

WHAT'S COMING UP?

- 10/10**—School Board Candidate Forum, 7:00 pm, ZMHS Auditorium. School Board Work session, 6:00 pm, ZMHS Media Center
- 10/12**—Early Release. Cougar Care/Bright Beginnings Open
- 10/17**—Grade 7-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm
- 10/20 & 21**—No School/MEA Conferences
- 10/24**—School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota



Color Run for Elementary Playground
Saturday, October 1
9:00 am—12:00 pm
Covered Bridge Park, Zumbrota

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Grade 7-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 17
4:00—8:00 pm

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 343 Third Ave
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Home of the Cougars



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September 2016



Zumbrota's Covered Bridge

ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE



Mazeppa's Walking Bridge

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM OCTOBER 10

ZM will have three director positions on the general election ballot in November. The terms of Peter Hinrichs, Brian Grudem, and Mark Krier will expire December 31. Thank you to ZM community members, Jason Lohmann, Paul Stimets, Angie Bredehoft and Dirk Niles, who have stepped up to run as candidates for the three openings.

School Board Candidate Forum

Monday, October 10

7:00 p.m.

ZMHS Auditorium

A candidate forum will be held on Monday, October 10. The public is welcome to attend this question and answer session to learn more about the candidates running for the school board.

If you would like to participate in the candidate's forum, but cannot attend, you can participate by submitting a question via email to Superintendent Anger at garya@zmsch.k12.mn.us.

KEY DATES TO NOTE IN OCTOBER

- * **EARLY RELEASE OCTOBER 12—BUSES LEAVE MAZEPPA 12:30, ZUMBROTA 12:45**
- * **GRADE 7-12 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 17 FROM 4-8 PM**
- * **NO SCHOOL OCTOBER 20 AND 21—MEA CONFERENCES**

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WALK TO SCHOOL DAY COMING OCTOBER 5

ZM students will have the opportunity to participate in the National Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 5th. Last year's Walk to School Day was such a positive experience for all as students walked into the schools already moving, smiling, and ready to learn! We are excited to make this an annual part of our school year.



All students will be accompanied by staff and supported volunteers and the school patrol. Parents are welcome to join. Primary students will be dropped off on West Avenue between 3rd and 4th Street at the empty lot by Hub Foods. Elementary students who ride the bus will be dropped off at the softball fields between 240th Avenue Way and West Cherry Street. Middle and high school students who ride the bus

will be dropped off on West Avenue between 3rd and 4th Street.

Students who do not take the school bus are welcome and encouraged to walk with us. If you drive, please be conscious of buses unloading children at the drop off location. If you would like your son/daughter to walk with other students and staff please drop them off at the lot next to Hub on 4th street

between 7:35 and 7:45 am. We will start walking as buses and parents drop students off, about 7:40 am. For those students who ride the Mazeppa shuttle bus, they will be dropped off directly at school at their normal time of 7:55.

Thank you for supporting and joining us on this day!!

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK



ZM students were taught the basics of bus safety by the managers of Sugar Loaf Bus Service. Students learned the safety rules, how to ride the bus responsibly, and how to respect the drivers doing their very important jobs!

National School Bus Safety Week will be observed October 17-21—be sure to thank your child’s driver and to teach your children to ride responsibly! It is a privilege, not a right.

