



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Students Come Back to a New Look

Welcome back to school, students and staff to the 2022-23 school year! This year we have many changes to be excited for as we move through the school year. The District is preparing this year with upgraded facilities, new programs, and new staff members. The challenges of the past few years are coming to an end and we now look forward to building a new vision for the Zumbrota-Mazeppa students community. The resources invested into our schools will now be blended into developing programs for our students.

We are nearing the completion of our facility upgrades. We will however be busy throughout the year finishing the details of the project to make sure everything is wrapped up. Just like building a home, the final details are what really gives it a sense of completion. Look for us to have fewer large scale renovations that interrupt normal student and community routine. That is exciting because we have lived with major construction for over 2 years.

New programs in the district include Zumbrota-Mazeppa taking back its food service from a management company model to a local District ran model and an expansion of our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. Having our own food service again is a huge undertaking and will take some time to get it to where the District's vision is: Having local control and providing more locally sourced foods with quality and affordability for students and families. Regarded Career and Technical Education, we have added staff for more student course choices in this area. Using our new Career and Technical Education space, we are adding some high technology programming and manufacturing equipment to the district. Prior to the renovations we did not have space for such programs and we are now grateful to be able to build this program area.

When the doors open this Fall, we have over 30 new staff members in the district. Programs that were previously contracted out and retirees make up the bulk of these new staff members. We welcome all of our new staff to the Zumbrota-Mazeppa Community!

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August 29-September 1 -Teacher Inservice
September 5-Labor Day—No School
September 6-Forst Day 7-12 Grade
September 6 & 7– Before School Conf. Prek—6
September 8-First Day K-6
September 12-First Day of Pre-School
September 12-School Board Work Session
September 27 - Open House
September 29-School Board Meeting



This year the School Board is setting a vision for the future of Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools by completing a Strategic Planning process. The goals of the last few years have largely been facilities for students and programs. With that being accomplished, we now turn to set a vision for what academic programs will look like at Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools. Like it or not, the pandemic has reshaped the way we do things and the skills students will need to be competitive in the job market for the careers required to do these new things. Working through the first half of this year, the district will be using planning groups made up of staff, students, and the community to help shape this Strategic Plan. The plan will set the direction of resources and programs that we must build to meet the goals of the Strategic Plan. We are very excited to start this process, obtain input from the community during the process, and to begin implementing the plan so we can build the programs that will benefit our students.

Welcome again to the 2022-23 school year. We have a lot to be grateful for and a great amount of wonderful things to be excited about!

2021-2022 YEAR AT A GLANCE

August 29-September 1-Teacher Inservice

September 5—Labor Day

September 6—First Day 7-12

September 8—First Day K—6

September 12—Preschool Begins

October 19—Early Release

October 20 & 21—MEA Conference/No School

November 4—End of 1st Quarter-Teacher Work Day
-No School

November 9-Early Release

November 10—Pre K—12 Conferences

November 17- Pre K—12 Conferences

November 23—Comp Day-No School

November 24 & 25—No School-Holiday

December 7—Early Release

December 23-January 2nd—No School-Winter
Break

January 3—School Resumes

January 11—Early Release

January 16—No School-Holiday

January 20-End of Q2

January 23-Teacher Inservice/Work Day

February 8—Early Release

February 17—Teacher Flex Day-No Students

February 2—No School-Holiday

March 8—Early Release

March 27-End of Q3-Teacher Work Day-No Students

March 28—Prek-12 Conferences

March 29—PreK—6 Conferences

April 7-No School/Holiday

April 10-Comp Day/No Students

April 12—Early Release

May 10—Early Release

May 29—Holiday-No School

June 2—Last Student Day

June 2-Graduation

June 5—Teacher Work Day

Early Release Time: Buses leave Mazeppa at
12:30 pm and Zumbrota at 12:45 pm



ZM Schools welcomes new staff!

- ◆ Tonya Constantine, MSHS Principal
- ◆ John Stapleton, MSHS Assistant Principal
- ◆ Kelly Fick, 9-12 Math
- ◆ Ross Fuchs, MS/HS Social Studies
- ◆ Megan Majerus, Special Education
- ◆ Tyler Smith, 7-12 Math
- ◆ AJ Yusten, MSHS CE Teacher
- ◆ Julia Anderson, 3rd Grade Teacher
- ◆ Jennica Hinrichs, Preschool, ECFE Teacher Coordinator
- ◆ Katherine Stone, MSHS Language Arts
- ◆ Ashlyn Waters, MSHS Special Education
- ◆ Amber Jentsch, 3rd Grade
- ◆ Faith Gehling, Long Term Substitute
- ◆ Cassie Schaefer, MSHS Special Education
- ◆ Laura Heiman, 5th Grade
- ◆ Samantha Wetzstein, Paraprofessional
- ◆ Britney Bannit, Paraprofessional
- ◆ Emily Klapperich, Paraprofessional
- ◆ Mary Erhardt, Paraprofessional

**Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools contracts school bus transportation through Palmer Bus Service of Zumbrota-Mazeppa. If you have questions on bus pickup/drop off times, bus numbers, routes or policies contact:
Zumbrota Bus Shed: 507-732-7670**

Important thing to remember

- ◆ **Have your child to their bust stop 5 minutes prior to pick up time.**
 - ◆ **Please have your child dressed appropriately for weather**
 - ◆ **Go over the bus rules with your child**
 - ◆ **Riding the bus is a privilege. Students will receive bus violation tickets when the rules are not followed.**
1. 1st Violation-Written Warning Report. A report will be send home with the student stating there was misconduct. A parent will need to sign.
 2. 2nd Violation-Written Report. A report will be sent home with the student stating there was misconduct. A parent will need to sign. Loses bus riding privilege for 1 day.
 3. 3rd Violation-Written Report and Conference. A report will be sent home with the student stating there was misconduct. A parent will need to sign. Student will lose bus riding privileges for 2-5 days, depending on the severity of the incident. A conference will be held with principal, bus contractor and parents
 4. 4th Violation-Written Report and Conference-A report will be sent home stating the student has now lost their bus riding privilege for the remainder of the school year. A conference will be held with the principal, bus contractor and parents.

