



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER



ZM Building Project

On May 14, Zumbrota-Mazeppa District residents will decide whether to invest in continued improvements to our schools. This investment would repair and upgrade our school buildings to meet the needs of today's students and those who will follow for years to come. As a smaller school system that provides BIG opportunities, we work hard to use space wisely. However, we have reached the point where new investments are needed to sustain success.

The school district has spent over three years evaluating our schools' needs and receiving our communities' input to help refine the plan. Thoughtful consideration has been put into correctly identifying the needs in our buildings. ZM will hold four public hearings in an effort to inform the district residents on the school needs. Building tours will be offered after the meetings to interested attendees. Meetings will be held in at the following sites:

Mazeppa: Tues, April 2 @ 6pm & Wed, May 1 @ 7pm
Both meetings in small gym

Zumbrota: Thurs, April 4 @ 6pm in Auditorium
& Wed, May 8 @ 7pm in MS/HS Media Center

If you wish to have more information on this building project, please visit the school website, www.zmschools.us. The proposed artists renderings are available, along with the sample ballot and application to apply for an absentee ballot. If you are unable to attend the public meetings or have a question on the project, a form is available for your convenience in asking questions.

How do I vote?

Your voice and participation are important. On Tuesday, May 14, ISD 2805 residents will have the opportunity to vote on whether to make this investment in the future of our students and schools.

Where do you vote? Wabasha and Olmsted Counties residents will vote at the Mazeppa Community Center, 278 1st Ave North, Mazeppa and Goodhue County residents will vote at Zumbrota City Hall, 175 West Ave, Zumbrota, MN. Voting hours are 7:00 am - 8:00 pm. If you are not a registered voter, Minnesota allows same-day voter registration.

What is Absentee Voting? If you are unable to get to the poll on May 14, you can vote by absentee ballot beginning March 29, 2019 in the District Office (Door 15) in Mazeppa during regular school hours, 7:30 am-3:30 pm. Please bring proof of identification (drivers license, U.S. Passport, or current utility bill. See the MN Secretary of State website for further information) when you vote absentee.

If you would prefer to receive an absentee ballot via U.S. Mail, fill out an [Application for Absentee Ballot](#) and mail to ZM District Office, 343 Third Ave NE, Mazeppa, MN 55956 or scan via email to brendaw@zmsch.k12.mn.us.

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Bids will be accepted in the Superintendent's Office, 343 Third Ave NE, Mazeppa for two townhouse units located at 119 & 121 Highland Circle, Zumbrota until THURSDAY, APRIL 18 by 3:00 PM. Call Kevin Nelson at 507-251-9649 to schedule a tour or for additional information on the units.

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DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES

The Boys/Girls Track Team is sponsoring Dad's Belgian Waffles as their annual fundraiser. Please attend and enjoy a great breakfast while helping our track team!

WHEN: **Sat., March 30**

TIME: **8:00 am—12:00 pm**

WHERE: **ZMMS/HS
Cafeteria, Zumbrota**

COST: **\$8 Advance/\$9 door**

This is an all-you-can-eat fundraiser!!



Senior Community Scholarships

Seniors: now is the time to apply for community scholarships. The booklet of Local Community Scholarships was emailed to all seniors and posted on the school website. The applications are due back to Ms. Hunstad by **April 12 at 8:00 a.m.** Late applications will not be accepted.

Seniors who apply for these scholarships should plan on attending the Recognition Banquet on May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium to find out whether or not they were awarded one of the scholarships.



GRADE 6 MATH MASTERS COMPETE

On March 1, fifteen students from ZMMS sixth grade attended the Regional Math Masters competition in Rochester. Eleven different schools from southeast Minnesota were represented bringing together 152 students from their top tier math programs. For the past three months ZMMS students had been putting in extra time and effort in preparation for the competition.

The day began with a fact drill where each student attempted to complete 75 extended fact problems within five minutes. No one at this competition completed all 75 problems; however five of the ZMMS students received awards for placing in the top twenty! Elizabeth Winkels placed 6th, Tyler Bromeling was 8th, Owen Hoefs earned 11th, Michael Winkels was 12th, and Tucker Frederixon placed 18th.