SYMPHONIC BAND

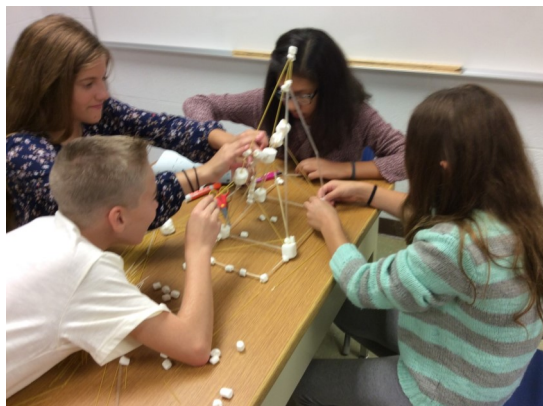
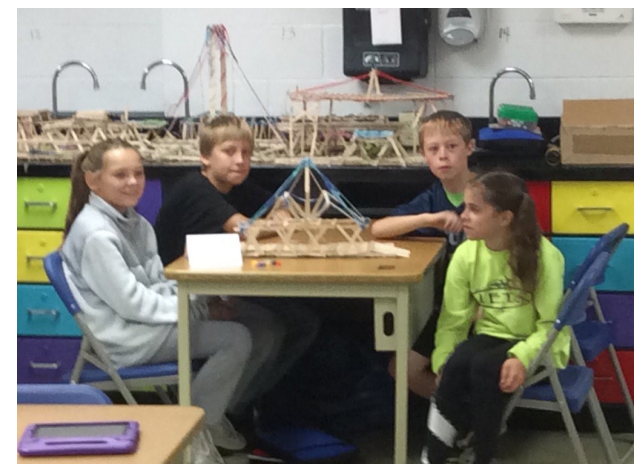
Congratulations to the ZM Symphonic Band on being selected to perform at the State Music Educators Convention on February 17th in Minneapolis.

By being selected to perform on this prestigious stage, the ZM Band is being recognized as one of the finest in the state of Minnesota, regardless of school size!



FULL STEAM AHEAD

It is full steam ahead in the elementary “STEAM” room this fall. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math and students are using all those acronyms as they build bridges using popsicle sticks, string and marshmallows. Some of the bridges could even hold 40 lbs!.



NURSE NOTES from Tiffany Boraas, School Nurse

The school year is off to a great start. Please help us to keep your kids safe while at school.

returned to the nurses. Forms on located on health services page of the ZM website. www.zmschools.us Location: Parents tab, Health Services - choose either Health Conditions or Medication. Please call Nancy or Tiffany with any questions at 507-732-1414.

If your child needs any medications (self-carry or to be administered by a nurse) or an emergency health plan at school, please make sure to get the correct paperwork filled out and

Cold and flu season is just around the corner! The MN Department of Health has compiled a screening tool for parents to use when deciding whether or not to keep their child home from school. Please follow these guidelines and keep your child home if in doubt to lessen exposure to other children and school staff. Thank you for your cooperation!



Does your child have:

- A fever of 100 degrees F or higher? (Be sure to take the temperature before giving fever-reducing medicines such as Tylenol)
- Sore throat?
- Cough?

Should I Keep My Child Home?

- If you answered “yes” for fever AND one of the other symptoms, keep your child home for at least 24 hours after his/ her fever is gone without fever-reducing medicine. For many children this will be 5 to 7 days. Your child should feel well enough to participate in school before returning. If you have questions about your child’s health or symptoms, call your child’s doctor or clinic.
- If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor or clinic with a different disease, such as strep, follow your doctor or clinic’s recommendation and school policy for when to return to school.

What Should I tell My Child’s School?

- If you answered “yes” for fever AND one of the other symptoms, tell the school that your child is home with influenza-like illness.
- If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor or clinic with a different disease, such as strep, tell your child’s school.

You can also view the checklist here: [http:// www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/school/parentscreens.pdf](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/school/parentscreens.pdf)

TWENTY-TEETH COMING OCTOBER 17



Children’s Dental Health Services is collaborating with ZM again this fall to provide preventative dental care services, including oral hygiene instruction, dental cleanings, fluoride varnish and sealants for students ages 5-14 who currently do not have access to dental care.

Applications are available on the school website at www.zmschools, or in the primary or elementary school offices.

Parents should complete the application and return it to either Mrs. Kennedy or Mrs. Langley by **October 7th**.

If you have questions, visit the website, www.twentyteeth.org, or call the school office and ask for the social worker or the counselor.

What: Cleaning, Sealants, Fluoride

Who: Students ages 5-14 who are on free/reduced meal services with no dental coverage, or medical assistance, Doral-U-Care, Blue Plus, or South Country

When: Mon., October 17 (20-30 minute appointments)

Where: ZM Elementary School, Mazeppa (Zumbrota students will be transported to Mazeppa)

Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.

