



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER

**SCHOOL BOARD  
CANDIDATE FORUM**

When: **Wednesday, October 24**

Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Where: **ZM Auditorium,  
Zumbrota**

ZM will have three director positions listed on the ballot for the November 6 general election. The terms of James Wendt, Jean Roth, and Rebecca Hinchley will expire December 31.

Five candidates have placed their names on the ballot for these three open positions: Amanda Peters, Stephanie Miller, James Wendt, Jean Roth, and Shannon Bauer.

A candidate forum will be held on October 24. The public is welcome to attend this question and answer session to learn more about the candidates running for the ZM School Board. Forum sponsored by the EMZM.

**STUDENT IMMUNIZATION CLINICS**

ZM schools is partnering with Homeland Health to offer student Influenza Immunization Clinics during school again this year. Registration is required and is now open. Immunizations will be billed to child’s insurance and will be provided at low to no cost to those without insurance. The link for registration can be found on ZM school website [www.zmschools.us](http://www.zmschools.us) under “News You Need to Know” as well as under Health Services located under Parents tab.

Registration deadline is October 8 at 11:00 pm.

Clinics will be held on

**October 15, 2018:**

- Mazeppa from 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- Zumbrota from 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm
- Community Influenza Clinic (for ages 6 months and older) in the ZM cafeteria in Zumbrota from 3:00-6:00 pm



**HOMECOMING IS OCTOBER 1-5**

- **10/1 CORONATION 2:30 PM**
- **10/3 POWDERPUFF GAME 7 PM**
- **10/5 SPIRIT DAY, TAILGATE PARTY 5-6:30 PM, DANCE 9:30-11:30 PM**

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**WHAT’S COMING UP?**

- 10/1—Homecoming Coronation 2:30 ZMHS Auditorium
- 10/5—Tailgate Party 5-6:30 Athletic Field
- 10/8—School Board Work Session, ZMMs/HS Media Center, Zumbrota, 7:00 pm
- 10/10—Early Release. Buses leave Mazeppa 12:30, Zumbrota 12:45
- 10/15—Student and Community Flu Clinic
- 10/18 & 19—No School/ MEA Conference
- 10/22—School Board Meeting, ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota, 7:00 pm
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## NEW ZM STAFF



ZM welcomes fifteen new staff members in 2018-19. Front row: Katrina Schuneman, gr 5-8 band; Michelle Matthees and Anne Idler, education assistants; Claudia Vanderborght, long-term substitute science teacher; Diane Tri, preschool assistant; Back row: Abbey O'Connor, gr 5-8 vocal music; Elizabeth Lee, long-term substitute preschool teacher; Alexa Blair, long-term substitute teacher kindergarten; Wilson Jaimes, Amity teacher; Megan Carlson, speech/language teacher; Michelle Zidlicky, education assistant; and Deborah Dow, social skills instructor. Not pictured: Laura Krikie, long-term media assistant; Melissa Smith, education assistant; and Leslie Holt, school nurse. Welcome to these new faces at ZM!!

## COLOR RUN RETURNS TO ZM



ZM will host a Color Run/Walk Event on October 6 with check in time at 12:00 pm and the event start time at 1:00 pm. [Click here for additional information.](#)

## COUNSELOR NOTES

Parents of seniors, you received an email from Ms. Hunstad regarding some important dates. Your son/daughter will also be meeting with Ms. Hunstad individually to go over important information regarding their future plans.

Parents of juniors, you received an email from Ms. Hunstad with some general information regarding junior year.

The 9<sup>th</sup> grade retreat is Friday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at Camp Victory. A letter was sent home with all 9<sup>th</sup> graders with the permission slip.

The Mayo Healthcare Festival is October 9<sup>th</sup> at Rochester Community and Technical College. Juniors and seniors received this information and should apply on the website if interested in the healthcare field.



