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Lincoln News

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Fitness Frenzy Fundraiser – Friday, September 26

Fitness Frenzy is our only schoolwide fundraiser of the year. The funds raised help to support field trips, programs, special projects, classroom supplies, etc. Collection envelopes with more information were sent home today. We will finish the fundraiser with a school wide fitness/activity day on Friday, September 26 for ALL students! Every student will also receive a free Fitness Frenzy t-shirt! There will also be prizes for the Top Earning Class, Top Earning student in each class, and more! With donations equaling \$20 or more, the student will get free popcorn on Popcorn Fridays; \$35 or more will receive a Lincoln water bottle sticker; \$80 or more will receive an Open Jump Pass for Rebounderz! This year we will have two collection dates: TODAY and September 19! Please have your student turn in the collection envelope to their teacher on these days to make sure they receive their prizes.

Annual Background Check for Visitors and Volunteers

Please remember to do your background check for the 25/26 school year. You will need to have passed the background check in order to enter the school, go on field trips, volunteer or attend classroom events. Please contact the office or go to the Volunteer site on ZPS.org for information on how to complete a 25/26 background check. You will also need to scan your driver's license at the kiosk in the office before entering the building.

Personal Technology- Student Watches/Phones

Per the ZPS Elementary handbook, elementary students do not need to have any personal technology devices (phones, watches, etc) while they are at school. These devices may pose a distraction/disruption for students during the school day and our staff is not responsible for these items if they are stolen or lost. If a student's personal devices become a distraction or disruption to their learning, they may be asked to remove it, and parent/guardian will be asked to pick it up from the main office. If a student has additional concerns using the technology during the school day, they may be asked to keep the device at home.

Non-Lincoln Students on Campus

Our Lincoln staff love to see and interact with students who previously attended our school. We know that the relationships created have been meaningful and want to live into these as best we can. As the year has started, we have a lot older students who are on campus while we are still in session. We want to remind you that these students are not able to be monitored and that there is still learning happening throughout the building. Downtown Zeeland has a lot to offer middle-school aged students after their school day is done, including The Bridge or the Howard Miller Public Library. We encourage you to explore these options for your students, especially as the Fall months turn into Winter. Please consider an alternate plan for your older students, if they are currently meeting you at Lincoln at the end of the elementary school day.

Important Notes from the Office

Please see the Important Notes from the Office document that you received at Open House for important information about office procedures and expectations. The note includes transportation information, procedures for reporting absences, late arrivals, and lunch orders, end of the day transportation changes, arrival and dismissal times, and medications at school.

Reading At Home (RAH) Volunteers Needed

Students in K-2 have the opportunity on Mondays to check out books from the RAH Library. This is where our volunteers come in! Once the students have returned them, our volunteers swoop in and go through each bag to make sure the students have returned all of the books and reshelve the ones that have come back. What is the time commitment? This year we will need volunteers on Monday mornings at 8:45am for about an hour. Where does someone sign up to volunteer? Click this link. Please make sure you have had your background check done before you come into volunteer for the first time. Please go to this link: Volunteer Background Check If you have any questions, please email ahilldor@zps.org. Thank you so much for volunteering. We couldn't do it without you!

Update Information

Have you moved or changed contact information (phone #, email, etc.)? Please remember to update your information with the office.

Morning Drop Off Reminders

Morning drop off is a busy time here at Lincoln. As you arrive and utilize the parent drop off lane, please remember to stay in your vehicle. We want to ensure everyone's safety and with two lanes of traffic going through the parking lot, it is dangerous to open doors into traffic. If your child needs assistance getting out of the vehicle, please park in a parking spot and walk them up to the sidewalk. Thank you all for making sure that everyone arrives at school safely.

Volunteers Needed For Popcorn Fridays

One Friday a month, we serve our students popcorn! This is a reward for all of the students' hard work collecting money for Fitness Frenzy. We would love to have your help making the popcorn, filling bags and delivering it to the classrooms. Please call the office for more details or to sign up to help!

Please Vote for the Bond Proposal

On November 4th, we will ask the community to renew the current millage rate. If approved, the bond proposal would authorize the district to borrow \$186 million for district-wide improvements with no net increase from the current debt levy.

Construction projects would occur in phases from 2027 to 2035. Please see the website for more information and reach out if you have any questions. Thank you for voting!

Important Information from Food Service

Zeeland Public Schools is committed to ensuring all students have access to nutritious meals through the School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs. Through September 30, 2025, every Michigan student can get FREE breakfast and lunch at their school. No qualifications are necessary. The purpose of posting this regulation is to comply with federal reporting requirements for the USDA Child Nutrition Program and to provide oversight for collecting outstanding student account balances. To learn more, please visit this link—email questions to Director of Nutritional Services Sarah Stone at ssstone@zps.org.

CHIX Gear Store

The online Lincoln/Chix Gear Store is open. Please call the office for information if you would like to order.

Picture Day

Lincoln's Picture Day is Tuesday, September 30. You can order packages online! Online Order Code: 417JZAVUSKBBI Please call the office for the link to go to Geskus' website. You will be able to order pictures September 16–October 1.