The students then completed four sets of story problems with ten minutes given to solve each group of eight problems. In this section Tyler Bromeling took home the 7th place medal and Tucker Frederixon earned 17th out of the 152 students participating.

In the final step of the day, the students worked on solving problems in a team of five students. In this section of the competition the ZMMS team of Tyler Bromeling, Tucker Frederixon, Owen Hoefs, Sydney Preston, and Elizabeth Winkels received eighth place ribbons with 32 teams participating.



All the ZMMS students placed extremely well and showed that their hard work paid off at the competition. All 152 students participating had been putting in extra effort and have great math skills just to be part of their school's teams. Congratulations to all the ZMMS participants. The team is coached by Denise Leedham.

"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him." Maya Angelou



Health office notes: When you are keeping your child home due to illness, please contact office staff with their symptoms, which may include: cough, fever (degree of fever/how long has student had the fever), diarrhea, vomiting, strep

severe spinal problems. 5th and 7th grade girls were screened in the fall and 6th grade girls will be screened this spring. If you are concerned that a student has an abnormal curve and you would like them assessed please let the nurse know you would like your child screened at any time during the school year.

throat, headache, rash etc. This is helpful information for nursing staff to have so we can monitor illnesses in the school and report to the state as needed. We are still seeing students testing positive for influenza. Symptoms of influenza include fever, dry cough, sore throat, headache, extreme tiredness, and body aches. These symptoms usually begin suddenly and might be severe enough to stop your daily activities.

Guidelines for children returning to school: A student should not come to school if they have had a fever of 100 degrees F or more in the past 24 hours: vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours: has an undiagnosed skin rash.

Medications: ALL medications at school should go through the health office. Please notify the nurse if your child in KG-12th grade needs a medication at school.

Scoliosis Screenings: Zumbrota- Mazeppa schools has decided to bring back the scoliosis screening program in order to identify female students who might have an abnormal curve of the spine (scoliosis). Studies estimate that two to five of every 100 children develop scoliosis, and some require treatment. Early detection and treatment help prevent or minimize the development of

IMMUNIZATIONS: Immunizations the school has on record are viewable in Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Letters were sent home with 6th grade students reminding them of immunizations are needed before 7th grade. Incoming Kindergarten students will have letters sent home soon.

Incoming Kindergarten student requirements:

DTP – 5th dose Polio – 4th dose
MMR – 2nd dose Varicella- 2 doses
Hep B – 3 doses

Incoming 7th grader requirements:

MME and Varicella – 2 doses, Tdap booster, & Meningococcal

If you choose to file exemptions for any immunizations, forms are available on ZM school website under Parents/Health services/Immunizations, or you can contact the school nurse at 507-732-7848. Students will not be eligible to attend the first day of school in 2019 until we have up to date immunizations on file.



It is always an exciting time of year when ZM Schools prepares for next year's kindergarten students! Prior to the start of the next school year, it is important to meet with you and your child to complete the registration paperwork (available in the Primary Office in Zumbrota or the school website, zmschools.us), to do an academic readiness assessment, and to discuss with you, as parents, what to expect as your child enters kindergarten. Your child will also have an opportunity to participate in an engaging kindergarten experience.

Kindergarten registration has been

scheduled for April 18 beginning at 1:00 p.m. A roster will be posted as you enter the school letting you know what classroom to go to.

Your child will be introduced to a kindergarten classroom experience and at 1:15 parents will attend an informational parent meeting in the auditorium.

Assessments are scheduled on the same day as registration in increments of fifteen minutes beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. **If your child currently attends our preschool program, you DO NOT have to set up an assessment time as it is completed within the preschool program.** Call the primary office at 507-732-1414, ext. 2 to confirm your child's attendance for Kindergarten Round-Up and schedule an assessment if needed by April 5. If needed assessments have not been scheduled by this time, a time will be scheduled for you. Confirmation letters of your assessment appointment will be mailed on April 10.

DAY AT A GLANCE

8:00 am-12:30 pm—Assessments in 15 minute increments. Only for students not enrolled in preschool.

