

ZEELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Notes From Mr. Streifel

It is hard to believe that we have already been through a month and a half of school. Midterms have come and gone and now we are about 2 weeks from the end of the first quarter. Reminder—parent teacher conferences are on October 21.

Our new cell phone policy has been in effect all year, which has been successful. With minimal issues, students have been leaving their cell phones in the office for the duration of the school day. Reminder—If you need to get ahold of your child, you may always call the school office and Joyce will direct you.

I extend a thank you to Ashley Public School who invited our 3-12 graders to join them for a lyceum on September 17. The *Steered Straight* presentation was quite entertaining and informative to our students. Michael DeLeone was an entertaining presenter, while giving a positive message to our students about the danger of drugs and vapes. We had plenty of positive feedback from our students and staff who attended about the experience.

Thank you again for the support and if you have any questions please reach out to Joyce, Kim Dockter, or me, and we are willing to help you. Let's have a great rest of the school year.

Notes From Mrs. Dockter

Reminder: School pictures are October 1.

The elementary students have begun their fall Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Testing. MAP Testing is administered in the fall, winter, and spring. This test assesses students' achievement and growth in math, reading, language arts, and science. The teachers use MAP Growth to understand how students are performing and track student progress.

Our reading program is underway. Reminder we are going by points this year. Once a student has finished reading a book, the student is to let their classroom teacher know. The teacher will give the student a 10-question quiz. If the student gets 7 or more questions correct, they will receive points for reading the book. The points will be totaled quarterly. The end of the 1st quarter is October 15.

As October begins, so does cooler weather. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the conditions. We want all students to feel comfortable and safe while learning and playing outside.

Zeeland Public School received a grant from the McIntosh County Health Unit for keeping kids active. With that grant the school purchased a Climbing Dome.

Thank you to Kevin, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Streifel for putting the dome together and to Zeeland Oil for donating the sand.



ECO-ED CONSERVATION TOUR: A Day of Outdoor Learning for Grade 6 – 7!

On September 16, our Grade 6 and 7 students had the incredible opportunity to participate in the Eco-Ed Conservation Tour, held at the scenic Beaver Lake State Park. This exciting and educational outdoor experience was made possible through the support of the Logan County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

Students spent the day exploring and learning about the unique ecological conditions found right here in North Dakota. Through hands-on activities and expert-led presentations, they gained a deeper appreciation for the environment and better understanding of how to care for it.

Throughout the tour, students rotated through a series of interactive learning stations. Each focused on a key component of our natural world, such as:

- Soil, understanding soil health and how it supports ecosystem functions.
- Trees, the role of forests in conservation and habitat management and protection.
- Water Quality, learning how clean water is tested and why it truly matters.
- Wetlands & Wildlife, discovering the ecological importance of wetlands and their role in supporting biodiversity.
- Range Pasture, investigating sustainable land use and grazing practices
- Duck Wing, identifying local duck and bird species through an engaging hands-on approach.

Experiences like the Eco-Ed Tour help students connect what they learn in the classroom to the real world. They not only learn about environmental science, but also about the role each person plays in protecting our planet – **Earth**.



Music News

The NDSU Choir Festival will be **October 5-6**. High School choir members will be leaving from Zeeland at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 5. The concert is at 4:30 p.m., and we will be returning home following the concert.

Surround the State in Song is **October 11**. We will be attending the Bismarck High School location, and the 6th graders will be leaving from Zeeland at 7:30 a.m. (The bus will leave from Ashley at 7:00 a.m.) The concert is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Students may leave with their parents following the concert if desired.

The Ployhar Band Festival is **October 23-24** at Valley City State University. Good luck to our auditionees.

The Zeeland-Ashley co-op continues for the 2025-2026 school year. Fall concerts will be held at both schools with the students invited to perform at both schools. Students will not have points deducted from their grade if they cannot attend the other school's concert, but we sound best if everyone can be there. The Ashley concert for 6th grade band, 7-12 band, and 7-12 choir (with Zeeland 6-12 students) will be on **October 28**, and the Zeeland fall concert for K-12 (with Ashley 7-12 students) will be on **October 30**. Both concerts will begin at 7:00 p.m. Coming up in November is the NSU Band Clinic in Aberdeen, SD, on November 5 for high school band students.

Zeeland Public School
Zeeland Board of Education
(Unofficial Minutes)

President Meier called the Public Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2025. Board members present were Francis Meier, Jen Meier, Donavon Bender, Josh Rossow and Neil Meidinger. Others present were Supt. Brandt Dick, Jayden Streifel, Kim Dockter, Kyle Anderson and Bs. Mgr Joyce Scherr. Two property owners from the Zeeland School District attended.

At this time Supt Brandt Dick took over.

