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ZM MESSENGER



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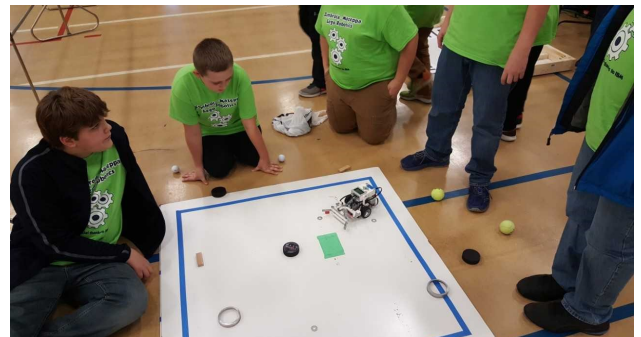
Santa made a surprise visit to the elementary school during the annual holiday meal December 14!

LEGOS ROBOTICS COMPETITION

ZM Robotics teams attended the IBM Lego Robotics competition at RCTC on December 6. Fifty plus students from grades 6-12, along with five teacher volunteers and five IBM volunteers, met once a week for three months to prepare for this competition. The students worked hard building, engineering and programming their robots to compete.

ZM had a great showing once again with teams placing first and second in the Standard HS Long Term, second in the Advanced Long Term, and first, second, and third in the Standard HS Short Term. ZM placed second in the Advanced Short Term. This is truly an impressive showing for ZM and the students and advisors should be very proud of themselves.

Thanks to the IBM volunteers for their dedicated assistance.



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- 12/22-Jan. 1 Holiday Break
- 1/2 School Resumes
- 1/8 Board Organization Meeting, 6:00 pm, with work session to follow, ES Media Center, Maz
- 1/2 School Resumes
- 1/10 Early Release
- 1/22 No School/Teacher Workday. School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, ES Media Center, Mazeppa

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 3!

Early Childhood Expo
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
ZMHS Gym,
705 Mill St., Zumbrota

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!!



AND THEN COME TO THE

3rd Annual Stabilize ZM Families



Chili &
Mac 'n Cheese
Cook-Off



10:30 am – 12:30 pm

ZM Cafeteria, Zumbrota

\$5 Adults, \$3 Children (ages 2-12)

New this year is Mac 'n Cheese!! Please help support ZM Stabilize Families, a local organization that helps individuals and students in need, as well as sponsoring dental clinics to youth 14 years of age and younger.

If you are interested in entering chili or mac 'n cheese, please contact Katie Kennedy at 507-732-7848, ext. 1124 or email her at katiek-sw@zmsch.k12.mn.us. Be a taste-tester and help judge the chili and mac 'n cheese dishes. Tickets sold at the door and take-home containers available for an additional charge. Come and enjoy this family event!

AFTER PROM CONCESSIONS

ZM After Prom invites you to assist in the After Prom Party fundraising efforts by volunteering to work in the concession stand at the basketball games this winter season. Just follow this link to sign-up!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4da9a822aaff2-zmafter>

We need all hands on deck! THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR OPENERS. Please help!

Additionally, this is Colleen's final year as the After Prom concessions manager. Persons/groups interested in taking over a rewarding challenge may send an e-mail to

zmafterprom@gmail.com

(Perhaps at least 3 people; one for scheduling, one for pop orders & water, and one for stocking supplies from Kwik Trip & Sam's Club.)

Party planners are needed for this year's event as well. Interested individuals may e-mail zmafterprom@gmail.com

The After Prom Party will be held in the high school cafeteria. The party is not just for those attending prom. All junior & senior students are encouraged to attend!





SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The annual Truth in Taxation hearing and adoption was held December 18 in the ZM MS/HS Media Center. Ms. Hinchley welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Harvey then presented a PowerPoint of the budget projections and the levy comparison. The board then opened the meeting for discussion. The board adopted the resolution to approve the 2017 Pay 2018 tax in the amount of \$3,876,128.35.

Following adjournment of the tax hearing, the regular monthly school board meeting was called to order. The usual business, including payment of bills, was conducted.

Hayden Voxland and Lyndsey Quam were in attendance and recognized for their accomplishment in being named this year's Triple A award winners for ZM.

Laura Skogen, Jamie Quam, Shannon Johnson, and Caitlin Bonde were in attendance to give a PLC presentation.

Mr. Anderson's middle/high school report was read in his absence. Items of note included student registration, which is set for February; staff observations; grant money received for the FIRST robotics team; and conference changes for 2018-19.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary/elementary school. Classes are completing their community services projects. Shannon Johnson was nominated teacher of the year by RAMSP with a banquet honoring the recipients coming in January.

Mr. Harvey reported the December enrollment was 1,207. The treasurer's report to the board was available for review and Mr. Harvey requested retreat agenda items by January 8, 2018.

HR Imaging was approved as the company to take student and athletic pictures beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

There was no patron input.