Please note that route and shuttle buses are at full capacity. Palmer Bus Service of Zumbrota-Mazeppa request no extra student riders for birthday parties, sleepovers, etc. The only extra riders allowed will be emergency situations or a daycare issue.



ANNUAL PARENT NOTIFICATIONS

Minnesota Statute requires we provide annual notification to parents, staff, and students of Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools of the topics below. If you have any questions, please use the contact number found in the notices.

LEAD-IN-WATER ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

Minnesota Statute 121A.335 requires public school buildings serving kindergarten through grade 12 to test for lead in water every 5 years. This statute also requires school districts to make the results of the testing available to the public for review and to notify parents of the availability of the information. Notification may be accomplished by publishing a statement in the “Back to School” newsletter or publication that is available to staff, student, parents and the public.

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools is committed to providing a safe working and learning environment for employees and students. The district has developed a lead in water management plan and testing program that complies with Minnesota Statute 121A.335, as well as recommendations from the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA) of 1988 and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

For more information on Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools lead reduction and testing program, please contact the District at 507-732-1400.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools has an indoor air quality management plan that outlines specific policies and procedures used in district to address indoor air quality issues. The District Health and Safety Committee chaired by the Superintendent and the Institute for Environmental Assessment, the district’s health and safety consultant, review the plan annually. If you have any questions concerning indoor air quality or would like to use the EPA’s Tools for Schools checklists, please contact the District at 507-732-1400.

AHERA ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

During the past school year and continuing into the 2022-2023 school year, the following asbestos management plan activities have been or are currently being completed. These activities are pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency 40 CFR Part 763- “Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools; Final Rule and Notice.”

Two (2) Semi-Annual Periodic Surveillances

Asbestos removal for renovation projects

Notification of Asbestos Locations for Short-Term Workers (Electricians, Plumbers, etc.)

Training of District Personnel

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools has contracted with the Institute for Environmental Assessment to provide environmental consulting services.

The complete updated Asbestos Management Plan for Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools can be found in the District office or by phoning 507-732-1400. The Management Plan can be viewed, without cost or restriction, during normal working hours. Copies can be obtained for a fee of \$.10 per page. Any questions concerning this notice, or an explanation of our Asbestos Management Plan can be directed to the District at 507-732-1400.

PESTICIDE NOTICE

All MN schools are required to inform parents/guardians and school employees that they may request to be notified prior to pesticide application on school property. Pesticides include chemicals which are used to control insects, weeds, rodents or other pests as defined by the law (M.S.123b.575, Subd.9). To be notified about pesticide applications or any other questions regarding the District’s pest management practices please contact the District at 507-732-1400.

Tentative schedules for application of weed control chemicals and pesticide treatments are kept in the Custodial/Maintenance Office.



Annual Notification cont.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having such impairment. In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the ZM School District has the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices of the school system. Our school district (#2805) shall annually attempt to identify and locate every qualified individual with disabilities residing in our jurisdiction who is not receiving a public education. If you have a child thought to have a disability and want more information, please contact the Section 504 contact persons: Primary/Middle/High Schools: Katie G. Kennedy 507-732-7395 or Elementary School: Morgan Stamschror 507-732-1420.

Notes from the school nurse.....

Summer is winding down and it is time to start thinking about what paperwork needs to be turned in before students return to school in August/September.

Medications:

The health office requires new orders each school year for all medications. If your student requires daily medication or as needed medications for the 2022-23 school year please have your primary provider update medication orders and have them sent to the school.

Orders can be faxed directly to the school. Primary: 507-732-4522, Elementary: 507-732-1421, Middle School/High School: 507-732-4511.

All medications must be dropped off by an adult and may not be sent to school with student in backpack for the safety of our students. **7th grade parents and new students you may bring medications to the open house on 8/31/22 from 4-6 pm.**

Health Conditions:

We want to ensure that all students at ZM are healthy, safe and ready to learn. If you have a student with an ongoing health condition (Asthma, Allergies, Diabetes, Seizures, etc) please contact the health office so that we can have an up-to-date plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

Contact Tiffany Boraas, Licensed School Nurse with any questions for PreK- 6 via email: tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us or phone: 507-732-7848 or Sally Rude, Licensed School Nurse with any questions for 7-12 via email: sallyr@zmsch.k12.mn.us or phone: 507-732-7395

Required Immunizations for 12th graders, 7th graders and Kindergarten students:

Does your child have all the required immunizations for school???

Now is the time to turn in your child's immunization sheets! It is important that your child's paperwork is turned in to the health office prior to the start of the new school year. Students **WILL NOT** be able to start school in the September unless immunization are up to date and on record with the school by the first day of school. Immunizations are required by Minnesota law and must be completed before students can start school in the fall. Kindergarten, 7th grade and 12th grade students have several requirements. **All students in grades 7-12 need to show proof of a Tetanus Diphtheria booster shot and meningococcal vaccine after the age of 11 and meningococcal booster after age 16. A complete list of required immunizations is available on the ZM school webpage under the Health Services link under the Parents tab.**



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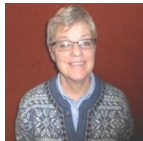
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