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ZCS Blue Note

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I was very fortunate to be part of a meeting this morning with ten to twelve other staff members regarding how we as a school system can help our children become more aware of the difficulty people in the world around us have in finding clean drinking water. The staff members are planning some activities to help our children learn more about this problem and how we can be a blessing to people in our world in relatively simple ways. Please join me in praying that this unit will be positive and will help us learn how we can use our blessings to bless others around us.

Blessed to be a Blessing

Calendar

Feb. 4	Preschool Registration- 7:00 pm
Feb. 12	Chapel-9:00
Feb. 15	No Bussing-Whole School, No Hot Lunch
Feb. 18	Kindergarten Registra- tion/Information Meeting 7:00 pm
March 1	Parent/Teacher Confer- ences-No School

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-Crazy cheesy garlic breadsticks, B-Foot long hot dog
Fri.	A-Chicken soup, B-Cheese pizza
Mon.	A-Cheesy ravioli, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Tues	A-Cheesy wet burrito, B-Waffle with egg patty & sausage links
Wed.	A-Meatballs, B-Heart shaped chicken nuggets
C choice is baloney/cheese sandwich, snackable, or 8 oz. yogurt.	

The staff has been watching a video presentation over the last few weeks called "Passing the Baton". This video presentation talks about how important it is for parents and teachers to share their faith with their students and their children. This is a vital part of who we are at Zeeland Christian and we will spend more time talking about how to do this as we go through the school year.

Preschool Registration This is the week for preschool registration. Please read the following note carefully so there is no confusion.

Open Registration for Threeschool, Preschool and Young Fives classes will be held on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7:00 pm in the preschool commons. A \$50 deposit is required with the registration. The schedule information is available on our school web site or in the office. This registration is for all programs and all locations. Please help us promote our preschool program by sharing this date with your family, friends, and neighbors.

Curriculum Spotlight: Middle School Spanish, Art and Gym
The Specials Departments are teaming up for the World Cup! Middle school students will be studying vocabulary relating to playing, cheering for, and watching soccer in Spanish class, as well as studying some of the countries which will be vying for the South Africa World Cup this summer. As a culminating "World Cup" experience, the middle school will be playing in our own ZCMS World Cup Soccer tournament, teams will have to use the soccer skills they learned in Gym and will cheer on teammates with mascots made in Art class.

The Executive Committee will be meeting this week Wednesday morning to review the budget and discuss other items involving Zeeland Christian. They will also be making final preparations for our Board meeting next week which is a Future Planning Board Meeting. This is a meeting held yearly with staff and Board to help determine the direction that ZCS should go. Please pray that God will direct this time of planning and listening to Gods will for ZCS.

Haiti Students continue to work on projects for Haiti and we continue to keep that country in our prayers. Please join the students at school in praying for God's blessing on Haiti.

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.

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.

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.

Advanced Bussing Notice: There will be no bussing all day for K-8 on Monday, February 15. There will also not be hot lunch that day. Please make a note of this on your calendar.

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.

FACTS Reminder: Please contact Linda Keen at 879-0302 if you want a gift or TRIP amount deducted from your next FACTS payment.

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. Meeuwesen if you have questions.

Volunteers Needed! We are making pig-n-blankets one last time this school year on Tuesday, Feb. 9. We are looking for 3 volunteers for the am shift (8:40-10:30 am) and 10 volunteers for the pm shift (1:15-3:30 pm). Please contact Kris DenBleyker at 772-4713 or Krisdb@egl.net. if you can help.

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.

Pig-in-blankets will be for sale on Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 2-5:30 pm. First come, first serve. If you want more than 10 dozen that day, please contact Kris DenBleyker before Feb. 9 to reserve your order. One dozen for \$7.

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 will be available in the office soon, but they are online at zcs.org, under "Recent News and Events". Call Diane at 772-1624 with questions.

Bring in the Box Tops Congratulations to K-5 on collecting 16,800 box tops in the month of January! We are over half way to our goal of 30,000 in 3 months. We will have another turn-in and rewards day on Friday, February 26. Keep up the excellent work!

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.

Job Postings: We would like to include in the Blue Note a section where ZCS supporters can post job openings. Here is one from Gentex Corporation: Gentex Corporation is hiring! We have openings in the following areas: Software Engineering, Electrical/Hardware Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and also 2nd shift Product Team Members. To apply, visit www.gentex.com or send your resume to deb.devries@gentex.com.

Summer Camp Brochures: Cran Hill Ranch and Camp Geneva brochures for summer camp 2010 are available in the office. Stop by and grab one.

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

TRIP News

The last TRIP Registration meeting will be March 16 at 7:00 pm in the media center.
Lands' End is now 15%.
Motherhood Maternity is 11% thru March 30.
Domino's Pizza is now 7%.

- Holland Christian's Living Hope Singers will be presenting "A Walk Down Memory Lane" on March 18 & 19 at Christ Memorial Church at 7:00 pm. Purchase tickets by accessing HC's website under HCHS/Fine Arts/Choir. Call Julie at 399-9894 with questions.
- Rock/Worship Band bluetree with their #1 song "God of This City" will be at Community Church, Feb. 25, 7:00. Tickets are \$7/ adults, \$5/ students & are available at www.communityreformed.org. or call 772-4907.
- Need home repairs, remodeling, or painting done? Call Larry Lokers at Lar's Repairs. Call 879-0759.
- 12th annual SuperBowl Spectacular Sportscard and Collectible Show, Sat., Feb. 6 from 9-3 at the Holland Civic Center. Featuring sports/non-sports cards, memorabilia, NASCAR collectibles, and more! Free admission and door prizes!
- Wanted: Trailer to rent July 17-31 at Holland State Park-beach. Prefer bunkhouse. Call (616)293-4807.

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- 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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