



September MASSP Principal Spotlight!

What was the journey to your current position?

Being a principal was not something I aspired to when I began my career in education in 2002. I began to think about it as a possibility though as I became more established in the classroom. I was a high school social studies teacher for 20 years before a role as a school principal became possible for me. I found that as I gained more experience and became more involved as a mentor in the school where I taught and helped several student-teachers with their experience that this was a career path I would become interested in. I was also active in my local EA and gained experience that way as well working with our building administration and helping with different roles that existed there.

In your current position, what are you most proud of?

Being a relatively new principal, one thing that I'm looking forward to this year is the REACH program that will start here this fall. Our staff spent a lot of time this past year looking at different ways that we can help kids in our district with challenges that they may have and what we can do as teachers to help. I am also looking forward to next year to potentially add some new class offerings for our students.

What keeps you coming back every day?

Relationships! We have a great staff and great students here at ZM! I want to do everything I can every day when I am in the building to help all of these people have success in the roles that they are in. I also love the new experiences and things that I am learning professionally every day.

What are some challenges you face as a leader?

Making sure I am doing everything I can to help staff and students in their roles here at ZM. I want to make sure that I do everything I can to keep great teachers in the classroom with our students. I also want to make sure I am doing everything I can to help students navigate through middle school and high school. Our world is changing so fast, and I want to make sure I am doing everything I can to help our students stay competitive and have great experiences preparing them for life beyond ZMHS.

What do you envision your legacy to be when you leave the principalship?

That I was someone who made a positive difference here in our district. That I encouraged people to try new things and think outside the box in order to find as many ways as possible for our students to have great experiences here at ZM MS/HS!

How do you find balance?

My family and I love to travel to northern Wisconsin to vacation. We love to fish and boat during the summer along with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in the winter.

What would you tell a new member entering the principalship this year?

Stick with it! MASSP has done a lot to help me as a new administrator. I also have a great network of support here in Southeast Minnesota. So many of my colleagues in other districts have been willing to help answer questions and offer time to me in this new role.



Zumbrota-Mazeppa

Student Flu Clinics

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Mazeppa Student Flu Clinic is from 8:30 am - 10:30 am.

Zumbrota Student Flu Clinic is from 11:30 am – 3:00 pm.

Registration is required and is now open.

Parents will need to fill out one registration form for each student.

Registration deadline is November 3rd at 11:00 pm.

Goodhue County Health & Human Services and Zumbrota-Mazeppa are partnering with Homeland Health Specialists to give flu shots to students during school.

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WHAT'S COMING UP?

NOVEMBER 2—BOARD WORKSHOP W/MSBA
NOVEMBER 6—END OF 1ST QUARTER
NOVEMBER 9—FLU CLINIC
NOVEMBER 9 & 16—PREK-12 CONFERENCES
NOVEMBER 13—WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 15—EARLY RELEASE
NOVEMBER 22—NO SCHOOL/COMP DAY
NOVEMBER 23 & 24—NO SCHOOL/HOLIDAY
NOVEMBER 27—SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Parents can register their children now by completing the online form using the link below:

[2023 School Flu Clinics - Goodhue County HHS \(cognitofrms.com\)](https://cognitofrms.com)

A list of insurances accepted is on the form. The vaccination will be billed to the child's insurance and will be provided for a minimal fee to those without insurance.

Paper forms can be picked up at the school or downloaded from the school's website and returned to school.

A Community Clinic is also being held from 3:30 – 6:00 pm at Zumbrota Cafeteria. This clinic is for anyone 6 months of age or older. Community Clinic registration link below:

[2023 Flu Clinics-Goodhue County \(cognitofrms.com\)](https://cognitofrms.com)

For questions, please contact your licensed school nurse, Tiffany Boraas at 507-732-7848 or email tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us or contact Odey Vazquez Luna, Public Health Nurse for Goodhue County Health & Human Services, at 651-385-6114 or email odey.vazquezluna@co.goodhue.mn.us



4th Graders and Mr. Cordes dressed up for "My Future is Bright day" during Homecoming Week.

Independent School District No. 2805
Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools
Monday, September 25, 2023

Member's Present: Jason Lohmann, Jean Roth, Stephanie Miller, Travis Liffbrig, Jake Rude-arrived at 7:01PM. Member's Absent: Angie Bredehoft.