KINDERGARTNERS

1:00-2:30

- *Meet Kindergarten hosts
- *Play time
- *Ride bus around town
- *Story/Art
- *Snack
- *Goodbyes

Parents

1:15—2:30

- *Information session HS Auditorium
- *Question session
- *Tour of facilities
- *Registration paperwork completion
- *Children will be brought to you in cafeteria





School Board Minutes

The ZM Board met on March 11 for their monthly work session. Items for Discussion:

- Graduation Credits - The District Advisory committee met March 4 and recommended a reduction in the math credit requirement to 3 and place probability and stats standards into advanced algebra as recommended by the state; allow the state require fine art credit to be earned through band, choir, or other ways (CTE) as permitted by the state. Art 200 would no longer be the only way to earn the credit; keep the 3.5 credit requirement for science but expand the course listing for earning the credits to AFNR, FACS, and Tech Ed courses; and reduce the phy ed requirement from 1 to .5. These recommendations will be on the March 25 board agenda for possible approval except for the phy ed recommendation. That will be pulled until further discussion.
- Addition of a high school counselor - It is strongly recommended that ZM high an additional counselor with an emphasis on career training. Currently ZM has one counselor for 540 students; the average national rate is 450 to 1 while the American School Counselor Association recommends a 250 to 1 ratio. The board agreed with the increase.
- School Perception Survey - Mr. Harvey has looked into this company and would like to have them come to a board meeting and explain their survey program. He would like to set up a systematic way to survey staff, students, administration, etc. The board was in agreement with this proposal.
- BSN Sports - This company would like ZM to sign a five-year contract for varsity uniforms in exchange for giving the school \$7500 per year towards their products, at their catalog price. The board was not in favor of this proposal.
- Policy Review - The following policies were presented for review: #551 Student Interviews (it is recommended that ZM replace this policy with MSBA Policy #519 Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies; #523 Policies Incorporated by Reference; #602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day (Mr. Harvey will add verbiage on the e-learning days); #609 Religion; and #610 Field Trips.
- Trap Team Funding and Photo - There was discussion on the funding for the trap team. Trap is a club sport, but not sanctioned by the MN High School League. ZM's team has participated in the spring league, but added a fall league without permission from the school, and that has added expenses to the organization. There was also discussion on the yearbook photo and the Facebook posting. The board was appreciative of the coach's letter that resolved some of the issues. It was noted that the original photo was approved for yearbook publication.
- Bond Referendum Public Information Plan - Public meetings were set for Mazeppa and Zumbrota, with building tours

after each meeting. The dates chosen were April 2 and May 1 in Mazeppa and April 4 and May 8 in Zumbrota. These will be public school board meetings and posted as such.

Other discussion: Mr. Harvey reminded the board of the Goodhue County Education District all-counties meeting coming up and that board members should register if they have not already done so.

There will be a hockey parent meeting March 12. The Dodge County league no longer will include ZM as part of their group so ZM has the option of joining Red Wing or Lourdes. Mr. Harvey informed the board that he has received an Intent to Negotiate from the teacher union. Mr. Harvey would also like to meet individually with school board members. They are to contact Brenda to set up a time.

The regular monthly meeting of the board was held March 25. The usual business was conducted, including payment of bills.

Reports: A winter activities report was submitted by Mr. McAthie. Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. Registration is underway and will be completed within a week. National Honor Society held induction March 19 and ZM hosted a STEM conference, also on March 19. ZM is working with Southeast Tech to help students get college credits in advanced woods and the construction house project. Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary/elementary school. Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for April 18 and the MCA kickoff is April 10. Ms. Ahern reported that targeted services ended in the elementary and primary school, but will continue in the middle school through April 15. Adaptive bowling began March 11 and will run through mid-May. ADSIS application is due April 1. The plan is to increase the ADSIS teacher in the elementary to 1.0 to include math interventions. Currently there is a 1.0 teacher in the primary and 0.5 in the elementary. Mr. Harvey reported that enrollment was 1,191. The treasurer's report to the board was available for review.

The board approved the graduation credit requirements as presented with the understanding that there will be collaboration and progress made with the math department to place probability and stats standards in Advanced Algebra as recommended by the state. The credits approved are as follows:

1. Reduce the Math Credit Requirement to 3, place prob and stats standards into Advanced Algebra as recommended by the State. This is effective for the graduating class of 2022.
2. Allow the state required Fine Art credit to be earned through band, choir, or other ways (CTE) permitted by the state. Art 200 would no longer be the only way to earn the credit. This is effective for the graduating class of 2020.
3. Keep the 3.5 credit requirement for Science, but expand the course listing for earning these credits to AFNR, FACS, and Tech. Ed Courses. This is effective for the graduating class of 2020.