## STEAM ACTIVITIES

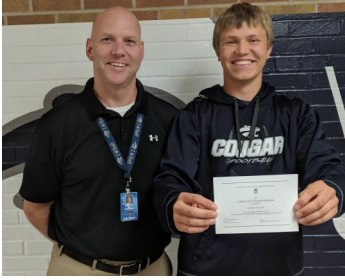
One of the first activities sixth grade students attempt in the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, and math) classroom is a “shoe” tower—might be a little smelly, but its an effective lesson in engineering!



Watch for “Mix it up” at lunch day in the elementary on October 26! Great opportunity to meet new friends or reacquaint with old ones!!

*“Often when you think you’re at the end of something, you’re at the beginning of something else.” Mr. Rogers*

## Commended Student



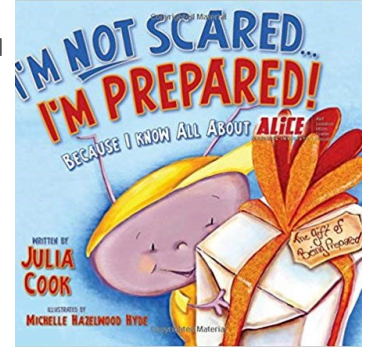
Blake Stiller has been named a Commended Student in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. Blake placed in the top 50,000 of the more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2019 competition.

Congratulations to Blake!

## ALICE DRILLS CONDUCTED

As a school district we are required to have five school lockdowns during each school year. As part of our safety procedures, the district also adopted a safety program called A.L.i.C.E.

The first ALiCE training drill with students in K-6 has been completed. During this drill students watched a short video of the first section of the book, I'm not scared, I'm prepared, because I know all about ALiCE. This section discussed that these drills are like our fire and severe weather drills, which we practice throughout the year to keep students safe. The video discussed the components of ALiCE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate). The focus of this first drill was that we practice in order to keep students safe and that we will have a special meeting place, or rally point, when we exit the building.



[The video explaining ALiCE can be found here](#), and under the parent tab on the website, if you wish to continue the discussion at home with your child.

## School Board Meeting Minutes

The September 10 work session was held in the ZMES Media Center beginning at 7:00 pm.

The master agreements for the Maintenance & Coordinator of Health & Safety Management, Custodians, and Administrative Assistants and District Office Staff were available for discussion. Approval will be at the September 24 school board meeting. It was also recommended that the curriculum coordinator pay be raised from \$15 per hour to \$17 per hour. This will also be on the September 24 agenda.

Items for discussion included:

1. superintendent evaluation and goals for 2018-19,
2. The following policies were revised and available for discussion. They will be on the September 24 meeting agenda for approval: Wellness #533, Visitors to School Buildings and Sites #903, Uniform Grant Guidance #721, Crisis Management #806, Organization of the Board #202, School Board Meeting Minutes #204, Open Meetings/ Closed Meetings #205, and Conflict of Interest #210 MSBA also recommended that ZM approve policy #213 School Board Committees and #211 Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee, or Student for possible adoption at the September meeting.
3. The boiler quote from Harty for \$39,235 was approved pending the confirmation of the 400 series heat exchanger replacement part addition.
4. Mr. Harvey read a response to Kenyon-Wanamingo's resolution regarding busing KW students to ZM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 by Chair Hinchley.

The September 24 regular meeting was held at 7:00 pm in the ZMES Media Center in Mazeppa.

The Mazeppa Senior Citizens were recognized and thanked for their monetary donation to the elementary library. A thank you note was read from the Zumbrota Police Department, thanking the school for help during National Night Out.

Darin Raasch, ZM Head Football coach, gave a report on this year's football team and the program goals and directives.

Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school, noting that the middle/high school was recognized as a top performing school in the state's new North Star accountability system. Senior Blake Stiller was awarded a Letter of Commendation for his results on the PSAT test, which identifies National Merit Scholars.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary/elementary schools. There was 98% parental attendance at the before school conferences. The first ALiCE drill was conducted, focusing on rally points and listening to the teacher. Mr. Rasmussen also informed the board that administration is working with students to help them understand behavior expectations when they are attending activities at ZM.

