4th: Dresser Ministry-His Harvest Stand
- 5th: Fishers of Men Ministry

The students in middle school have a long standing tradition of using the last day of school before Christmas break to serve those in our community. These students support a wide range of organizations including: Volunteering at Community Action House, doing activities with the residents at Freedom Village, and working at Ditto as well as many others.

Lego Challenge As a school we are talking about participating in the Lego Challenge that helps kids think systematically, logically and is part of the bigger Robotics competition that high schools get into. To do this we need lots of Legos. If you happen to have Legos around the house that are no longer used and are willing to donate those to school, that would be a great start for this Legos project.

Band Concert We have a Band Concert coming up on December 15 in the gym at 7:00. Please be sure to have this on your calendar. Also, thanks to the Jazz Band for the entertainment for the Herrick Library Christmas party!

The "Change for Change" Fundraiser has ended. The total raised for playground equipment was \$1,442.17. Thank you for your support!

Ski Club applications are in the office. If you need to pick up information on this, please do so. Ski Club itself is made up of middle school students but all families and students at ZCS can benefit from reduced rates at Bittersweet with a ski club card.

Please keep the Vander Ploeg family in your prayers. Their son Paul, in 6th grade, had major surgery in Ann Arbor last Tuesday and is facing a 5-6 week recovery period. You can send cards to Paul at his home: Paul Vander Ploeg, 42 S. Lindy St, Zeeland, MI 49464.

Wish List We have received one check for items on our Wish List. Please consider supporting ZCS during the Christmas season.

- Elementary
Document Camera-\$450-for classrooms to show books and maps on a screen using the LCD projector in each room
\$\$ to start an Elementary Lego League
Book holders for Technology use-\$45
- Middle School
Mimio Pad for 8th,7th,6th grade-\$400 each
Mimio Interactive plus mimio wireless bundle for 7th, 6th grade-\$750 each
\$\$ to start a Middle School Lego League
- Library
Children's Books on Worship-\$200
- Maintenance
Wet/Dry Viper Vacuum with Attachments-\$600
- CLC
Weighted lap pads-\$120
Classroom reading materials-\$300
Classroom computer educational games-\$80
Subscription to Reading A-Z-\$90
File Folder Learning Activities-\$50
Adapted Fine Motor Tools (specialized scissors, pencils, weights, slant boards, etc)-\$200
Furniture for children with physical dis-

abilities: adjustable ladder chair-\$155, Adjustable stool-\$100, Set of 3 interlocking footrests-\$100

Also, any donations for our summer school program for our students with disabilities would be much appreciated!

Preschool

Refrigerator-new or gently used-\$450

6 carbon monoxide detectors-\$130

Athletics

20 8th grade boys' soccer jerseys-\$500

20 8th grade girls' soccer jerseys-\$500

Resource Room

Math materials for academic support-\$350

General Item

Money to purchase new playground equipment

Money to purchase speakers, transmitter, stereo receiver etc.

Inclusion 4th-8th grade

Alternative outdoor recess activities-\$200

Fine motor skill activities-\$150

Headphones and computer games-\$100

El Puente Kindergarten

Money or supplies to create costumes for Bible stories. Supplies would include: fabric (any type, color, texture), buttons, wigs, hats.

A special word of thanks to everyone involved with the Christmas Home Tour. We had another successful year! A huge thank you goes to everyone who had their home in the tour: Ryan and Kim Lubbers, Jim and Sarah Vellenga, Kendall and Ruth DeLange, Rick and Laura TerHaar, Dan and Rose Beukema, Dan and Rose Peerbolte. Also, thanks to the committee who put in many hours of work!

Christmas Marketplace is open outside of the Media Center. Stop by!

Christmas Break Office Hours: The office will be open Dec. 21-23, 8:00 am-1:00 pm. We will be closed Dec. 24-Jan. 3.

For Sale: Many of you do a great job of advertising for ZCS with stickers on the back of your cars. If you don't have one, please stop by the school office and we will be happy to give you one or two!

The School Board will be meeting in regular session on Thursday night. Please keep the Board in your prayers.

For Sale: Apple dumplings, pigs and blanket. Please go to the freezer in the school kitchen, take what you would like, and pay in the office \$7.00-1 dozen pigs, \$6.00-1/2 dozen apple dumplings, \$5.00-1 stick blanket.

Bob's Butcher Block Meat Sale! Orders will be available from December 21-24 at Bob's Butcher Block in Holland.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make 300 dozen pigs, 180 1/2 dozen apple dumplings, and 200 sticks of blanket in the month of Nov. We could not have done it without you!

Yearbooks Books cost \$13 if ordered by Dec 18. Yearbook forms are available from Mrs. Meeuwssen or your child's home-room teacher.

"Jingle Jog for the Philippines" will either be held the morning of Dec. 15 or 17. Look for information and invitations

coming home with your child soon!

Music Society Fundraiser Call Pat at 772-9528 if you need additional candy. The Dutch chocolates and peppermints will be sent home with your child on Thurs., Dec. 10. Thank you for your support again this year for the ZCS bands and choirs!

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.

Looking for a Christmas time adventure? Enjoy an all-inclusive week (Dec. 27-Jan. 3) at Villa Pelicano that overlooks the Pacific Ocean. Enjoy incredible food prepared by the Villa Chef, whitewater and surfing adventures or relaxing next to the pool. All proceeds will be donated to the El Puente Costa Rica project. For pricing and photos, call Bill Huizenga at ZCS, 772-2609.

Sweatshirts will be available for pick up in Jennifer Schafer's office on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Scholastic Book Fair: We hope you enjoyed the book fair this year as much as we did. It's great seeing kids excited about books! A huge thank you to Mitzi Berens for organizing it and many other moms for working. The money earned went towards purchasing new library books and Parents' Club.

ZCS Soft Hitch Covers will be for sale soon! It's a great last minute Christmas gift idea for your favorite dad!

Christmas Tour Missing Shoes Ladies! Please double check the black shoes you wore to the tour. We are missing a pair, and have a miss-matched pair. Please call school at 772-2609 if you have notice you have the wrong shoes!

TRIP News

Next TRIP Registration meeting is Jan. 26 at 7:00 pm in the media center.

New to ZCS TRIP: Century Driving School 2.5%, Segment 1-\$345, Segment 2-\$35, Road Test-\$45. AND Macatawa Driving School 2.5% Segment 1 \$330, Segment 2 \$30. Write in on your order form.

- Scottsdale, AZ Condo: Available 1 or 2 weeks in Feb. Sleeps 4. Full kitchen, washer/dryer, pool, tennis, restaurants, mountain view. \$800/week. Call 772-4022.
- Babysitter Needed: One day a week for 1 and 5 year old. Five year old needs to be picked up from Y5's at 11:30. Please call Michelle at 875-2712.
- Join Pastor Bill and Lyn Vanden Bosch on a Biblical Pilgrimage to Israel, April 5-16, 2010. Call (616)245-5514, email wvdb@sbcglobal.net or visit the website <http://web.mac.com/Lynvdb> for more information.
- Wanted: Recipe for almond bundt cake purchased at 2nd grade bake sale at the Fall Band Cavalcade. Please call 772-6330.