

## WHAT'S COMING UP?



- 5/3—Gr 7/8 Band/Choir Concert, ZMHS Auditorium, 7 pm
- 5/6—Community Clean Up Day (MS/HS Students)
- 5/7—FFA Banquet, 7 pm, ZMHS

**IT IS TIME** to clear out the Lost and Found tables at school. Items not claimed by the end of the year will be given to charity!!



- 5/10 Gr 5/6 Band/Choir Concert, ZMES Gym 7 pm
- 5/11—Early Release. Cougar Care/Bright Beginnings Open. Also the CC/BB registration deadline
- 5/12—ZMHS Choir Concert, ZMHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm
- 5/23—School Board Meeting, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa 7 pm
- 5/26—Beginner Band Parent Night, Mazeppa, 6 pm
- 5/30—No School/Holiday. Cougar Care/Bright Beginnings Closed
- 6/2—Last Student Day. Early release 1:25 Mazeppa and 1:40 Zumbrota
- 6/3—Teacher Workday
- 6/4—Graduation



**Thanks to everyone who put students first at ZM!!**

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**PROM is**

Saturday, April 30  
with Grand March  
beginning at 4:45 pm  
in the HS gym.  
Doors open at 4:15 pm  
Admission is \$2.  
Dinner/dance from  
7:00-11:30 pm at St.  
James Hotel. After prom party will  
be held from 12:00-4:00 am at the

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343 Third Ave  
Mazeppa, MN 55956  
Home of the Cougars



## ZM MESSENGER

APRIL 2016



Zumbrota's Covered Bridge

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



Mazeppa's Walking Bridge

### NHS INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

Eighteen students were inducted into the ZM Chapter of the National Honor Society on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The four pillars of the National Honor Society include scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students must have a 3.0 or higher GPA to be eligible and must fill out an application to show their leadership, service, and character. Congratulations to these outstanding high schoolers!



Front Row: Rheis Jensen, Addison Mueller, Greta Gartner, Alex Torgrimson, Anna Schueler, Layla Sjolander, Brianna Albers, Katia Beebe, Ben Thompson. Back Row: Lyndsey Quam, Janessa Grim, Tyler Stene, Jarret Haglund, Lauren Miller, Hayden Voxland, Kevin Nordquist, Ian Niles, Dalton Ludington.

### EARLY RELEASE MAY 11

(buses leave Mazeppa 12:30 pm and Zumbrota 12:45 pm) No School May 30—Memorial Day Holiday

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

### SUGAR LOAF NEEDS YOUR HELP

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 and in the upcoming 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!



## SUMMER MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE

Be sure to make time this summer to enjoy ZM’s Marching Band at the area festivals—here are the dates they are performing:

**May 30**—Memorial Day in Mazeppa and Zumbrota

**June 11**—Volksfest in Goodhue

**June 18**—Covered Bridge Festival in Zumbrota

**June 19**—Winona Parade

**June 26**—Water Ski Days in Lake City

*On June 30, the band leaves for their trip to California! They will participate in parades at Huntington Beach and the Pacific Palisades. While in California, they will visit Disneyland, Hollywood, Worlds of Color Show, and go to Newport Beach. They will return home July 7.*

**July 8**—Mazeppa Daze Parade in Mazeppa

## CHOIR AND BAND STUDENTS EXCEL

Congrats to Emily Haugen on being accepted into the FFA State Choir that will perform on April 25th as part of the FFA State Convention and to Layla Sjolander for being accepted into the MN All-State Lutheran Choir. She will participate in a choral camp and then the choir will tour the state of MN in June. Go to <http://www.maslc.org/index.html> to learn more about the choir.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School Vocal Music Department attended the Section 1 Solo/Ensemble Music Contest in Cannon Falls, MN. Z-M Vocal students competed very well in this contest.

The following students received a “superior” rating for their vocal solos: Dalton Ludington (baritone), Ben Knowlton (tenor), Anna Schueler (alto), Jackson Duncan (tenor), Sabrina Spratte (soprano), Layla Sjolander (mezzo-soprano), Caleigh Avery (alto), Nathan Horsch (baritone), Haley Ellingson (soprano), Maddie Banks (soprano), Emily Haugen (soprano), Brynn Karstens (soprano), Kallie Alders (soprano), Isaiah Jurrens (tenor), and Alex Moreno (tenor): received a perfect score 40/40 for “Loch Lomond” arranged by Carl Deis.

