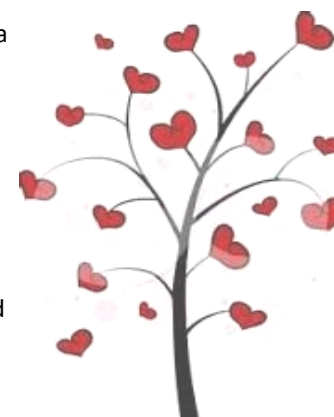


WHAT'S COMING UP?

- 2/1**—School Board Retreat, 7 pm, ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota
- 2/2**—5 & 6 Choir/Band Concert, 7:00 pm, ZMES Gym
- 2/8**—Early Release. Cougar Care/Bright Beginnings Open.
HVL Band Clinic at ZM, 9:00 am
- 2/15**—HVL Vocal Clinic, 9:00 am, @ Pine Island
- 2/17**—No School/Teacher Flex Day. Cougar Care/Bright Beginnings Open



- 2/20**—No School/Holiday. Cougar Care/Bright Beginnings Closed.
- 2/27**—School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota
- 2/28**—Large Group Contests, 9:00 am, @ KW.
Gr 4 Concert 7:00 p.m., ZMES Gym

ZM FAMILY EXPO COMING FEBRUARY 4

This free event, for children birth to kindergarten and their families, highlights various family services that are available in the ZM community.

Bring your family and enjoy face painting, balloon art, children's music, bounce house, and craft activities. There will be prize drawings for adults and children!!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
9:00-11:00 AM
ZMHS GYM, 705 MILL STREET, ZUMBROTA



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The ZM PE Department is excited to host our second annual Jump Rope for Heart event sponsored by the American Heart Association on February 23 & 24. Last year, our students raised \$7,942 to help fund lifesaving research, community education and professional training. Their hard work and community service also earned \$500 for our PE department to buy new equipment. To train and certify a person in CPR only takes \$50--our K-2 students helped save a lot of lives! Please stay tuned for more information in the following weeks regarding packets, registering, donations and prizes!



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Home of the Cougars



ZM MESSENGER

January 2017



Zumbrota's Covered Bridge

ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE



Mazeppa's Walking Bridge

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

It's very important for me to get into classrooms, attend activities, go to games, be in the hallways and just generally interact with our students. I feel like it gives me the pulse of what's going on in our schools, because our students are not shy about letting me know how they feel about things.

When I am walking around, I can count on a constant comment from our students that I think I have heard every single week since I started serving here, "Mr. Anger, it makes no sense that your name is Anger when you are constantly happy. Why are you so happy all the time?" My response is pretty similar every time when I turn to the questioning student and say, "I'm happy because of you".

Our kids are awesome! They let me know when it's too hot or too cold in our classrooms. They tweet to me when they think the roads are icy. They bring me notes of thanks when they think I have done something well. They model how I should treat others every day by blindly helping others who need their help. The little ones give me hugs that unfortunately sometimes leaves snot on my pant legs. They smile at me because I am smiling at them. Yes, it's true, I love the ZM students!

I have a job in which I am able to watch magical moments every day. I get to witness the miracle of learning from the moment our kids enter school. I get to participate in teamwork not only with my colleagues, but with kids who genuinely want to work with me. I get to feel the power of friendship not only between students, but from dedicated educators who collaborate to do their best for our students. I get to feel the strength of a community that believes in their kids and knows that they will bring us a brighter future. I get to build bridges to the future with local businesses and people in government.

So I ask everyone in the ZM Community, how I can I possibly not be happy? I am so blessed to work with our students and with all of you.

If you ever need to be cheered up or to see someone smiling, come into our schools. If I'm not smiling (which I usually am even if a boiler is broken or a gym floor is flooded) I guarantee that you will find smiling students! Take time to smile for yourself and our kids in 2017!

Gary Anger, ZM Schools Superintendent

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2ND ANNUAL STABILIZE FAMILIES CHILI COOK-OFF

Great news for ZM chili lovers! Because last year was such a huge success, we are asking you to help support Zumbrota-Mazeppa Stabilize Families, a local organization which focuses on helping families and individuals in need. This organization also sponsors two dental clinics for youth 14 years old and younger.

