

** NEW GRONINGEN**

**FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

**What is the Family Association?**

**The Purpose of the New Groningen Family Association is to:**

Partner with and support the staff and students to achieve New Groningen’s Mission.

Sponsor and promote a variety of activities and fundraisers through parental involvement.

Foster educational goals and character traits set by Zeeland Public Schools.



New Groningen

Family association

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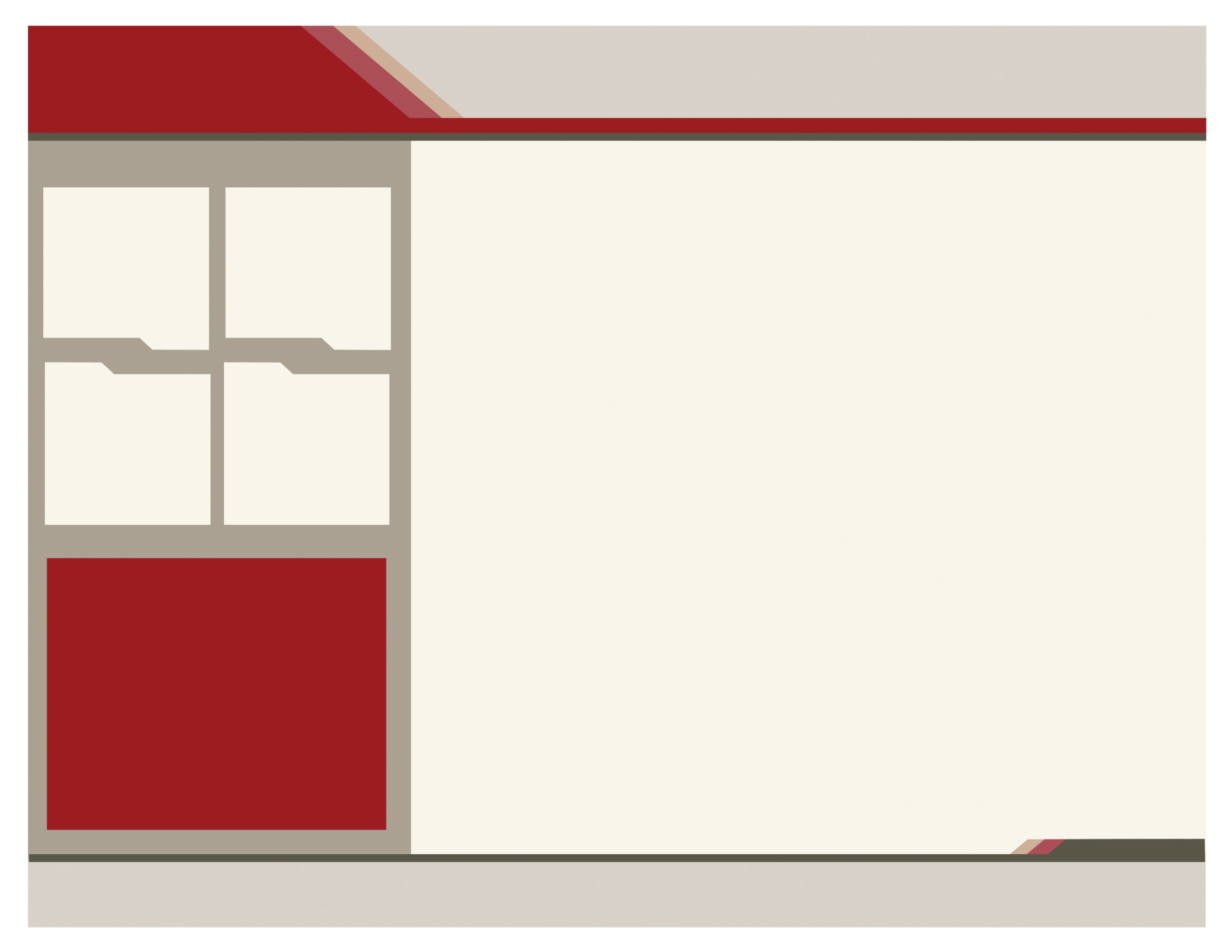
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WE BELIEVE IN FOSTERING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STAFF, PARENTS, AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE IN A SAFE AND POSITIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERYONE IS TREATED WITH RESPECT. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL CHILDREN CAN LEARN THROUGH EXPERIENCES AND REAL LIFE APPLICATIONS.

