

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

- 5/2—Gr 5/6 Band & Choir Concert, 7pm, ZMES
- 5/6—FFA Banquet, 6pm, ZMHS
- 5/8—School Board Work Session, 7pm,  
ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa  
Cougar Care Registrations Forms DUE TODAY
- 5/9—Gr 7/8 Band & Choir Concert, 7pm,  
ZMHS Auditorium, Zumbrota
- 5/10—Walk to School Day.  
Community Clean-up Day. Early Release  
Cougar Care/Bright Beginnings Open
- 5/11—ZMHS Spring Choir Concert, 7:30 pm  
ZMHS Auditorium, Zumbrota
- 5/22—School Board Meeting, 7pm, ZMES  
Media Center, Mazeppa

- 5/25—Beginning Band Parent Night, 6pm, ZMES Mazeppa
- 5/29—No School/Holiday. Cougar Care/Bright Beginnings Closed
- 6/1—Last Student Day
- 6/2—Teacher Workday
- 6/3—Graduation



The ZM High School Art Show will be held May 11-18 with the open house held the same evening as the high school spring choir concert on May 11<sup>th</sup>. See you there!!

FFA Banquet will be held Sat., May 6 at 7:00 pm in the ZMHS Cafeteria in Zumbrota. Alumni are invited to attend.



Are you missing your favorite shirt? Hat? Mittens? Shoes? It is time to look in the box!! Items not claimed by June 2 will be given to charity!!

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Cougar Care & Bright Beginnings registration opens **May 1**. To be assured of your child's spot, return all the SUMMER REGISTRATION FORMS BY **MAY 8**. Check online at [www.zmschools.us](http://www.zmschools.us) for the forms.



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Home of the Cougars



## ZM MESSENGER

April 2017



Zumbrota's Covered Bridge

### ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE



Mazeppa's Walking Bridge

Week is May 1-5. Thank you to the entire ZM staff who always put our students first!!



2017 ZM Community Ed Summer Rec Brochures have been sent home with students....Check out the programs, classes & trips online at <https://zmps.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/home/>

Plan a great summer for your child!!

### ZM MARCHING BAND

The ZM Marching Cougars will perform a medley of patriotic songs this year as they gear up to participate in the hometown festivals of Mazeppa and Zumbrota this summer. Be sure to attend these parades and cheer on our Marching Cougar Band as they "Celebrate America"!



★ May 29—Zumbrota Memorial Day and Mazeppa Memorial Day

★ June 17—Zumbrota Covered Bridge Festival

★ July 7—Mazeppa Daze

This summer's theme will be "A Tribute to America" with the band performing the following patriotic favorites: America, the Beautiful, My Country 'tis of Thee, and The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

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### THIS GREAT HOME FOR SALE NOW!

Bids for the 2016-17 Vocational Construction House are now being accepted at the Superintendent's Office, 343 Third Ave NE, Mazeppa.

#### Minimum Bid: \$299,917

The house is located at 615 Golf View Lane, Zumbrota, MN. Questions? Contact the District Office at 732-1400 or Kevin Nelson at 732-7395. House booklets available upon request or in the school offices.



This is a beautifully constructed home on a spacious lot—don't let this opportunity pass you by if you are looking for a home in the ZM District.

### APRIL'S ADVENTURES IN LEARNING



1<sup>st</sup> grade students developed a dinosaur launcher—the dinosaur flew 22 feet!! Good engineering skills!



First graders met their reading goal in April!!



MS science students learned how to find the dew point—helpful info for our MN summers.



Advanced culinary students made pasta from scratch—no boxes here!



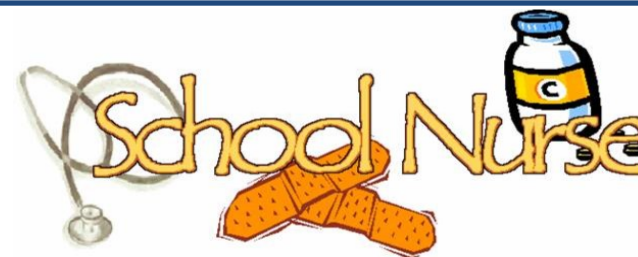
ECFE "See What I Can Do" fun



High School art students show off their scaled art posters—pretty impressive!



3<sup>rd</sup> graders peruse many picture books to determine the theme.



