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Parent/Student Handbook, newsletters and other documents are available at quincy.zps.org

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A HUGE Thank You From The Blackwell Institute in Detroit!

We are so pleased to send along a huge thank you from Blackwell to Quincy families and staff. They were overwhelmed with the number of donations of cleaning supplies and Barnes & Noble gift cards. Due to the budget crisis in Detroit Public Schools, Blackwell staff cannot order any cleaning supplies, so you would have thought we brought them gold!

We even brought the principal to tears as we unloaded the donations.

We updated our Something BIG video one last time to include the delivery to Blackwell. Please check it out with your children, they love watching it and singing along. It is five minutes long.

Link to video: <https://youtu.be/czX4sUGZC2Y>

Spring Buy One Get One Free Book Fair!

April 18-21 we will be having our Buy One Get One Free book fair. This is a great time to buy books for the summer! **Check with your child's teacher for the date and time your child will be shopping.**

April 19 is Family Night at our Book Fair. Families are welcome to stop by anytime from 3:45 – 5:45 to shop.

Mark Your Calendar

March/April 2016

- April 18-21—Quincy Book Fair
- April 19—Book Fair Family Night, 3:45-5:45pm
- April 19—5th grade Parent Meeting@Creekside, 5:30-6:30pm or 6:30-7:30pm
- April 21—Quincy Music Program/DeWitt Auditorium, 3rd, 4th & 5th grades, 6:30pm
- April 22—Spirit Day, Earth Day

May/June 2016

- May 6—Grandparents Day for Kindergarten Students, 2:00 -3:00 p.m.
- May 7—Quincy Whitecaps Game, 7pm
- May 11 & 12—Tulip Time, Noon Dismissal
- May 13—Field Day, 1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal
- May 27—Spirit Day, Red, White and Blue Day
- May 30—Memorial Day, No School
- June 8—1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal
- June 9—Last Day, 1/2 Day, Noon Dismissal

Dressing for Warmer Weather

When helping your student dress for school in the morning, please refer to our [Parent/Student Handbook](#). Here is the portion regarding warm weather dress:

In order to create an optimal learning environment, it is important that students are dressed appropriately for the variety of school activities planned each day. Warm weather dress could include shorts and t-shirts and should be comfortable, but not too skimpy. Spaghetti strap tank tops, halter tops, or short shirts are not allowed.

Student Placement Forms

An important responsibility of the school staff is to assign students to classes for the next year. Later this spring, the Quincy Elementary staff will meet to determine student placements for the 2016-17 school year. Our goal is to develop balanced classrooms of children and we take class size, gender, learning styles, achievement levels, interpersonal dynamics and social needs of our students into consideration when doing so. Each classroom is a small community and we work hard to set up each child for success.

Parent input is a consideration in this process. If you wish to include unique information about your child's needs that you would like us to consider in the placement process, please complete the form that is available in the school office. We will review parent input carefully before making placement decisions.

Completion of the form is optional; it's simply a communication tool for those who wish to use it. Forms are due in the office by April 29, 2016

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Quincy Parents:

Our music program is quickly approaching. We will perform for family and friends on **Thursday, April 21**. The performance will take place in **DeWitt Auditorium at ZEHS** and will begin at **6:30PM**.

Students are asked to report to the auditorium at 6:20PM. Students should dress their best!

When you arrive, please send third graders back stage (look for the signs) and please have 4th and 5th graders go to the front rows of the auditorium to meet their classroom teacher. If your student has a coat, please keep it with you.

The first five rows of seats will be reserved for Quincy students. Please do not sit in this area. We expect a large crowd of families and friends. It would be most helpful if everyone fills in all seats from the center of each row, leaving empty seats at each end. This will help us start the program on time.

The program will last approximately one hour. At the close of the program an announcement will be made as to where you can meet your student when the concert is finished.

Most students have featured instrumental, speaking, vocal or movement parts. Each student plays an important role in our performance. If your student will be unable to attend the performance, please let Mrs. Russell know as soon as possible. jrussell@zps.org

We look forward to sharing with you on April 21!

Stomp Out Stigma - 5K Walk - May 21

ZEELAND ZJK TEAM

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month

Registration is free!

You may purchase a blue shirt which helps to support BE NICE ZPS and walk in memory of Zachary Kroll. Blue be nice shirts are \$12.

Sign up deadline for a blue shirt is April 20, 2016.

Click [here](#) for more information and registration details.

Shirt pick up will be May 18 and May 19 from 6:30 – 8:00pm at Faith Reformed Church.

Special arrangements for shirt pick up can be made by emailing Betsy Voetberg at rbvoet@centurytel.net.

Any requests for blue shirts after the deadline will be available after the walk.