The board approved the hire of a full-time school counselor beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

The board approved the following revised district policies: #519



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Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies, #523 Policies Incorporated by Reference, #602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day, #609 Religion, and #610 Field Trips.

The following items were approved:

- Minutes from February 25, 2019 and March 11, 2019
- New Hires: Andy Bromeling, Grade 9 Softball Coach; Jessie Flaaen, Grade 7 Softball Coach; Jon Wicks, Grade 9 Baseball Coach; Brooke Donkers, Elementary Paraprofessional, beginning 4/8/19.
- Resignations: Tom Ersland, One Act and 3-Act Play Director; Kristin Sprick, Elementary Paraprofessional, effective 2/26/19; Chrystine Haferman, Elementary Paraprofessional, effective 3/13/19
- Tenure - none
- Reassignment - none
- Childcare Leave: Whitney Seyffer, 8/26/19 - 9/30/19; Samantha Nieman, 8/26/19-11-4/19; Molly Lindhart, 9/23/19-1/19/20; Kiersten Jacobsen, 2019-20 School Year
- Terminations - none
- Fundraisers - none
- Donations: \$50 from Nuvera Telephone Company for Elementary School; \$50 from United Methodist Women for Food Service
- Grants: Monsanto 2019 America's Farmers Grow Communities Award - \$2,500 from Wabasha County for the FFA Chapter
- Lane Changes: Jodi Flynn MS+20 to MS+30
- Bill Consideration: Ms. Miller - March and Ms. Peters - April

The board approved the following election judges for the May 14 election: Mazeppa Community Center: James Perrotti, Head Judge; Vicki Arendt; Donette Adler; Kathleen Olson; Emily Klapperich; and Randy Nardinger. Zumbrota City Hall: Blaine Hentz, Head Judge; Judy Hofschulte;

Sharon Gruhlke; Faye Gabrielson; Michael Hammes; Theresa Osgood; and Krista Luhmann. Alternate Judge is Dori Klein. Julie Vath, Tammy Gruhlke, and Brenda Windhorst were appointed to the ballot board for absentee ballots.

There were no bids received for the construction class townhouses. The board will expand the advertising area and have bids accepted until April 18, 2019 with approval scheduled for April 22. The Achievement and Integration Plan and Budget for 2019-20 was approved as presented. The board approved continuation of the summer meal program.

Reports were given for the Goodhue County Education District, Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative, and the Southeast Service Cooperative.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

PERTINENT DATES

- 4/8 - School Board Work Session, 7:00 pm, ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
- 4/9 - Gr 5 Musical, 7:00 p.m., ZMES Gym, Mazeppa
- 4/10 - Early Release
- 4/19 - No School/Holiday
- 4/22 - No School/Comp Day
- 4/22 - School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
- 4/25 - Gr 1 Musical, 7:00 p.m., ZM Auditorium, Zumbrota
- 4/30 - Gr 7/8 Band & Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m., ZM Auditorium, Zumbrota

LOTS OF READING GOING ON!

February was Love to Read month and ZM's students certainly took advantage of it! Primary students read nearly 20,000 minutes in February. The elementary students were rewarded with an afternoon treat of hot chocolate during their Read-A-Lot Café while each grade level had a story read to them.



STEAM LEARNING IN GRADE 6

Dakota State basketball coach and former ZM grad, Nathan Rauen, shared his love of math with ZM's sixth graders during a day in the STEAM room. Thanks Mr. Rauen!



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Goodhue County Electric taught 4th graders about electricity and safety.



Gr 2 visited St. Mary's Hospital to learn about health care.

4 wrestlers went to state competition-
Michael Majerus, Jacob Bennett, Ethan Kovars & John Poulin



Preschoolers celebratde Dr. Seuss' birthday



Gr 2 practices cross country skiing in
Phy Ed



National Honor Society serves a meal at the Ronald McDonald House



Using bunchem's to make Seuss
characters.