#### Medications:

The end of the school year is approaching fast!

Any medication in the health office must be picked up by an adult by the last day of school, Thursday, June 1.

**Medication will not be sent home with students.**

If medications have not been picked up by the last day of school, they will be disposed of. We will not store medication over the summer. The nursing staff appreciates your help with this.

**Immunizations:** Immunizations that the school has on record are viewable in the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Students will not be able to start school in the fall without up-to-date immunization records on file with the school.

#### Incoming Kindergarten Student Requirements:

- DTP—5<sup>th</sup> dose
- Polio—4<sup>th</sup> dose
- MMR—2 doses
- Varicella—2 doses
- Hep B—3 doses

#### Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grader Requirements:

- Tdap booster
- Meningococcal

#### Recommendation at 16 Years of Age:

- Meningococcal booster

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### CHOIR TRAVELS TO TENNESSEE

The ZMHS Choir traveled to Tennessee in March where they had the opportunity to tour Elvis Presley's Graceland and to perform on Graceland's Plaza. The choir, thanks to the Education Foundation, was able to record in Elvis's Studio B with Ben Knowlton performing a solo.



Students also visited the historic Ryman Auditorium where they were able to perform on the balcony for visitors to the auditorium.

Other sites of interest included The Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson; Beale Street; Country Music Hall of

Fame; the Grand Ole Opry; and the War of 1812 Military Encampment

The choir wishes to say a special thank you to the ZM School Board and administration for their continued support of the



Zumbrota-Mazeppa Music Department. They also want to say a big thank you to the Zumbrota-Mazeppa Education Foundation for sponsoring the Studio B recording session and the Wildhorse Saloon buffet and experience. They were definitely once in a lifetime experiences—thank you!! Finally, they would like to thank the ZM Choir parents, friends, and communities for their support of our vocal music education.



## THANK YOU EDUCATION FOUNDATION!



Thank you to the ZM Ed Foundation for their amazing support for our students. These instruments are being used by our students thanks to the Ed Foundation. The baby grand piano is the newest addition!

Michael Majerus sits at the gently used baby grand piano. Anja Thorson and Calen Scholl are holding mellophones. Alli Hunstad stands behind the bass drum that is sporting a new stand to hold it up. Taylor Benson is with our new tuba.

## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY IS MAY 10

ZM students will have the opportunity to participate in the National Walk to School Day on Wednesday, May 10. Last fall's Walk to School Day was such a positive experience for all as students walked into the schools already moving, smiling, and ready to learn! We are excited to make this an annual part of our school year.

Primary students be dropped off on West Avenue between 3rd and 4th Street, at the empty lot next to Hub Foods, where they will be met by ZM staff. Elementary students who ride the bus to school will be dropped off at the softball fields between 240<sup>th</sup> Avenue Way and West Cherry Street where they will be met by ZM staff. Middle and high school students who ride the bus to school will be dropped off on West Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, at the empty lot next to Hub Foods, where they will be met by ZM staff.

This is a fun, great start to the day for students and encourages healthy ways to keep moving every day!!



Mrs. Vondal's third graders celebrated Earth Day by cleaning around Mazeppa!

## Looking for a part time job?



Sugar Loaf Bus Service has a great opportunity for you driving school bus for the students of our district. Drivers are needed now for this school year. If you are interested, please contact Sugar Loaf Bus Service at 507-732-7670 and speak with Barb or Scott. They will even help you with the training!

The senior awards program will be held **Wednesday, May 17 at 1:00 pm** in the ZMHS Auditorium.

Orientation for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in the fall will be held in May. Sixth grade students will explore the middle school on May 19 where they will have a tour and meet with their mentors, as well as hear about classes and activities that are offered at the middle school. Second graders will tour the elementary on May 25 with the help of third grade mentors.

If you have a child transferring to ZM or moving to our district in the upcoming year and you would like them to attend one of the orientations, please contact Pam Langley at 507-732-1420, ext. 1117, and your child will be registered.



## School Board Meeting Minutes continued from page 4

- Childcare leave for Mae James beginning July 14 through October 6, 2017

The board adopted a resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teaching contract of Scott Esser, Lauren Asprey, and Katie Stark, probationary teachers, at the close of the current 2016-17 school year.

