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ZCS Blue Note

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It was a blessing yesterday to spend time together as a staff. We began our morning with devotions, and then singing led by Chris Lowe. After that we had an opportunity to review our school's Love and Logic belief system and then moved on to looking into project-based learning or problem-solving-based learning. It's a true blessing to have a staff of dedicated teachers who want to learn more and do the very best they can in working with the students here at Zeeland Christian. Please join me in praising God for our dedicated staff and please keep our staff in your prayers. *Bill Van Dyk*

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Blessing**

Calendar

Feb. 2	Threeschool/ Preschool/Young Fives Registration-7:00
Feb. 9	Kindergarten Info. Meeting-7:00
Feb. 13	Kindergarten Registration Begins On-Line-7:00 Current ZCS Preschool Families only
Feb. 16	Kindergarten Registration Begins On-Line-7:00

Athletic Schedule

Go to www.zcs.org/school/activities/team-athletics/ and then scroll down to zcs athletics website to find announcements, dates, and locations of sporting events!

Hot Lunch

Thurs.	A-Cheeseburg, B-Hot dog
Fri.	A-Ham on bun, B-Turkey on bun
Mon.	A-Mashed potato bowl with chicken nuggets, B-Mini pancakes
Tues.	A-Chicken fajita, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Wed.	A-Meatballs, B-Chicken nuggets

The cost for hot lunch is \$2 for K-5; \$2.25 for 6-8; milk is \$.50.

Philippines Donations Our boxes to the Philippines made it through the snowstorm last week Friday along with Tom Joustra at the wheel of the school van. We praise God for the safe trip that Tom had even though it involved a night in a hotel. The boxes take about six weeks to get to the Philippines, and when they get there, the students from Zeeland Christian will have the opportunity to hand out the medicine that was donated by school families and by Perrigo. A special word of thanks to Perrigo for their donations.

Medicine Still Needed Speaking of the Philippines and needed donations, the students who will be going to the Philippines in exactly 60 days, will be carrying medicines with them. If you have any additional medicine you would like to donate, please drop it off in the school office.

iPads The elementary teachers at ZCS are receiving iPads this week. They will be trained on using these iPads and experiment with different applications over the remaining part of this year. We will also put sets of five iPads in four different classrooms to determine the best way to use this technology for our students.

Back Parking Lot We have had some close calls in the back parking lot lately. People who park their cars right along the sidewalk create dangerous situations for students leaving the building. We would like to ask that you do not park along the sidewalk but instead pull into parking spots or park on the other side of the parking lot but NOT along the sidewalk. Students walking or running between parked cars are in danger of getting hit.

Special Registration for Preschool, and Young Fives classes will be held on

Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 pm in the office for parents who currently have children in the threeschool, preschool, or young fives programs. We will only register children currently in the preschool program, not siblings who have not attended previously or children entering threeschool. Those registrations will be taken at the open registration on February 2 at 7:00 pm. A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required with the registration.

Open Registration for Threeschool, Preschool, and Young Fives classes will held on Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 pm in the preschool commons. A non-refundable \$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 who have children of preschool age. In the past, parents have chosen to line up well in advance of the beginning of registration. If you choose to do so, we ask that you sit in the front entryway by the standing stone until school has been dismissed at 3:35 pm and students have cleared the building.

Kindergarten Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 pm in the media center. This is an important meeting for parents of students who will be attending kindergarten at ZCS next year and for parents looking for more information on our kindergarten program. We plan to offer an all day/every day option, an all day/alternate day option (2 1/2 days per week), a half-day/every day option and both a morning and an afternoon Spanish immersion option based on interest. Signing up for program preference will be done online, and information for that will be provided at this

meeting. If you know of anyone who is thinking of attending Zeeland Christian School, this meeting would be very helpful for them. Information packets will also be available in the office beginning on February 10.

Kindergarten Registration will happen online this year. We **strongly** encourage you to attend the information meeting on Feb. 9 to ensure that you understand this new process. Current preschool families will be able to register beginning at 7:00 pm on February 13. Registration will open to everyone at 7:00 pm on February 16.

Family Groups for students in first through eighth grade will meet this week Friday, January 27. If there is snow, make sure to bring winter wear. There will not be regular hot lunch that day; instead, Zeeland Food Service will offer a choice of Super Sack Lunch-with a choice of ham on bun, or turkey on bun.

Ski Club Will be going out on Friday evening this week. We will leave at 3:00. Parents should pick up their children at 9:30. The cost to ride the bus is \$2.

Zeeland Christian is officially done with its first semester. Please join me in praising God for His blessing and pray for God's continued blessing during our second semester.

Auction 2012 The Auction Committee is wondering if you have hotel points or frequent flier miles, etc. that you would be willing to donate. You can receive a tax deduction for doing so! If so, please contact Jennifer Schafer at jschafer@zcs.org. Thanks!