Vocal ensembles receiving “superior” ratings were and Anna Schueler, Haley Ellingson, and Maggie Gunhus (vocal trio), Maggie Gunhus and Sarah Baack (vocal duet), and Guys Group: Nathan Horsch, Dalton Ludington, Alex Miller, Alex Moreno, and Ben Knowlton (vocal quintet). Earning “excellent” ratings were these soloists: Ashlynn Taft (alto), Briana Dose (soprano), Hailee Hammel (soprano), and Aby Mielke (soprano). Ensemble “excellent” rating performances: Dalton Ludington and Layla Sjolander (vocal duet) and Jeremy McDonough and Casey Klein (vocal duet).

Zumbrota-Mazeppa is extremely proud of all the students who participated in this year’s competition. Also a thank you must go out to our awesome accompanists: Greta Gartner, Anne Wilson, and Susan Peterson. Vocalists are taught by Susan Peterson.

ZM band members were well represented at Solo Ensemble Contest on March 31 in Cannon Falls. Students receiving a rating of **Superior** were: Rebecca Steffes, Kellie Nordquist, Anna Schueler, Maddie Banks, Sophie Holm, Savannah Meyer, Stephanie Everly, Madison Brooke, Breanna Haag, Rachel Tschann, Casey Dykes, Kevin Nordquist, Cooper Utley, Sophie Levi, and Derek Stehr. Students who received a rating of **Excellent** were: Kalli Alders, and Roslind Anderson. **Best in Site** Recipients were: Kellie Nordquist, Kevin Nordquist, Sophie Holm, Savannah Meyer, Stephanie Everly, and Madison Brooke.

Back row-left to right: Sarah Baack, Jeremy McDonough, Nathan Horsch, Alex Moreno, Maddie Banks, Isaiah Jurrens, Jackson Duncan, Abigail Mielke, Alexander Miller. Middle row-left to right: Dalton Ludington, Sabrina Spratte, Caleigh Avery, Maggie Gunhus, Ben Knowlton, Kallie Alders, Hannah Mickow, Layla Sjolander. Front row-left to right: Casey Klein, Brynn Karstens, Emily Haugen, Greta Gartner, Ashlynn Taft, Anna Schueler, & Haley Ellingson



## MARCH (AND APRIL) MADNESS HITS ZM



Every month is busy in a school, but March and early April seemed to have more than its share of activities. Read about them here!



Second graders traveled to the Ordway Theater in April to see a Mongolian group perform. Pictured are students from Mrs. Webster’s class up and close to the stage area!

ZM teachers met afterschool to learn about co-teaching in the classroom; an interesting new teaching concept.



Mr. Cordes’ third graders received a reward for learning all their math facts in March!!



Six high school students and teacher, Josh Boraas, traveled on April 12 to Washington D.C. for a whirlwind tour of the Holocaust Museum and other D.C. sites. Students making this trip included Savannah Meyer, Madison Brooke, Sarah Holst, Lexi Macht, Breanna Haag, Anne Wilson.

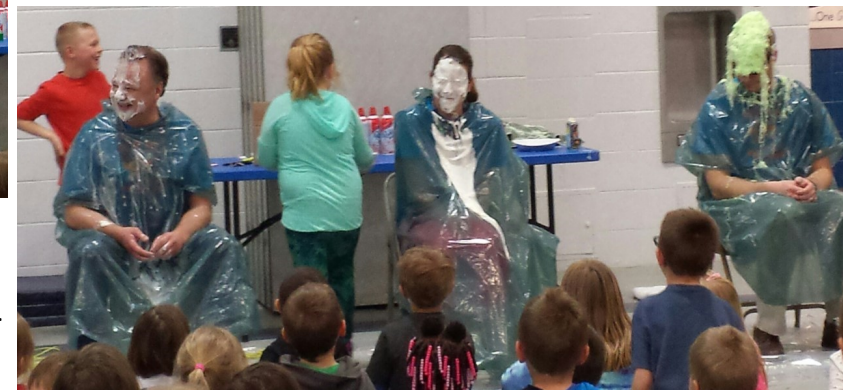


Teachers helped students get ready and energized for the upcoming MCA testing season by performing a song and dance routine set to Jackson Five music. Students loved it and the teachers danced up a storm!!

