

WHAT'S COMING UP?

11/6—End of 1st Quarter

11/10 —K-6 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8 pm; Flu Vaccine Clinic, ZMES Cafeteria, 3-6 pm

11/12—K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-8 pm

11/17—6th Grade Kindness Retreat

11/18—Early Release

11/23—School Board Meeting, 7pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa

11/25—No School/Comp Day

11/26 & 27—No School, Thanksgiving Holiday



Happy Thanksgiving



The best protection against influenza is a flu shot! Influenza is more than just sniffles—it is coughing, fever, aching, and can lead to pneumonia and death. It is important to get your family vaccinated! Goodhue County Health and Human Services is offering a flu clinic at ZM—Be sure to vaccinate your family!

11/10/15 3:00-6:00 pm ZM Cafeteria, 799 Mill Street, Zumbrota

Thanks!!! A huge thank you to the Zumbrota Community Trust and their board members for the grant dollars to help support the ZM Preschool Scholarship Fund! This fund directly supports those students who cannot afford the full tuition of preschool. If you are interested in donating to this fund, please contact Jen in Community Education at 507-732-4244 or jenb@zmsch.k12.mn.us



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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
K-6 Tues., Nov. 10 from 4:00-8:00 pm
K-12 Thurs., Nov. 12 from 4:00-8:00 pm
 Please mark your calendar and make every effort to attend your child's conference.

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ZM MESSENGER

October 2015



Zumbrota's Covered Bridge

ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE



Mazeppa's Walking Bridge

ZM has launched a new website—same address, new look. Check it out!

www.zmschools.us

VETERANS DAY



ZM staff and students invite members of the communities of Mazeppa and Zumbrota to attend their annual

**VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
 2:15 P.M.**

ZMHS GYMNASIUM IN ZUMBROTA

The featured speaker this year is Byron Boraas, a Zumbrota veteran. In addition to the featured speaker, members of the Mazeppa and Zumbrota VFW and American Legion, as well as the Mazeppa Honor Guard, will be featured guests. The ZMHS Band and Choir will perform patriotic musical selections with Grade 2 singing the "Star Spangled Banner". ZM student, Ryan Borgstrom, will perform "Taps". A special addition this year is "The History of Folding the Flag" by Karen Warnke.

The public is encouraged to attend this all-school, all communities event. A special thank you is extended to Sugar Loaf Bus Company for donating the buses used to transport the elementary students to the program.

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PAC MEETING



The winter PAC (Parents/Athletes/Coaches) meeting will be held Monday, November 2, at 6:00 pm in the ZMHS Auditorium.

to update the sport, sign electronically, and then submit.

We encourage you to use the school store for payment of your activity fee. You can also pay by cash or check in the office.

All athletes must register for their winter sport under the Activities tab on the school web-site (www.zmschools.us). The online registration process takes the place of the MSHSL health/parent permission forms we have used in the past. If you were out for a fall sport go to the activities tab and log into your family account - all of your information is saved. You will need

Athletic fees: Grade 7-8 is \$80.00; Grade 9-12 is \$105; and the family maximum is \$360.

Reminder - You must have a current athletic physical signed by a physician on file at the school. Athletic physicals are needed every three years (typically in the 7th and 10th grade).

**EARLY RELEASE NOVEMBER 18—
 BUSES LEAVE MAZEPPA 12:30, ZUMBROTA 12:45.**

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OBSERVED



K-6 students learned everything you would need to know about fire prevention in October. Members of the Mazeppa and Zumbrota Fire Departments spent the day teaching our students how to prevent and react in a fire situation. The departments brought their trucks and equipment to the schools and students were able to try on fire fighter clothing, spray the hoses, and climb on the trucks.

Even our youngest students in Cougar Care benefitted from the week when they got to visit the Zumbrota Fire Department and get red fire hats!



Thanks are extended to the fire departments of Mazeppa and Zumbrota for their assistance in making this day fun and informative for our students.

PBIS

As part of the school district's Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS) this year, ZM schools collectively chose the theme, "Everyone Matters". Staff and students are taking time this year to discuss what that really means and looks like when carried out into daily life at our schools and in our communities.

All students in Kindergarten through grade twelve have been given orange wrist bands as a reminder of the challenge to show everyone respect and to expand efforts so all have a sense of belonging at ZM.

Pictured is elementary guidance counselor, Pam Langley, teaching elementary students.