Also Present: Mr. Barick, Mr. Rasmussen, Mr. Stapleton, Ms. Ahern, Jen Lohmann, Scott Marine and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen.

Jason Lohmann called the meeting to order at 7PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Stephanie Miller motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports:

Mr. Stapleton reports he held welcome back presentations for 7-12th grade students on the first day of school along with sending parent letters out explaining new policies. A parent survey was sent out regarding conferences. Fastbridge testing for 7th and 8th grade is complete. He is working on the Crisis Manual. Homecoming is coming together for next week.

Mr. Rasmussen reports that Elementary students are getting back into a routine. Lunch is going smoothly now that there are 2 lines. Homeland security was in the building to evaluate and offer suggestions. Fastbridge testing and the first data days are complete. Victor the Viking along with the SKOL line will be at the pep fests for Homecoming.

Ms. Ahern reviewed the Cougar Paw behavior and Monday morning meeting. She is receiving positive feedback regarding the Bridges Math Curriculum. Fastbridge testing should finish this week. 2 2nd grade students are Junior Crown Bearers for Homecoming.

Mr. Barnick gave an enrollment update. Palmer Bus company has hired a new coordinator. He has met

with the Park Board regarding moving the State Champion Signs so they are more visible. He has scheduled Coffee with the superintendent at Bridget's, Coffee Mill and Rumors. He is looking for a new reunification site for K-2 students. Joined the Youth Service Group to pick vegetables at Gerald Vandewalker's property that was donated to the ZM Kitchens.

There was no patron input.

Policy Review: Jean Roth motioned to approve the following policies: 910 Parent Input for Classroom Teachers, 911 Childcare, Alternative School Hours, 714 Fund Balances, 720 Vending Machines, 721 Uniform Grant Guidance, Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. Jake Rude motioned to amend policy 714 Fund Balances to state a minimum of 2 months of expenditures should be available. Travis Liffbrig seconded the motion. Jason Lohmann called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment failed 3-2. Jason Lohmann called for the initial motion again. Motion passed 4-1 with Jake Rude voting no.

2023-2024 District Goals. Stephanie Miller motioned to approve the 24-25 District Goals. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

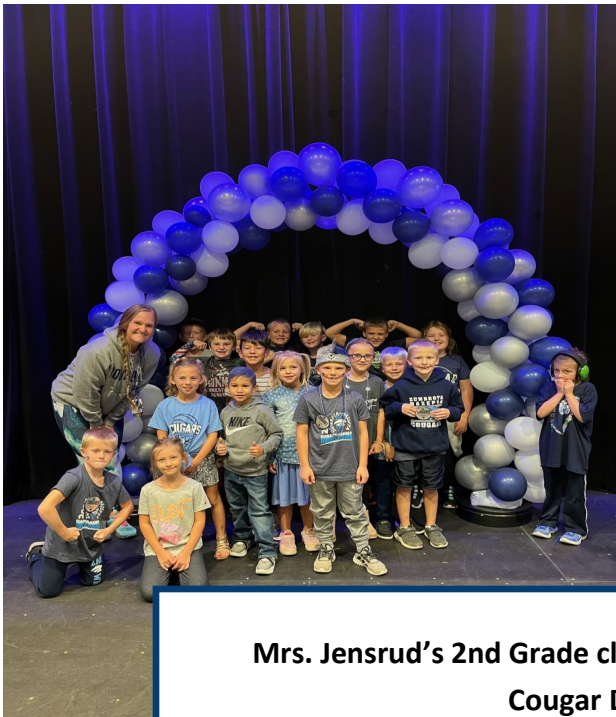
Policy 801 Equal Access to School Facilities: Jason Lohmann motioned to approve Policy 801 Equal Access to School Facilities as presented. Jean Roth seconded the motion. Travis Liffbrig moved to amend the policy stating that no club, group or organization is allowed to meet during school hours. Travis Liffbrig then amended his amendment to state that a club, group or organization that is not school sponsored can not meet during school hours. Jason Lohmann called for a vote on the amendment to 1st amendment: Failed 3-2. Jason Lohmann called for a vote on the 1st amendment to Policy 801: Failed 3-2. Jason Lohmann called for the initial motion again, Travis Liffbrig asked for a roll call vote: Miller=yes, Roth=yes, Lohmann=yes, Liffbrig=no, Rude=no, Bredehoft-Absent. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Travis Liffriq motioned to adopt the consent agenda along with the payment of bills. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried
2. Approval Minute: August 28, 2023 and September 11, 2023
3. Approval of Donations: Herzig Snow Removal LLC, Lake City - \$790 Snack Cart Scholarship and J&C Baggin LLC, Lake City - \$200 Snack Cart Scholarship
4. Approval of Lane Changes: Kelly Fick, BA+20-MA/BA+40, Amanda Braithwaite, BA+20-MA/BA+40, Megan Nelson, MA+10-MA+30, Lidia Wallerich, BA+10-MA/BA+40, Jena LeTourneau, BA-MA/BA+40, Darin Raasch, MA-MA+30, Rachel Dreyer, MA+20-MA+30 and Joel Johnson, BA+40/MS-MA+10
5. Approval of Bill Consideration: September - Travis Liffriq, October - Angie Bredehoft.
6. Jean Roth motioned to approve the Assurance of Compliance. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. 2023-2024 Calendar Change: Stephanie Miller motioned to remove an online learning day scheduled for February 7, 2024 and add an online learning day for 7-12 grade students on April 5th 2024 due to ZM hosting Solo Ensemble. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor.
8. Stephanie Miller motioned to Levy to the Maximum. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Jean Roth motioned to approve the 2023-2025 Community Education Contracts. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Stephanie Miller motioned to approve the 2023-2025 Head of Buildings and Grounds Contract. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jean Roth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Stephanie Miller, Clerk