1. Zeeland will experience less pupil aid money next year due to low enrollment. In addition to lower student count, the transition payment will be approximately cut in half due to state law phasing out the transition payment.
2. The new 3% cap worksheet and levy worksheets were gone over. Mr. Dick explained the new calculation and how the amount of money the school will receive is calculated.
3. The mill levy did not raise. If your taxes increase it is due to valuation increasing. \$532,500 is the most that can be levied. Expenses are higher then revenue, this is common for ZPS and normally the expenses don't reach the budgeted amount.
4. ZPS will continue to have a deficit and will need to continue to watch spending.

With no questions, Rossow made a motion to accept the budget for the for the 2025-2026 school year, second Bender.

Meidinger made a motion to adjourn, second J. Meier. All Aye.

President Meier called the regular board meeting to order.

Meidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, second Bender. All Aye.

With the correction of the dates for PD to August 12 and 13, J. Meier made a motion to approve the minutes, second Rossow. All Aye.

The financial reports were reviewed. J. Meier made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented by the Bs. Mgr and payment of the following claims, second Rossow. City of Zeeland 83.91; BEK 112.19; DRN 760.00; MDU 655.24; Emmons Co Record 110.24; Zeeland Oil LLC 679.05; Dakota Dust Tex 251.80; IPrint Technologies 170.00; SoftChoice 575.43; Strasburg Public School 400.00; CREA 900.00; K. Kocher 51.62; Professional Speech Therapist 375.00; VISA 581.83; Dacotah Paper 375.06 and BCBS 4,624.99. Motion carried to approve.

Supt. Report – Budget presentation.

HS Lead – Mr. Streifel informed the board we have 18 students. Things have been going well.

Map testing dates will be set.

Upcoming events – Sept 16 Logan Co ECOED for grades 6 & 7; Sept. 17 Steered Straight @ Ashley for high school in the morning and elementary in the afternoon. Parents are invited at in evening at 6:30.

STARS reports are being completed.

The new playground climbing gym was set up this summer on the playground. This was purchased with grant money from the Ashley Health Unit.

Elem. Lead – Mrs. Dockter is working on the Reading Compliance Report that needs to be done every three years. Several teachers will need training for meeting compliance.

Amira is a reading program through the state that is free and we will again be using it.

Rossow asked whether the leads with their schedules are they able to get everything done. Both felt all was going well.

Public comment – None.

Old Business – The bus that has been tagged with an accident that was purchased earlier was taken to Ashley for inspection and passed. We may now renew with a salvaged title.

Annual Compliance Report. Supt Dick explained that each year a school must prove they are meeting requirements and follow guidelines to be operational. Meidinger made a motion to approve the Annual Compliance Report, second Bender. All Aye.

Next meeting will be October 13 at 7:00 p.m.

J. Meier made a motion to adjourn, second Rossow and carried unanimously to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Joyce Scherr
Business Manager

Francis Meier
President



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August 18, 2025

Dear Parents and ZPS staff,

McIntosh Public Health will be offering flu shots at ZPS on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 10:00-10:30 a.m. to all school aged children and school staff. We will be also offering flu shots to the general public during that time.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends annual influenza vaccination for all people ages 6 months and up. Attached is the Vaccine Information Statement for the inactivated influenza vaccine.

In order for you or your child to receive a flu immunization, please complete the flu vaccination consent form with insurance or ND Medicaid information. The completed form must be returned to the school office by Monday October 6th.

We will be offering flu shots for uninsured adults and children 6 months and up at the cost of \$20, due at time of service.

If you have any questions about the flu shot, need assistance with completing the consent form or wish to schedule an office appointment, do not hesitate to call our office at 288-3957.

Thank you!

Jessica Welder, RN
McIntosh District Health Unit

Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant): *What you need to know*

Many vaccine information statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See www.immunize.org/vis

Hojas de información sobre vacunas están disponibles en español y en muchos otros idiomas. Visite www.immunize.org/vis

1. Why get vaccinated?

Influenza vaccine can prevent **influenza (flu)**.

Flu is a contagious disease that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May. Anyone can get the flu, but it is more dangerous for some people. Infants and young children, people 65 years and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions or a weakened immune system are at greatest risk of flu complications.

Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections, and ear infections are examples of flu-related complications. If you have a medical condition, such as heart disease, cancer, or diabetes, flu can make it worse.

Flu can cause fever and chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache, and runny or stuffy nose. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

In an average year, **thousands of people in the United States die from flu**, and many more are hospitalized. Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related visits to the doctor each year.

2. Influenza vaccines

CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated every flu season. **Children 6 months through 8 years of age** may need 2 doses during a single flu season. **Everyone else** needs only 1 dose each flu season.

It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination.

There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against the influenza viruses believed to be likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season.

Even when the vaccine doesn't exactly match these viruses, it may still provide some protection.

Influenza vaccine **does not cause flu**.

Influenza vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines.

