



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER



Congratulations to the PIZM Boys Soccer Team on Qualifying for the State Tournament!!

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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- November 1—7-12 Conferences
- November 5—End of 1st Quarter/No school
- November 8, Work Session, Mazeppa
- November 9—PreK-12 Conferences
- November 10—Early Release
- November 16—K-6 Conferences
- November 22—School Board Meeting , Mazeppa
- November 24— Comp Day/ No School
- November 24—25—Holiday/No School



Ms. Kelley's 2nd Grade Class

Ms. Miller's 2nd Grade Class





Early Childhood Screening 2021-2022

Free early childhood screenings are being held on, November 16, January 21, February 23 and March 15. If your child is between the ages of three and four, he/she should be screened. If parents have questions about the screening, they may call Amy at the Zumbrota –Mazeppa Primary School at 732-7848.

This screening is not registration for kindergarten, ***but is required by state law to be done prior to entering kindergarten.*** The screening takes about an hour and includes height, weight, vision and hearing, developmental and speech assessments, followed by an exit interview with the Early Childhood Resource person.



First Choice

Nov 16 ___ AM ___ PM
Jan 21 ___ AM ___ PM
Feb 23 ___ AM ___ PM
Mar 15 ___ AM ___ PM

Second Choice

Nov 16 ___ AM ___ PM
Jan 21 ___ AM ___ PM
Feb 23 ___ AM ___ PM
Mar 15 ___ AM ___ PM

W.I.L.D. WILL BE USED THIS YEAR AGAIN

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 safety 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.



News from the School Nurse: 10/2021

Health offices:

The month of September recorded a total of 600+ visits to the health offices. This included illness, injuries, medication administration and health conditions. Please be sure to have current emergency contact information in the Parent Portal so that nursing staff can get ahold of parents/guardians when needed.

When to Keep Your Child Home:

One of the goals of health services is to assure a healthy environment. Many parents ask about when students should stay home or attend school. We ask that you keep your student's home if they have one of the following symptoms

Your child has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher

Your child has a new-onset cough or a cough that is getting worse

Your child is having difficulty breathing

Your child has a new loss of smell or taste

If students are experiencing the above symptoms, we ask that they stay home and contact health care provider for recommendations regarding COVID testing or getting an alternate diagnosis. If student with illness symptoms does not seek evaluation from health care provider, they must stay home for at least 10 days from onset of symptoms.

Please report all symptoms your child has to the office when you are calling or emailing to let us know they are staying home ill so that we can use this information for health tracking.

Influenza season is now upon us:

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. Protect yourself and others by getting your influenza vaccine.

Our Zumbrota/Mazeppa influenza clinic will be held Monday, November 1st. We will be hosting both student/staff and community clinics that day. See the ZM school website for more information. Immunizations are available at local pharmacies and through your primary care provider. Mayo Clinic is offering evening immunization appointments this year.

Hearing and Vision Screenings:

Hearing and Vision screenings have been completed for the following grades: 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th and 11th. We are currently working on rescreening those students who may not have passed the first time and will be contacting parents/guardians soon if students need to be referred for further evaluation. Remember that you may refer a student at any time during the school year for a hearing or vision screening concerns.

Feel free to contact Tiffany Boraas, Licensed School Nurse at any of the health offices with questions or concerns @ tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us



Zumbrota-Mazeppa FFA is selling fruit, meat, and cheese. You may order through an FFA member directly or place an online order. **Orders are due November 3.**

Use the following website link to order: <https://sales.minntexcitrus.com/organization/Zumbrota-Mazeppa-ffa/>

- Select the items you'd like to order
- At check-out, fill out all contact information. If you are not ordering from an FFA member, select "Zumbrota-Mazeppa FFA/Mrs. Siewert(no student order form)". Any fruit not ordered from an FFA member will need to be picked up the day it is delivered. Fruit is expected to come in the week of December 6. An email will be sent out about a week prior to deliver (as soon as the fruit company schedules our delivery date). Pick-up location is to be determined based on construction at school—pick up location will be included in the email sent out the week prior.
- Customers will select "Zumbrota-Mazeppa" from the drop down menu. Click "submit"
- Credit cards must be used for online payment and customers must pay at the time of the order.