**Mrs. Jensrud's 2nd Grade class celebrating Homecoming Week!
Cougar Day and Hat Day**



News from the School Nurse: October 2023

Health offices:

The ZM health offices have been very busy seeing students for illness, injuries, medication administration and health conditions. Please make sure to have current emergency contact information in the Parent Portal on Infinite campus 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 the following symptoms:

*If a student has a **fever** of 100 degrees or more, the student should stay home until 24 hrs AFTER the temperature has returned to normal (without the use of a fever reducing medication.)*

*If a student has **diarrhea** or has **vomited**, the student should stay home until symptom free for 24 hrs.*

*If a student has a **rash** that may be related to a disease, or the cause is unknown, please see a doctor before sending the student to school.*

If you are keeping your child home because of an illness, please call the school to report specific symptoms and/or diagnosis.

If your child tested positive for strep, your child should stay home until 24hrs after the antibiotic treatment has started.

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.

Hearing and Vision Screenings:

Hearing and Vision screenings have been completed for the following grades: 1st, 3rd, 5th, 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 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

Reminder: No School November 23, 24 and 25.



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/>

Customers will select "Zumbrota-Mazeppa" from the drop down menu. Click "submit"

- 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(no student order form)". Any fruit not ordered from an FFA member will need to be picked up the day it is delivered. An email will be sent out about a week prior to deliver (as soon as the fruit company schedules our delivery date). Pick-up will be included in the email sent out the week prior.
- Credit cards must be used for online payment and customers must pay at the time of the order.

If you have any questions, please contact FFA Advisor Nikkole Flaaen at nikkolef@zmsch.k12.mn.us

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, KTTC, KMSP, KARE , KAAL.

Zumbrota – Mazeppa Staff Spotlight

"Cindy has a desire to learn and goes above & beyond her job expectations each and every day. She prioritizes developing strong relationships with students and is always willing to step up and support her colleagues. We're grateful that Cindy is on our team!"



Cindy Billman
Paraprofessional &
Student Transportation



**ZUMBROTA - MAZEPPA
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Zumbrota – Mazeppa Staff Spotlight

"Ms. Klein is loved by our students and a go to person in our building to help with anything that is needed. Jen is the definition of a team player and an advocate for our students! We are so fortunate to have Jen on our ZM Team!"



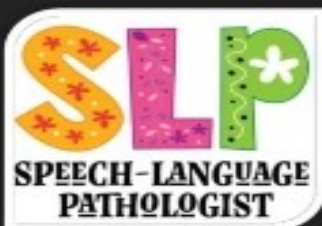
Jen Klein
Special Education Teacher: DCD



**ZUMBROTA - MAZEPPA
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

Zumbrota – Mazeppa Staff Spotlight

"Madi joined us this year as our new Speech Language Pathologist and her transition to ZM has been seamless! We are excited to have Ms. Green with us this year and look forward to her working with our students!"



Madi Green
Speech Language Pathologist



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