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ZCS Blue Note

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I had the opportunity to visit Pella Christian grade school last week and share some of the things that we are doing here at Zeeland Christian with their Board, staff and community. The thing that struck me was that Pella Christian was a great sister school to Zeeland Christian. What also struck me was that Zeeland Christian is truly blessed with a great staff and an amazing community to work in. Thank you so much for your support, and as a staff, we praise God for this community. *Bill Van Dyk*

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Calendar

March 2	No Bussing for Elementary
March 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School
March 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences in Evening
March 8	Winter Band Concert-7:30
March 8	Society Meeting-7:00
March 13	Elementary Musical-1st-4th Grade Choirs
March 15, 16	Eighth Grade Play
March 24	3 on 3 Basket Breakers

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-Ham on bun, B-Turkey on bun
Fri.	A-Cheese pizza, B-Hot dog
Mon.	A-Soft shell turkey taco, B-Cheesy breadsticks
Tues.	A-Mac & cheese, B-Mini pancakes, scrambled eggs
Wed.	A-Ham slice, B-Chicken nuggets

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

Books Needed: The Zeeland Christian staff have been reading a book called *The Book Whisperer*, which shares with teachers how to encourage students to read. One of the important things in encouraging students to read is to have books in the classroom. We know that many of you have books at home that your children have outgrown. We would love to include those in our school classroom library. Any books that you can donate would be gladly received. We would also be happy to give you a donation receipt for those books. Thanks in advance for your help.

Thank you for providing transportation for your children last week Friday. Your support and cooperation is deeply appreciated.

Looking Ahead: There are lots of different things that we have to make sure are on our calendars. Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up on March 5 and 6, the Winter Band Concert on March 8, the Society Meeting on March 8 and a host of other activities. Please make sure you check out the school calendar carefully.

Medicine Needed A group of 12 students will be going to the Philippines in less than 5 weeks. We would like to take additional medicine with us like ibuprofen and children's vitamins. If anybody is still willing to donate these items, please drop them in the office and we will personally make sure they get to the Philippines.

97 Years of ZCS! Did you know that ZCS is 97 years old? We invite you to help us celebrate by participating in our annual campaign. The campaign will raise money for debt retirement. More information coming in March!

Congratulations to Sam Vander Ark, a 5th grader, who won the Regional Spelling Bee! On March 13 he heads to the State Spelling Bee in Grand Rapids!

Auction 2012 Preparations are in full swing for this year's auction! Make sure to save-the-date of April 13 for an evening of food, friends, and fun. Childcare is provided.

University Model Program Update: We are excited to make preparations for the 2012/13 school year and will continue to offer families the one-to-one laptop program, as well as a combination of online and traditional ZCS curriculum. The new 3-day format for all grades will provide families more consistent teaching time both at school and at home. If a family you know is considering this educational option for their children next year, please encourage them to contact program coordinator Julie Walters (jwalters@zcs.org) for additional information or to set up a time to visit the UM classes. The next parent information meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm in the media center. Anyone interested in learning more about the program is encouraged to attend.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, March 5 from 3-8 and Tuesday, March 6 from 4-7. Scheduling is being handled online and sign up is February 20-27. The system can be accessed from a link on the ZCS website under News & Calendar, and then scroll down to the link. The school's master password has been mailed to you along with general directions. You will be able to use the same username and password that you used in the fall. Parents new to the system will have an opportunity to set up an account. If you have any problems or questions or don't have

access to a computer, please contact Barb Rininger in the office at 879-0301.

The annual Society meeting booklet and ballot are available online or in the office. To find them online, go to www.zcs.org and click on society ballot under bulletin board.

Tuition Assistance Once again you may apply for tuition assistance online at www.factstuitionaid.com. You will need to provide information from your 2011 tax return. The deadline to apply is March 15, and there is a \$25 application fee for this process. Families who participate in the Milt Kuyers plan through their church are not eligible for assistance.

Parents! Save the Date Plan to bring your family for an evening out on Thursday, April 19 at 7:00 pm for our author visit, featuring Kevin Kammeraad. We will be meeting in the ZCS media center.