October is National Down Syndrome Awareness Month

During the month of October, we celebrate people with Down Syndrome and their abilities and accomplishments. In honor of the month, here are 12 facts about Down syndrome you may not know:

1. Down syndrome is named for Dr. John Langdon Down, who wrote the most prominent paper describing the disorder in the 1860s. The name Down syndrome was not standardized until 1975.
2. Down syndrome is far and away the most common condition involving chromosomes, occurring approximately in one out of every 691 births.
3. More than 400,000 people are living with Down syndrome in the United States.
4. The most common type of Down syndrome is trisomy 21, which means an extra copy of the 21st It is not hereditary. The other two types are translocation and mosaicism, which account for around 5% of cases.
5. While incidences of Down syndrome correlate with the mother's age, around 80% of Down syndrome babies are born to mothers under the age of 35.
6. Nothing a parent does or does not do is known to cause Down syndrome during pregnancy – it occurs randomly.
7. Down syndrome occurs regularly in both sexes and across socioeconomic classes.
8. With the great strides made in understanding this disorder, individuals with Down syndrome are living long, happy lives. The life expectancy for these individuals has increased from 25 years in 1980 to over 60 years today.
9. Down syndrome leaves people with an increased risk of some medical conditions. These conditions include congenital heart defects, respiratory issues, hearing problems, Alzheimer's disease, leukemia, and thyroid disorders. Parents and caretakers need to take extra care in screening for medical issues.
10. Students with Down syndrome are now included in many classrooms across the country. In the past, special needs classes were the only option for learners with Down syndrome, but today most experts recommend full or partial inclusion in many standard classes.
11. While individuals with Down syndrome experience cognitive delays, they are often mild to moderate. Most people with Down syndrome lead fulfilling and productive lives.
12. Down syndrome is still a little-understood disorder. While researchers are aware of what this condition is, we know little about what causes it or how symptoms develop. There is hope that future research can lead mitigation of some symptoms.



The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School Board met on Monday October 11th, 2021 for a work session.

Members present: Ms. Roth, Ms. Bredehoft, Ms. Miller, Mr. Lohman and Mr. Wendt.

Members absent : Ms. Peters

Also present: Mr. Harvey and Board Clerk's Secretary, Amber Rasmussen

Ms. Roth called the meeting to order at 7pm which was seconded by Mr. Lohman

Mr. Loman motioned to consider the following changes to the agenda: Discuss the Technology Coordinator Contract. Ms. Miller seconded the motion.

Ms. Bredehoft motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Lohmann seconded the motion.

Items for Discussion

Kennedy Transportation is proposing the following for the 2021-22 Special Education Transportation:

- \$4500 per vehicle per month for 9 months.
- \$1.75 per mile for extra curricular activities
- \$20.00 per hour from time of departure to return per trip
- \$25.00 per trip for city limit trip.

This will be brought back for approval at the October 25th meeting

The following polices were reviewed: #520 Student Surveys, #521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination, #608 Instructional Services-Special Education, #612 Development of Parent and Family Engagement Policies for Title 1 Programs and #619 Staff Development for Standards

Kim Cory, Principal of 5 rivers on line gave a presentation on the new online school being offered thru Goodhue County Education District. The current enrollment as of October 11 was 210 students. 19 of which come from the ZM School District. Ms. Cory reviewed how funding will work. They currently employ 3 full time teachers, the rest are part time or on overloads from member districts

PEIP Health Insurance Renewal. This year the rate increase will be 8.96%. The board suggested looking into insurance through Southeast Service Cooperative. Mr. Harvey will contact the Insurance Committee

Mr. Harvey gave a construction update. Crews will start breaking ground on the band room addition this week. The new gym flooring will also start this week and will hopefully be completed November 15th. More punch list times will be completed over MEA Break

Covid 19 Update: As of October 11th there are currently 22 active cases in the K-12 grades. 2nd and 6th graders are masking for a couple of weeks. When Tiffany contacted MDH, they said they are not intervening at the 5% rate with Covid as their current guidance provides what we should be doing right now. The board will discuss threshold numbers at the next meeting for masking. Mr. Harvey reports there are more cases and close contact this year versus last.

Mr. Wendt motioned to approve the Technology Coordinator Contract. Ms. Miller seconded the motion.

Ms. Roth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM. Mr. Lohman seconded the motion.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Zumbrota Mazeppa School Board met on Monday October 25 in the Primary Gymnasium.

Members Present: Ms. Roth, Ms. Peters, Mr. Lohman, Mr. Wendt, Ms. Bredehoft and Ms. Miller.

