



ZCS Blue Note

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What a privilege it is to walk into school every day and see 82 Filipino children looking back at me. These students at Grace Christian School are all supported by classrooms and families here at Zeeland Christian School. I just received a note from the first grade classes that they are collecting pop cans to raise money for their friend Lance in the Philippines. Our students have truly been a huge blessing to Grace Christian School, their teachers, and the students. Thank you so much for using your blessings to bless these families and this community.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Calendar

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
March 2	Parent/Teacher Conferences-Evening

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-Warm ham & cheese on bagel, B-Hot dog
Fri.	A-Chili, B-Twisted edge pizza
Mon.	NO HOT LUNCH
Tues	A-Corn dog, B-Mini pancakes
Wed.	A-Fish sticks, B-Chicken nuggets
C choice is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.	

Elementary: \$1.85, Middle School: \$2.10
Milk: .45

Winter is Back! We are obviously into winter weather once again. Please join me in praying for the safety of all of our students and parents.

Preschool Registration We are very happy to have 227 preschool presently enrolled. There is still room in most of the classes. Please continue to spread the good news about Zeeland Christian Preschool.

The School Board will be meeting this week Thursday evening. The purpose of this meeting will be future planning. There will be approximately 20 staff members joining the Board for this special Future Planning Meeting. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as the Board and staff discuss the future of Zeeland Christian and God's plan for us in this place.

The Finance Committee is also meeting this week and working out the final details on the budget. Please pray for the Finance Committee also as they make the final preparations.

Bussing/Hot Lunch Notice: There will be no bussing all day for K-8 on Monday, February 15 because Zeeland Public is not in session. There will also not be hot lunch that day. Please make a note of this on your calendar.

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. 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.

This is a super important time of year to get lots of education in. At other times there are lots of interruptions but teachers have an opportunity to focus this time of year and move forward at a rapid pace. Please continue to encourage your children to do the best job they can here at school. As staff we thank you as parents so much for your support and your prayers.

Haiti As a school we don't want to forget about the hardships that people continue to face in Haiti. We continue to pray for the people of Haiti and will continue to look for ways to help.

Curriculum Spotlight: 3rd-5th Grade Language Arts Our 5th graders have been spending some time these last couple of weeks focusing on the reading of nonfiction text, and they've learned that it is a lot different than reading novels. Feel free to stop by the 5th grade hallway to look at their nonfiction posters which are displayed inside and outside of their classrooms. Also please ask any fifth grader what their topic is for their own nonfiction project...they'd love to share with you interesting facts they have learned during their research.

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.

The Ditto store is getting ready for their change-over day and your help is needed. On Monday, February 22 the store will be closed and 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 and volunteer together. Snacks and lunch will be provided. It's our way of saying "thanks" from Ditto.

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.

Family Group Activity We will have a Family Group Activity on Friday, February 12 which will involve writing letters to our servicemen and women who are connected in some way to ZCS. We also will send cards and letters to servicemen who get very few. Please pray that this will go well and as a school we can be a blessing to the men and women who are in the armed forces.

Important Parent Point Information: Attention Parents: If you enjoyed the fundraiser that you received Parent Club Points for the school year and would like to do the same thing next year, please email Jennifer Schafer at jschafer@zcs.org by the end of the school day on Wednesday, Feb. 17. If we do not hear from you before that date, we will assume you do not want to do that activity again, and that spot will become available for open registration. Please note, this is to keep your current spot only, not open sign-up. Sign-up for new spots will happen later in the spring.

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 Zeeland Christian School. 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.

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.

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

Little Caesars: Order forms went home with students 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, and they are 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. Box Top Tip: Go to boxtops4education.com and enter to win 1,000 bonus box tops for your class. You can register once a day.

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.

CLC Network will sponsor a parent seminar "ADD/ADHD and your Child" with Robert Bulten, MD and Doug Bouman, Psy.S on Thursday, March 11 from 7-9 at the CLC Network office at 4340 Burlingame Ave, SW, Wyoming, MI. Free admission. Call (616) 855-3123 or email knienhuis@clcnetwork.org to register.

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

- Need home repairs, remodeling, or painting done? Call Larry Lokers at Lar's Repairs. Call 879-0759.
- Wanted: Trailer to rent July 17-31 at Holland State Park-beach. Prefer bunkhouse. Call (616)293-4807.
- 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.
 - Allendale Christian's 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament for 3rd-8th graders will be held March 27 at Allendale Public High. Cost is \$80. Register at allendalechristian.com.
 - Kids Clothing & Toy Sale-Spring/Summer Items will be held on Saturday, March 6 from 9-12 at Borculo Christian School.
 - 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 Vredevoogd is now accepting patients at the Zeeland Medical Center. (616)953-0387. M,T,Th, F 9:00-3:00.

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.