We need YOU to help judge the chili! Or, come be a taste-tester and enjoy the different varieties. If you are interested in entering a chili, please contact Katie Kennedy, at 507-732-7848 ext. 1124 or katiek-sw@zmsch.k12.mn.us. Tickets will be sold at the door. Take home containers will also be available for an additional charge.

Come enjoy this family friendly event!!

When: Sunday, February 26th, 2017

Location: ZM High School Cafeteria

Time: 11:30—1:00 PM

Cost: \$5; Children 5 and under are Free



JUNIOR HIGH MATH LEAGUE WRAPS UP SEASON

The ZM Junior High Math Team has finished their season and the results are impressive! Thanks to coach, Jodi Flynn, and to the students participating:

The team participated in five meets throughout their season, all of which were held at Kenyon-Wanamingo Schools.

Members of Team 1 included Soren Hellyer, Megan Davis, Rosa Perrotti, Ashlyn Miklas, R.J. Sylak, and Avery Brown. Team 2 included Olivia Amsbaugh, Bobbi Rae Benson, Makayla Rodriguez, Alison Westin, and Kyle Moyer.

Season results:
 Team 1 - 3rd place Team 2 - 11th place
 Individual - Soren Hellyer placed 3rd out of 92



CAREERS CLASS

Members of the Careers Class recently made books described various jobs. The students then took their books and read to the kindergarten students. Enjoyable lessons for all!!



FFA TOY SHOW HELD

On January 8th, the ZM FFA Chapter held their 27th annual Toy Show where dealers from over the Midwest display and sell their best toys—anything from tractors and cars, to animals.

The Toy Show is one of the largest community events that the ZM Chapter coordinates each year and it is looked forward to by members, alumni, and community members.



This year, over 450 people attended this event. During the course of the day, there were raffle prizes and a silent auction held by alumni.

A special thank you to Subway for donating cookies for the concession stand and to Dean Jackson for donating a tractor for the raffle. Thanks also to SEMA Equipment, Swain Toys, and Frontier Ag and Turf for donating door prizes.



Health Information Form

ZM has a new health information form. This form is being sent home with all students 1st – 12th grade for parents/guardians to update to ensure that the health office has updated information on each student in the district. Please return forms to the health office.

The plan for the future is to have this form updated when students enter Kindergarten, 3rd, 7th and 10th grade. All new students to the school district will also fill out this form. Students evaluated for special education or 504's will update this form annually.

**Influenza season is upon us.
 It is not too late to get your flu vaccine!!**

Please let the school office staff know if your student is home with an influenza-like-illness (ILI). ILI is defined as a fever of 100.0 degrees F or higher, and cough or sore throat (in absence of a known disease other than influenza).

A student should **not** return to school if

- they have had a fever of 100 degrees F or more in the past 24 hours
- have experienced vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- have tested positive for strep (**must stay home until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment started**)
- have an undiagnosed skin rash



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New Business: New hires included Katie Stark, as a paraprofessional beginning January 3, 2017. She will be hired as a reading interventionist beginning January 23, 2017 as her teaching license has been approved. Jackie Sorensen was hired as a high school/college assistant beginning December 16, 2016, Addie Bratrud as a long-term substitute teaching beginning April 10 through June 2, 2017, and Michelle Jentsch as the Jr Hi track coach beginning in the 2016-17 school year. The resignation of Justine Weber, Cougar Care, was approved effective August 25, 2016.

The 2017 Pay Equity report was approved as presented. The board also approved the use of a reading therapy dog in the elementary, pending the dog's certification. Mr. Lohmann agreed to be the wellness committee board representative for this year.

Pertinent Dates:

- February 1 – School Board Retreat, 6:00 p.m., ZMHS Media Center
- February 8 – PLC Inservice. Early Release for Students
- February 17 – No School/Teacher Workday
- February 20 – Holiday/No School
- February 27 – Regular School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., ZMHS Media Center

