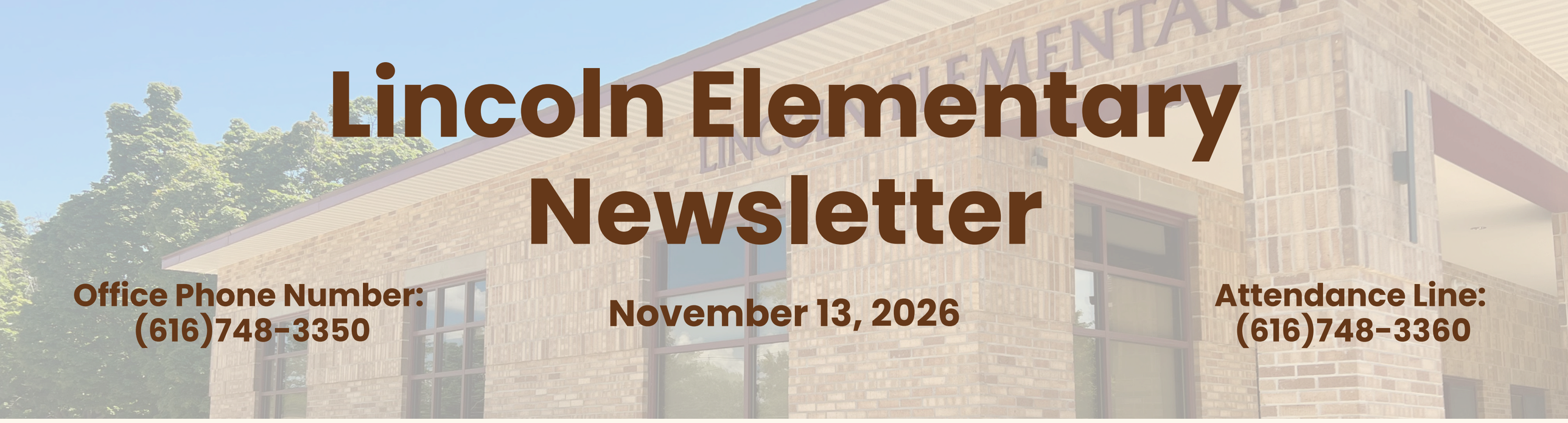


# Lincoln Elementary Newsletter

**Office Phone Number:**
**(616)748-3350**

**November 13, 2026**

**Attendance Line:**
**(616)748-3360**

## Office Staffing Change

Many of you may be aware that Julie Zysltra is retiring in December. Her last day will be December 18. As of next week, she will be training her replacement, Amy Hilldore. Starting then, if you need to email the office for any attendance issues or have any other questions or concerns, please email Lisa Boeve (lboeve@zps.org) and Amy Hilldore (ahilldor@zps.org). Thank you!

We want to thank Julie as she begins her well-deserved retirement. Her years of dedication, kindness, and commitment have made a lasting impact on our students, staff, and families. She has been the welcoming face, helping hand, and steady presence in our school office, always going above and beyond to keep things running smoothly.

We are so grateful for all she has done for our school community. She will truly be missed, but we wish her all the happiness, relaxation, and new adventures that retirement has to offer. Thank you for everything! You will always be part of our school family!

thank you

# Hearing and Vision

Lincoln Elementary will be hosting the Ottawa County Health Department for our annual Hearing and Vision testing on the following dates:

**Hearing Testing (Grades K, 2, 4) - Monday, November 30**
**Vision Testing (Grades 1, 3, 5) - Tuesday, December 1**

If a parent chooses to opt their child out of screening, written documentation is required and must include:

*Student's name, date of birth, teacher, and grade
*Which screening is being declined (hearing or vision) and screening date
*Parent's name and date

**Important medical considerations:**

- Students with shunts or medically implanted devices should not receive a hearing screening due to potential magnetic interference with the headphones.
- Parental consent is required for hearing screenings for students with insulin pumps or continuous glucose monitors.

# Attendance Questions

We had many questions regarding absences and tardies that were documented on student's report cards. We thought we would share the criteria ZPS uses when marking attendance.

**8:40am-9:00am = Tardy**
**9:00am-9:45 am = Late Arrival**
**9:45am to lunch = Half Day Absence**
**Lunch - 2:45pm = Half Day Absence**
**2:45pm-3:30pm = Left Early (*Shows as a tardy on the report card)**

If your child is late to school, absent or picked up early for any reason, they will receive one of these attendance marks.

Also, if your child is late or absent for an appointment, please remember to get a note from the provider.

