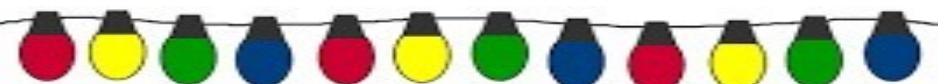


WHAT'S COMING UP?



12/1—ZMHS Choir Concert, 7:30 pm, ZMHS Auditorium
12/8—ZMHS Band Concert, 7:30 pm, ZMHS Auditorium
12/10—Dance Team Invite at ZMHS
12/12—NO SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
12/14—Early Release. Cougar Care/Bright Beginnings Open
12/19—Tax Hearing/Adoption, 6:30 pm, ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota.
 School board meeting immediately following hearing.



12/23—1/2—Holiday Break
1/3—School Resumes
 Board Organizational Meeting, 6:00 pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa. THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO SCHOOL HOLIDAY ON JAN. 2
1/8—FFA Toy Show 9:00-3:00

TRIPLE A AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

ZM Schools is excited to announce the 2016-17 Triple A award winners - Alex Guse and Maggie Gunhus. The Triple A award is a MSHSL annual award given to one senior girl and boy from each high school. Those local winners go on to compete against other Triple A recipients from other schools. The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the fine arts.

Congratulations to Maggie and Alex!!



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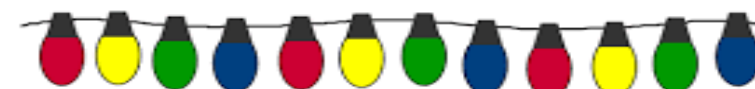


Zumbrota's Covered Bridge

ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE



Mazeppa's Walking Bridge



Happy
 Holidays!
 from ZM Schools

Get in the holiday spirit and enjoy two evenings of wonderful music—The concerts are free and open to the public!!

The ZM Choir will hold their concert on

Thursday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the ZMHS Auditorium.

The concert theme is “making the world a better place”.

The ZM Symphonic and Concert Bands will present their concert on

Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the ZMHS Auditorium.

The Symphonic Band will be performing selections that will be featured at the Minnesota Music Educator’s Conference in Minneapolis on February 16.

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For the 42nd year, ZM’s Vocational Construction Class students are once again building a quality home that will be for sale in the Spring of 2017.

If you are interested in the house or just would like to tour the project home, an open house will be held in December.

Interested parties are invited to discuss purchase price and final project details with the advisor and students.

OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, December 17
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
615 Golf View Avenue, Zumbrota

TARGET FIELD FACILITY TOUR

The Small Business Entrepreneurship and Careers classes took a field trip to Target Field and United Health group on November 1. They were given a tour of the Target Field facility, learned lots of



fun facts and history, and were also introduced to a variety of jobs available in the sports arena.

United Health Group is the company that is mentoring our students through



a program sponsored by Best Prep. It was a great experience for our students to meet their mentors in person, as well as get a taste of corporate America.

ELEMENTARY EXPLORATIONS

Elementary students recently completed an "Exploration Day" where various classrooms were set up with a different learning "exploration" in each room. Students had the opportunity to choose from classes such as computer coding, Kuub (a Viking heritage game), pop can catapults, egg drops, homemade volcanoes, beginning yoga for kids, Oobleck (slime-making), airplane construction and flight, among many other things. It is a fun learning day!



T-shirt tote-making



Designing catapults



The great egg drop

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!



Health Offices: The month of October recorded 840 visits to the health office. This includes illnesses, injuries, medication administration and health concerns. Please make sure to have current emergency information in the parent portal.

The student flu immunization clinic was a success. There were 115 immunizations given to staff and students. Thanks to the ZM staff and students for helping this clinic run smoothly.

Check out the updated Health Services information on the ZM school website. Information is available for parents to help gauge when their student should stay home if ill. There are also links available for what illnesses need to be reported to the health office.

Feel free to contact Tiffany Boraas, Licensed School nurse at any health office with question or concerns.

Important Immunization information for 7th - 12th grade students:

On September 1, 2014 changes were made to the Minnesota Immunization Law. These changes included new requirements for Tdap and Meningococcal immunizations. In order to attend school in Minnesota, students must show they have had these immunizations or file a legal exemption with the school.

- Tdap is required for all students entering seventh grade. All student 7-12th grade should have had this immunization and should provide the school with documentation.
- Meningococcal immunization is required for all students entering seventh grade. Students will also need a booster (second dose) around the age of 16 years old. All students 7-12th grade should have had this immunization and should provide the school with documentation.

Families will be getting letters in the mail if students in 10th-12th grade are not up to date.

DOLLARS FOR CANCER



The Middle School Student Council sponsored a Cancer Awareness week by hosting several fundraisers and raised \$1100. The donations were sent to the Rochester Clinic for two organizations: Brighter Tomorrows and Look Good- Feel Better. Both of these groups help cancer patients in our area.



Elementary students used "Google drawing" to design their conference program.

