



## Building a Bridge to the Future



# ZM MESSENGER

### VETERANS DAY OBSERVED AT ZM



ZM students and staff observed Veterans Day November 10 with a program at each site, geared to helping students understand the importance of this special day at their age level.



In the Primary and Elementary Schools students had the opportunity to speak with visiting veterans, observe how the flags from each branch of the military are honored, and participate by singing patriotic songs.

At the Middle & High School the program was more in depth with Kay Swenson, who lost a leg in Afghanistan, giving the keynote address. The high school band and choir, as well as the 7/8 grade choir, performed patriotic selections for the audience, which included community members and family members of the veterans. Hayden Voxland and Rachel Miller performed Taps. for each program.



ZM was proud to have members of the Zumbrota VFW and American Legion and the Mazeppa American Legion and Auxiliary, as well as the Mazeppa Honor Guard, as guests of honor. Thank you Veterans, for the service you gave and continue to give!

### MARCH MUSICAL COMING!

Interested in performing in a musical? If you are a 7-12 student or a parent that would like to help or participate (in any way) with the March musical, you are encouraged to complete this survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/d4b5Ly97ftXNZuHJ2>

The musical hasn't been selected yet, but it will be a popular Broadway musical with plenty of big roles for all types of actors! The directors will be Dylon Starr and Audrey Rinkoski. The survey above is only to check interest, and completing it doesn't commit you to anything. Dylon is a new director in the school and needs to see who might help in order to choose the perfect show. The directors hope to see you at auditions in January!



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#### WHAT'S COMING UP?

- 12/13 Early Release
- 12/11 School Board Work Session, 7pm, ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota
- 12/18 Truth in Taxation Hearing/Adoption 6:30 pm, ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota. School Board Meeting Follows.
- 12/23-1/1 Holiday Break
- 1/2 School Resumes

## Triple A

ZM is proud to announce that Lyndsey Quam and Hayden Voxland have been named this year's Triple A award winners.

This award, established in 1988, and popularly known as the Triple "A" Award, recognizes and rewards high school seniors from across the state for their achievements in the classroom and the arts and athletics. To qualify for the award, students must have a 3.0 or better grade point average and participate in League-sponsored athletic and fine arts activities. League member schools are invited to nominate one boy and one girl for the award. Award recipients are selected through a multi-level process involving the League's administrative regions and a committee of athletic, fine arts and educational leaders.



### Congratulations to Lyndsey

Lyndsey has been active in National Honor Society, student Council, FCA, SADD, a member of the senior class committee and a senior mentor, a member of the yearbook staff, and a member of band, including the HVL Honor band and the ZM Symphonic and marching band. She also participates in volleyball, softball, and basketball and has achieved all conference honors through these sports.

Hayden has been an active member of the ZM Band, including marching band, pep band, concert band, symphonic band, and jazz band. He has participated in football, trapshooting, wrestling, and baseball where he has been elected captain of many of the teams. He is also a National Honor Society member, active in 4-H, and is a senior mentor.

## Kindness Retreat

Sixth grade students held their annual Kindness Retreat on November 21. 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade in Zumbrota.

Thanks to the Education Foundation for purchasing the iPad for the College Communications Class. Students were able to give speeches and share with the SMSU professor.



## 2018 Holiday Community Connection

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

**When:** Fri., December 15 from 4-6 pm

**Where:** United Redeemer Church  
560 West 3rd St, Zumbrota

No income guidelines  
First come, first serve

**Questions??** Call 651-212-8816



## 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.



## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The school board held their regular monthly meeting on November 27 in the ZMES Media Center in Mazeppa. Business was conducted as usual, including payment of bills.

The board recognized IBM for their \$4,000 donation towards grade 7-12 technology. The Mazeppa American Legion/Auxiliary was also recognized for their monetary donation towards the elementary media center.

The board extended congratulations to Natasha Sortland, ZM 7<sup>th</sup> grader, who placed 11<sup>th</sup> at the State Cross Country meet this fall. She attended with her mother and coach, Brad Smith.