There were no future agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Education is learning what you didn't know you didn't know....

~~~George Boas~~~

## SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATION MEETING HELD

The ZM School Board held their organization meeting on Tuesday, January 3. New board members, Angie Bredehoft, Jason Lohmann, and Dirk Niles were given the school board oath of office by acting chair, Jean Roth.

First order of business was to elect new officers for 2017. Becky Hinchley was elected chair, Jean Roth vice-chair, Dirk Niles treasurer, and Angie Bredehoft clerk.

The 2017 regular board meetings were set for the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with sites alternating between Mazeppa and Zumbrota. The December meeting will be moved up one week in order to avoid conflict with the holiday break.

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| Jan 23, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa                                                                |
| Feb 27, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota                                                               |
| Mar 27, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa                                                                |
| Apr 24, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota                                                               |
| May 22, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa                                                                |
| June 26, 2017 | 7:00 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota                                                               |
| July 24, 2017 | 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa                                                                |
| Aug 28, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota                                                               |
| Sept 25, 2017 | 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa                                                                |
| Oct 23, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota                                                               |
| Nov 27, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa                                                                |
| Dec 18, 2017  | Follows tax hearing ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota (scheduled 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday due to holiday) |

Special meeting dates were set as follows:

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| Jan 3, 2017  | Organization 6:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa          |
| Feb 1, 2017  | Board Retreat 6:00 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota        |
| Aug 1, 2017  | Board Retreat 6:00 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota        |
| Dec 18, 2017 | Tax Hearing/Adoption 6:30 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota |
| Jan 2, 2018  | Organization 6:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa          |



New Board Members Jason Lohmann, Angie Bredehoft, and Dirk Niles

and the work sessions as follows:

*Board reserves the right to cancel a monthly session if deemed unnecessary*

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| Feb 13, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota |
| Mar 13, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa  |
| Apr 10, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota |
| May 8, 2017   | 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa  |
| June 12, 2017 | 7:00 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota |
| July 10, 2017 | 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa  |
| Aug 14, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota |
| Sept 11, 2017 | 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa  |
| Oct 9, 2017   | 7:00 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota |
| Nov 13, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa  |
| Dec 11, 2017  | 7:00 pm ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota |

The 2017 bill review schedule was set:

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| January/July—Mr. Lohmann    |
| February/August—Mr. Wendt   |
| March/September—Mr. Niles   |
| April/October—Ms. Hinchley  |
| May/November—Ms. Roth       |
| June/December—Ms. Bredehoft |

The official district bulletin boards were set at the Superintendent's Office in Mazeppa, the ZMHS Main Door on Mill Street, and the ZMPS Main Door on Mill Street.