ZM Tax Hearing/Adoption meeting will be held Mon., Dec. 21 beginning at 6:30 pm in the ZMHS Media Center. The regular board meeting will follow the tax hearing.

LIONS PEACE POSTER WINNERS

The Mazeppa Lions annually sponsor the Lions Peace Poster Contest for ZM’s sixth grade students. This year’s winners included:

1st Place: Josie Stensland

2nd Place: Anna Soltau

3rd Place: Haley Moore

Honorable Mention: Katrina and Natasha Sortland

Congratulations are extended to these students.

They are pictured with Lions’ representative, Dick Whitaker, and ZM Superintendent, Gary Anger.



KINDNESS RETREAT HELD

Sixth grade students attended their annual “Kindness Retreat” on November 15. ZM students have followed this tradition of taking time away to come together as a class to contemplate, discuss and create strategies for being their best selves at school and in their relationships with one another. The School counselor, Pam Potter Langley, planned the experience with the collaboration of the 6th grade teachers and staff from the nonprofit organization, YouthFrontiers, Inc., which is based in Minneapolis.

High school students from grades 10 and 11 are nominated and invited to serve as student leaders for the event. Some of these students will also serve as mentors next year when the class transitions to 7th grade in Zumbrota.



CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONNECTION

What: For families in need to receive items such as gift cards, paper products, hygiene products, winter gear, and laundry soap.

When: Thursday, December 15th from 2pm-6pm

Where: Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Zumbrota (Enter South Doors- with pillars)

No income guidelines—First come, First serve—Questions Contact: 651-212-8816



SERVICE PROJECT IN NHS



National Honor Society members sold root beer floats during Homecoming to raise money to donate to the Feed my Starving Children hunger organization..

The senior NHS members traveled to the company’s headquarters to package food and give a donation of \$500.

Great service project!!!



VETERANS HONORED AT ZM

ZM staff and students honored American veterans on November 11 with programs at the Elementary School in Mazeppa and the Middle/High School in Zumbrota.

Members of the Zumbrota and Mazeppa VFW and Legions and the Mazeppa Honor Guard were the guests of honor. The band and choir provided patriotic music in Zumbrota and the elementary choir performed at the Mazeppa program. The keynote speaker at the Zumbrota program was Chief Master Sergeant Lowell Lyman, who spend four years in the US Marine Corps and another 21 years with the US Air Force. All active military service personnel were recognized, as well as the veterans in attendance.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the ZM Board of Education was held Monday, November 28, 2016. The usual business, including payment of bills, was conducted.

Reports: Mr. Scott Cory, ZM High School Band Director, was in attendance to report to the board on the Symphonic Band performance at the Minnesota Music Educator's Conference scheduled for February 16, 2017 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. This is the third time a band from ZM will perform at this conference, which is quite an honor for a school our size. Ms. Ashley Buchholz, Spanish teacher, presented information on the Pulsera Project. This is a service project prior to the Spanish class' trip to Nicaragua. Students will sell bracelets during lunch and at the dance team invitational. No cost is involved for ZM and all profits will go directly back to Nicaragua. The board approved this service project. The fall sports report was submitted for review. It was noted that the soccer information was incorrect and will be corrected at the December meeting.

Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. Items included the start of Targeted Services, Schoology, Veteran's Day program, and the award of the Triple A award to Maggie Gunhus and Alex Guse.

Ms. Ahern reported for the primary/elementary school. Conferences were very well attended with 98% at the elementary and 965 at the primary. The Kindness Retreat was held for 6th graders as well as a flu shot clinic where 86 students and 29 staff members were vaccinated.

Mr. Anger reported that the November enrollment was 1,188. The treasurer's report to the board was available for review. American Education Week was celebrated November 14-18; it was noted that the video available on Facebook and Twitter has had over 6,000 hits. The MSBA Winter Leadership conference will be held January 11-13; if anyone wishes to be registered for seminars, they should let Brenda know by December 1. The vocational construction house open house will be held on Sat, December 17 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at 615 Golfview Avenue in Zumbrota. The board retreat will be held February 1 and agenda items should be turned in to Brenda.

Old Business: A summary of the three solar proposals from UNESCO were available for review. The board approved the proposal from Innovation Power Systems. The board reviewed two proposed district policy guide policies, Immunization Requirements and Field Trip Policy, at the November 14 work session. These policies were recommended and approved at the meeting.

New Business: The following personnel items were approved: Reassignment and resignation:

- Kindra Walstad be reassigned from a Program Teaching Assistant in Cougar Care to a long-term substitute as a resource plus assistant in the primary school beginning November 14, 2016 through March 31, 2017.
- Resignation of Wendy O'Reilly as a special education para, effective December 2, 2016.

New Hires:

- Heather Liffrog, Program Teaching Assistant, beginning November 7, 2016,

- Theodore Morgan, Program high School/College Assistant, beginning November 14, 2016,
- Juliah Jackson, Program High School/College Assistant, beginning November 21, 2016
- Kayla Stensrud, Program High School/College Assistant, beginning October 24, 2016
- Caitlin Bonde, 8th Grade Girls Basketball coach
- Laura Huneke, 9th Grade Girls Basketball coach
- Lane change for Michelle Jentsch from MS to MS+10.