Winter Parade of Bands Concert is scheduled for March 8, and there are several ways in which our parent community can be involved. First, we're hoping many of you can attend that evening and enjoy the progress the 5th, 6th, and 7th/8th bands have been making. Each band will perform alone as well as in combination with one other band. You will enjoy the wide variety of sounds and styles. Also, we're inviting any parents, grandparents, older siblings, or ZCS band alumni to play with us on the final number for the night. Simply bring your instrument along and join us for an on-the-spot rehearsal before we perform a great patriotic selection together! You can email Mr. Schonewill at kschonewill@zcs.org to obtain copies of the score ahead of time if you wish to practice. It will be loads of fun to remind the students that playing a band instrument doesn't have to quit once you leave school. Finally, we'll be taking an offering that evening to help with expenses for our upcoming band trip to Chicago in April. Mr. Schonewill will share more information about the trip as well.

Advanced Bussing Notice: There will **not** be bussing for the elementary students on Friday, March 2. Please make a note of this on your calendar. There will, however, be bussing for the middle school students that day.

Box Top Tips Make sure to clip those Box Tops for the last week of our "Bring in the Box Tops" challenge!

Little Caesars Orders need to be picked up on Wednesday, Feb. 22 after 3 pm by the kitchen.

Ditto Change Over Ditto will be closed on Monday, February 27 for the change over to spring clothing. Please come out and help the Ditto volunteers. They will start at 9:00 am and work until 4:00 pm. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to Ditto at 396-8870 if you can help. Many hands make light work!!

Magazine Sale The next order turn in date is Friday, Feb. 24. Don't forget to take your "doubler duck". There are more magazine packets in the office.
New Website: Check us out on www.gaschoolstore.com

For Sale: Apple dumplings (\$6 per 1/2 dozen), pig in the blankets (\$7 per dozen), and banket (\$5 per stick) are in the hallway freezer. Please pass the office.

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

The dates for the 8th grade play have changed from March 22 and 23 to March 15 and 16. Please make a note of this.

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.

CLC Network would love to have you join us for Super BOWL 2012. This is a bowling event which will take place on Saturday, March 10 at Hudsonville Lanes. We will be bowling from 9-11 am. To raise funds for kids with special needs. For more information, please call Bev or Cathy at CLC Network-616-245-8388.

Question of the Week

I've heard some talk about a building addition. Are we kicking off another building project?

A building addition is definitely a possibility. The Zeeland Christian School Board is currently exploring options. God has blessed us with amazing teachers and exciting new programs. The result is more students at ZCS. Over the last few years, our incoming kindergarten classes have been larger than our outgoing eighth grade classes. That means we are filling up the school faster than we are emptying it. We ask for your prayers for the ZCS Board as they try to discern where God is leading us next-whether that's into a new building campaign or some other creative space solution.

TRIP NEWS

Next and final TRIP Registration meeting is March 22 at 7:00 pm. If you would like to recycle your spent gift cards, please deposit them in the box by the TRIP office.

ZCS Shopper

- Experience something greater at Camp Roger. It's time to sign-up for 3-day, 5-day, and 8-day in-camp experiences for grades 1st-9th, and wilderness trip for grades 7th-high school. Find out more at www.camproger.org.
- Help Wanted: Prototype model/pattern maker for plastic parts finishing and silicone mold making. Send resume to Ray Kleyn rkleyn@eagleddesign.com No walk-ins can be accommodated.
- Help Wanted: CAD/Tooling designer with experience in CATIA V5. Experienced only need apply. Send resume to Ray Kleyn rkleyn@eagleddesign.com No walk-ins can be accommodated.
- Help Wanted: CNC Programmer/Toolpathing/Maching Center operation with expereince in MasterCam and common numerical controls. Experienced only need apply. Send resume to Ray Kleyn rkleyn@eagleddesign.com. No walk-ins can be accommodated.
- Seeking a 1/2 or 3/4 size violin (appropriate size for 2nd grader) to borrow. Our daughter is interested in studying violin, but we would like to first try it out for a month or so before investing. Call Steve/Robin at 748-7533.

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 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
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