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Lincoln News

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## Fitness Frenzy Fundraiser – Friday, September 27

Fitness Frenzy is our only schoolwide fundraiser of the year! The funds raised help to support field trips, programs, special projects, classroom supplies, etc. Collection envelopes with more information will be sent home today. We finish the fundraiser with a school wide fitness/activity day for ALL students. Every student will also receive a free Fitness Frenzy t-shirt! We Need Your Help! In order to support the fun activities/projects our students count on, our goal is for each child to collect \$100 or more in donations. Prizes will be given for \$20, \$35, and \$80 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 13 and September 20! Please have your student turn in the collection envelope to their teacher on these days to make sure they receive their prizes.

## Annual Background Check for Visitors and Volunteers

We appreciate your interest in volunteering at Zeeland Public Schools. Zeeland Public Schools is rolling out a new visitor/volunteer sign-in system this school year called Raptor. This enhanced system will help us accurately and efficiently screen all visitors and volunteers in our schools and provide us with a safe environment for our students and staff. \*All persons coming into extended contact with our students must complete an online Michigan State Police background check. You must complete the required background form at least three business days before your volunteer opportunity. You will need to bring a government-issued ID and scan it into the Raptor Visitor system prior to entry into a school building. The information you enter on the application must match your government -issued identification card including your full legal name. If you have questions, please contact the Main Office of the school building at which you intend to volunteer.

## Bike Safety Unit

Students in 3rd—5th grade will be participating in the Bike Safety Unit in PE class. This unit started this week and will end September 27. Bikes 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!

## Important Information from Food Service

ZPS is excited to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students again this school year! However, we strongly encourage everyone to fill out an Education Benefits application. This confidential and protected form gives access to other services like Summer EBT, discounted school fees, discounted Zeeland Recreation programs, and even utilities support. View the income guidelines here to see if you qualify and fill out the application for Summer EBT and Education Benefits with Michigan School Meals

Program on the ZPS website under Food Service. 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).

## 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 regularly 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. Please read the “Choice Reading—Community Letter” on the Lincoln School website.

## Library

In an effort to cultivate a more loving and caring environment as well as promote reading and the love of books, the school library will allow children to take home books every week. We realize sometimes life gets busy and books don't get returned on time. We'd like to offer grace for those situations. Your student may still come home with an overdue notice, but they will still receive a library book. Please make an effort to return all books in a timely fashion. Any questions or if this is something you don't want your child to participate in, please contact: Aliceson Safirt [asafirt@zps.org](mailto:asafirt@zps.org).

## Learning Lab – Starting September 17

Lincoln’s Learning Lab will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Library after school from 3:45pm to 4:30pm. Learning Lab is a place where Lincoln students will be supervised/helped by 2 teachers while doing homework! If your student’s teacher thinks this will be helpful, they will be contacting you to ask permission for them to attend. If the teacher has not contacted you and you would like your child to have this opportunity, please contact the teacher. Please do not send your student until you have talked with their teacher. Also, please remember that students need to be picked up promptly at 4:30 by the office doors.