# Parent Survey

## YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS!

We are looking for **feedback** from our Lincoln parents.

Please complete this short survey to help us gather information for our school.

Your input helps us continue to support and grow our school community.

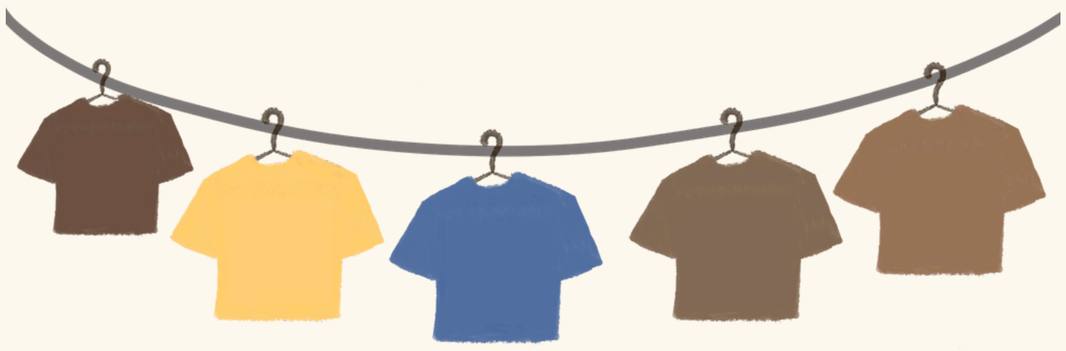
*Thank you!*

## Winter Weather Reminder

We have had such a lovely fall, but as the weather changes, please remember to check the weather forecast and send your child with appropriate outerwear for recess. Also, please remember to label your child's clothing as items are easily lost or misplaced.

## Spanish Immersion Clothing

Spanish Immersion apparel is available. Please use this link to check out an online store for Spanish Immersion gear.



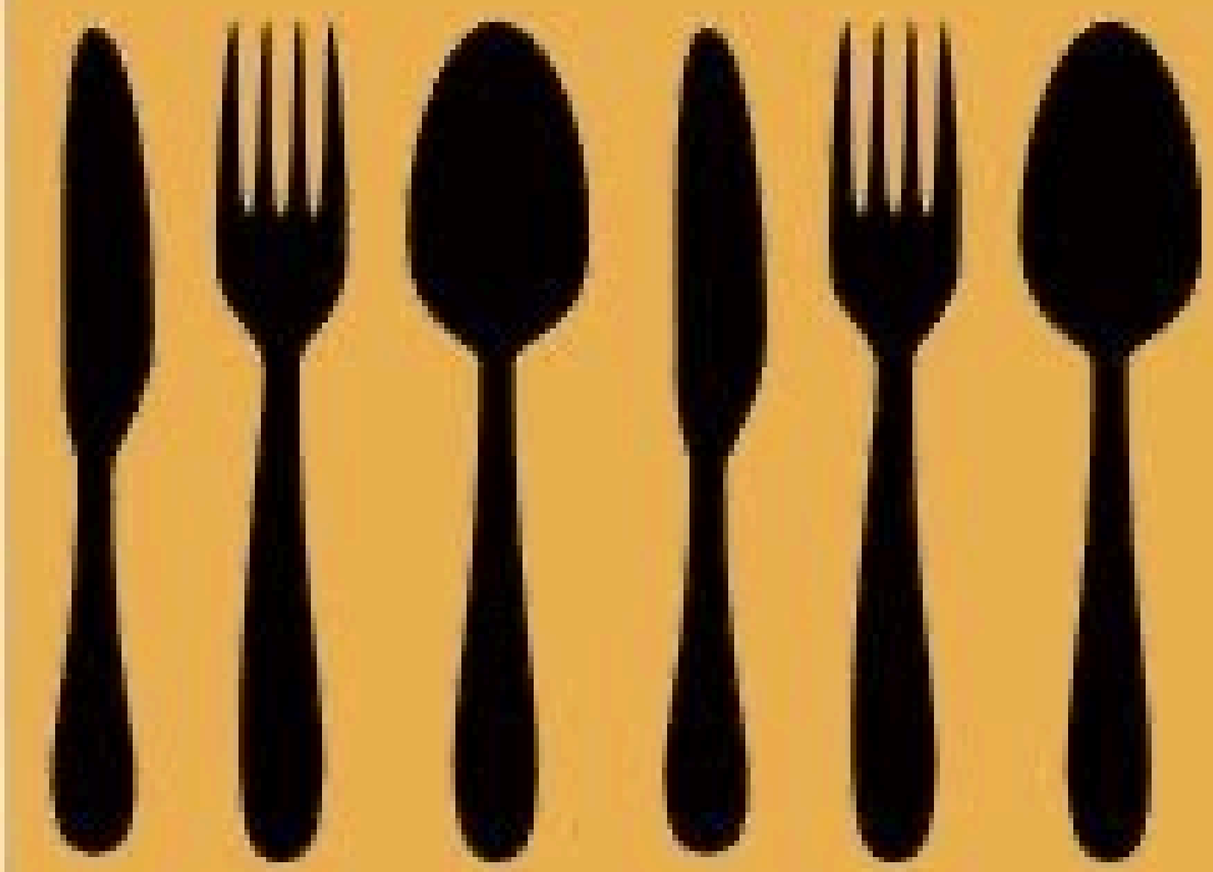
# Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry

## November 17, 2026 from 6-7 PM

**175 W. Roosevelt Street, Zeeland, MI 49464**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME! NO ID OR INCOME VERIFICATION REQUIRED!**

**Questions?**
**Contact**
**noskam@zps.org**
**or**
**616-648-7956**





# Christmas Gift Opportunity

Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children. It was founded in 1947 by reservist Major Bill Hendricks. The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute toys as Christmas gifts to the children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

To request a toy(s) please fill out THIS FORM by Monday, November 30. Please fill out one form/child.

Unwrapped toys will be available for pick up at Harley Davidson of Grand Rapids, 2977 Corporate Grove Dr, Hudsonville, MI 49426 on Saturday December 19th.

Pick up times and any other communication will come to your email from Harley Davidson of Grand Rapids Toys for Tots representatives.

* This holiday project is sponsored by Grand Rapids Harley Davidson and is not affiliated with Zeeland Public Schools.

# *Christmas*
# GIFT EVENT

Hi! My name is Maggie and I own Maggie's Flowers. I grow and sell flowers and use the proceeds to buy Christmas presents for those who could use a little help during the holiday season. My goal is to offer gifts to each child 18 and younger living in the household. At the event, parents/ guardians can choose three gifts per child, and we will wrap them, bag them up, and send them home with you. If you have any questions, please email me at MaggiesFlowers@rocketmail.com

**Saturday**
**November 21**
**from 9-2**

**175 W Roosevelt Ave, Zeeland, MI 49464**

**https://signup.com/go/LtruZoS**

# Mark your Calendars

## ZPS Calendars

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| Nov. 20 | Popcorn Friday |
| Nov. 25-27 | No School - Thanksgiving Break |
| Nov. 30-Dec.11 | Penny War |
| Nov. 30 | Hearing Testing - Grades K,2, and 4 |
| Dec. 1 | Vision Testing - Grades 1, 3, and 5 |
| Dec. 11 | Half Day - Dismissal at Noon |
| Dec. 18 | Popcorn Friday |
| Dec. 21-Jan. 1 | Holiday Break |




CATCH
COORDINATED APPROACH TO CHILD HEALTH

Please click on the following links for more information:

CATCH Family Newsletter

November Family Newsletter

English or Spanish

# Lunch Menu

**Week of November 16**

**MONDAY**

A. Sloppy Joe Sandwich
B. Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad w/ MI Romaine Lettuce & Whole Grain Dinner Roll
Sides: Cheesy Scalloped Potatoes, Celery Sticks, Fresh Strawberries, Tropical Fruit Cup

**TUESDAY**

A. Whole Grain Chicken Crispitos w/ Salsa Cup
B. Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad w/ MI Romaine Lettuce & Whole Grain Dinner Roll
Sides: Seasoned Black Beans , MI Romaine Lettuce, MI Apple, Frozen Peach Cup

**WEDNESDAY**

A. Whole Grain Macaroni & Cheese w/ Whole Grain Pretzel
B. Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad w/ MI Romaine Lettuce & Whole Grain Dinner Roll
Sides: Steamed Green Beans, Fresh Grape Tomatoes, Fresh Cantaloupe Cubes, 100% Fruit Juice

**THURSDAY**

A. Turkey Gravy w/ Twisted Breadstick
B. Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad w/ MI Romaine Lettuce & Whole Grain Dinner Roll
Sides: Mashed Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Craisins, Diced Pears

**FRIDAY**

A. Bosco Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce
B. Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad w/ MI Romaine Lettuce & Whole Grain Dinner Roll
Sides: Steamed Carrots, Cauliflower Florets, MI Apple, Pineapple Tidbits Cup