

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools



Zumbrota's Covered Bridge

A Bridge to the Future



Mazeppa's Walking Bridge

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Dear Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools Families,

Our school district staff is excited to announce to you a new way of looking at learning on "Snow Days" within the Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools. We have been working hard in the past months to put together plans to introduce the concept of **WILD Days** (Weather Impacted Learning Days) throughout our school district. In effect, rather than little learning going on when school is cancelled due to weather, student learning will continue with assignments that are preassigned by their teachers or available to them online. WILD days will basically be a school day at your home.

There are several benefits to students and families with our new WILD Day system. First and foremost, we will keep everyone safe on days when the roads are in poor condition by keeping students and adults in our communities off the roads. We will not have to schedule make up days when school ends in June and thus, your family calendar for vacations, graduations, summer jobs, etc. will not be impacted. Learning will continue, rather than be interrupted on WILD Days, just in a different format and in the comfort of your home. Students will be given the opportunity to build independence and utilize tools such as technology and their neighborhood environment to mirror many of the jobs we envision they will be engaged in the future. Lastly, students will know exactly what work they need to complete on these days, eliminating that familiar refrain parents may have heard during past Snow Days, "I'm bored, what should I do?"

Our teachers have prepared links and/or other documents for their students outlining what all of our students are required to do on WILD Days. Please go to the ZM Schools website, www.zmschools.us and refer to the individual teacher pages for WILD Day details specific to each teacher. We also have a link explaining WILD days under the "Parents" tab on the website.

Our first Snow Day of the school year will not be a WILD Day as we still feel it is important for students to experience the joy of a surprise day off (the same joy we all felt on those days when we were kids). Each day after that will be a WILD Day. Please send me any questions or comments you may have about WILD Days at my e-mail address mikeh@zmsch.k12.mn.us.

Thank you,

Michael Harvey
Superintendent of Schools

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