



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER

VETERANS DAY OBSERVED AT ZM SCHOOLS

ZM Schools annually observes Veterans Day with a program at each school site in an effort to help students understand the importance of this special day at their age level. Local veterans attend each service and students have the opportunity to speak with them, observe how the flags from each branch of the military are honored, and participate by singing patriotic songs and music. One highlight of the elementary program was bucket drumming—students played “buckets” instead of drums in time to a patriotic medley of songs. Mrs. Schuneman played Taps to end the program.

At the middle and high school, the program is more in depth and focused on WWII veterans this year. The senior high band and choir, along with the junior high choir, performed with Taps by Trey Lexvold. Mr. Byron Boraas gave a salute to WWII veterans and Mr. Frank Aunan presented flags to these veterans.

ZM is always 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. We are honored to salute you on this important day and every day!



Thanks to the veterans who gave of their time for our students



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

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KINDNESS RETREAT HELD FOR 6TH GRADE

Sixth grade students held their annual Kindness Retreat on November 20. 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 7th grade in Zumbrota.



ANOTHER GREAT 'MIX IT UP AT LUNCH DAY' HELD IN ELEMENTARY

ZM elementary students once again had the opportunity to participate in a Mix It Up At Lunch Day on October 31. This experience gives students the opportunity to practice their social skills and to make more connections with each other and discover some great things that make each of us unique.



Before lunch, students drew a color stick to determine their eating table. There was a list of question/activities on the tables for students to do with each other in order to learn more about their eating partners. Students were encouraged to continue these questions and activities during recess.



The goal is to practice kindness, act with respect, and work to do and be our best within our school community.

TWENTY TEETH COMING DECEMBER 6



What: Dental Health Services: Cleaning, Sealant and Fluoride

Who: Students ages 5-14 who are on Free & Reduced Lunch Services with no dental coverage, or Medical Assistance, Doral-U-Care, Blue Plus, or South Country

When: Thursday, December 6th, 2018

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

This clinic is for students who do not currently have access to dental care.

Children's Dental Health Services is offering this free dental care if you qualify. Applications need to be completed and returned to Mrs. Kennedy/Mrs. Potter-Langley by November 30. Pick up your application at the school offices. We need to have 25 participants enrolled to qualify for the portable clinic to come to our school.

SOCTOBER SUCCESS

Students collected 326 pairs of socks, 1 pair of tights, and 1 pair of leg warmers district wide for the Family Promise of Rochester organization. They will distribute these donations to homeless in our area. Great job everyone!!





AMAZON SMILE

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!

TRIPLE A AWARD WINNERS NAMED

ZM is proud to announce that Blake Stiller and Lana Yeakel were named this year's Triple A award winners.

The Triple A, which was established in 1988, 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 higher grade-point average and participate in athletic and fine arts programs, along with exhibiting exemplary citizenship and the highest standards of sportsmanship and conduct.

Each high school in the state can nominate one senior boy and 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.

Blake is active in band, football, basketball, track, National Honor Society, and student government, and many other school activities. He plans to attend the University of Wisconsin at River Falls and earn an Ag engineering degree after graduation.

Lana is active in band, One-Act play, soccer, track, National Honor Society, student government, as well as furthering her education by taking a nursing assistant class. She plans to attend Viterbo College to earn her nursing degree and to participate in track.



PEACE POSTER PARTICIPANTS

The Lions Peace Poster contest was recently held at ZM Elementary. Five students were given recognition for their idea of "peace" in the world.

The 1st place poster was drawn by 6th grader, Josh Wedde. He is pictured with Dick Whitaker, Mazepa Lion representative.

Autumn Finstuen was 2nd place and Kyla Hansen was 3rd. Honorable mention went to Lillian Steele and Aylla Mehrkens.