Representatives from Ehler's were in attendance to report on the \$1,080,000 General Obligation Capital Facilities Bond sale that took place November 28, 2016. They reported that the First State Bank of Mazeppa was the low bidder at 2.5465%. This bond sale will finance certain capital projects and related financing costs, including projects to optimize energy use in the District. The Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedures were available for the board's review.

The approval of the following policies and resolutions were required in order for the bond sale to take place:

- Approval of the Post Issuance Debt Compliance Policy
- Approval of the resolution for Adopting Post Issuance Debt Compliance Policy for Tax-exempt and Tax-advantaged Governmental Bonds and the Resolution Awarding the Sale, Determining the Form and Details, Authorizing the Execution, Delivery and Registration, and Providing for the Payment of General Obligation Capital Facilities Bonds, Series 2016A.

Other board approved items included: The district contribution to Health Partners Dental Insurance for the Custodial contract and the Head of Buildings and Grounds be increased from \$20 to \$23.72. The K-8 Literacy Plan and the World's Best Workforce plan were presented and approved. The 2016-17 teacher and non-teaching seniority lists were approved as presented. Mr. Anderson presented a draft middle/high school handbook change on absenteeism for the board's review. The board will review and make a decision on the final wording at the December meeting. The 2016-17 enrollment options report was available for board review. The board approved a \$1,300 donation to help finance the Close-Up trip to Washington, D.C. in March, 2017.

Pertinent Dates:

- Dec 1 – ZMHS Choir Concert, 7:30 pm, ZMHS Auditorium
- Dec 8– ZMHS Band Concert, 7:30 pm, ZMHS Auditorium
- Dec 17, Construction Class Open House, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Located at 615 Golfview Avenue, Zumbrota
- Dec 19 Tax Hearing, 6:30 p.m., ZMHS Media Center, Zta
- Dec 19, Tax Adoption Meeting, following Tax Hearing, ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota
- Dec 19, Regular School Board Meeting (after Tax Adoption Meeting), ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota
- Dec 23-January 2 – Holiday Break
- Jan 3, 2017, Board Organization Meeting, 6:00 p.m., ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa (Jan 2 is a holiday)
- Jan 11-13, 2016 - MSBA Winter Conference in Mpls

BE SAFE THIS WINTER



The beautiful fall days have given way to snow and ice! Is it possible to hold off winter?? Probably not, so the school district wants your children prepared for the changing weather conditions, whether they are waiting for the bus or playing outside at recess. This preparation includes dressing appropriately with boots, mittens, hats, snow pants, etc. Students are often waiting out in the elements and dressing for the weather is imperative.

If your child is driving to school, remember to place an emergency kit in their vehicle, along with warm clothes and a blanket. Some suggestions for an emergency kit include snack bars, candy bars, a bottle of water, a flashlight, flares, first aid supplies, a fully charged cell phone, basic tools, boots, hat, gloves, jumper cables, ice scraper/brush, and kitty litter for traction in case they slide off the road. These items could help your child survive in the event that they run into the ditch and help cannot reach them quickly.

This year, again, parents will be alerted to notices of school closings, late starts, early dismissals, and other school emergencies through the Infinite Campus Messenger system.

If you have had phone number changes, you must let your child's school office know immediately or you may not receive the Messenger alerts.

Notices will also be placed on the school website, www.zmschools.us, during regular school hours; and on area TV and radio stations. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL FOR THIS INFORMATION.** Typically, announcements will be made by 6:45 a.m. If no announcement is displayed on the TV or heard on the radio, or a Messenger call is not received, you may assume school will begin at the usual time. Parents are asked to assess their own particular situation to determine whether or not it is safe for their child to attend school.

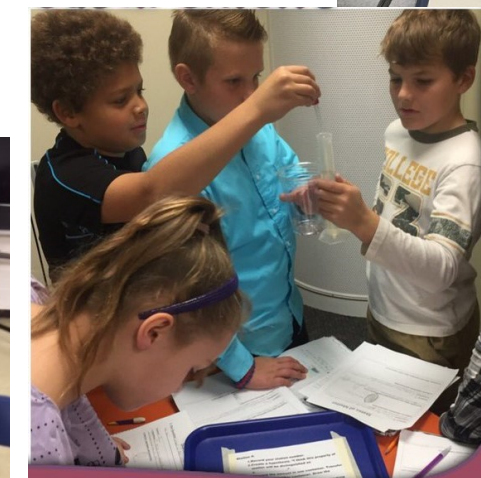
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MATH & SCIENCE CLASSES?



2nd grade students design a paper table—the strongest held 88 books!



Pumpkin math in the elementary



Testing acids in 4th grade

High School Physics: Freezing point depression LAB. Mini French vanilla ice creams created from coffee creamer.

ZM's students are tomorrow's engineers, researchers, and teachers by learning through a variety of experiments and labs!!