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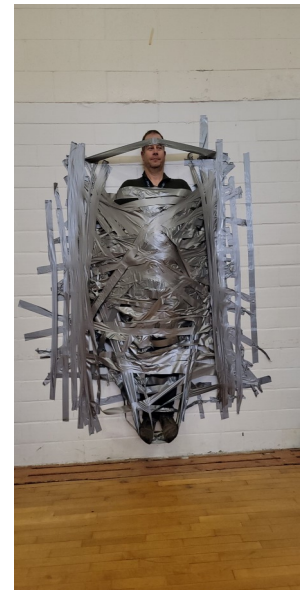
ZM MESSENGER

ZM Students and Staff Raise Money to support Childhood Cancer!

Students and staff raised over \$1400 to be donated to the Childhood Cancer Community out of Rochester to help kids affected by Cancer.

The staff with the most money in each building was duct taped to the wall.

Pictured Right to Left: Mr. Anderson, Officer Kurti, Mr. Boraas, Mr. Biever, Mr. Rasmussen and Ms. Dreyer



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- 12/20—Tax Hearing 6:30 pm with Regular Meeting to Follow
- 12/23-1/2- Holiday Break
- 1/3—School Resumes. School Board Organization Meeting 6:00 pm



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Happy Education Support Professionals Day

Thanks for keeping our students safe, healthy, and ready to learn.

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First Snowflakes of the Season. Ms. No-bach's Pre School Class



WINTER BREAK
NO SCHOOL!

Winter Break is December 23rd 2021—January 2, 2022. School resumes January 3, 2022.



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Those who TEACH
change the WORLD
OVER and
over again.



The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School Board met on Monday November 8th for their monthly work session at Zumbrota Mazeppa Elementary School Small Gymnasium

The following member's were present: Ms. Roth, Ms. Miller, Ms. Peters, Ms Bredehoft and Mr. Lohman

Mr. Wendt was absent

Ms. Roth Ms. Roth called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Mr. Lohman moved to accept the following changes to the agenda: to review the current Vaccination - OSHA and the Emergency Standard and to discuss changes in the Covid Protocol. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms Bredehoft motioned to add air purification to the agenda. Ms. Miller seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Miller motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Peters seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Items for Discussion:

1. Review Teacher and Non Certified Seniority Lists. These need to be reviewed yearly by staff. This will be brought to the next meeting for approval
2. The following policies were reviewed:
 - 510 School Activities
 - 511 Student Fundraising
 - 513 Retention
 - 519 Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies
 - 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records
3. Curriculum Cycle Review: Ms. Holst presented the curriculum progress for the 2020-21 School Year-Art, PE, Health - full implementation of new standards (health delayed to 23-24), Science - Begin implementation, receive training regarding new resources, Language Arts -

Teachers attend PD opportunities, analyze gaps, determine benchmarks, request resources Social Studies standards are being reviewed/revised this year, Math, CTE, FACS, Business, World Language will all look towards updated standards in the upcoming few years. Ms. Holst mentioned that upcoming needs for the 2022-23 school year are-Language Arts and Science will need to determine benchmarks and assessments and review report cards, Determine needs of HS/MS Language Arts and Science teachers (ie: materials, training, etc.), Math and Social Studies will work to become familiar with new standards, analyze learning gaps and review curriculum needs

4. District Data Review: Ms. Holst reviewed the MCA, ACT and Fastbridge scores. ZM is trending above State average in all subjects and trending in the top 5 or higher compared to neighboring districts. Reading is the subject to focus on due to the new curriculum this year. ACT scores are trending above the State average. Fastbridge shows that ZM is meeting more goals.