Abigail Adams

SCHOOL YEAR IS OFF AND RUNNING



ECFE classes have begun



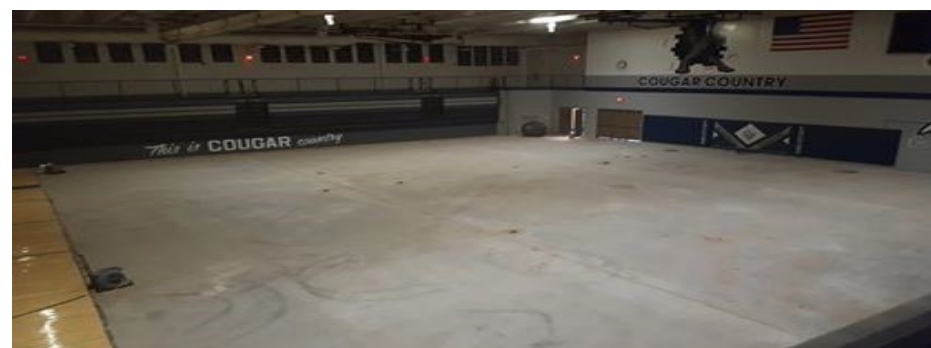
Primary ROAR awards—first of the year!



Elementary STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) room in full use



Vocational construction house work has begun



After a flood on the high school gym floor, work has begun on the replacement

COUNSELOR'S NOTES

Parents of a junior or senior: there is a junior & senior parent letter on the school website with some important information regarding the school year. Keep up with important dates and notices!

The 9th grade retreat will be held October 7th at Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls. All 9th graders will be participating in leadership activities. Look for pictures of the day in a future newsletter.

The College Fair for Juniors will be held October 27th with over 100 colleges in attendance. Juniors can take the bus to Rochester Community and Technical College to visit with college representatives and learn about their college options.

HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Homecoming was held September 26—30 with many fun events highlighting the week. The Royal Court included Queen Maggie Gunhus and King Kevin Nordquist. Attendants Tyler Stene, Kam Lodermeier, Isaiah Stueber, Chloe Berg, Miranda Mollenhauer, Maggie Gunhus, Tara Poncelet.

Underclassmen attendants included Freshmen: Jakalyn Arendt & Zach Hutton
Sophomore: Carly Fredrickson & Blake Stiller
Junior: Madi Enger & Jarret Haglund.



Senior toga day and class poster painting

Crazy hat day in second grade.....



and crazy sock day in the primary!!



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The ZM School Board met on Monday, September 26 in the high school media center in Zumbrota. The usual business, including payment of bills, was conducted.

Reports: Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. Homecoming week is underway with many events scheduled. He requested permission from the board to conduct a senior student/parent survey on graduation times. The board felt grade 9-12 students and parents should be surveyed in order to get a more varied response. FCS teacher, Mae James, was in attendance to submit a proposal for FCCLA lettering criteria. The board will review this at their October 10 work session with possible action at the October school board meeting.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary/elementary schools. Pre-school conference attendance K-6 was 98%. There was a Safe Routes to School training held September 20 and the first data days will be held in both buildings at the end of the month. A color run will be held October 1 with funds going towards the elementary playground.

Mr. Anger commended the ZM staff on their work to make the school successful. The enrollment numbers were 1,198, up forty students from last year. The Annual Report to the Board was handed out to board members and is also available on the school website. It highlights 2015-16 accomplishments. The treasurer's report to the board was available for review. An update was given on the gym floor and it was noted that quite a few bids have been received for the surplus property for sale. The school board candidate forum will be held October 10 at 7:00 pm following the 6:00 pm school board work session. Mr. Anger thanked the Bank of Zumbrota, Leo's, and Lunchtime Solutions for their support of our staff during workshop week.

Mr. Grudem reported for the Southeast Service Cooperative and Mr. Wendt reported for the Goodhue County Education District. There were no minutes from the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative.

Old Business: The board approved a resolution authorizing the execution of an energy services agreement through UNESCO. The materials bid from Pine Island Lumber in the amount of \$85,147.40 was approved for the 2016-17 vocational construction house.