The Bank of Zumbrota was designated the general depository and investment sites were set at the First State Bank of Red Wing at Mazeppa, the Bank of Zumbrota, Liquid Assets, and Edward Jones at Zumbrota. Diane Matthees and Carol Glander were authorized to make electronic transfers in 2017 and Diane Matthees was authorized to sign for stop payment and revoked documents for the school district.

The superintendent and treasurer were authorized access to the bank safe deposit box at the downtown Bank of Zumbrota building, #503. The superintendent, chair, and treasurer were authorized to invest surplus funds.

The legal firms designated include Rockne Law Office, Zumbrota; Gartner & Associates, LTD; Ratwik, Roszak, & Maloney, P.A.; Knutson, Flynn, & Deans; and Dunlap & Seeger, P.A.

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## EXPLORATIONS HELD IN THE ELEMENTARY

Excitement filled the halls of ZM Elementary January 20<sup>th</sup> when students participated in "Explorations". Through these classes, students are given the opportunity to "explore" various classes in art, science, reading, phy ed, math, etc. It is always a fun day of learning! Pictured are some of the classes available.



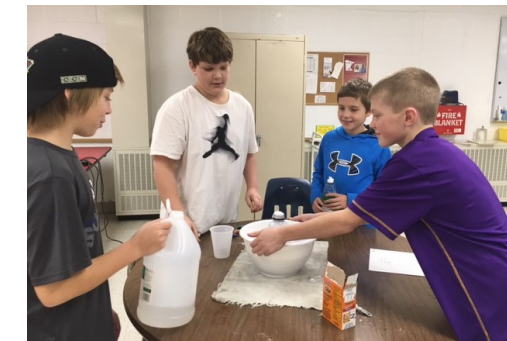
Need to be quick-witted in games & quick of hand in basketball



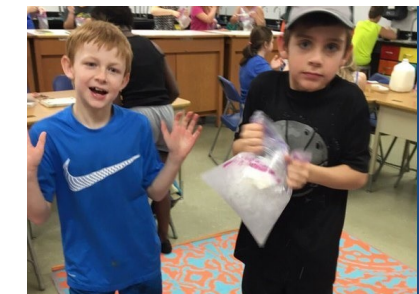
Outside fun—and inside science—volcano-making



Creative snowman making & exercise class



Plus, they made ice cream and new friends!



**Grade 7-12 students should check the school webpage for registration information and forms.**  
[www.zmschools.us](http://www.zmschools.us)



### Looking for a part time job?



Sugar Loaf Bus Service has a great opportunity for you driving school bus for the students of our district. Drivers are needed now for this school year. If you are interested, please contact Sugar Loaf Bus Service at 507-732-7670 and speak with Barb or Scott. They will even help you with the training!

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The News Record of Zumbrota was named the official school newspaper. The Mayo Clinic Health Systems—Zumbrota Clinic and the Goodhue/Wabasha Health Service were named the general school clinics.

School board director compensation for 2017 was set as follows:

- 2017 annual per diem \$2,000
- \$15 per hour for board members required to attend meetings on legal issues and negotiations
- Chair per diem of \$300 per year
- No per diem for clerk or treasurer
- \$30 per session per diem for negotiators
- No other committee per diem
- Meal/Lodging allowance for conferences and workshops set at \$12 for breakfast, \$15 for lunch, and \$22 for dinner
- 2017 federal mileage rate

The following board committee appointments were set for 2017

- Attendance/Discipline—Mr. Niles, Mr. Wendt, Alt.
- Board Policy Manual—Ms. Roth, Ms. Hinchley
- Buildings/Grounds—Mr. Wendt, Mr. Lohmann, Mr. Niles
- Community Education Board—Ms. Roth, Ms. Hinchley
- Curriculum Review—Ms. Roth, Ms. Bredehoft, Ms. Hinchley
- GCED Joint Powers—Mr. Wendt, Ms. Roth, Alt.
- Legislative Com/Net—Mr. Wendt, Mr. Niles, Alt.
- Meet & Confer—Ms. Roth, Ms. Bredehoft, Mr. Wendt, Alt.
- Negotiations—Ms. Hinchley, Mr. Lohmann, Mr. Wendt
- MSHSL/Extracurricular—Ms. Bredehoft, Mr. Niles
- Strategic Plan/World’s Best Workforce—Ms. Roth, Mr. Niles
- Technology—Ms. Roth, Ms. Hinchley
- Vocational Advisor-School to Work—Mr. Wendt, Ms. Roth, Mr. Lohmann
- WETC Joint Powers—Ms. Roth, Ms. Hinchley, Ms. Bredehoft, Alt.
- Education Foundation—Mr. Wendt, Ms. Hinchley, Ms. Roth, Alt.
- Budget Committee—Ms. Hinchley, Ms. Bredehoft

The board discussed moving to paperless meetings; members will check with other districts at the MSBA Winter Conference regarding this. Mr. Anger was encouraged to check if there was interest from a high school student to be the school board representative. The board adopted the school preamble as presented, but requested that it be reviewed at a future work session to be sure it is meeting the school’s needs. The organization meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The regular monthly school board meeting was held on Monday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the ZMES Media Center. The usual business was conducted, including payment of bills. Recognition was given to the Triple A winners, Alex Guse and Maggie Gunhus. Also recognized were the Excel winners, Hayden Voxland and Lauren Miller.

Reports: Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. He handed out a flyer for college credit options and explained the process. He noted that pre-registration for students will begin for the 2017-18 school year with official registration beginning the week of February 6.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary/elementary school. He noted that over 50 adults helped with the holiday activity day last month. K-12 PBIS received a grant in the amount of \$13,000 which will be used to revamp the report cards. Grades 1-4 have begun using the teacher side of Schoology and there is interest in expanding its use to achieve a standards-based reporting system. Mr. Niles requested that the principals report on the trends and concerns they see as the year progresses.

