NEWS at New Groningen

WELCOME BACK!!

We are so excited to have your family at New Groningen! Staff has loved meeting your kids and starting the coming school year! Hopefully your family was able to come to the Open House and find your child’s classroom, locker and teacher. It was wonderful to see so many families! If you weren’t able to make it, please feel free to email your teacher if you have any concerns.

If there are any questions, please don’t hesitate to stop in or call the office. We would love to help out in any way we can. We want to make this the best school year ever for your child.

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UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

It is very important that we have the most current contact information in our system for EVERY student. You should have received a census verification from on the first day of school. If you did not already do so, review the information and make necessary changes and return that form AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to the office or your child’s teacher. Please make sure you include an email address for electronic communication. This newsletter will be sent electronically today, so please make sure you let us know if you do not receive that email! Beginning in October, this will only be sent by email unless you contact us for a paper copy. Also, two emergency contacts are very helpful as we often have sick or injured children and in some cases are unable to contact parents. Thanks for your help in this matter!

MONDAY INFORMATION

Each Monday your child will bring home his/her Monday information. It will consist of important information and/or forms from the school and classroom. Please make sure you check your student’s folder EVERY Monday and return any forms to school on Tuesday.
PE BIKING UNIT

PE Unit: Biking (September 3rd-20th) 3rd-5th grade students will be starting out the school year with our biking unit in PE class. Students are welcome to bring their bike from home and I encourage them to lock their bike in the bike racks if they choose to bring it to school. The bike rack is located by the bus loop in the front of the building. When their class comes to PE, they will be able to grab their bike when we head outside during their PE class time.

Students will not be allowed to store their bike in the gym overnight. If it is convenient and hassle free for your child to bring their bike and lock it, great! But if not, we have bikes for students to use during class time.

Helmets are a must while riding during our PE unit. We have more than enough helmets for students to choose from, but they are more than welcome to bring a helmet from home, too. They can store it in their locker and bring it to PE during their class time.

NEW GRONINGEN FAMILY ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK PAGE

Please join the facebook page to stay up to date with information, dates and questions that other families may be asking.

Facebook.com/groups/NewGroningenFA

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM REQUIREMENTS

PE shoes: For the safety and participation, please have your child wear socks and gym shoes to school (or bring in backpack) on the day of PE class to ensure their safety during activities. Shoes such as slip ons, crocs, boot, flip flops are not safe for jumping, climbing, running that occur in gym.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

September 14th - NG 5K
September 17th - Tropical Smoothie fundraiser
September 19th - Picture day!
September 20th - half day
October 8th - Noodles and CO. fundraiser
October 11th - half day
November 4th, 6th - Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 pm
November 7th - half day / conferences 1-7 pm
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

**Drop Off/Pick Up Students:** If you are dropping off and/or picking up your child from New Groningen, please use the entrance by the flag pole on Chicago Drive. In the morning, doors will be LOCKED until 8:25am. Students need to remain with parents until 8:25.

**Y5—2nd grade:** Students can walk through the building to get to their playground.

**3rd—5th grade:** Students can head directly to the playground.

**After school:** Students will travel through the hallway by the office to parents. If you are picking up a Y5 or Kindergarten student, you must come to the door to pick them up at 3:30pm. Other students will be dismissed and waiting by the building. Students may not cross the parking lot unattended. Please be patient as a staff member assist them with crossing.

**Bus Driveway:** The east side of our school is designated as our bus transportation drop off and pick up. PLEASE do not use this area to drive through before or after school! Thank you!

BE NICE NEWSLETTER

September Be nice newsletter:

**Be nice newsletter**

TOTAL TREK QUEST

TTQ is fun, high energy program designed exclusively for boys in 3rd-5th grade. TTQ incorporates strength and stretching exercises with training for a 5K. Boys in this program will develop positive peer relationships and feel a part of a team while working toward individual goals.

TTQ is now online! Register online if you are interested in being part of this great program.

[TTQ registration link](#)

Cost is $45.00 and scholarships are available. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the online registration process, or need a scholarship, please contact Brandon Melnyk at bmelnyk@arborcircle.org

KIDNEY BEAN DONATION UPDATE

Thank you so much for the donations that have been given for Mrs. Poll’s food drive! We are so appreciative! If you are still considering donating, please do so this week. Mrs. Poll will be donating the canned goods to a local food pantry this weekend.