Personnel: The following new hires were approved:

- Summer Gruhlke, High School/College Assistant beginning 8/31/16
- Brianna Albers, High School/College Assistant beginning 8/31/16
- Miranda Mollenhauer, High School/College Assistant beginning 8/31/16
- Alyssa Roraff, High School/College Assistant beginning 9/6/16
- Anna Stahosky, Program Teaching Assistant beginning 8/25/16
- Addie Bratrud, Long-term Substitute Teacher High School beginning 9/8/16

- Jamie Ringstad and Michelle Jentsch, Middle/High School Student Council Co-Advisor. Dawn Guse is already a co-advisor so the 7-12 student council duties/funds will be split three ways.
- Jodi Flynn, MS/HS Math League Advisor

The resignation of Jackie Sorensen, Cougar Care/Bright Beginnings assistant, was accepted as of 8/22/16. The board approved the reassignment of Alyssa Bangert, phy ed teacher, from 0.80 FTE to 1.0 FTE beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

The following lane changes were approved:

- Willie Rauen from MS+20 to MS+30
- Selene O'Reilly from BS+40 to MA+10
- Aaron Schumacher from BA+20 to MA
- Christine Schmitt from MA to MA+10

Ramp Up to Readiness stipends of \$500 were approved for leaders Kelsey Bradley, Dawn Guse, Amy Matuska, Katie Kennedy, Mary Kleese, and Pam Peterson.

The board approved a Memorandum of Understanding for the 2016-17 Superintendent Master Agreement regarding the housing allowance. Two Memorandum of Understandings related to Q Comp were approved for addition to the 2015-17 Teacher Master Agreement.

The PSEO contract with Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Moorhead was approved for the 2016-17 school year. The board adopted the 2016 Pay 2017 levy amount in the maximum for non Q Comp and \$31 for Q Comp. The dental insurance rates for 2016-17 were approved as presented. The 2016-17 SPED transportation contract with Sugar Loaf Bus Service was approved as presented, noting there were no changes from last year's contract.

The following policies have been revised by MSBA and were presented for review and possible adoption at the October meeting: #506 Student Discipline, #520 Student Surveys (This is a new, mandatory policy) and #529 Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students (This policy is not mandatory, but districts are required to notify teachers of placement of students with a history of violent behavior).

Pertinent Dates:

- October 12 - Early Release
- October 10 - School Board Work Session, 6:00 pm, ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota
- October 10 - School Board Candidate Forum, 7:00 pm, ZMHS Auditorium, Zumbrota
- October 17 - Grade 7-12 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8 pm
- October 20, 21 - No School, Education MN Conferences
- October 24 - School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota

There were no future agenda items.

PACKING FOR THE WEEKEND

In an effort to make sure students have nutritious food on non-school days, Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools, in partnership with The United Way, will be offering an opportunity for families to participate in a program to receive needed food for the weekend. Here's how it works:

- Through this program, we are offering to send child-friendly food home on the last day of the week in student backpacks.
- This program is being offered, without charge, to qualifying students at the Elementary, Middle, and High School.
- Food items for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack will be provided. Some of the food may need to be prepared.
- Everything possible will be done to keep participation in this program confidential.
- Beginning around mid-November, we will provide a bag of food each weekend for up to 30 families district-wide.
- **Families will be chosen on a first come, first serve, basis.**
- The school reserves the right to withdraw a family from participation in the program if it find the food is not needed, not used, or distributed inappropriately.



If you would like to become a volunteer and help with this program, please visit United Way's website at www.uw.gwp.org. Questions about this program can be directed to Katie G. Kennedy, school social worker, at 507-732-1414, ext. 1124 or katiek-sw@zmsch.k12.mn.us or Pam Langley at 507-732-1414, ext. 1117 or paml@zmsch.k12.mn.us.

Please send food home with my child: _____

My child's teacher is: _____

Number of children in the family: _____ Ages: _____

Phone number: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Do you have a child living in the home that attends middle or high school? Yes No

If yes, which school do they attend? _____ Name of student(s) _____

SEA BEGINS

Students Educational Adventures (SEA) program will start their **Fall Challenge Course**. This program is combined of 9-12th grade Special Education Students within Goodhue County Educational District. We are excited to join with Lake City this year! The Fall Challenge Course teaches students team building initiatives that they will in-turn teach to 3rd grade students. Last year ZM and KW's 3rd graders were taught team building exercises and this year the Fall Challenge Students will teach those skills to Goodhue and Cannon Falls 3rd graders.



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.

