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Lincoln News

Lincoln Elementary School, Zeeland Public Schools

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Fitness Frenzy Fundraiser – Thursday, September 28

Fitness Frenzy is our only schoolwide fundraiser of the year! The funds raised help to support fieldtrips, programs, special projects, classroom supplies, etc. Collection envelopes with more information were sent home this week. We finish the fundraiser with a school wide Fitness/ Activity day for ALL the students. Every student will also receive a free Fitness Frenzy t-shirt! We Need Your Help! In order to fund the fun activities/projects our students count on, our goal is for each child to collect \$60 in donations. Prizes will be given for \$10, \$20, and \$60 amounts. There will also be prizes for the Top Earning Class, Top Earning Student in each class, and more! This year we will have two collection dates: September 15 and September 22! Please have your student turn in the collection envelope to their teacher on these days to make sure they receive their prizes.

Bike Safety Unit

Students in 3rd—5th grade will be participating in the Bike Safety Unit in PE class. This unit will begin on September 4 and will end September 29. Bike and helmets will be provided by the school and students are required to wear helmets for this unit. Students may bring their own bikes and helmets. Bikes will need to be kept in the bike rack, so make sure that you also provide a lock for your bike.

Reminder

Half Day of School on Friday, September 15. Dismissal at noon.

Important Information from Food Service

ZPS is excited to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students this school year! However, if your family's income falls within the guidelines, we strongly encourage you to still fill out an application. This confidential and protected form gives access to other services like Summer EBT, discounted school fees, discounted class materials, and even utilities support. Call the office for a copy of the income guidelines to see if you qualify. Fill out the application for Summer EBT and Education Benefits with Michigan School Meals Program by going to zps.org > Food Service > Meal Application Forms. A qualifying complete meal must meet state requirements to be free. There are five components offered to make up a "complete meal" - protein, grain, fruits, vegetables, and milk. For lunch, three of the five components are necessary for it to qualify as a complete meal (one of them MUST be ½ cup of fruit or vegetable). Breakfast also requires students to take three of the four components offered (one needing to be a ½ cup fruit). If your child takes milk only, they will be charged the full price of 60 cents (as this is not considered a complete meal).

Annual Background Check for Visitors and Volunteers

If you plan to visit/volunteer in the building or attend a field trip, you must complete a background check every school year. Only adults who have passed a background check will be able to attend a field trip or pass through our office and into the building. We are committed to keeping our students safe. You must have a green tag to go beyond the office. Please go to zps.org > Volunteer to register.

ZEE Bus and JRL Book Return

If you still have Zee Bus or JRL books from this summer, you may return them to any ZPS building and we will get them back to their “home” for next summer’s reading adventures! Thanks for your help in keeping our Summer Reading opportunities well stocked with great books.

Choice Reading

In ZPS, we believe that reading is foundational to the success of our students. Throughout each week, students are provided with opportunities to read independently. Classroom teachers and library staff work hard to provide high-quality, engaging, and relevant texts for students. We respect each parent’s right to provide input on what books would be appropriate for their own child. For more information on this topic, please read the “Choice Reading—Community Letter” on the Lincoln School website.

Medications at School

Zeeland Public Schools medication policy states that the Board will require the written prescription from the child’s physician accompanied by the written authorization of the parent. This includes prescription and over the counter medication. Forms are available in the office. All medication must be brought to the office by a parent or guardian. Medicine is not allowed on the bus nor is it to be brought in by the student. All medication must be in its original prescription bottle with current dates and dosages matching the doctor’s prescription.

Attendance, Late Arrivals and Lunch Orders

Please call in absences or late arrivals by 9:00a.m. Even if you may have written a note to the teacher about your child’s absence, please call the office or attendance line. If we do not receive a phone call from you, we will call you. It is important that we know where our students are! We are required to report numbers of illnesses to the Health Department. Names of students are not used. To help us in this reporting, please indicate if your child has the flu (fever with any of the following symptoms: sore throat, cough, generalized aching in the back or limb muscles) OR a stomach virus (vomiting or diarrhea). Also, if your child will be arriving late and needs a lunch, please leave the lunch choice (A or B) on the attendance line. Lunches are ordered by 9:00 a.m. each day. If no lunch is ordered or you call after 9:00am the student must take his/her own lunch.

Playground and Lunch Supervisors

We are still in need of Playground and Lunch Supervisors for the 23/24 school year! We have openings every day for the 11:30am-1:45pm position. Please contact the school office at (616)748-3350 or apply online at www.zps.org > Quicklinks > Jobs.