3. Talk with your health care provider

Tell your vaccination provider if the person getting the vaccine:

- Has had an **allergic reaction after a previous dose of influenza vaccine**, or has any **severe, life-threatening allergies**
- Has ever had **Guillain-Barré Syndrome** (also called "GBS")

In some cases, your health care provider may decide to postpone influenza vaccination until a future visit.

Influenza vaccine can be administered at any time during pregnancy. Women who are or will be pregnant during influenza season should receive inactivated influenza vaccine.

People with minor illnesses, such as a cold, may be vaccinated. People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting influenza vaccine.

Your health care provider can give you more information.



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4. Risks of a vaccine reaction

- Soreness, redness, and swelling where the shot is given, fever, muscle aches, and headache can happen after influenza vaccination.
- There may be a very small increased risk of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) after inactivated influenza vaccine (the flu shot).

Young children who get the flu shot along with pneumococcal vaccine (PCV13) and/or DTaP vaccine at the same time might be slightly more likely to have a seizure caused by fever. Tell your health care provider if a child who is getting flu vaccine has ever had a seizure.

People sometimes faint after medical procedures, including vaccination. Tell your provider if you feel dizzy or have vision changes or ringing in the ears.

As with any medicine, there is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a severe allergic reaction, other serious injury, or death.

5. What if there is a serious problem?

An allergic reaction could occur after the vaccinated person leaves the clinic. If you see signs of a severe allergic reaction (hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, or weakness), call **9-1-1** and get the person to the nearest hospital.

For other signs that concern you, call your health care provider.

Adverse reactions should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Your health care provider will usually file this report, or you can do it yourself. Visit the VAERS website at www.vaers.hhs.gov or call **1-800-822-7967**. *VAERS is only for reporting reactions, and VAERS staff members do not give medical advice.*

6. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) is a federal program that was created to compensate people who may have been injured by certain vaccines. Claims regarding alleged injury or death due to vaccination have a time limit for filing, which may be as short as two years. Visit the VICP website at www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation or call **1-800-338-2382** to learn about the program and about filing a claim.

7. How can I learn more?

- Ask your health care provider.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Visit the website of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for vaccine package inserts and additional information at www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/vaccines.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
 - Call **1-800-232-4636** (1-800-CDC-INFO) or
 - Visit CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/flu.





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Flu SHOT Consent Form

Patient Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age: _____

Address-Town-Zip: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Health Insurance Policy # _____

Policy Holder Name: _____

Policy Holder Date of Birth: _____

Policy Holder Address (if different from patient): _____

_____ Cash Payment **\$20 per shot if no insurance** (*due at time of service – cash or check only*)

Flu Shot

Please Check "YES" or "NO" for each question:

Yes **No**

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| ▪ Does the person to be vaccinated have an allergy to eggs, or to a component of the vaccine? | | |
| ▪ Does the person to be vaccinated have an allergy to latex? | | |
| ▪ Has the person to be vaccinated ever had a serious reaction to influenza vaccine in the past? | | |
| ▪ Does the person to be vaccinated have a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome? | | |

If you answered YES to any of the above questions the nurse will discuss various options with you

I authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process a health insurance claim form. Information may be shared through the NDHS with other entities in accordance with ND Century Code. I have read the Vaccine Information Statement for Inactivated Influenza Vaccine and am aware of the contraindications and risks of each. I consent for myself/Child to receive the flu vaccine. I understand I am responsible for any remaining balance not paid by insurance.

Individual or Parent Signature

Date

To be filled out by nurse:

VACCINE TYPE: ALL SINGLE DOSE SYRINGES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fluzone (6 months and older, PF) | Lot: | Exp: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fluzone HD (65 years and older PF) | Lot: | Exp: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flucelvax (State Adult/Child PF – SD) | Lot: | Exp: |

Nurse Signature: _____

Date Given: _____



Keeping kids safe at HOME, at
SCHOOL, at PLAY, and ON the WAY!!



October 20—24 Marks National School Bus Safety Week

Getting students to and from school on a bus has been a part of our culture for many years. Students and families rely on the school bus for getting to the classroom, and over the years lots has changed in the safety of this mode of transportation. Safe Kids Grand Forks has bus safety instructors on our team that offer these tips for keeping students safe:

- ⇒ Most incidents involving school buses happen outside the bus. Teach students waiting for pick up to stand 3 giant steps away from where the bus will pull up, and when they get off the bus, step away from it right away.
- ⇒ Remove backpacks and sit with your back against the seat back and facing forward. Never sit or stand in the aisles or put more than 2-3 people on a seat. If there are seatbelts on the bus, use them.
- ⇒ When crossing the street in front of the bus, stop at the edge of it, look at the driver, and wait for a signal from them that it is safe to cross. While the STOP arm may be out, some drivers don't obey it, making it dangerous to cross.
- ⇒ Some students may have special needs and would benefit from a safety restraint on the bus. If students are in wheelchairs, learn the proper way for them to be loaded with the lift and assure the transportation team knows to secure the chair with 4 points on the floor. Many students on the autism spectrum can benefit from a safety restraint that helps keep them in their seat, or small children can be better secured in a car seat. Our team at Safe Kids Grand Forks would be happy to help assess bus safety options for families and students. Please reach out if we can be of assistance with this transportation need.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- Keep costumes creative, but make sure they fit well and aren't oversized. Keep them safe with reflective tape or glow sticks.
- Carry a flashlight to be seen more easily or a mylar bag that catches the light. (We have them FREE at our office!!)
- Stick to familiar areas, stay in groups, and if under 12, take an adult. Only go to homes with lights on out front.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths, crossing the street at signals and corners where there is light to be more visible. Be sure to make eye contact with the driver before crossing so you know they have seen you.
- Avoid dark colored costumes that make trick-or-treaters hard to be seen in low light conditions, and use face paint rather than a mask which limits your ability to see.
- If trick-or-treating by car, even with a costume on, it is important to buckle up in your car or booster seat or seatbelt.
- Consider attending a community Halloween event that is often indoors or a trunk-or-treat event that is in an enclosed parking lot. Or, think about hosting your own Halloween party and avoiding the outdoors all together.



Altru Health System is proud to serve as the lead agency for Safe Kids Grand Forks.

For more information on this and other childhood injury prevention topics, visit safekidsgf.com, call us at 701.780.1489 or email safekids@altru.org.



This information is brought to you by Safe Kids Grand Forks & our partners at Vision Zero.

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Picture Day Corrina Beck Photography here at 8:30 a.m.	2 Volleyball at LaMoure at 6:00 p.m.	3 Football vs. Hankinson at Wishek at 7:00 p.m.	4
5 NDSU Choirfest	6 NDSU Choirfest Elementary BB vs. South Border at Strasburg at 4:30 p.m.	7 Flu Shots from Health Nurse, 10:00-10:30 a.m. Elementary BB at Linton at 4:00 p.m. Volleyball vs. Linton at Strasburg at 6:00 p.m.	8 College Application Day	9 Elementary BB vs. Napoleon Gackle Streeter at Napoleon at 4:30 p.m. Volleyball at Leola at 5:30 p.m.	10 Football vs. Griggs Midkota at Cooperstown at 7:00 p.m.	11 Surround the State in Song—Grades 5 & 6
12	13 Volleyball at Eureka at 6:30 p.m.	14 Volleyball vs. Napoleon at Strasburg at 6:00 p.m.	15 End of Quarter 1	16 NO SCHOOL ND CEL Conference	17 NO SCHOOL ND CEL Conference Football vs. Maple River at Ashley at 7:00 p.m.	18
19	20 Elementary BB vs. Lin- ton at Strasburg at 4:30 p.m. Volleyball at Hoven at 5:00 p.m.	21 Parent-Teacher Confer- ences begin at 3:30 p.m. Elementary BB vs. Kidder County at Strasburg at 4:30 p.m.	22	23 Volleyball vs. Washburn at Strasburg at 6:00 p.m. Ployhar Band Festival	24 Volleyball vs. North Central Thunder at Strasburg at 6:00 p.m. Ployhar Band Festival	25
26	27	28 Elementary BB vs. South Border at Wishek at 4:30 p.m. Ashley Music Concert at 7:00 p.m.	29	30 Elementary BBB vs. Napoleon Gackle- Streeter at Strasburg at 4:30 p.m. Zeeland Fall Music Concert at 7:00 p.m.	31 Volleyball District Tournament at Napoleon HAPPY HALLOWEEN	

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE!	PBJ Sandwiches, Salad Bar and Fruit Served Daily!		1 Chicken Drummies Vegetables	2 COOK'S CHOICE	3 Pizza and Salad Bar	4
5	6 COOK'S CHOICE	7 Taco Tuesday Salad Bar	8 Pulled Pork Rice and Vegetables	9 Chicken Strips Chef Salad	10 COOK'S CHOICE	11
12	13 Breakfast Fruit and Salad Bar	14 Popcorn Chicken, Vegetables	15 Hamburger Rice Vegetables	16 NO SCHOOL NDCEL CONF	17	18
19	20 COOK'S CHOICE	21 Chicken Casserole, Vegetables and Salad Bar	22 Soup Sandwiches Vegetables and Salad Bar	23 Hamburger Stroganoff Salad Bar	24 Spaghetti Vegetables	25
26	27 Chicken Alfredo Vegetables	28 Hamburger Soup and Vegetables	29 Baked Potato Meat and Vegetables	30 Chicken n Dumplings Vegetables	31 Chicken Patties on a Bun Vegetables	