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: Friday, December 7 from 5:00-6:30 pm

WHERE: United Redeemer Church
560 West Third Street, Zumbrota

**NO INCOME GUIDELINES,
FIRST COME FIRST SERVE**

QUESTIONS?? Call 651-212-8816

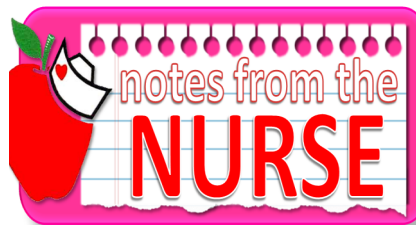


Teen Serve July 7—13, 2019

- ◆ Free Painting—interior/exterior
- ◆ Free wheel chair Ramps
- ◆ Free steps
- ◆ Free Drywall Projects
- ◆ Free weatherization

Local churches, individuals and Habitat for Humanity are bringing an army of volunteers from all over the country to our area July 7-13, 2019 to help the elderly, disabled, and lower income families. Work camp is based out of Pine Island and serving a 25 mile radius with 300-400 youth volunteers.

For information, call 800-596-3498



Health Offices: The month of October recorded 860 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.

Check out the Health Services tab on the ZM school website:

School Medication policies are on the website. For the safety of our students, they **ARE NOT** to self-carry any medication at school, other than inhalers and epi-pens. If students are self-carrying inhalers or epi-pens we require an order from their MD. They also need to be assessed by the licensed school nurse for to ensure they can safely self-carry rescue medication. Information is available to see when students should stay home from school due to illness and links are available for what illnesses need to be reported to the health office.

Scoliosis Screenings:

Zumbrota-Mazeppa schools is resuming scoliosis screenings. This screening is done to help us identify female students who may have an abnormal curve of the spine (scoliosis). Idiopathic scoliosis is more likely to occur in females. Studies estimate that 2-5 of every 100 children develop scoliosis, and some require treatment. Early detection and treatment helps prevent or minimize the development of severe scoliosis problems. We will be screening 5th and 7th grade girls this fall and 6th grade girls in the spring. Please contact the health office if you have a concern about your child and would like them screened.

Feel free to contact Tiffany Boraas, Licensed School Nurse at any health office with question or concerns.

COLD AND FLU SEASON IS HERE

Influenza season is upon us: It is not too late to get the Influenza vaccine!

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. Please report the following symptoms to the office to help us monitor influenza-like-illness: Fever of 100 degrees or higher with a sore throat and/or cough. Students may also have fatigue, headache and body aches.



School Board Minutes

The ZM School Board held three meetings during the month of November. Election returns were canvassed November 13 with Jim Wendt, Jean Roth, and Amanda Peters elected to the board for four-year terms.

The board held their monthly work session following the canvass meeting. The resignation of Dirk Niles, board treasurer, was accepted with thanks. Mr. Niles has moved out of the ZM district and is unable to continue his tenure on the board. Mr. Lohmann was appointed treasurer and a timeline was developed for filling this vacant position. Applications will be accepted until 12:00 noon on Monday, November 26 for the interim position, which will run from January 7, 2019 until the state-required special election in 2019.

Ms. Ahern, SPED Director and Assistant Principal, presented information on staffing needs for the district. She recommended that a full-time special education teacher be hired as the student load has increased since the beginning of the school year. The board agreed to the increase and will officially approve the addition at the November 26 meeting. She was given permission to have the position posted immediately as special education teachers are hard to find.

Items discussed included approving the nomination of Jean Roth to the Southeast Service Coop board of directors, student out of state travel, credit card fees, restricted parking in Mazeppa, safe routes to school planning, use of the school as a storm shelter, and the VFW scholarship fund. Nexus Solutions gave a facilities update. Board policies were reviewed and will be on the November 26 agenda for approval.

The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, November 26 in the ZMES Media Center beginning at 7:00 pm.

