

WHAT'S COMING UP?

- 11/3**—Grade 4/5 Musical, ZMES Gym, 7:00 pm
- 11/4**—1st Quarter Ends
- 11/7**—No School/Teacher Inservice
- 11/9**—Early Release
- 11/10 & 14**—K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-8 pm.
- Flu Clinic 3-6 pm. School Board Work Session 7:00 pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
- 11/15**—Grade /8 Band/Choir Concert, ZMHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm
- 11/17**—Grade 1 Concert, ZMHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm
- 11/23**—No School/Comp Day
- 11/24 & 25**—No School/Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/28**—School Board Meeting, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa, 7:00 pm
- 11/30**—Grade 1,2,3 Trip to Orchestra Hall

The ZM Dance Team will be hosting try-outs starting October 24th-28th after school from 3:30-5:30 pm in the auditorium.

No experience is required to try-out or join a team. In order to be eligible to practice or even tryout, you must first make sure you go to the ZM webpage and fill out the online registration form and pay the athletic fee.

We encourage anyone who is interested to come check it out and take part in the fun! We hope to see you there!



VETERANS DAY PROGRAMS

Because the gym is under construction in Zumbrota and there is not room for the entire student body in the auditorium, ZM has decided to hold two Veterans' Day programs this year.

There will be a program held for K-6 students in Mazeppa beginning at 1:00 p.m. on November 11 in the large gym.



There will also be a program held in the high school auditorium in Zumbrota beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend these programs. Help our students honor our veterans on this remembrance day.

Notice of Non-Discrimination: Zumbrota-Mazeppa ISD 2805 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Superintendent Gary Anger, 343 Third Ave NE, Mazeppa, MN 55956. Telephone: 507-732-1400.

BOOK FAIR TIME!!

It is time for the annual Book Fair! There are hundreds of great reads available for purchase during the Nov 10 and 14 Parent-Teacher Conferences or, if you prefer, you can shop online. Just click on these links and enjoy!

Elementary- <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/zumbrotamazepamidschool>

Primary- <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/zumbrotamazepaelemschool>

Online shopping begins Nov 1 and runs through Nov 17



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Home of the Cougars



ZM MESSENGER

October 2016



Zumbrota's Covered Bridge

ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE



Mazeppa's Walking Bridge

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION ISD 2805

Notice is hereby given that the general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2805, Zumbrota-Mazeppa, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 8th of November, 2016, for the purpose of electing three school board members for four year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

VOTE FOR UP TO THREE

- Jason K. Lohmann
- Paul Stimets
- Dirk Niles
- Angie Bredehoft
- _____ Write-in, if any
- _____ Write-in, if any
- _____ Write-in, if any

The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

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Goodhue County

- Belle Creek Twp at Town Hall, 36500 County 7 Blvd., Belle Creek Township
- Minneola Twp at Town Hall, 16004 Sherwood Trail, Minneola Township
- Pine Island Twp at Town Hall, 48980 County 55 Blvd., Pine Island Township
- Roscoe Twp at Town Hall, 47498 150th Ave., Roscoe Township
- City of Zumbrota, City Hall, W1 & W 2, 175 West Ave, Zumbrota
- Zumbrota Twp at Town Hall, 20991 County 4 Blvd., Zumbrota Township

Olmsted County

- Oronoco Twp at 115 Second Street NW, Oronoco

Wabasha County

- Chester Twp at Bellechester Community Center, 101 First Street, Bellechester
- Mazeppa Twp at Town Hall, 59176 County Road 71, Mazeppa
- Zumbro Twp at St. John's Lutheran Church, 80 Third Avenue South, Hammond
- City of Mazeppa at Community Center, 278 First Avenue North, Mazeppa

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.



WALK/RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY



ZM students took part in the National Walk/Ride to School Day on Tuesday, October 11. All students had the opportunity to start their day off right with a walk on a nice fall day, energized to begin their learning! Thanks to the Goodhue County Dairy Association for providing cheese sticks!!



WINTER PAC MEETING IS NOVEMBER 1

The winter PAC (Parents/Athletes/Coaches) meeting will be held Tuesday, November 1st at 6:00 pm. All Athletes must register for their winter sport under the Activities tab on the school web-site (www.zmschools.us). The online registration process takes the place of the MSHSL health/parent permission forms we have used in the past. If you were out for a fall sport, go to the activities tab and log into your family account - all of your information is saved. You will need to update the sport, sign electronically, and submit.