### HERE'S A PIE IN YOUR EYE!



K-2 primary students celebrated the tremendous job they did during Jump Rope for Heart in February. Nearly \$8,000 dollars was raised and donated to the American Heart Association.



The students with the highest donation amounts were able to put pie in the faces of Mr. Anger and Ms. Bangert. Mr. Rasmussen also had to wear some silly string! Great job raising \$\$\$!!!

### TRAP SHOOT LEAGUE

The ZM trap team is off to a great start this year. There are currently 22 boys and girls competing for ZM Schools, which explains why the clay target league is the fastest growing sport in the state. This past year the board approved student lettering in the sport if specific criteria is met. For more information please visit our ZM schools web page, under extracurricular activities.



Members of this year's team include Jason Albers, Dean Anderson, Taylor Blakstad, Carter Cordes, Richard Gehrke, Sarah Gehrke, Caleb Groby, Caleb Hinrichs, Ryan Horsch, Tristan Johnson, Ben Klapperich, Dalton Ludington, Weston Mehrkens, Zach Miller, Amber Mitchell, Alex Nelson, Aubrey Reuter, Brittany Sanborn, Zach Sanborn, Alyssa Sommerfield, Zach Stensrud, and Erick Swanson.

### Congratulations to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter ROAR Recipients



Melanie Schwartz (7<sup>th</sup> gr), Vincent Herges (8<sup>th</sup> gr), Jacob Burdick (7<sup>th</sup> gr)  
Missing: Peyton Jervis (8<sup>th</sup> gr)



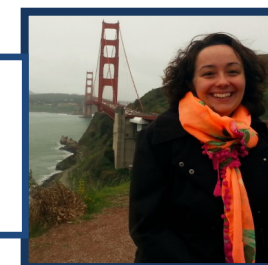
Left to right: Layla Berg (9<sup>th</sup> gr), Chloe Berg (11<sup>th</sup> gr), Garrett Langbehn (11<sup>th</sup> gr), Mason Lemmerman (10<sup>th</sup> gr), Kaci French-Erickson (10<sup>th</sup> gr), Rebecca Steffes (12<sup>th</sup> gr) and Robby Pollitt (12<sup>th</sup> gr).  
Missing: Zach Bredehoft (9th grade)

### WHAT IS AMITY?

The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District has been implementing the Amity Program since the Spring of 2000. Through this program, ZM students are introduced to the language and culture of foreign countries, enhancing their perspective of the world. In the past sixteen years, ZM families have hosted approximately thirty interns from at least eleven different countries including Germany, Spain, China, Taiwan, France, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay, Argentina, and Chile.



Emma Moran is 23 years old and from Valladolid, a city in the north central part of Spain, and she is staying with the Laura and Brian Haugen family in Zumbrota.



Ingrid Carluer is 23 years old and from a small town called Chauffailles in Burgandy, France. She is staying with the Stacie and Matt Anderson family in Zumbrota.

Each year ZM has two Amity interns who stay for the entire school year. This year, Emma Moran, of Spain, works with the 7-12 grade Spanish students, and Ingrid Carluer, of France, works with the K-6 grade students.

The Amity interns stay with host families within the community and the program is currently looking for host families for next school year. If anyone is interested in hosting an Amity intern please contact Lisa Nelson at [lisan@zmsch.k12.mn.us](mailto:lisan@zmsch.k12.mn.us) or 507-732-7848.

### INFLUENZA

The ZM Health Office has been seeing students complaining of influenza-like symptoms, including fever, cough, and sore throat. If your child is experiencing these symptoms or has a fever, please have your child stay home to help decrease the chance of spreading the virus. If you need more information, go to this website: <http://www.zmschools.us/sites/zmschools.us/files/flufacts.pdf>



### NURSE NOTES

Parents are reminded that the nurse's office should have on file documentation of your child's immunizations prior to the start of the 2016-17 school year. The following immunizations are required:

- Incoming Kindergarten Students:
- DPT—5th dose
  - Polio—4th dose
  - MMR—2nd dose
  - Varicella—2 doses
  - Hepatitis B—3 doses

Incoming 7th Graders:

- Varicella—2nd dose
- Tdap booster
- Meningococcal (new immunization)

**If you choose to exempt any immunizations, please call the nurse for a form.**

**Medications:** Medications will need to be picked up by an adult before the last day of school. Medications will not be stored over the summer.