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

Chair Roth called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Ms. Peters seconded the motion.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no recognition

Mr. Lohman motioned to accept the following change to the agenda: The World's Best Workforce will be presented at the November 22, 2021 meeting. Ms. Miller seconded the motion.

There was no communication.

Reports:

Mr. Anderson thanked Jen Klein, Katie Kennedy and all the members of 7-12 student government for making Homecoming a huge success. Student Government is currently funning a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and intends to have the Polar Plunge back in March. MSHS has completed several fire and ALICE Drills. Conferences are coming November 1 and 9. Both sessions are available via Zoom or in person.

Mr Rasmussen reports that construction continues to progress. He again thanked EMZM for their support to send 6th grade to Eagle Bluff. Changes to report cards that are needed with the new Reading curriculum was discussed at this month's PLC meetings. FASTbridge screening is complete. Mr. Rasmussen mentioned that finding subs continues to be a challenge.

Ms. Ahern reported that Primary students dressed up for homecoming week and thanked the homecoming court for including them in festivities. Fire Safety was completed this month and thanked the Zumbrota Fire Dept. The Primary is making plans for a Halloween celebra-

tion and plans to live stream the parade. Speech Services are being provided to Preschool and Primary by Megan Carlson, Presence Learning is being used for 3-12 grade. Data meetings took place for ADSIS and Title Services. One ALICE drill and 2 fire drills have been completed.

Mr. Harvey reports that enrollment numbers are staying steady. He will give a covid update later in the meeting.

Budget update presented by business manager. Unfunded COVID expenditures for FY21 were \$220K, should be offset with ESSER III funds in FY22. Budget is trending on track with 2019.

Old Business:

Mr Lohman moved to accept the following policies: #520 Student Surveys, #521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination, #608 Instructional Services-Special Education, #612 Development of Parent and Family Engagement Policies for Title 1 Programs and # 619 Staff Development for Students. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Wendt motioned to approve the 2021-22 Special Education Transportation Proposal from Kennedy Transportation. Ms. Peters seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Lohman motioned to accept the 9% increase in PEIP insurance, next summer the board will look for a less expensive option for insurance. Ms. Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried

New Business:

Ms. Peters/Ms. Bredehoft moved to adopt the consent agenda including the payment of bills as follows:

Approval of Minute
* 9-27-21, 10-11-21

Amend Minutes
* 8-23-21

Approval of Hires

- Josh Ronningen– 9th Grade Girls Basketball
- Jordan Thompson-7th Grade Girls Basketball
- Rex Wiederanders, Robotics
- Angela Heithman, Senior Class Advisor

Approval of Resignations

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- * Chelsie Lockner, Senior Class Advisor
- Mindi Arendt, 9th Grade Volleyball, 2021 Season
- Tracy Nelson, Para-effective 10-20-21
- Jeff Hendrix MSHS Custodian, effect 10-28-21
- Anthony Brown, Assistant FB and JR. High Wrestling, 2021-22 Season

Approval of Tenure-none

Approval of Overload:

- Susan Peterson, 2021-22 School Year

Approval of Reassignment-none

Approval of Childcare leave:

- Chelsie Lockner, 2-19-22 through 5-13-22
- Nathan Warneke, 12-10-21m, 2 Weeks

Approval of Terminations: None

Approval of Fundraisers: None

Approval of Grants: None

Approval of Lane Change

- Marnie Vondal, BA-BA+10

Approval of Bill Consideration:

- Ms. Peters-October
- Ms. Roth-November

Mr. Wendt motioned to approve The Assurance of Compliance. Ms. Miller seconded the motion.

Ms. Bredehoft motioned to approve the Combined Polling Place Resolution. Ms Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Miller-yes, Ms. Bredehoft-yes, Mr. Wendt-yes, Mr. Lohman-yes, Ms. Peters-yes, Ms. Roth-yes

Mr. Harvey gave a construction update stating that ground has been broken on the band additions. They are anticipating the new construction areas of the HS/MS and Elementary School will be ready by early March. Repair of the gym floor has started and should be completed in a bout a month.

Patron Input was received. 16 Patrons spoke.

Mr. Harvey reviewed the District Covid Protocol. He stated that 2 weeks ago there were 34 active cases in the ZM school district, at the end of today there are 7 cases which brings the threshold below 1%. PreK-6 grae will go back to highly recommended masking.

Chair Roth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17PM. Ms. Peters seconded the motion.



9-12 September Students of the Month

