



## Building a Bridge to the Future



# ZM MESSENGER



Congratulations to Lisa Nelson, ZM Teacher of the Year 2021-2022. Zumbrota-Mazeppa EMZM recognized Lisa Nelson as the recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award during a social gathering at the Mazeppa Community Center on April 13, 2022.

Lisa was a ZM graduate and went on to Winona State University for both her undergraduate and master's degrees. She started her career in Kenyon-Wanamino and has been with the ZM district for the last ten years teaching 1st and 2nd grades respectively. Lisa lives in Mazeppa with her husband Darren and her two daughters, Rylee and Dru.

Throughout the day Lisa can be seen engaging students through many activities using their devices or through STEM activities. She is always upbeat and encouraging with ALL students. Lisa gets to know each child's strengths and weaknesses. She uses the strengths of each child to help build up the weaknesses.

In addition to teaching Lisa has served in the role as volleyball and basketball coach. She has helped many staff members with any technology questions they may have. She has brought many innovative technology lessons to our school.

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Mrs. Leibenow's Kindergarten Class at Quarry Hill.



19 Seniors enjoyed 4 days in Washington DC. They were able to tour all the major sites and enjoy our nation's capitol!

Congratulations to the dairy judging team for placing 1st at state!! Natalie Clemenson placed 1st and Ashlyn Miklas placed 3rd individually! Caryn Miklas received a gold ranking and Troy Clemenson received a silver ranking. The team advances to nationals which will be held this fall during national convention. Congratulations to all!





2nd Grade using our new Amplify curriculum and STEM activities such as Dash and Dot robots, creating marble mazes (in the new Cougar Den).





The ZM School Board met on April 25th 2022 for their regular meeting.

Member's present: Jason Lohmann, Amanda Peters, Stephanie Miller, Jean Roth and James Wendt.

Member's absent: Angie Bredehoff

Also Present: Mr. Harvey, Ms. Ahern, Mr. Rasmussen, Mr. Anderson and Board Clerk secretary Amber Rasmussen.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm/

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

There was no recognition.

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

There was no communication.

#### Reports:

Mr. Anderson congratulated HS Economics teacher Brad Smith for being nominated for teacher of the year through the Minnesota Council on Economic Education. NHS collected over 600 pounds of food and \$200 in donations for their latest food drive. 46 Juniors took the ACT test on April 5th. MCA testing has started. Zumbrota Drive Train has offered to work with the Robotics program with their Tools for School initiative. Officer Kurti is running a Seatbelt Safety Challenge this week. Congratulations to RJ Sylak for his first place finish at State Speech.

Mr. Rasmussen states that students and staff have been flexible with the difficult weather this spring. MCA's have started and are going well with limited technology issues. He is beginning to have conversations with teachers about schedule/ planning and creation of class lists for next year. May is a busy month with concerts, presentations and field trips planned.

Ms. Ahern reports ESY and targeted services will be June 13 - 30th. Kindergarten registration and open house is Wednesday, April 27. Bridge to kindergarten will be held August 8 - August 11. She thanked Mrs. O'connor and Mrs. Peterson for the outstanding Primary concerts. She thanks the ZM Education Foundation for funding Art,

Playground equipment and STEM materials. Congratulations to Lisa Nelson, Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Brown gave a Winter Sports Review and highlighted student accomplishments. He is working with Pine Island and is reviewing facility options for gymnastics, no determination has been made at this time. Mr. Brown will be implementing a Leadership Council for the 2022-2023 school year. Student athletes will meet regularly with the AD or Head coach once or twice a month.

Mr. Harvey reports that enrollment has remained relatively steady over the course of the school year.

#### Old Business:

Gymnastics Facility Update: Pine Island is reviewing facility options for next season. Practice times and cost at the KAATS facility will go up next year. A couple different options were reviewed. 1. Practicing at KAATS from 7:30-9:30 pm. 2. Purchasing new equipment that can be used at school facilities after school. 3. Rent equipment that can be used at school facilities after school. 4. Rent space/equipment from Kasson Mantorville and practice from 5:30-7:30. 5. Co-op with Kasson Mantorville. No determination has been made at this time.