Students will become lifelong learners who are responsible, respectful, and prepared to be global citizens.

**How to become a board member:**

Board members are nominated during a Family Association meeting in the spring for the following school year. If no one is nominated, members of the current board will encourage a parent to volunteer for a board seat. If you are interested in a seat on the board contact a board member or Mrs. Poll

***STAFF APPRECIATION:*** Plans and organizes events for staff members including treats and food for staff meetings, dinner for teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences and two special staff luncheons during the school year.

***YEARBOOK COMMITTEE:*** Photographs students throughout the school year both at school and field trips. Organizes photos into digital layouts with the help of software from the company that takes school photos.

***MILEAGE CLUB:*** Coordinates a 4-week program in late March/early April to promote physical activity and fitness among students. Promotes walking during the noon recess 3 days per week by offering prizes and incentives for students completing certain amounts of miles walked during the program. Punches cards for each lap walked and organizes volunteers.

***JUST RIGHT LIBRARY:*** Coordinates the library for K-3rd Graders by working with teachers to obtain and classify reading material appropriate for all levels of reading. Organizes daily volunteers to check in/out books for students.

***SCIENCE CLOSET:*** Organizes science materials and distributes items to teachers.

WE HAVE OPENINGS ON MANY COMMITTEES PLEASE ATTEND A NGFA BOARD MEETING TO LEARN ABOUT THESE OPPORTUNITIES OR CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER.

Leadership Positions of the New Groningen Family Association: Leadership positions include board members, committee chairs, and room parents.

**Board Members:**

**President:** Oversees the operations of the association meetings, creates meeting agendas, and chairs the meetings. Communicates regularly with principal and committee chairs to monitor progress. Advocates for parent involvement. Works to establish room parents for each classroom.

**Vice President**: Assists president with tasks as needed, fills in for president when necessary.

**Treasurer:** Records finances and keeps association updated on income and expenditures. Counts and records money.

**Secretary:** Records minutes at meetings and submits toboard members and principal for distribution

**2017/2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

**Carnival:Marjie Guerriero/Amy Machiela**

**Carnival Food: Sara Stevens**

**Carnival Games: Mike Bailey**

**Carnival Theme Basket: Candace Keeler**

**Carnival Volunteers: Amy Machiela**

**Fundraiser: Marjie Guerriero**

**Mileage Club: TBD**

**Campbells Labels: TBD**

**Box Tops for Education: TBD**

**BRIDGE Volunteer Coordinator: Rachel VanderZwaag**

**School Spirit: Amy Machiela**

**Staff Appreciation: Amy Machiela**

**Yearbook: Geskus Photography**

**Just Right Library: Shelly Meyer**

**Science Closet: TBD**

**Donuts with Dad: Kurt Henry**

**Muffins with Mom: Amy Machiela**

***CARNIVAL:*** Coordinates all activities involved with the annual school carnival. Activities include planning, promotion, selection of prizes, organizing food and volunteer help. The overall carnival chairperson will oversee several sub committees created to organize the event. All carnival profits will be placed into the NGFA funds. The carnival is scheduled for February 6, 2015.

***FUNDRAISER:*** Plans annual school fundraiser, which funds the biggest portion of the NGFA budget. Promotes the fundraiser, communicates with kids, parents, the NGFA and staff about fundraisers. Organizes paperwork, collects money and submits monthly progress report to the NGFA president. Work on this event begins with planning in the fall with the bulk of the time spent in spring during the actual event.

***LABELS/UPC’S/BOX TOPS:*** Collects, trims and counts the labels from Campbell’s products, box tops for education and Spartan UPC’s that are left in the designated school collection bin or collected by various classrooms. Prepares labels to be sent to each individual company for reimbursement, which is used for school equipment and other needs. Encourages parents to participate in this yearlong event.

***SCHOOL SPIRIT:*** Plans and coordinates ‘school spirit’ days. Past events include “Donuts with Dads,” “Spirit Week,” “Popcorn Days,” and “Spirit Wear.” Looking for new ideas to incorporate throughout the year to increase student participation

Event Committees

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committee information

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