Reports: The fall activities report, submitted by Tim McAthie, was available for review. Of the 538 students attending ZM, 234 participated in a fall sport.

Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. The 2018-19 registration guide is in the process of being updated with registration planned for February. The Innovation Zone workshop with Pine Island and ZM was held November 6. Triple A award winners have been announced for ZM: Hayden Voxland and Lyndsey Quam. The Veterans' program was November 10 and thanks was extended to the speaker, Kay Swenson. It was noted that 75 of 87 juniors have signed up to take the ACT test in the spring of 2018.

Mr. Rasmussen's primary/elementary report was available for review in his absence. There was a 98% turnout at the parent-teacher conferences. The teachers were thanked for their diligence in calling parents and setting up appointments.

Ms. Ahern reported that grades 2-6 targeted services will begin November 28 and grades 7-8 in two weeks.

Mr. Harvey reported that the November enrollment was 1,211, holding steady since September. The treasurer's report to the

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## PERTINENT DATES

- December 7 – ZMHS Choir Concert, 7:30 pm, ZMHS Auditorium
- December 11 – School Board Work Session, 7:00 pm, ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota
- December 14– ZMHS Band Concert, 7:30 pm, ZMHS Auditorium
- December 18 Tax Hearing, 6:30 p.m., ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota
- December 18, Tax Adoption Meeting, following Tax Hearing, ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota
- December 18, Regular School Board Meeting (after Tax Adoption Meeting), ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota
- December 22-January 1 – Holiday Break
- January 8, 2018, Board Organization Meeting, 6:00 p.m., ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa (Monday, January 1 is a holiday)
- January 10-12, 2018 - MSBA Winter Conference in Minneapolis

## 'MIX-IT UP AT LUNCH' DAY



Elementary students participated in a Mix-it Up at Lunch Day October 31. This lunch experience gives students the opportunity to practice their social skills and to make more connections with each other and discover some things that make us unique!

Before lunch began, students drew a colored stick to determine their eating table. There was a list of questions/activities on the tables for students to do with each other to learn more about their eating partners. Students were encouraged to continue these questions/activities during their recess. The goal: to practice kindness, act with respect, and work to do (and be) our best within our school community!



board was available for review. He thanked the board for recognizing staff during American Education Week with bagels. If board members wish to attend early bird sessions at the MSBA Winter Leadership Conference, they should contact Brenda ASAP. Board retreat items should be submitted to Brenda.

**Old Business:** The board approved high school robotics as an activity at ZM for the 2017-18 school year and set the participation fee at \$35 per year. The 2017-18 SPED transportation contract with Kennedy Transportation was approved as well as the 2017-18 Maintenance/Coordinator of Health and Safety contract. The 2017-18 teacher seniority list was approved as presented and two additional policies were added to the District Policy Guide—#403 Employee Discipline and #620 Credit for Learning.

A patron input statement was read and will be followed at all future board meetings. It reads as follows: *“Comments from patrons must be informational in nature and not exceed five (5) minutes per issue. The board cannot engage in a discussion or debate in those five minutes, but will take the information and find answers, if that is appropriate. As part of board protocol, it is unacceptable for any speaker to slander or engage in character assassination at a public board meeting.”*

**New Business:** The bills were reviewed by Ms. Roth and found ready for payment. Personnel items approved included the hire of Shelby Latusek as 8<sup>th</sup> grade softball coach beginning in the 2017-1-8 school year; Rachel Miller as the robotics advisor, beginning in the 2017-18 school year; and the hire of Addie Bratrud as a long-term substitute teacher during Jamie Ringstad’s childcare leave, which will begin March 26, 2018 and continue through the end of the 2017-18 school year.

In other business, the board approved raising the substitute teacher pay to \$110 per day; this will be effective in January 2018. Since stand alone school elections can no longer be held in the school buildings, the board passed a resolution to establish combined polling places for ZM at the Mazzeppa Community Center for Wabasha and Olmsted residents and Zumbrota City Hall for Goodhue County residents.

The 2017-18 enrollment options report was available for the board to review. The 2017-18 fee schedule was revised to reflect the change of substitute teacher pay in January along with the addition of robotics and hockey.