#### New Business:

Ms. Peters motioned to approve the consent agenda along with the payment of bills. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

1. Approval of Minutes: 3-21-2022
2. Approval of Hires: Megan Majerus, SPED Teacher 2022-23 school year. Brenton Lexvold, Director of Food Services. Logan Jenson, Varsity Boys Basketball, 2022-23 Season. Laura Heitman, 5th Grade 2022-23 school year. Jordan Schleip, Cougar Care
3. Approval of Resignations: Toni Pegram, Paraprofessional, end of 2021-22 school year.
4. Approval of Overload: Mike Matuska, Lyn Albers, Kelsey Bradley, Angela Heitman, Susan Peterson, Brandon Roth, Bradley Smith, Amy Matuska and Josh Boraas for the 2022-2023 school year.
5. Approval of Tenure: Jessica Holst, Assistant Principal for Staff Development and Curriculum
6. Approval of Childcare Leave: Jena Letourneau, 4th Grade Teacher
7. Approval of Terminations
8. Approval of Fundraisers

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9. Approval of Donations
  10. Approval of Grants
  11. Approval of Lane Changes
  12. Approval of Bill Consideration
  13. Covid Protocol Changes—Mr. Lohmann motioned to approve the covid protocol changes. Ms. Miller seconded the motion.
  14. MS/HS Administrative Structure - Mr Wendt motioned to accept the combination of the Curriculum Director and Wellness Coordinator position and create an Assistant Principal for MSHS. Ms. Roth seconded the motion.
  15. MS/HS Office Support Position - Ms. Roth motioned to approve the addition of a MS/HS office position. Ms. Miller seconded the motion.
  16. Mr. Wendt motioned to call for quotes for the 22-23 school construction house. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
  17. Parking Lot Bid: Mr. Harvey recommends accepting the following parking lot bids. Schumacher Excavating, LLC, \$446,3769.00 and Valley Elcectric \$67,519. Mr. Lohman motioned to approve the bids. Mr. Wendt seconded the motion.
  19. Board Comments - Mr. Lohmann thanked staff for all the work they have put into this year. Mr. Wendt said there are currently 37 students enrolled in Goodhue County Education District 5Rivers Online School.
  20. MS/HS Tour - The MSHS will be moving into the new addition next week. The band addition will be completed t ed soon and the last project in Mazeppa will start after school is released for the summer. Mr. Harvey led a tour of the new facilities in the MSHS
- Mr. Lohmann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Ms. Peters seconded the motion.



RJ Sylak also broke the 200m record set back in 1995 by Brad Prigge at our meet last night with a time of 22.42 seconds. He broke the record by .01 seconds



Congrats to the 4x400 team of Emma Buck, Natasha Sortland, Siddha Hunt, and Katrina Sortland who broke the school record at last night's track meet. The old record was the oldest record at Z-M set 35 years ago.



End of the School Year Notes from the School Nurse.....

**Student Health Conditions:** Please

update the nurse if your student is given any new medical diagnoses during the school year or over the summer months so that we may assist in keeping students safe and healthy in school. Studies have proven that healthy students learn better, and it is our job to help students stay healthy and safe.

**Medications:** The end of the school year is approaching fast! Any/all medication in the health offices **must be picked up by an adult by the last day of school**, Thursday, June 2nd. Medication will not be sent home with students. If they have not been picked up by the last day of school, they will be disposed of. We will NOT store medication over the summer. We appreciate your help with this.

If your child has a medication that will need to be given at school next year (2022 – 2023) and has an appointment with their PCP this summer, request the medication order and drop it off or send it to the nurses via email.

**Immunizations:** Immunizations the school has on record are viewable in Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Kindergarten 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will NOT be able to start school in the fall without up-to-date immunizations records on file with the school. We have been a little flexible with this in the past couple of years because of COVID but will no longer be able to make exceptions for the first day of school. Students will not be able to start school on the first day without up-to-date immunizations on file.

**Incoming Kindergarten student requirements:**

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

**Incoming 7th grader requirements:**

- Tdap booster
- Meningococcal

**Incoming 12<sup>th</sup> grade requirements:**

- Meningococcal booster

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 2022 until we have up to date immunizations on file.