We encourage you to use the school store for payment of your activity fee. You can also pay by cash or check in the office.

Athletic fees: Gr 7-8 \$80.00 Gr 9-12 \$105 Family Max \$360

Reminder - You must have a current athletic physical signed by a physician on file at the school. Athletic physicals are needed every three years (typically in the 7th and 10th grade).

If you are out for one of the following sports you and a parent should be in attendance: Dance Team, Boys Basketball, Wrestling and Girls Basketball.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FIELD TRIP OF A LIFETIME

ZMHS Spanish teacher Ashley Buchholz is sponsoring an 8-day service-learning tour to Nicaragua in June 2017. This trip is open to all ZM students in grades 9-12 and adult travelers, as well. Description of the trip below.

Dive into Central America where you'll explore the culture and land of Nicaragua. From the capital of Managua to the historic center of Granada, you'll experience the vibrant heritage as you explore local markets, coffee plantations, traditional art, and more. As you're immersed in local culture and connect with nearby communities, you'll gain insight into the challenges they face—from natural disasters to political unrest—and work together with Free The Children to build long-term solutions through a series of small service projects.

If interested in traveling or sending your student on this trip, please contact Ashley Buchholz for more information at ashleyk@zmsch.k12.mn.us.



Health offices: The month of September recorded a total of 892 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.

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. The following information is intended to help guide you with making that decision.

- If a student has a fever of 100 degrees or more, the student should stay at home until 24 hours 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 hours.
- If a student has a rash that may be related to disease, or the cause is unknown, please see a doctor before sending the student to school.

Hearing and Vision: With the help of some excellent volunteers, we screened grades 1, 3, and 5 for hearing and vision. Re-screens were completed and referral letters have been sent home. Remember that you may refer a student to me any time during the school year for a hearing or vision screening.

Feel free to contact Tiffany Boraas, Licensed School Nurse at any of the health offices with questions or concerns.

STUDENT FLU CLINIC

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools will be partnering with Minnesota Visiting Nurses Agency (MVNA) to provide flu vaccinations to ZM students during school.

The Flumist (nasal vaccine) will NOT be available this year as it was found to be ineffective. Experienced nurses will help children who are anxious about shots.

We will be holding a flu clinic at each school:

- The Zumbrota flu clinic (K-2 and 7-12) will be on Thursday, November 10th in the auditorium from 8:15 am -11:15am.
- The Mazeppa flu clinic (3-6) will be on Friday, November 11th from 8:30 am -10:30 am.

Sign up is now available (one form per child in grades K-12) on the link below. Registration closes on November 4th at 11:00 p.m. Go to the link below to register:

https://www.cognitofrms.com/GoodhueCounty1/_2016SchoolFluClinicPermissionForm

MVNA accepts all insurances. Children without health insurance can be vaccinated under the MN Vaccines for Children Program. A \$15 fee is requested, which can be waived if unable to pay.

For questions, call Tiffany Boraas, Licensed School Nurse at 732-7848, or email her at tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us or Goodhue Co. HHS at 651-385-6114.



FLU CLINIC FOR PUBLIC

Goodhue County Health & Human Services will offer a flu vaccination clinic for children and adults on November 10. The Quadrivalent Flu Injection will be offered for children 6 months and older. FluMist nasal vaccine **WILL NOT** be offered due to new CDC recommendations.

Bring a copy of your insurance card. A MnSure representative will be available at the clinic to help individuals apply for health insurance through the MnSure program. If you choose to pay privately, cost is \$35. Children and adults without insurance may qualify to receive flu vaccinations for \$20 or less.

Cash only, no checks please. Questions? Call 651-385-3200. Your best protection is a shot!!

**Influenza Vaccination
Clinic
November 10, 2016
3:00-6:00 pm
ZM Primary School**

MIX IT UP AT LUNCH DAY

Tuesday, October 25th was "Mix It Up At Lunch Day" for Elementary Students in grades 3 through 6. The goal of this fun lunch-time project was to help students build connections with their classmates through activities designed to foster friendship with those they might not typically know well or sit with during the lunch time.



