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Lincoln News

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Hearing and Vision Testing

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) - Wednesday, November 19. Vision Testing (Grades 1, 3, 5) - Thursday, November 20. 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; and *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.

Save the Date

Zeeland Public Schools will be hosting a Parent Information Expo Night for Preschool, Young Fives, Kindergarten enrollment. The event will be held Thursday, December 11. Childcare will be provided. More details to come.

Lincoln Food Drive

Lincoln will be hosting a food drive November 17-21. The food will be donated to Harvest Stand Ministries in Zeeland. Please bring canned goods on Monday, Breakfast goods on Tuesday, Hygiene items on Wednesday, Rice & Pasta on Thursday, and Canned Soups on Friday. Thank you for helping to support the needy in our community.

Feeding America

Feeding America will be in Zeeland on Tuesday, November 18, from 6-7 PM (175 W. Roosevelt Ave.) Everyone is welcome. No ID or income verification is required. Email noskam@zps.org with questions.

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.

We love seeing our students every single day at Lincoln Elementary! When students are in school this will positively impact their academic success and overall well-being. This year, ZPS will be working hard to ensure that we monitor student attendance closely. Please make sure that students are attending school every day. We know that illness, family emergencies, and other uncontrollable situations arise throughout the year. We want to partner with all our families to support you through these challenging situations, while maintaining strong attendance at school.

Parent Survey

At Zeeland Public Schools, we are always seeking ways to better serve our students and strengthen our programs. To help guide future decisions, we've partnered with Hanover Research, a trusted, independent research organization, to gather feedback from across our school community. As partners in your child's learning, we invite you to take a few moments to share your thoughts. We invite you to participate in the District Programs Community Feedback Survey between November 10th through November 24th. Your feedback is an important part of how we grow and improve together. It should take about 10 minutes, and your responses will remain anonymous and confidential. Your voice matters, and your input helps us reflect on what's working and where we can grow. Please contact the office for the link to take the survey.

Inclement Weather Note from the Superintendent

Colder days are ahead, and with that, the possibility of inclement weather is on my mind. Please know that student safety and our families are a top priority when considering school delays or cancellations. We begin discussing as soon as weather is forecasted, and communication is systematic. School cancellations are broadcast as soon as possible via district-wide email, and SchoolMessenger, a free text notification service available to all staff and families at ZPS. You can subscribe to this service by texting "Y" to the short code "67587." ZPS will also broadcast school closings on TV networks, social media, and our website.

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.

CATCH

Our school is joining thousands of other schools across the country as a CATCH school. CATCH stands for "Coordinated Approach To Child Health." CATCH schools are committed to developing the Whole Child – mind, heart, and body – by helping kids get more physical activity, eat more nutritious foods, and develop social and emotional competencies to become their best selves.