5. World's Best Workforce(WBWF): Ms. Holst reviewed the WBWF report. The district will focus on the following goals: To offer high-quality, innovative student curriculum so that graduates are prepared to meaningfully contribute to a diverse society. To provide high quality effective teachers and administrators who have been trained in and are working toward equitable education. To ensure a safe learning environment that embraces and welcomes student differences through student training, staff training, community, training and facility upgrades. To remain fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of our state

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Zumbrota-Mazeppa Students in Hiawatha Valley Honor Band and Choir Concert

The annual HVL Honor Band and Choir concert took place at Lourdes High School on Monday, November 8th at 7pm.

Zumbrota-Mazeppa students selected to participate in the HVL Honor Choir included Emerson Bengston, Madelyn Fredrickson, Bobbie Rae Benson, Isabelle Flicek, Gus Noetzel, Zane Robinson, Kyle Moyer, and Jimmy Suess. The choir performed "Trilo" by Ale Möller, "Xtoles" by Jorge Cózatl, "Hold Fast To Dreams" by Susan LaBarr, and "Wau Bulan" by Tracy Wong. The Honor Choir was directed by Guest Conductor Natalia Romero Arbeláez from Harding High School (St. Paul). Zumbrota-Mazeppa students selected to participate in the HVL Honor Band included Katherine Keach, Olivia Amsbaugh, Toby Donovan, Maykayla Ramer, Kye Copeman, Maren Nietz, Olivia Seymour, and Makayla Rodriguez. The Band performed four musical selections which culminated in the world premiere of, "Because of You", by composer Lane Powell which was written in

memory of the late Mr. Paul Holland. Mr. Holland was the director of bands at Lake City High School from 2001 - 2020. The Honor band was directed by Mr. Peter Guenther, Director of bands at Owatonna High School.

Back row from Left to Right: Olivia Amsbaugh, Kye Copeman, Maykayla Ramer, Maren Nietz, Jimmy Suess, Zane Robinson, Izzy Flicek, Madelyn Fredrickson
Front row from left to right: Katie Keach, Olivia Seymour, Makayla Rodriguez, Toby Donovan, Kyle Moyer, Bobbie Rae Benson, Emerson Bengtson, and Gus Noetzel





We want to remind parents that we will be implementing Weather Impacted Learning Days (WILD) days again this year.

In the event that weather keeps us from having school, the first day will not be a WILD day. Please have your child

check Schoology for assignments on WILD days or in the case of younger students have them complete the predetermined activities.

Although the type of learning looks different for different age groups, Online Learning remains a good option for a majority of our students when traditional face to face learning cannot take place.

Parent Choice: Often times predicting weather and road conditions is not a one size fits all decision. Parent opinions on the topic vary from: we should never shut down to, call it off at the first flake of snow. The district weighs a lot of circumstances when making the decision. As a parent, you also weigh in on decisions when weather becomes questionable. If you have a young driver, have them ride the bus and if you ever question the safe-ty of travel in your area of the school district, you as a parent can decide to keep your child home. Our district covers

several municipalities and many townships. If the majority of these roads are plowed and a few are not, we may hold school. This is where we rely on you to make the best decision based on your circumstances.

School Notification: In addition to Text Messaging, E-mail, and Facebook, school notifications will also go out via WCCO 4, KTTC 10, KMSP 9, KARE 11, KAAL 6.

In order to receive notices of school weather closings or any emergency message from the school, it is vital that you update your information on the Parent Portal portion of Infinite Campus. If you wish to receive emails, calls, texts, etc., your current phone number and email needs to be entered into the Portal.



To obtain portal permission, fill out the permission form found on the school website or in any of the school offices. Fill it out and return to your child's school principal's office to register for your GUID number. This information cannot be mailed or emailed for security reasons. This registration is one time only.

Cont. and school district. The full report is available on the ZM schools website

6. Mr. Harvey reported that construction continues to move forward. The Band Room footings and block for the foundation are in. Most of the block should be done in the next couple of weeks. Some of the steel will not be available until late February due to supply chain issues. Sanding and painting has begun on the Gym floor and should be ready in a couple of weeks. All projects continue to be on schedule

7. Vaccination- OSHA and the Emergency Temporary Standard: Mr. Harvey spoke on OSHA standards for vaccinations. ZM is currently holding on this. MN OSHA has 30 days to review how it applies to Minnesota and ZM has to wait for this guidance. Mr. Harvey also stated that if direction comes from the state, we will have to comply. ZM will continue to use guidance from MREA and MSBA.