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PERTINENT DATES

- December 22-January 1—Holiday Break
- January 2, 2018—School Resumes
- January 8, 2018, Board Organization Meeting, 6:00 p.m., ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa with work session following
- January 10-12, 2018 - MSBA Winter Conference in Minneapolis. Early release
- January 19—End 1st Semester
- January 22—No School-Teacher Workday
- January 22—Regular School Board Meeting, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa, 7:00 p.m.

The **ZM Education Foundation** has partnered with Amazon Smile to raise money for the foundation. The foundation helps fund projects and field trips that are not able to be funded through the school district. If you are planning on using amazon.com for any of your shopping, please think about going to smile.amazon.com and putting the ZM Education Foundation as your charitable organization. After you set up ZM Education Foundation as your charitable organization, .5% of every purchase on amazon smile will go to the Foundation. This works in conjunction with amazon prime.

How do I sign up for Amazon smile?

To change your charitable organization:

1. Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. ... Select a new charitable organization to support.

Thank you for your support of the Education Foundation!



Looking for a part-time job?

Drivers are needed now for this school year. Contact Kennedy Transportation at 507-732-7670 and speak with Scott.



It is influenza season. It is not too late to get the flu vaccine!

What are the symptoms of influenza?

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher with a cough and/or sore throat.
- May also have fatigue, headache and body aches.

Check out the Influenza screening tool for parents: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/school/parentscreens.pdf>

The health offices continue to be quite busy with 2,800 visits so far this year. Please check infinite campus to make sure emergency contact information is up to date.

When to Keep Your Child Home:

- A fever of 100 degrees or more, stay at home until 24 hours after the temperature has returned to normal (without the use of a fever-reducing medication.)
- Diarrhea or vomiting, stay home until symptom free for twenty-four hours.
- If you are keeping your child home because they are ill, please call/email the school to report specific symptoms and/or diagnosis. We are tracking illnesses and need up accurate information.

Human Growth and Development Classes: The school nurse will be working with the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teachers to complete the Human Growth and Development Classes. The school website has been updated with information on the classes and links to the videos. For those interested, you have the opportunity to view the materials on the school website. If you would like to view them in person you can contact the school nurse and come to the school to view them. If you do NOT want your child to attend the class, please send a note to the office stating so. The classes will be in February. A letter will be coming home to parents in December. Please call Tiffany Boraas, LSN at 507-732-1420 or email tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us with any questions or concerns.

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The following items were approved as presented:

- Resignation of Kristi Muchow, Primary SPED paraprofessional, as of 12/21/17,
- Dylan Van Canneyt, High School/College Program assistant, as of 11/28/17 and Hannah Jones, High School/College Program assistant, as of 12/12/17,
- Approval of childcare leave for Megan Ferguson beginning March 15, 2018 through the end of the 2017-18 school year with dates subject to change,
- Leave of absence request for Mary Post, high school science teacher, beginning in the 2018-19 school year.
- Scoreboard proposal,
- World's Best Workforce Plan and Report Summary,
- Achievement and Integration Goals,
- 2017-19 Master Agreements for the Community Education and Early Childhood Director, Childcare Coordinator, Program Lead Teachers, and all additional community education employees,
- 2017-19 Master Agreement for the Coordinator of Fiscal Services,
- Revised lunch account policy,
- Fund Balance Policy #714.

The board adopted two resolutions, one for Minnesota and one for the Federal government, to fully fund special education services. The 2018-19 school calendar was approved as presented. The 2017-19 teacher master agreement was available for review. The board approved the Assistant to Childcare Coordinator in Community Ed position and the master agreement for that position. Minutes were available from the Southeast Service Cooperative and the Goodhue County Education District. WETC will hold a meeting this week.

Mr. Harvey presented Ms. Hinchley, Ms. Bredehoft, and Mr. Lohmann with certificates from MSBA for completing Phase I, II, and III training. There were no future agenda items and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



A SEASON OF GIVING AT ZM



Students in the 4th grade collected and bought hats, mittens and scarves for the mitten tree. Donations were shared with the food shelves in both communities.



Gr 3 sharing with Mazeppa Senior Citizens



Meals: 31,872
Kids Fed For A Year: 87
Cost: \$ 7,012

ZM's Chapter of the NHS donates to Feed My Starving Children



Gr 2 visits Zumbrota Health Services

Gr 1 donates pjs, books, toothbrushes, and money!!





AND MORE GIVING



FFA students ran their annual fruit sales for charity. Dollars raised were used to purchase items for those less fortunate in our communities. Students bought over \$2,000 of gifts for distribution! Thanks to everyone who purchased during this fund



Gr 5 donated pjs and books for those less fortunate



ZM 6th graders donated money for their community service project. They made fleece blankets, shawls, scarves, and pillows for the Zumbrota Nursing Home, Zumbrota and Mazeppa Food Shelves, and other community giving groups. The spirit of giving filled the 6th grade hallway.



In the spirit of Christmas, National Honor Society members donated to the Salvation Army and Ronald McDonald House and cookie supplies to the area food shelves.