There is a Junior and Senior parent letter on the school website with some important information regarding the school year. Also, all seniors receive alerts from our senior class advisors regarding important upcoming events.

College fair for juniors- October 27th juniors can take the bus to Rochester Community and Technical College to visit with college representatives. Over 100 colleges will be in attendance. All juniors received a letter with a permission slip for this.

Reminder to students that college representatives make visits to our school and you may meet with them with any questions that you have. We also have a college transitions specialist come every Wednesday to work with students. If interested in meeting with this person contact Ms. Hunstad.

Tuesday, November 15th will be our annual 6th Grade KINDNESS Retreat. The retreat, under the direction of Pam Potter Langley, School Counselor, will be guided by Youth Frontiers staff, along with mentorship from ZM 10th and 11th graders. The day long retreat will provide an amazing opportunity for our 6th graders to experience activities and programming that helps all to be mindful of the place that KINDNESS plays in our relationships and success at school.



CHRISTMAS ANONYMOUS

In past years, the ZM School District has hosted a Christmas Anonymous Program that was funded by generous contributions through community members and school fundraisers (FFA). Due to IRS rule changes, this year we will be working with the following community organizations to support families in need this holiday season.

The following are a couple options if you would like to participate in the Christmas Anonymous program:

1. Goodhue County Social Services—Contact them by Tuesday, November 1. Please note that the first 300 families will be chosen to participate in this program. Call Mary Weberg at 651-380-8332.
2. Christmas Community Connection—this program is for families in need where they can receive items such as gift cards, paper products, hygiene products, winter gear, and laundry soap. Distribution date is Thursday, December 15 from 2:00 –6:00 pm at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Zumbrota (enter at the south doors).

—There are no income guidelines

—First come first serve basis

—Questions? Call 651-212-8816

3. Toys for Tots (<http://www.toysfortots.org/>) in Wabasha/Goodhue/Olmsted Counties

Please contact any of the ZM School offices if you need help finding resources to support your family or for support we provide as a school district. Contact Katie Kennedy, MSW, LGSW, School Social Worker at 507-732-7848, ext. 1124.



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Pertinent Dates:

- a. November 3– Gr 4/5 Musical, ZMES Gym, 7 pm
- b. November 4 – End of 1st Quarter
- c. November 7 – No School/Teacher Inservice. HVL Honors Concert at Hayfield 4:00-7:00 pm
- d. November 8 – Election Day
- e. November 9 – Early Release
- f. November 10 – K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 p.m. Flu Clinic 3:00-6:00 pm, ZM Cafeteria, Zumbrota
- g. November 14 – Special meeting to canvass election results at 6:30 pm with work session following immediately, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa. K-6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm.
- h. November 13 – 19 – American Education Week
- i. November 15 – 7/8 Band & Choir Concert, ZMHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. Grade 6 Kindness Retreat
- j. November 17 – 1st Grade Concert, ZMHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- k. November 23– No School/Comp Day
- l. November 24 & 25 – Thanksgiving Holiday/No School
- m. November 28 - Regular School Board Meeting, ZMES Media Center, 7:00 p.m.
- n. November 30 – 1st-3rd Grade Field Trip Orchestra Hall

Future agenda items include the UNESCO solar proposals and the field trip policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them become what they are capable of becoming.
- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe -

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular monthly school board meeting was held Monday, October 24, 2016 in the middle/high school media center in Zumbrota. Business was conducted as usual, including payment of bills.

Recognition: Mr. Anger recognized the Mazeppa Senior Citizens for their \$250 donation for school supplies. The FFA was also recognized.

Reports:

Kim Hillberg from CliftonLarsonAllen reported on the 2015-16 school audit. She presented a PowerPoint slide presentation in addition to going over the financial statements. The audit was reported as a clean audit.

Brian Wright from Lunchtime Solutions reported on the food service program. He reported that meal counts were running steady with breakfast up a little and lunch down a little.

Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. The curriculum committee met and discussed new course proposals. The registration timeline for the 2017-18 school year has been shared with teachers with a December 21 deadline for class changes. Attendance at teacher conferences was low in October. There will be one more night of conferences in November. A graduation survey was conducted and the consensus was to leave it at 7:00 pm on Saturday. Mr. McAthie has been named Section 1A Athletic Director of the Year and will be honored at a banquet on October 28.