Discussion was held on CLEP (College Level Entry Proficiency) testing opportunities. In an effort to keep students in school at ZM and not pursuing post-secondary or online options, it was suggested that ZM fund half of each CLEP exam. The board approved this option with the following wording: the addition of College Level Entry Proficiency (CLEP) testing opportunities for students at the high school level effective 2017-2018, the Zumbrota-Mazeppa school district agrees to fund half of each CLEP exam. A single CLEP exam fee is currently \$80; therefore, the student will pay \$40 for each CLEP exam. The district will pay half only for exams that coincide with current curricular offerings. Students must be scoring in the A-B range in order to be eligible for the district to pay for half of the exam. Any student not meeting A-B criteria may take the CLEP exam; however, they must pay for the full cost of the exam. CLEP exams will be offered at the end of each semester.

A revised wellness policy was presented to the board for their review and possible adoption in May. The ZM wellness committee and both Goodhue and Wabasha Counties made recommendations for this policy that reflects the USDA Final Rule.

### Board Comments and Reports:

Mr. Wendt asked about repairs to the sidewalks around the high school. Mr. Anger will arrange to have Steve come to the May work session and report what work will be done this summer. There were no meeting minutes from the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative or the Southeast Service Cooperative. Mr. Wendt reported for the Goodhue County Education District.

### Pertinent Dates:

- May 2 - Gr 5 & 6 Band/Choir Concert, 7:00 pm, ZMES Gym
- May 4 - Gr 2 Musical, 7:00 pm, ZMHS Auditorium
- May 6 - FFA Banquet, 6:00 pm, ZMHS Cafeteria
- May 8 - School Board Work Session, 7:00 pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
- May 9 - Gr 7 & 8 Band/Choir Concert, 7:00 pm, ZMHS Auditorium
- May 10 - Early Release. Community Clean-Up Day
- May 11 - ZMHS Spring Choir Concert, 7:30 pm, ZMHS Auditorium
- May 17 - Senior Award Program, 1:00 pm, ZMHS Auditorium
- May 19 - Sixth Grade Orientation at Zumbrota
- May 22 - School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
- May 25 - Beginning Band Parent Night, 6:00 pm, Mazeppa. Third Grade Orientation in Mazeppa.
- May 29 - No School/Holiday
- June 1 - Last Student Day
- June 2 - Teacher Workday. Staff Recognition Breakfast, 7:30 am, ZM Cafeteria, Zumbrota
- June 3 - Graduation

There were no future agenda items and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

*Education comes from within; you get it by  
struggle and effort and thought.*

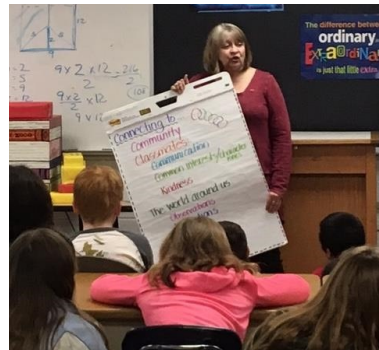
Napoleon Hill



## MIXING IT UP AT LUNCH

Elementary students had a fantastic opportunity to “MIX IT UP” at lunch on April 5 when they drew colored straws to show them which table to eat at that day. Students were randomly placed with classmates that they don’t normally eat with to give everyone a chance to get to know each other a

little better and maybe make new friends!! Just as Mrs. Langley showed students how to make a great salad by mixing different types of greens, when we mix up our friendships, we make amazing friends.



## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

The regular monthly school board meeting was held Monday, April 24 in the ZMHS Media Center. The usual business was conducted, including payment of bills.

### Reports:

Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. ZAP (Zeroes Aren't Permitted) started in April for grade 7 students. MCA testing began April 11 and the ACT test for juniors was administered April 19. Mr. Anderson reported that there will be room realignment in 2017-18 to allow 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders their own area. Prom will be held April 29 and the community cleanup day is scheduled for May 10.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary/elementary school. MCA testing is currently underway. Primary grades have held many of their musical performances in April and May and first grade held their poetry party earlier in April. Kindergarten roundup will be held April 28.