Reports: Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. Events taking place in the past month included parent-teacher conferences, the Veteran's Day program, 7th and 8th grade fall concert, and the One-Act play. Scheduling is beginning for the 2019-20 school year and an ACT informational meeting was held for 11th graders. Triple A award winners for this year are Lana Yeakel and Blake Stiller.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary and elementary schools. He reported that conferences were very well attended. The ALICE drills are continuing and will be held on early release days in the future. A Veteran's Day program was held for students and the 6th graders held their Kindness retreat November 20. He informed the board that the primary school would like to consider a donations only fundraiser. He will put more information together for possible board approval.

Shannon Clemenson, school resource officer, reported on her activities in the school this fall. A fall sports wrap-up was submitted by Tim McAthie, activities director.

Mr. Harvey reported that enrollment for November was 1,190. The treasurer's report to the board was available for review. American Education Week was celebrated November 12-16 and the MSBA Winter Leadership Conference will be held in January.

Patron Input: A group of parents representing the trap shoot team were in attendance to present information on the team and to request school funding to cover some of the costs of the sport. The board requested a budget summary, along with the number of participants

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Inclement weather will happen.....



To keep on top of school closings or late starts, be sure your Infinite Campus Parent Portal is up to date with the correct phone numbers/email. You will be alerted through the Campus Messenger in the event of school delays or closings by a phone call, email, or text—whatever you have chosen. Selected radio and TV stations will be used, (WCCO, KTTC, KSMP, KAAL, and KARE 11) but the primary method is through Infinite Campus and the school website (www.zmschools.us)

WILD (Weather Impacted Learning Days) will be in effect beginning with the **second** day of a school closing due to weather. The first day is a freebie for students. Teachers have prepared links and/or other documents for student learning on these days. The school website has individual teacher pages for WILD day details. WILD days are basically a school day in your home!



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

ZM Schools Facility Task Force continues its work.

This past summer Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools created a community task force to study and make a recommendation for future facility needs for the school district. Community volunteers responded to the district's open invite to participate. Since this time the group has been meeting and is nearing a recommendation to the Zumbrota-Mazeppa school board. The facility recommendation is expected to be made in January.

The need for the task force recommendation stems from current security concerns, space concerns, and ongoing deferred maintenance costs. School security rises to the top of concerns for many districts, including Zumbrota-Mazeppa. Education and space required for learning has also changed considerably with the advent of technology. Schools have moved from a place to come and receive information, to a place where students use information to collaborate and create. This change requires more space in order to personalize learning for all 21st century learners. The last item is deferred maintenance. This is the ongoing cost of maintaining the infrastructure of the school buildings and grounds. It is important for the district to plan for this maintenance as it budgets into the future.

The goal for the task force is to look at these needs and to create a long term and short term plan to address these for the school district. During this process the district is working with a company called Nexus Solutions which provides services for evaluating facility needs. The district has been receiving input from teachers, students, demographic consultants, and task force members. In addition, engineers are evaluating current structural and mechanical systems for our buildings and grounds. During the month of December, Nexus Solutions will also be surveying community members for input in regard to potential projects.

In January the Community Task Force will make a recommendation to the Zumbrota-Mazeppa School Board. The recommendation will provide guidance on how to best meet building needs that will help drive the learning needs for students. A lot has changed in how education is delivered and how learning takes place in the 21st century. Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools is proud of the work our students and teachers do every day to make us one of the best schools in the area. The charge of the task force is to make sure we can continue this in a modern learning environment.

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and the amount of funding they are requesting. This request will be discussed at a future work session.

Old Business: There were two applications received to fill the interim school board position open as of November 13, 2018. Stephanie Miller and Shannon Bauer submitted applications and the board named Stephanie Miller to fill the vacancy beginning in January 2019 until the special election is held in the upcoming year. The 2018-19 teacher and non-certified seniority lists were approved as presented and the VFW scholarship funding changes were approved. The hire of an up to 1.0 FTE special education teacher was approved for the 2018-19 school year. The following district policies were reviewed and approved: #509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students, #529 Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students, #530 Immunization Requirements, #601 School District Curriculum Instruction Goals, #603 Curriculum Development, #612.1 Development of Parental Involvement Policies for Title I Programs, #616 School District System Accountability, and #620 Credit for Learning. The #503 Attendance policy will be reviewed in December and a first reading of #625 Animals in Schools and Classrooms was presented.