Ms. Ahern reported in Mr. Rasmussen's absence. Both the Mazeppa and Zumbrota Fire Departments were recognized and thanked for their day long fire training. The Walk to School Day was a success and the Title I night was well attended. Due to the gym floor construction in Zumbrota, K-6 will hold their Veteran's Day program in Mazeppa and the 7-12 program will be held in the auditorium in Zumbrota.

Mr. Anger reported that the October enrollment was 1,192. The treasurer's report to the board was available for review. The school board candidate forum was held October 10 and the school board election is November 8 as part of the general election ballot. Mr. Anger encouraged everyone to vote.

Mr. Wendt reported for the Goodhue County Education District, Mr. Grudem for the Southeast Service Cooperative, and Ms. Roth and Ms. Hinchley for the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative.

Old Business:

Mr. Anger presented a copy of the UNESCO Solar Program Options summary for the board's review. UNESCO narrowed the proposals down to three and the board will act on one of the proposals at a future meeting. Mr. Anger will send the entire proposal report to the board prior to the next school board meeting.

Students participating in FCCLA and FFA were in attendance to report to the board on their request for lettering. Each student explained why lettering was important and how the criteria was developed for this request. The board did approve each organization's request for lettering as per the criteria they devised.

The board approved the revised MSBA policies presented at the September meeting: #506 Student Discipline, #520 Student Surveys, and #529 Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students.

The Dover-Eyota School District #533 submitted a request to be dropped from the Dodge County Wildcat Cooperative beginning with the 2017-18 school year, which the ZM board did approve.

There was no patron input.

New Business:

The following personnel items were acted on:

Resignations:

1. Lisa Nelson, Jr High Girls Basketball coach, beginning with the 2016-17 school year,
2. Cougar Care High School Assistants
 - A) Lucas Ziemba, 8/10/15,
 - B) Noah Prodzinski, 8/30/15
 - C) Toni Tiedemann, 8/30/16

New hires:

1. Program High School/College Assistants:
 - A) Kamren Lodermeier, 9/15/16,
 - B) Kayla Stensrud, 10/31/16

and to approve an addition of a SPED para in the elementary to Jenny Berkner's assignment as an early childhood para, beginning 9/30/16.

The board approved the PEIP renewal rates as presented. A special meeting to canvass the election results was set for Monday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the ZMES Media Center in Mazeppa. The school board work session will immediately follow the special meeting.

Mr. Anger noted that ZM does not have a field trip policy. A policy from MSBA was available for review; the board will look it over and discuss it at the November work session.

Each year school districts must submit the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination. Submission is now online only; no paper copy is needed for state submission. However, the school board must still approve the submission, which the board did.

There were no additional board comments, but ZM's Head of Buildings and Grounds, Steve Pahl, was in attendance to report on the progress of the gym floor. He informed the board that the November 18 deadline would be met according to the company installing the flooring.

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SNAPSHOTS AT ZM



From showing Mr. Anger our iPads, to leaf jumping, to Daily 5 reading skills, to making ice cream, to finding textual evidence to support their opinions in language arts, or to visiting the apple orchard, ZM students are busy learning and having fun this fall!!



FFA TRAVELS TO INDIANAPOLIS



Ten ZM FFA members attended National Convention in Indianapolis October 19-22. Members learned a lot on tours at Ozark Fisheries, Umberger Show Feeds, and Hunter's Honey Farm. Members also listened to motivational speakers at general sessions, listened to National Officer retiring addresses, watched members receive awards, and met a lot of people at the career fair. Lastly, members got to attend the Chris Young and Cole Swindell concert on Wednesday and the rodeo on Thursday.

Pictured to the right is the Dairy Judging team. The Dairy Judging team recently competed at regions and advanced to state! They will compete at MN FFA State Convention in April. Team members include: Ben Thompson, Hayden Voxland, Riley Anderson, Shelby Betcher, and Makayla Arendt. Congratulations to Makayla Arendt and Ben Thompson for placing in the top 10 individually. Everyone had a great time at the convention!!