8. Changes in Covid Protocol Discussion: Mr. Harvey recommended starting a discussion to modify the Covid Protocol due to the recent change on vaccinations for 5-11 year olds. Mr. Harvey suggested these changes for 7-12 grade students: Anyone who is not vaccinated and lives in the same household as a positive Covid person will be required to be quarantined for 14 days. If your child has recovered from Covid in the past 90 days the child does not need to quarantine if your child does not currently have symptoms, If we have a case in the 7-12 building, a general notification email will be sent to par-

ents of 7-12 students no more than once every 10 days. This notification will outline general safety measures families may choose to take. Individuals who test positive are encouraged to notify close contacts in the building or in activities where they may have exposed others. Close contacts are not required to mask or quarantine however masks are highly recommended. PreK-6th grade will keep the current protocols but starting January 3rd strategies will change to reflect that of the 7-12 grade. Mr. Harvey mentioned that an outbreak could still happen and other decisions would have to be made. Ms. Bredehoft suggested a "Covid Dashboard" be added to the school website page. Ms. Miller asked if the threshold percentages could be changed at this meeting. Mr. Harvey advised the school board could change the threshold numbers at the next meeting.

9. Air Purification Discussion: Ms. Bredehoft shared that air purification is a mitigation measure to get Covid under control and would be proactive. The board discussed there are different options to consider. In 2008 there was a facility upgrade and the air systems were brought up to code. Mr. Harvey will have Mr. Pahl send an air quality report to the school board as a starting point.

10. Ms. Roth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.



The board met for their regular monthly meeting on November 23. The usual business, including payment of bills, was conducted including the payment of bills.

Reports:

Mr. Anderson thanked Randy Vath and Merrisa Huneke from Zumbrota Drive Train for the donation of a rolling toolbox for the Industrial Tech. Department. MSHS conferences were held earlier in November. He thanked Ms. Peterson and the MSHS choir for the Veteran’s Day Program. Teachers are working on the 2022-23 registration guide.

Mr. Rasmussen reports 97% attendance at conferences at the Elementary. He reports they are reminding students to make good clothing choices with the colder weather. There has been a great deal of painting done in the new addition. Contractors have been able to haul away some of their equipment allowing them to move fences to create more green space for students. Staff is doing great with the new reading curriculum.

Ms. Ahern thanked Ms. Peterson and everyone who participated in the Veteran’s Day program. The Primary also had 97% attendance at conferences. On November 4th they Primary had a Cougar Pride Celebration. At the November 5th workshop day Andrea Smothers from Covered Bridge Family Resources gave a training to the Paraprofessionals and the teachers had an Amplify presentation.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Fall Sports Season. He reports that ZM will continue to play hockey throughout the 2021-22 Season with the Dodge County Hockey program but he is looking into options for the 2022-23 season. The new completion date for the gym floor is December 6th or sooner. He also reports that he is working with Administration and Activity Leaders regarding the HVL League.

Mr. Harvey reports that enrollment numbers are relatively steady. The band addition foundations are in place and block work has started, everything is going well with construction.

The board approved the 2021-2022 Teacher and Non Certified Seniority List.

The board accepted the 2021-2022 World’s Best Workforce Report.

The following Polices were approved: 510 School Activi-

ties, 511 Student Fundraising, 513 Retention, 519 Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies and 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records.

Patron Input was received.

