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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. 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! Stay tuned to see if we raised enough funds (\$30,000) for Mr. Roon and Mr. Rheeder to shave their beards! If you forgot to turn in your envelope today, please bring it to the office Monday morning.

Roller Skating in PE

The 2nd – 5th grades will be roller skating in PE starting September 29th – October 30th. Students are asked to bring an extra pair of socks. They can also bring helmets, wrist guards, knee pads and their own skates and/or rollerblades if they choose to do so. Parents, please make sure that your child is able to tie his/her own shoes. Being able to lace up and tie skates allows more time for skating practice and instruction. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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!

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!

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.

Zeeland East Youth Night

Please join us on Friday, October 17th for YOUTH NIGHT at the Zeeland East vs. Forest Hills Central football game. All elementary and middle school students will get into the game for FREE with a paying adult. Tickets will be passed out at schools the morning of October 17th. Elementary students will be asked to gather in the south end zone with their elementary school following the end of the first quarter of the football game. Students will then be welcomed and introduced to the crowd during halftime. A quick reminder that students entering the game need to be accompanied by an adult. Don't miss out on a great night showcasing our CHIX pride and students in our district! What: Youth Night. Where: Zeeland Stadium at the ZE vs. Forest Hills Central football game. Date: Friday, October 17th. Time: Kickoff at 7pm with elementary students introduced at halftime.

Zeeland Athletic Boosters Community Fun Run

Join us for a fun-filled morning of fitness and community celebration at the Pumpkinfest 5K Run, Zeeland Pumpkinfest happening Saturday, October 4, 2025, during Zeeland's Annual Pumpkinfest celebration. Hosted by the Zeeland Athletic Boosters, this event supports our student-athletes and helps fund gear, scholarships, and opportunities across all sports. Whether you're running, walking, or cheering from the sidelines, we'd love to see you there. Location: Zeeland West High School Start Time: 8:30 AM. Register by September 19, 2025 for early pricing. Let's lace up, come together, and make this year's Pumpkinfest 5K the best one yet.

Empower Event and Bird Bowl

On Friday, September 26, the Zeeland East and West varsity football teams will meet on the football field in a highly anticipated matchup. Before the showdown, the Freshman and JV football players, along with each schools' cheerleaders, will come together with the ZLinks program to run Zeeland Public Schools' annual EMPOWER! event for middle and high school students in the ZPS

district who have a cognitive disability and/or an Autism Spectrum Disorder. The event is offered to students with disabilities in 6th through 12th grade registered through the link provided below. Registered students will be partnered with a football player or cheerleader who will serve as their mentor/teammate for the event. Each participant will receive a jersey (if they don't already have one), participate in football drills, and have the opportunity to score a touchdown or join cheerleaders who will cheer on the players during the event. Gates for the event open at 4:15 with a start time of 4:45. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online through GoFan. This includes entry to the varsity game. Any high school student who attends the EMPOWER! game will get into the EMPOWER! and varsity game for free and will have pizza and drinks provided. All proceeds will go to the ZLinks program and their unified sports initiative.