Advanced Bussing/Hot Lunch Info Zeeland Public does not have school on Friday, Feb. 17, so we will not have bussing or hot lunch that day.

ZCS' Small Talk for Kids A new session for parent and tot Spanish classes through ZCS' immersion program for 0-5 year olds called Small Talk is beginning soon. Spanish classes run every Tuesday from 9:30-10:20 and 10:40-11:30 for 8 weeks beginning January 31 for \$95. There are discounts for enrolling more than 1 child. Classes are held at ZCS, where parents and children enjoy playing games, singing, and interacting with their native-speaking Spanish teacher, Sandy Burgos. If you would like to register your child(ren), please contact Sara Holwerda at sholwerda@charter.net.

Middle School Students are invited to Holland Christian High School Showcase on Mon, Jan. 30, from 7-8:15 pm. This will be a great night to experience the excellent learning opportunities HCHS has to offer. Staff members and administrators will be available for questions. Everyone is welcome to come and go as they please.

Mandarin Community Information Meeting - Join us for an informational meeting on Mandarin Chinese immersion education on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 7 pm in the Maas Auditorium at Hope College. Learn more about Mandarin immersion opportunities for the 2012-2013 school year, and as a bonus, enjoy a taste of Chinese culture! All parents welcome! No RSVP necessary. Contact Nancy Pyle at npyle@zcs.org for more info or call 772-2609.

Box Top Tips Don't forget to turn in your Box Tops for the month!

Volunteers Needed for Tuesday, February 7 for making pig in the blankets. We are looking for 3-4 people to help in the am shift from 8:30-10:45 and also the pm shift from 1:00-3:30. If you can help, please contact Kris DenBleyker at Krisdb@egl.net or 772-4713. for

For Sale: Apple dumplings (\$6 per 1/2 dozen), and banket (\$5 per stick) are in the hallway freezer. Please pay the office. Pigs are not available at this time, but will be after Feb. 7.

The 2012 CHAMPS books cost \$25 and are available in the office.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held Sat., March 24 at Zeeland East High School. Forms are due Feb. 25, and can be found on the ZCS website, in the ZCS or HCS school offices and at the Zeeland Rec. office. Cost is \$80 per team. Questions? Call Hundermans at 875-3713, Mokmas at 875-2253 or Riemersmas at 772-1624.

Auction Alert! Please join us for the annual CLC Network Auction on Sat, Jan. 28 at Calvin Christian Middle School, 3740 Ivanrest in Grandville. Supper and silent auction begins at 5:00 pm and the live auction begins at 6:00 pm. Thanks for supporting inclusive community for those with disabilities. If you have any questions, call Bev or Cathy at the CLC Network office at (616)245-8388.

Question of the Week

I read about the Mandarin Chinese meeting on January 31 at 7:00 at Maas Auditorium at Hope College. What is that meeting all about?

The Zeeland Christian School Board is trying to determine if there is interest in a Mandarin Chinese program here at Zeeland Christian. The purpose of this meeting is to share with the community what the possibility of that program would look like and to find out if there are parents who are interested. At this point, if Zeeland Christian would move in the direction of Mandarin, it would involve students in kindergarten and first grade.

TRIP NEWS

To get info for signing up for online ordering of TRIP, go to the ZCS webpage, click on Enrollment, and then click on Tuition Assistance. TRIP is adding Culver's \$25 at 8%. Write this in on your order form. Next and final TRIP Registration meeting is March 22 at 7:00 pm.

ZCS Shopper

- West Michigan Community Bank is seeking Customer Service Reps for our growing bank in new Zeeland office; 1 full-time, 2 part-time. Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resume to Human Resources, fax-(616)669-7496 or email mmeinzer@wmcb.com.
- Get your tickets for Living Hope Showcase SWING on March 22 & 23, 7:00 at Christ Memorial Church. Adult tickets \$10, student tickets \$8. Call Dawn at 218-8287 or Mary at 886-2110.
- For Sale: 2003 Ford F150 XL, V6 auto with overdrive, 112,000 miles, truck looks, runs, drives perfect. \$5,200 obo. Call (616) 422-8595.
- Wanted to Buy: Good, used upright piano. Call (616)994-3368.
- Disney Area Condo for Rent: Spring break available, 2 miles from Disney. 2 bedroom, 2 heated pools, 4 jacuzzis, tennis courts, full kitchen, laundry, activity director. Call (616)717-0017 or sdeloof@c3network.biz.
- Mom-2-Mom Sale, Sat. Feb. 4, at Central Wesleyan Church, 8-12. Arranged as a consignment sale so you can shop specifically for what you need. Children's clothing sizes 0-6, toys, equipment, maternity clothes, etc.
- Lakefront cottage for rent on all sports Long Lake, 20 min. east of Ludington. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, sleeps 12. \$800/wk. 748-0566.

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- 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 bringer@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.