Mr. Harvey reported that enrollment was 1,188 for September. The treasurer's report to the board was available for review.

There was no patron input.

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## HOMECOMING ATTENDANTS CHOSEN

ZM's Homecoming is October 1-5. Congratulations to the following students:

Senior King and Queen Candidates:

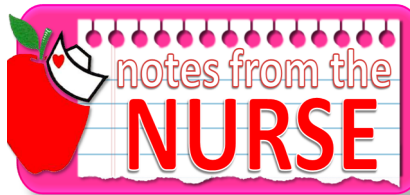
Jacob Bennett, Nathan Mensink, Cole Peters, Blake Stiller  
Grace Beebe, Layla Berg, Carly Fredrickson, Morgan Goodman

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Attendants - Adelyn Voxland & Drew Christopherson

10<sup>th</sup> Grade Attendants - Raelyn Stiller & Josh Hutton

11<sup>th</sup> Grade Attendants - Marissa McBride & Jack Haglund

Coronation is Monday, October 1 at 2:30 in the ZM Auditorium in Zumbrota. The junior/senior powder puff game is at 7:00 pm on Wednesday and the tailgate party will be held from 5:00-6:30 pm on Friday, prior to the game. There will be a dance for 9-12 graders following the game Friday.



**Please welcome Leslie Holt, LPN to Zumbrota Mazeppa schools.** She started with us in September of this school year. She will be working in the Mazeppa health office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will be working in Zumbrota health office on Tuesday and Thursdays.

The school year is off to a great start!!! Please help us to keep your kids safe while at school: If your child needs to take any medications (**self-carry or to be administered by a nurse**) or an emergency health plan at school please make sure to get the correct paperwork filled out and returned to the health office. Forms are located on health services page of the ZM website. [www.zmschools.us](http://www.zmschools.us) Location: Parents tab, Health Services - choose either Health Conditions or Medication. Please call Leslie or Tiffany with any questions at 507-732-1414 or via email: [tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us](mailto:tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us) or [leslieh@zmsch.k12.mn.us](mailto:leslieh@zmsch.k12.mn.us).

### **COLD AND FLU SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**

The Minnesota Department of Health has compiled a screening tool for parents to use when deciding whether or not to keep their child home from school. Please follow these guidelines and keep your child home if in doubt to lessen exposure to other children and school staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

Does your child have a fever of 100 degrees F or higher (be sure to take the temperature before giving fever-reducing medicines such as Tylenol), sore throat, or cough?

#### **Should I Keep My Child Home?**

- If you answered "yes" for fever AND one of the other symptoms, keep your child home for at least 24 hours after his/ her fever is gone without fever-reducing medicine. For many children this will be 5 to 7 days. Your child should feel well enough to participate in school before returning. If you have questions about your child's health or symptoms, call your child's doctor or clinic.
- If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor or clinic with a different disease, such as strep, follow your doctor or clinic's recommendation and school policy for when to return to school.

#### **What Should I tell My Child's School?**

- If you answered "yes" for fever AND one of the other symptoms, tell the school that your child is home with influenza-like illness.
- If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor or clinic with a different disease, such as strep, tell your child's school. You can also view the checklist here:

[www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/school/parentscreens.pdf](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/school/parentscreens.pdf)



### School Board Meeting Minutes, con't from page 3

The board approved the superintendent evaluation and goals for 2018-19 as presented. Contracts approved included the Maintenance and Coordinator of Health & Safety Management Agreement for 2018-20 and the Administrative Assistants and District Office Staff Agreement for 2018-20 as presented. The curriculum coordinator's pay will move from \$15 per hour to \$17 per hour as of July 1, 2018.