It's time for the annual **Book Fair!**
 Lots of good reading for the upcoming winter months.
Elementary - <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/zumbrotamazepamidschool>
Primary - <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/zumbrotamazepaelemschool1>


A MESSY "EGGPERIMENT"

Mrs. Post's physical science students had a messy "eggperiment" on momentum. Students had to use their knowledge of the impulse-momentum theorem to catch eggs with enough stopping time that it reduced their stopping force in an effort to NOT break the egg.



In true science fashion, students decked out in the latest safety gear of trash-bag ponchos and safety glasses. Even these precautions did not stop an egg from soaking through a student's shoe.

The class tossing record for 1st hour went to two teams: Jacob Bennett and Nathan Mensink, along with Jackson Gray and Zach Torgrimson. They netted a total of 20 meters with their tossing finesse. Fourth hour only had one victorious team and that was Cole Peters, Jackson Steuber, and Michael Downes, III. Their team made it a total distance of 22 meters which almost beat the all-time record of 23 meters set in 2012. The conservation of momentum was followed by all!

Parents and other drivers in the Primary School area are reminded that when the crossing guards are on duty, **YOU MUST WAIT FOR THE GUARD TO GIVE PERMISSION FOR YOUR CAR TO PASS.**

If your vehicle **does not** come to a complete stop to allow children to cross, your license number will be noted and tickets will be issued by the city of Zumbrota.

HVL HONOR CHOIR AND BAND MEMBERS SELECTED

Congratulations to these Senior Symphonic Band members for their acceptance into the HVL Honor Band. Students from all over the HVL are nominated and will perform along with the HVL Honor Choir on Monday, November 2 at 7pm at the Lake City High School Gymnasium. Cost is just \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

Front Row Left to Right: Sophie Holm, Kellie Nordquist, Rebecca Steffes, Georgia Hinrichs.

Back Row Left to Right: Katie Mehrkens, Caleb Hinrichs, Rachel Tschann, Breanna Haag, Derek Stehr.



Members selected for the HVL Honor Choir include Amber Brown, Caleigh Avery, Anna Schueler, Layla Sjolander, Alex Moreno, Dalton Ludington, Nathan Horsch, and Ben Knowlton

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OCTOBER



Sixth graders showed Mazeppa Senior Citizens how their iPads worked and Kindergarten went to Mack's Pumpkin Farm.



Preschoolers had fun!

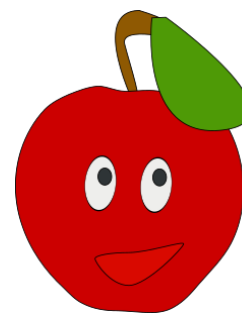


9th Graders attended a retreat



ZM runners participated in a home cross country meet

FOUNDATION MEETS AMAZON



Are you an Amazon shopper and would like to find a way to support our students and staff? We have just added an Amazon Smile link (see below) to the ZM Education Foundation page on the website. The link can be found under the parents tab, then within the Ed Foundation page. This is a great way to help support the Ed Foundation financially while you shop. The funds then come back to benefit students, staff and programming in the ZM Schools.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-1975567>

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

The ZM Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting October 26 in the ZMHS Media Center in Zumbrota. The usual business was conducted, including payment of bills.

Reports: Karl Nahrgang, Mazeppa city administrator, reported on the elementary playground equipment and the lease with the city. The equipment is out of compliance and funds are being raised to replace it. The city would like to set up a committee with city and school and school board representatives to work out the specifics of replacement. He will get back to Mr. Anger with details.

Kim Hillberg from CliftonLarsonAllen was in attendance to report on the 2014-15 school audit. She reported a clean audit, but the audit was not finalized as of this meeting date. There were additional requirements from the state of Minnesota that made it difficult to have it ready for approval this month.

Mr. McAthie, activities director, presented the MSHSL's "Why We Play" video, which emphasized how coaches and schools define success in athletics and what the goal of athletics should be.

Mr. Anderson reported for the middle and high schools. IBM has awarded the middle school a \$1,000 grant for STEM. The registration timeline was presented to the board, along with the curriculum committee minutes. Earlier this year the board approved but tabled the proposal for grades 7 and 8 to have semester-long electives instead of quarter-long. Mr. Anderson would like the board to enact this proposal for 2016-17 and to approve the registration timeline at the November 23 meeting, after the curriculum committee has met.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary and elementary schools. Approximately 100 students attended the P.I.E. Parents' Night Out on October 23. Approximately \$3,000 was raised and donated to the American Cancer Society. The Color Run was a huge success, raising money for the elementary playground equipment. Mr. Rasmussen is wrapping up the first round of non-tenured teacher evaluations this week.