Congratulations to RJ Sylak for earning FIRST place at the MSHSL State Speech competition in the Discussion category. Great job RJ!

The Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School Choir traveled to Nashville, Tennessee for their biannual choir trip and enjoyed every bit of it. We left on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and arrived in Nashville at 8am Thursday; what a bus ride!

### **Day 1 in Nashville, TN: Thursday, March 17th**

First, we toured The Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson our 7<sup>th</sup> President. This was great, not only because we were able to walk outside in 75 degree sunshine weather, but also for the information we were presented from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

After the Hermitage, we ate lunch and headed over to the Ryman Auditorium for a tour. The Ryman has attracted world class entertainment to its stage for 120 years, and has been named the Best Place to See Live Music in the Nashville Scene. We were able to tour this famous place where the Grand Ole Opry took place every Saturday night from 1943 to 1974 and held such stars as Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, and Elvis Presley.

We spent some time walking downtown Nashville and doing a little shopping.

We finished our first day touring the Gaylord Opryland Resort. After checking out the Opryland resort, we finally were able to check into our hotel and get a good night's rest.

### **Day 2 in Nashville: Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Early rise and shine for everyone with loading the bus at 7am.

We started the day at Historic RCA Victor's Studio B. This is the place where Elvis Presley, Jim Reeves, Everly Brothers, Dolly Parton and many others did some of their recordings. We were able to have an amazing tour guide walk us through the recording studio. We ended up inside the actual recording area of the studio in which she played songs that were recorded where we were sitting. Next stop was the Country Music Hall of Fame where we performed inside the lobby area for all the guests coming through.

We were lucky enough to participate in Inside Tracks, in one of the smaller theaters at the Country Music Hall of Fame museum. This is where we were able to co-write and produce a song from scratch with two of Nashville's singer/songwriter/producers: Megan Linsey and Tyler Cain. It was time for lunch and then onto a Backstage Tour of the Grand Ole Opry. We were able to see Studio A, all of the artists' dressing rooms and step on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry. We attended the Grand Ole Opry show! What a great night! We saw Riders in the Sky, Mark Wills, Doug Stone, Jon Reep, John Conlee, Texas Hill, Hailey Whitters, and Charlie Worsham

### **Day 3 in Nashville, TN: March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Our first stop today was the National Museum of African American Museum. This is a brand new museum and it was all interactive.

The second thing on our agenda today was having a step-on-guide lead us on a tour of the city. We made our way down to the Bicentennial Mall State Park.

Third, we toured the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. We were able to watch a video about the history of country music, see cars, song manuscripts, clothing, and hear songs from all kinds of country music stars.

Our last stop in Nashville was Andrew Jackson's Showboat Dinner Cruise. We had an elegant dinner, time to walk around the boat while we were close to downtown Nashville and see the skyline lit up with lights, and then a terrific live show based on songs along the river.

### **Sunday, March 20th**

Our 14 hour bus ride home with more movies and taking in the memories of our wonderful trip.

We would like to take this time to thank several people that helped with our trip. First, thank you for Gateway Tour and Travel in helping organize our trip. Thank you to the Zumbrota-Mazeppa School Board and Superintendent Mike Harvey for your support of the fine arts. Thank you to the Zumbrota-Mazeppa Education Foundation for financial support. Thank you to Ron and Dot Anderly for helping us with our funnel cake fundraiser and Dave Starr for allowing us to do the Starr Car Wash fundraiser. Thank you to our accompanist, Cindy Wilson. Thank you to our amazing chaperones: Tim Mullholland, Heather Hauser, Casey Bradford, Amelia Winkels, Karen Moyer and Jared Peterson. Thank you to our choir director, Susan Peterson, for making this entire trip possible and giving us all memories to last a lifetime.





Mrs. Nelson's Class building Block Buddies with the Primary's new 3D Printer



MN Outdoors class picking up garbage in acknowledgment of Earth Day.



8th Grade Band



Construction Class toured the Anderson window plant in Bayport, MN.



3rd Grade Fieldtrip to Quarry Hill

**Last Day of School—June 2, 2022**