The consent agenda was approved as follows:

1. Approval of 8/27/18 and 9/10/18 minutes
2. Approval of hires:
  - Michelle Zidlicky, 9 Gr Girls Basketball coach
  - Melissa Smith, MS/HS Ed Ass't, as of 9/5/18
  - Laura Krikie, long-term sub media center ass't as of 9/7/18
  - Luke Mulder, Head Robotics coach and Melissa Mulder, Ass't Robotics coach, beginning 2018-19 school year
  - Michael Matuska, Head Baseball coach, beginning in the 2018-19 school year.
3. Approval of resignations:
  - Lana Yeakel, Cougar Care, as of 8/20/18
  - Alyssa Bangert, 7 Gr Girls Basketball coach
4. Approval of tenure—none
5. Approval of Reassignment
  - Jordan Thompson and Madisyn Timm from high school assistant to program teacher assistant beginning 9/24/18
6. Approval of Childcare Leave
  - Ashley Buchholz, beginning 3/15/19 through the end of the 2018-19 school year
7. Approval of terminations—none
8. Approval of fundraisers—none
9. Approval of donations—none
10. Approval of grants—none
11. Approval of lane changes:
  - Jamie Quam - BS to BS+10
  - Shannon Johnson BS to BS+10
  - Anne Solberg - MA+20 to MA+30
  - Christine Schmitt - MA+20 to MA+30
  - Rebecca Sjolander - BA to BA+10
  - Jill Ziebell - MA+10 to MA+20
  - Selene O'Reilly - MS+20 to MS+30
  - Aaron Schumacher - MS+10 to MS+20
12. Approval of bill consideration
  - Mr. Niles—Reviewer
  - Ms. Hinchley—October

The board adopted the 2018 Pay 2019 levy for certification set at the maximum amount and set the Truth in Taxation hearing

for 6:30 pm on Monday, December 17, 2019. Also approved was the Minnesota State High School League Foundation Grant application for student participation that is available this year.

The following district policies were adopted as revised:

1. Visitors to School Buildings and Sites #903
2. Uniform Grant Guidance #721
3. Crisis Management #806
4. Organization of the Board #202
5. School Board Meeting Minutes #204
6. Open Meetings/Closed Meetings #205
7. Conflict of Interest #210
8. School Board Committees #213
9. Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee, or Student #211

Minutes were available from the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative, Southeast Service Cooperative, and the Goodhue County Education District.

Pertinent Dates:

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There were no future agenda items. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



MS/HS students show support for Tyler Holst, ZM 3<sup>rd</sup> grader who recently received a new heart September 24. GO TYLER!!!



# SCHOOL HAS BEGUN!!



Early Childhood hosted a transportation night



First graders read a "big" book!

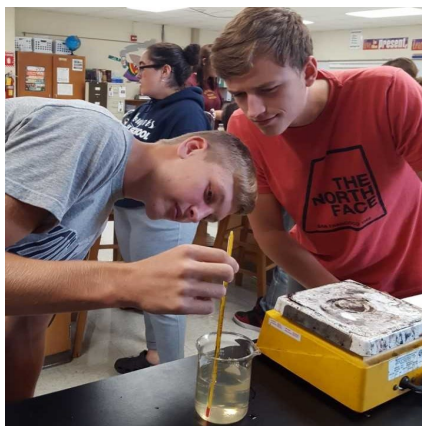


Math is such fun with manipulatives.

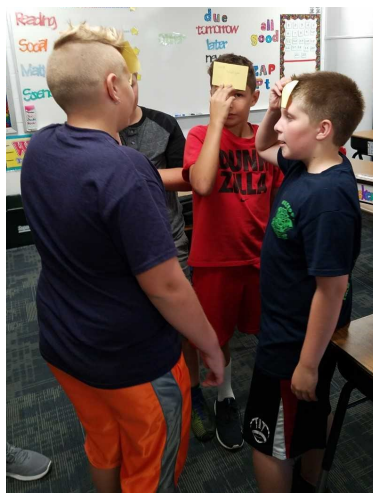


Life is always better with a friend!!

Chemistry students run experiments on a phase diagram for water



6th graders practice reading



Grade 7 students rate books during book speed reading

Elementary students working together in their social skills class while primary students use their iPads



9<sup>th</sup> grade physical science students measuring mass, length, and volume of a variety of objects.