Superintendent Report: The MSBA Winter Conference is January 12-15. Rooms will be reserved for the board members. Enrollment was 1,155 for October. Mr. Anger recognized the Mazeppa Senior Citizens for their donation to the elementary school and to AgStar for the \$3,000 for the Ag Department. Mr. Anger also commented on the positive culture at ZM and thanked the staff for their work and efforts towards this.

There was no old business and no patron input.

New Business: The following personnel items were approved: Resignation: Cougar Care High School assistants Emma Schnieders (6/26/15), Emma Flotterud (7/1/15), and Kayla Stensrud (10/15/15) New Hires: Jon Wicks, 9th grade boys basketball and 8th grade baseball; Taylor Sanborn, 8th grade boys basketball; Samantha Kleese, program teaching assistant, beginning 10/13/15; Kristina Marler, substitute teacher for Preschool/School Readiness teacher, Micayla Ryan, during her childcare leave. Estimated start is 11/23/15; and Mary Fleming, substitute teacher for Kindergarten teacher, Stephanie Foss, during her childcare leave. Estimated start is 11/27/15. A lane change for Anne Solberg from BA+10 to BA+20 was also approved.

In other new business, the board approved a three-year contract with BSN Sports for athletic wear and equipment. A resolution that would permit ZM to apply for an athletic and fine arts grant from the Minnesota State High School League was approved, along with the 2015-16 special education transportation contract with Sugar Loaf Bus Service and a joint powers agreement with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, HealthForce Minnesota, Winona State University, for an occupational class taught in the high school.

APPLESAUCE!

There's nothing like applesauce in the fall! Especially when you make it yourself—first graders had that experience when they recently learned all about the art of applesauce making.



It was a yummy and healthy experience!!



MIX IT UP DAY

Tuesday, October 27th ZM students in grades 3-6 celebrated with students across America in "Mix It Up At Lunch" day.

For the past 14 years, schools from around the country have "Mixed It Up at Lunch" through the initiative started by Teaching Tolerance. The purpose of this activity is to help our students build relationships, strengthen community and practice the idea of "Everyone Matters". Students brought their lunch to the small gym and were "mixed-up" from their normal seating so they could spend

time with someone they might not normally visit with.

It was a great experience for all and students were heard to say they wished they could do it more often!



Orange bracelets representing respect!



Supt Anger enjoying time with the mixers

WHOA!



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.

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The Minnesota State High School League has recommended that schools adopt a drone policy. Mr. Anger presented a policy for board review and possible adoption at the November meeting. The annual Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination form that is required by the Minnesota Department of Education was approved.

Grant Voth, technology coordinator, was in attendance to report that there are laptop computers in the high school that are no longer being used. He would like to have these computers available for parents to purchase if they do not have one at home. There are approximately 50 computers ready at this time. It was recommended that these computers, and others as they become available, be declared surplus property in order to liquidate them. There are also trays from the kitchen that are considered surplus property. The board approved these items as surplus property and they will be advertised as such.

Board Comments and Reports: Ms. Roth thanked Mr. Anger for promoting the positive culture in the school. She also reported on the meet and confer meeting held prior to the board meeting. Mr. Grudem was unable to attend the Southeast Service Cooperative meeting, but minutes were available. There were no approved minutes from the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative. Mr. Wendt reported for the Goodhue County Education District.

Pertinent Dates:

- November 2– HVL Honors Choir at Lake City, 7:00 p.m.
- November 6 – End of 1st Quarter
- November 9 – School Board Work Session, 7:00 p.m., ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
- November 9-13 – American Education Week
- November 10 – K-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 p.m.; Veterans Day Program, ZMHS Gym, 2:15 p.m.
- November 12 – K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- November 16 – 7/8 Band & Choir Concert, ZMHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- November 17 – Early Childhood Screening; 6th Grade Kindness Retreat; 2nd Grade Concert, ZMHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- November 18 – Early Release
- November 23 - Regular School Board Meeting, ZMMS Media Center, 7:00 p.m.
- November 25– No School/Comp Day
November 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving Holiday/No School

Future agenda items include approval of the 2014-15 audit and approval of the teacher master agreement. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ZM Mission Statement:

"Building a bridge to the future where all individuals have the opportunity to reach their full potential in a safe, challenging learning"