Mr. Anger reported that enrollment for January was 1,183. The treasurer’s report to the board was available for review. Mr. Anger reported on the recent MSBA Winter Conference. On March 30, there will be a choral program held at the high school; if necessary, WILD days will be initiated.

Old Business: The #647 Early Kindergarten Entrance policy was approved as presented. Mr. Anger informed the board that an open house for the 2016-17 construction house will be held the first weekend in March.

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**UPCOMING TESTING SCHEDULE 2016-17**

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| <p><b>January 5-18</b> FAST Benchmark Assessments (K-6)</p> <p><b>31</b> OLPA Reading (Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, &amp; 10)</p> <p><b>February 1</b> OLPA Reading Makeup</p> <p><b>7</b> OLPA Math Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11</p> <p><b>8</b> OLPA Math Makeup</p> <p><b>9</b> ACCESS/ELL</p> <p><b>10</b> ACCESS/ELL<br/>End of OLPA testing window</p> <p><b>13</b> ACCESS/ELL</p> <p><b>14</b> ACCESS/ELL</p> <p><b>15</b> ACCESS/ELL</p> <p><b>16</b> ACCESS/ELL</p> <p><b>21</b> ACCESS/ESS</p> <p><b>22</b> ACCESS/ELL<br/>NAEP-Grade 4</p> <p><b>23</b> ACCESS/ELL</p> <p><b>24</b> ACCESS/ELL</p> <p><b>March 6</b> MCA/MTAS window opens for Reading, Math, Science</p> <p><b>April 3-12</b> MTAS Reading, Math, Science</p> <p><b>12</b> MCA Reading Grade 10</p> <p><b>18</b> MCA Reading Grades 4, 6</p> <p><b>19</b> MCA Reading Grades 4, 6, 7<br/>ACT Grade 11</p> <p><b>20</b> MCA Reading Grades 3, 5<br/>MCA Reading Makeup Grades 4, 6<br/>MCA Reading Grade 7, 8</p> <p><b>21</b> MCA Reading Grades 3, 5<br/>MCA Reading Grade 8</p> <p><b>24</b> MCA Reading Makeup Grades 3, 5<br/>MCA Reading Makeup Grades 7, 8</p> | <p><b>25</b> MCA Math Grade 6</p> <p><b>26</b> MCA Math Grades 6, 8</p> <p><b>27</b> MCA Math Grade 4, 8<br/>MCA Math Makeup Grade 6</p> <p><b>28</b> MCA Math Grade 4<br/>MCA Math Makeup Grade 8</p> <p><b>May 1</b> AP Psychology<br/>MCA Math Grade 5, 7<br/>MCA Math Makeup Grade 4</p> <p><b>2</b> MCA Math Grade 5, 7</p> <p><b>3</b> AP Literature<br/>MCA Math Grade 3, 11<br/>MCA Math Makeup Grade 5, 7</p> <p><b>4</b> MCA Math Grade 3<br/>MCA Science Grade 8</p> <p><b>5</b> AP US History<br/>Any additional makeups for math and reading<br/>MCA/MTAS window closes for reading/math</p> <p><b>8-19</b> FAST Benchmark Assessments (Grades K-6)</p> <p><b>9</b> MCA Science Grade 5<br/>MCA Science Makeup Grade 8<br/>AP Calculus</p> <p><b>10</b> MCA Science Grade 10<br/>AP Language</p> <p><b>11</b> MCA Science Makeup Grade 10<br/>AP Statistics</p> <p><b>12</b> AP Economics<br/>Any additional science makeups<br/>MCA/MTAS window closes for science<br/>Window closed for all MCA/MTAS testing</p> |
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| <p><b>TESTS AND DESCRIPTIONS:</b></p> <p><b>AP (Advanced Placement):</b> Final tests are given in subject areas to gain credit for course. Completed in one class session.</p> <p><b>FAST BRIDGE:</b> Benchmark reading &amp; math assessments used with primary &amp; elementary students; administered 3 times within school year; takes 5 minutes for benchmark testing and 15-25 minutes for online portions in reading and math.</p> <p><b>ACCESS/ELL:</b> Assessment test of English language proficiency based on MN Standards for English Language Development. Students assessed in 4 domains of reading, writing, listening and speaking.</p> <p><b>ACT:</b> Standardized, timed test that measures student’s skills in five core areas: English, math, reading, science, writing.</p> | <p><b>MTAS:</b> Alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards aligned to extensions of the MCA. Only students meeting eligibility requirements take this assessment.</p> <p><b>OLPA:</b> Optional assessment in areas of reading and math offered as part of MN state assessments. OLPA tests range from 2.5 to 4.5 hours, but students are given as much time as needed to complete.</p> <p><b>NAEP:</b> Congressionally mandated assessment of reading and math, this year for 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Test time should not exceed 120 minutes.</p> <p><b>MCA:</b> Math, reading, and science tests that Minnesota uses to comply with Federal requirements. Ranges from 2.5-4.5 hours, but students are given as much time as needed.</p> |
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