Mr. Anger reported that enrollment was 1,169 for April. The treasurer's report to the board was available for the board's review. He reported that the Zumbrota Community Trust and donations would pay for renovations to the tennis courts; the school will not fund the improvements. A WILD Day survey was available for the board's review; the results were positive for continuing WILD Days in the upcoming school year. The board gave approval for moving forward with the football uniform estimate; it was felt there is a need to reevaluate the entire uniform purchase cycle with the extracurricular committee. As of this meeting date, no bids have been received for the 2016-17 vocational construction house. The board felt the house should be listed for sale on Zillow and MLS.

There was no patron input.

### Old Business:

The board approved the gymnastics agreement between Pine Island Schools and Zumbrota-Mazeppa. It is similar to the soccer agreement currently held between the two schools.

### New Business:

The following personnel items were approved:

- Resignation of Rachel Tschann, high school/college program assistant, effective 8/31/16
- Resignation of Cecelia Olson, special education assistant in the primary, effective 4/28/17
- Change of assignment for Jodi Flynn, SPED teacher, to the elementary beginning in the 2017-18 school year and Jacob Smith, SPED teacher, to the high school beginning in the 2017-18 school year
- New Hires for 2017-18: Kiersten Jacobsen, SPED teacher; Shelby Latusek, Grade 2 teacher; Jesse Duden, Kindergarten teacher; Megan Nelson, School Readiness/Preschool teacher; Whitney Seyffer, Grade 1 teacher.
- New Hire Hannah Ivchenkov, program teaching assistant, beginning April 10, 2017
- Overload for Mary Kleese, high school SPED teacher, for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter

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## ZM TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Cindy Wendroth has been a Kindergarten teacher for 32 years - 28 of those at Zumbrota-Mazeppa. Cindy was named ZM's "Teacher of the Year" at the annual Teacher Awards night on March 25th. Below is a portion of the nomination letter from her fellow teachers:

"Cindy is also an amazing kindergarten teacher. She is always extremely patient, kind and positive. Her students love her and strive to meet her expectations. Many staff themselves have either had or been a parent to a student in Mrs. Wendroth's classroom. Cindy is known throughout the district as the face of ZM Kindergarten!"

On behalf of the entire ZM family - Congratulations Cindy Wendroth!



## GRADE FIVE MATH MASTERS COMPETE

Zumbrota-Mazeppa fifth grade Math Master teams competed against fifteen other schools from southeast Minnesota on Friday, April 21 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester. There were thirty three teams comprised of 165 individual fifth graders competing for Math Master awards. The ZMES teams came home with several awards, showing that their hard work over the past several months paid off. The fact drill displays 75 problems similar to 14 x 3

- 12 x 3 that the students must solve within 5 minutes. All 10 of the ZMES students scored in the top 40% with Kaleb Lochner receiving an award for 20th place, Hunter Streit getting a medallion for 10th place, and Anna Cylkowski attaining 5th. In the overall competition, which includes story problems solved both individually and as a team, the team of Anna Cylkowski, Rachel Krinke, Preston Ohm, Ryan Stimets, and Hunter Streit received ribbons for placing eighth out of the 33 teams at Bethel Lutheran. Because of the large number of fifth



grade teams that registered, there was a similar fifth grade event with almost as many teams competing at Zumbro Lutheran also on Friday.

Math Masters is a competition for fifth and sixth grade students that is statewide throughout Minnesota with a few competitions held in Iowa, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Colorado. Each team pays a nominal fee at registration, but it is mostly sus-

tained by grants from companies such as Hormel that support forums to encourage young people to become interested in the sciences and math. Math Masters has been providing these competitions for nearly thirty years.

Front row: Landon Flaaen, Ella Meyers, Megan Jaspersen, Ryan Stimets. Back row: Kaleb Lochner, Anna Cylkowski, Katelynn Albrecht, James Eickhoff, Rachel Krinke, Preston Ohm, Hunter Streit, and Coach Denise Leedham

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## WHAT TO DO ON RAINY DAYS? and HONORING A LONG TIME TEACHER



When its gloomy and rainy outside, students in Ms. Roberts' class love to "read by their flashlight" - it's a fun way to lighten up the day!

First grade teachers, Mrs. Alders, Mrs. Boraas, Mrs. Ferguson, and Ms. Bonde, paid tribute to Mrs. Richardson during their annual Poetry Party by reading a poem in her honor. Mrs. Richardson will be retiring at the end of this school year. She has taught at the Mazeppa and Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools for 43 years and will be missed by staff and students!

