

Lincoln Elementary Newsletter

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FITNESS FRENZY UPDATE

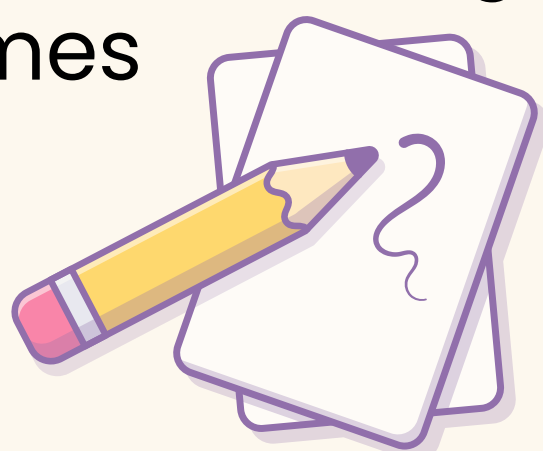
Fitness Frenzy is our only schoolwide fundraiser of the year. The funds raised help to support field trips, programs, special projects, classroom supplies, etc. We will finish the fundraiser with a school wide fitness/activity day on **Friday, October 2** for ALL students! Every student will also receive 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; \$100 or more will receive an Open Jump Pass for Rebounderz! Stay tuned to see if we raised enough funds (\$30,000) for Mr. Williams to shave his head!

***If you forgot to turn in your envelope today, please bring it to the office Monday morning!**

IMPORTANT NOTES from the Office

Please see this [linked document](#) for important information about office procedures and expectations.

- Transportation Information
- Procedures for reporting absences, late arrivals, and lunch orders
- End of the day transportation changes
- Arrival and Dismissal Times
- Medications at school



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WATER POLO YOUTH NIGHT

What: YOUTH NIGHT

Where: Zeeland West Natatorium

Date: Wednesday, September 30

Time: Varsity at 6:15 PM with JV to follow

If you have never been to a water polo game, we encourage you to attend this one! There will be free pizza, games, activities and prizes. We only ask you to register for a pizza head count. Please use this [link](#) to do so.


REGISTER FOR PIZZA

ZEELAND WATER POLO
A COOPERATIVE TEAM • ZEELAND EAST & ZEELAND WEST

ALL ZEELAND COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES WELCOME!

POLO & PIZZA
YOUTH NIGHT

 **KIDS EAT FREE**

 **ACTIVITIES & PRIZES**

 **FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL ELEM & MS FAMILIES**

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 30
VARSITY 6:15 PM | JV AFTERWARDS
ZEELAND WEST NATATORIUM

DID YOU KNOW?

-  Water polo is played in over **100 countries** around the world.
-  Players can swim the equivalent of **2-3 miles** during a game.
-  The first modern water polo game was played in England in **1870**.
-  Water polo builds strength, teamwork and confidence — all skills that last a lifetime.

PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY Student Watches/Phones

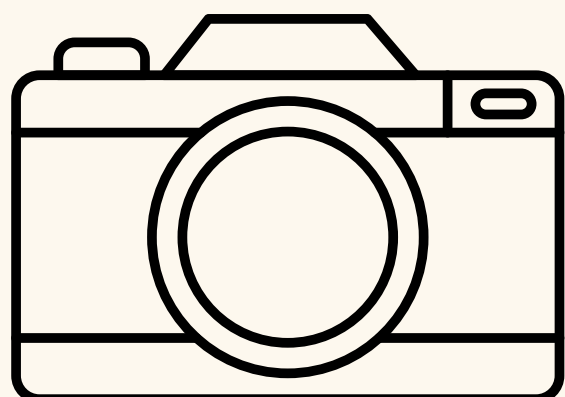
Per the ZPS Elementary handbook, elementary students do not need to have any personal technology devices (phones, watches, etc) while they are at school. These devices may pose a distraction/disruption for students during the school day and our staff is not responsible for these items if they are stolen 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.

Picture Day is: Tuesday, October 6

You can order packages online!

**Online Order Code:
417JZAVUSKBI**

Please [click here](#) to go to Geskus' website.



Please click on the following link for the CATCH Newsletter

[CATCH Family Newsletter](#)

Reminder →

**Friday, September 25
Half Day - Dismissal at
11:55am**



**Don't forget to
stock up on
Lincoln or Chix
Gear**

Here is the [LINK](#) to
Lincoln's Online



We are hiring!