The board approved the consent agenda including the payment of bills as follows:

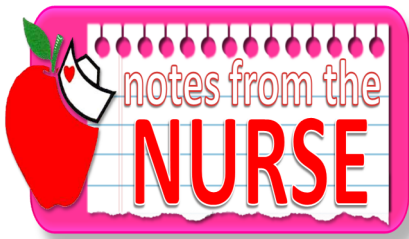
1. Approval of Minutes: 10-25-21 and 11-8-21
2. Approval of Hires: Chris Lexvold- Jr High Wrestling, Justine Lexvold-Paraprofessional and Kim Huneke-Long Term Substitute
3. Approval of Resignations: Jen Berkner-Cougar Care, Jacquie Morrow-Paraprofessional
4. Approval of Tenure: None
5. Approval of Child Care Leave: Andrea Siewert-February 22-June 3, 2022, Danielle Kelley-April 22-June 3, 2022
6. Approval of Terminations: None
7. Approval of Fundraisers: None
8. Approval of Donations: Zumbrota Drive Train, Rolling Tool Cart
9. Approval of Grants: None
10. Approval of Lane Changes: Whitney Seyffer-- BA+20
11. Approval of Bill Consideration

The District will stay with the Current Covid Protocol and will review at the December 20, 2021 meeting.

Pertinent Dates

1. November 24, 2021 Comp Day/No Students
2. November 25-26, 2021—Holiday/No School
3. December 8, 2021 Early Release
4. December 20, 2021—Tax Hearing-Adoption Meeting with Regular Board meeting to follow.
5. December 23,2021—January 2, 2021– Winter Break
6. January 3, 2022—School Resumes, School Board Organization Meeting 6:00 PM

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM



News from the School Nurse: November 2021

Zumbrota Mazeppa Schools now has BinaxNOW OTC (over

the counter) At-Home Tests to be used for symptomatic students or asymptomatic students who were identified as close contacts and would like to test. These are rapid antigen COVID-19 test recommended for symptomatic people that utilizes a nasal swab. Results are available within 15 minutes of processing. All health offices have these for families if they are interested.

Symptomatic Students with a negative test result, will have two choices:

1. Students who are experiencing symptoms should re-test with PCR test and then should not return to school until symptoms have improved and the student has been fever free for 24 hours.
2. The BinaxNOW test is packaged with two tests per box so students can test twice within three days, with at least 36 hours between tests. By testing more frequently, known as serial testing, COVID-19 may be detected more quickly, which helps reduce the spread of infection.

Asymptomatic Students with a negative test result, have two choices:

1. Retest with PCR test and then may return to school as they are not having symptoms.
2. The BinaxNOW test is packaged with two tests per box so students can test twice within three days, with at least 36 hours between tests. May return to school after first negative but must complete the second test at least 36 hour later. By testing more frequently, known as serial testing, COVID-19 may be detected more quickly, which helps reduce the spread of infection.

No Cost At Home COVID-19 Saliva Testing for all Minnesotans:

Minnesota is still offering at-home COVID-19 saliva testing for any person who wants to be tested, with or without symptoms, at no cost. This saliva test is just as accurate as the nasal swab test and is available at no cost for every

Minnesotan, whether or not you have insurance. You may order a test here: <https://learn.vaulthealth.com/state-of-minnesota/>

Influenza season is upon us:

The Influenza clinics in November were a huge success!! We vaccinated 293 students/staff at our school clinics.

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. Many of these are like symptoms of COVID-19.

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.

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccinations are now available for students ages 5-11

The Zumbrota Mazeppa School district will be partnering with Goodhue County Public Health to host a vaccination clinic at the Primary school for students ages 5-11 on Monday 11/29/21 from 4pm – 6pm – parents will be required to be present with students getting vaccinated. More information to come.

COVID-19 vaccinations are not required to attend school in Minnesota. Below is some information regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations in 5-11-year-olds to help answer any questions you may have. We recommend discussing COVID-19 vaccination with your student's primary care provider.

FDA fact sheet for Caregivers: <https://www.fda.gov/media/153717/download>

CDC COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/children-teens.html>

What You Should Know About COVID-19 Vaccines: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/vaxtruths.pdf>

CDC Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>