Minutes were available from the Southeast Service Cooperative and the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative. Mr. Wendt reported for the Goodhue County Education District.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

## SMALL BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLASS

The Small Business Entrepreneurship class visited Nelson Screenprinting recently to learn about the screenprinting and embroidery processes. They learned that it is much more involved than they thought, and discovered several careers options available in the computer and art fields.

To complete the tour, each student made a shirt that the class had designed for the annual fundraiser of their class.





**Health Offices:** The month of October recorded 1050 visits to the health offices. This includes illnesses, injuries, medication administration and health concerns. Please make sure to have current emergency contact information in the parent portal.

**Influenza season is upon us:** Influenza is a contagious respiratory infection that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May. Symptoms can vary by age, but can include: fever/chills, sore throat, cough, muscle aches, headache, fatigue, runny

or stuffy nose. Flu can also lead to pneumonia and worsen other medical conditions.

The student influenza immunization clinic was a huge success. 178 immunizations were given to staff and students. Thanks to all the staff and students for helping this to run smoothly.

Community influenza clinics in Goodhue County are all completed, but you can still get your influenza vaccine from any clinic or from multiple pharmacies in the area.

**Check out the Health Services tab on the ZM school website:** School Medication policies are on the website. For the safety of all of our students, they **are not** to self-carry any medication other than inhalers and epi-pens. If students are self-carrying inhalers or epi-pens we need an order from their MD and they need to be assessed by the licensed school nurse for them to do so.

Information is available to see when students should stay home and links are 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.

**Mark your calendar now for the  
20 Teeth Dental Clinic  
Wednesday, December 6.  
See article below**

## Preschool Activities

Learning about safety with Officer Shannon was a hit!

Preschoolers also helped carve a pumpkin on Halloween.



## 20 TEETH DENTAL CLINIC



Children's Dental Health Services will offer a clinic for students who do not currently have access to dental care. Applications need to be completed and returned to Mrs. Kennedy/Mrs. Langley **as soon as possible**. Visit

[www.twentyteeth.org](http://www.twentyteeth.org) for more information or call your child's school and ask for the social worker/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:** Wednesday, December 6

**Where:** ZM Elementary School, Mazeppa. (Zumbrota students will be transported). Students requiring further work will be referred.



## NOVEMBER WAS FOR LEARNING (AND FUN!)



Education Foundation sponsored "Of Mice and Men" theater experience for language/arts students



Izzy the reading dog listens to a story in the elementary



Practicing Random Acts of Kindness during elementary explorations



Thanks Mazeppa Firemen for teaching fire safety



HVL Choir performs



## Careers and Small Business Entrepreneurship Class

The Careers and Small Business Entrepreneurship classes have been participating in an eMentor program sponsored by Best Prep. They had the opportunity to meet their mentors the week of November 13. The mentors were from United Health Group and Xcel Energy. The students learned a lot about their mentors, the companies, and were given tours of the corporate buildings. It has been an excellent experience for students to learn about the "real world" from individuals who work in it every day.



## ACDA HONORS

The ZMHS Vocal Music Department is proud to announce that Claudia Gunhus has been accepted into the American Choral Directors Association 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Choir. She will be singing Alto 2 in the All Women's Choir in February 2018 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.



Claudia

Congratulations to Zumbrota Mazeppa students Haley Moore and Kyle Moyer! The two 7<sup>th</sup> grade singers recently participated in the American Choral Director's Association of Minnesota State 7-8 Honor Choirs.

This year's State 7-8 SSA Honor Choir was conducted by composer and director Dr. Andrea Ram-

sey from Eugene, OR. Haley represented ZM well, singing second soprano in the choir of 150 voices.

The State 7-8 TTB Honor Choir was conducted by Steven Hoemberg, Jr. from Staples, MN. Over 2,000 students from across the state auditioned for the 300 available spots. Accepted students worked on their own and with their respective middle school choir directors to prepare and memorize five songs each for an all-day festival and concert on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The performances were held at the St. Andrew's Church in Mahtomedi, MN.



Kyle & Haley

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.

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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.

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