Anne Idler was hired as the 7th grade girls basketball coach, Laura Krikie as the primary media assistant beginning 11/1/18 (she has been the long-term substitute since the beginning of school). Deanna Cupp was hired as a program college/high school assistant, beginning 10/9/18. A resolution naming the Mazeppa Community Center as the designated combined polling place for Wabasha and Olmsted Counties and the Zumbrota City Hall for Goodhue County as approved and the 2017-18 World's Best Workforce Report and the 2018-19 World's Best Workforce Plan were approved as presented. The 2018-19 enrollment options report was reviewed and Mr. Harvey noted that he would like to survey ZM residents who have children enrolled in an area district on why they are choosing that option. PEIP insurance was approved for all eligible employees in 2019. The quote from Rochester Plumbing and Heating for the sewer ejector pump replacement in the high school was approved. Minutes were available for review from the Goodhue County Education District and Southeast Service Cooperative. There were no minutes from the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.



WHAT IS P.I.E.??

P.I.E. is a group of K-6 parents that work together to support ZM staff and provide opportunities or classroom needs for students.

The P.I.E. group is hoping to set up fun, new activities for the school year. We would like to plan for a new event in February. The group has some ideas, but is always looking for new ideas and could use YOURS!

The next meeting will be held January 3, 2019 in the Primary School Library.

If you are interested in joining, just come!

What has P.I.E. done in the past?

- ✦ Parents Night Out
- ✦ Winter Carnival
- ✦ School Walk-a-thon

What does P.I.E. provide resources for?

- ✦ Snack cart scholarships
- ✦ Help with lunch balances
- ✦ Packing for the Weekend program
- ✦ Purchasing rugs for story & group time
- ✦ Providing money for classroom libraries & headphone



Partners in Education



Contact Katie Kennedy at the Primary (732-7848) or Pam Langley at the Elementary (732-1420) if you need assistance. The Weekend Food Backpack program is up and running and there are two community cupboards around the Zumbrota area, located by the library and Our Saviors Church, along with the food shelves in Mazeppa and Zumbrota.



Congratulations to Coach Lisa Nelson on being named the Section 1AA Volleyball Coach of the Year—she is pictured with her team earlier this fall.



Even though it seems like school just began, the lost and found items are PILING UP! Please check the tables/boxes when you are in the schools and take your items home!

Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and diligence~Abigail Adams,



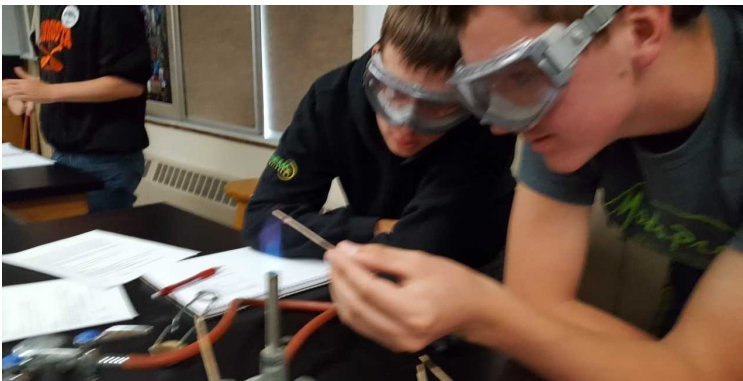
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HVL Honor Choir participants: Back row: Joe Hadler, Zach Bredehoft, Isaiah Jurrens, Alex Jacobson
Front row: Emily Haugen, Maddie Banks, Natasha Ludington, Hannah Jones



Halloween fun in the Primary



Studying color through flames in science



Grade 2 math



National Honor Society served a meal at the Ronald McDonald House on Halloween



NHS students also made meals at Feed My Starving Children