**Becoming a bus driver for ZPS
is as easy as 1, 2, 3.....4, 5, 6, 7!**



STEP #1: APPLY!

Apply online at:
www.zps.org/jobs.

Driving a school bus might seem intimidating at first, but it really is a great opportunity to work part time, while serving our great schools and community! We have a great team here who will help you every STEP of the way! Contact us today with any questions!

STEP #2: MI SECRETARY OF STATE

A school bus driver is also considered a "commercial driver" and must hold a valid Commercial Driver License (CDL) ZPS will cover all the costs to obtain your CDL! An individual must first successfully complete a number of permit exams at the Michigan Secretary of State. Those permits include:

- Obtain a Chauffer license upgrade - 20 question knowledge test
- CDL Group B - 50 question knowledge test
- (P) Passenger Endorsement - 20 question knowledge test
- (S) School Bus Endorsement - 50 question knowledge test
- Air Brake Endorsement - 25 question knowledge test

STEP #3: DOT EXAM

Our office will schedule a physical and drug test for you at the Holland Medi Center. This is to obtain your CDL Medical Card.

STEP #4: CDL ROAD TEST EXAM

Once our trainer feels you are ready, we will schedule your road test with Century Driving School. This exam includes 3 parts:

1. Vehicle pre-trip safety inspection
2. Basic controls skills test
3. An on-the-road driving test

STEP #5: HR

The day you pass your road test becomes your "official" hire date with ZPS Transportation! HR will now send you a packet of pre-employment paperwork/instructions to fill out. Once this is complete, you may begin driving for ZPS!

STEP #6: BEGINNING SCHOOL BUS CLASS

Every school bus driver in MI is required to carry their DOE Certificate Card showing they have completed the Michigan School Bus Driver Education Course. This class is 18 hours and offered through the ISD. Our team will schedule this for you.

STEP #7: ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

At this point, we will provide you with additional training on the policies and procedures of our department, ensuring you are comfortable and adequately trained to perform the job correctly and safely. **Congrats, you are now a bus driver!**

Mark your Calendars

ZPS Calendar

Sept. 25	Half Day - Dismissal at Noon
Oct. 2	FITNESS FRENZY!!!
Oct. 6	Picture Day
Oct. 8	2 nd Grade Field Trip - See Teacher for Details
Oct. 9	Half Day - Dismissal at Noon
Oct. 16	Kindergarten Field Trip - See Teacher for Details Popcorn Friday
Oct. 19-23	Book Fair
Oct. 29	Half Day - Dismissal at Noon
Oct. 30	No School
Nov. 2	Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 4	Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 5	Half Day - Dismissal at Noon Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 6	No School
Nov. 11	Picture Retakes

Lunch Menu

Week of September 21

MONDAY

- A. Sloppy Joe Sandwich
 - B. Apple Dunker Box (Whole Grain Pumpkin Bread, Wowbutter, String Cheese & Apple Slices)
- Sides: Cheesy Potatoes, Celery Sticks, Fresh Strawberries, Tropical Fruit Cup

TUESDAY

- A. Whole Grain Chicken Crisпитos w/ Salsa Cup
 - B. Apple Dunker Box (Whole Grain Pumpkin Bread, Wowbutter, String Cheese & Apple Slices)
- Sides: Seasoned Black Beans, Local MI Romaine Lettuce, Local MI Apple, Frozen Peach Cup

WEDNESDAY

- A. Whole Grain Macaroni & Cheese w/Whole Grain Pretzel
 - B. Apple Dunker Box (Whole Grain Pumpkin Bread, Wowbutter, String Cheese & Apple Slices)
- Sides: Steamed Green Beans, Fresh Grape Tomatoes, Fresh Cantaloupe Cubes, Local MI 100% Fruit Juice

THURSDAY

- A. Whole Grain Orange Chicken w/Brown Rice & Whole Grain Fortune Cookie
 - B. Apple Dunker Box (Whole Grain Pumpkin Bread, Wowbutter, String Cheese & Apple Slices)
- Sides: Steamed local MI Vegetable Blend, Baby Carrots, Craisins, Diced Pears

FRIDAY

Half day - NO LUNCH