**Any medications not picked up will be disposed.**

**CALENDAR ALERT:** The Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine Center will offer sports participation exams on Sat., August 6, 2016 in the Sports Medicine Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Dan Abraham Healthy Living Center building in Rochester from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. There will be a \$20 fee (cash or check only).



6<sup>th</sup> grade girls observed Earth Day with trash cleanup at recess

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the ZM School Board was held April 25 in the media center in Zumbrota. The usual business was conducted, including payment of bills.

Reports: Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. He explained the self-paced learning program teachers observed at Farmington and would like to implement at ZMHS. Targeted services are finished for the school year; there are plans to possibly expand the program in the next year. The science position has been filled and interviews are being conducted this week for the family consumer science position.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary/elementary school. MCA testing will be wrapping up soon. Staffing updates for 2016-17 include 1st grade – Melissa Boraas; 3rd grade – Anne Paukert; 4th grade – Todd Cordes; 6th grade – Jill Ziebell; and Title I – Mary Jo Schwartau. Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for April 29 and work is beginning on the playground for installation of new equipment.

Mr. Anger reported that April enrollment was 1,155. The treasurer’s report to the board was available for review.

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

There was no patron input.

Old Business: Mr. Anger updated the board on the construction houses. There is a closing date set in June for the 2014-15 house in June. An open house was held April 24 for the 2015-16 home. Bids will be accepted for this home until Monday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Superintendent’s Office in Mazeppa.

Mr. Anger updated the board on the status of the Q Comp application. The committee has the application nearly done; it will be presented to the board for approval at the May meeting and then submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education.

The anaphylaxis policy that was reviewed in December was approved as an addendum to the current wellness policy.

The contract for playground equipment from Weber Recreation and Miracle Recreation Equipment was approved.

Mr. Anger updated the board on the facilities improvement through the UNESCO Company. UNESCO is meeting with vendors; it looks like a solar rooftop project will be the first item undertaken. More information will be available by the May board meeting.

Lunchtime Solutions was approved as the food service management company for ZM beginning in the 2016-17 school year.

New Business: The following personnel items were approved:

- Correction to March meeting minutes: Kim Huneke is resigning, not retiring, at the end of the 2015-16 school year,
- Resignation of Megan Nelson, high school SPED assistant, at the end of the 2015-16 school year.
- New hires: Kaitlyn Hinchley, program high school/college assistant, beginning April 4, 2016; Isaac Tschann, Jr Hi track coach, beginning April 4, 2016; Alyssa Bangert, 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach; Joel Johnson, middle school general science teacher, beginning in the 2016-17 school year.
- reassignments beginning in the 2016-17 school year: Terin Olson, from Cougar Care special education assistant to elementary special education assistant; Lisa Nelson, from assistant to head volleyball coach; Angela Heitmann, from 8th grade to assistant volleyball coach; Todd Stockmo, from 7th to 9th grade boys basketball coach.
- To approve tenure for to approve tenure for the following: Dave Anderson, Josh Boraas, Tony Brown, Brad Haugen, and Mark Moran.
- To approve childcare leave for kindergarten teacher, Heather Decker, beginning July 26, 2016.

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## KINDERGARTEN TO HIGH SCHOOL

Learning at ZM continues at all levels. Kindergarten students have been bringing book buddies home and have read 1, 139 books. They received a certificate and a Popsicle for all their hard work! Meanwhile, high school students participated in an interactive science class where they were able to watch a kidney transplant, ask questions, and learn through the marvels of technology!



## SEARCHING FOR THE LIRPA LOOF BIRD

Mrs. Paukert's class was out on April 1<sup>st</sup> trying to lure the elusive Lirpa Loof bird out of hiding with its favorite food, carrots. This bird is only seen in the area the first few days of April. Unfortunately no sighting happened, but, on return to



the classroom, they discovered that if you flip the bird's name around, it says April Fool. The students enjoyed this little prank and some were able to get family members out looking for this elusive bird also.



## School Board Meeting Minutes, continued from page 4

The board approved an increase in rates for the Child Care program, commencing September 1, 2016. Rates have not been increased in over ten years.

School buildings were recently tested for radon and found to be within guidelines. The report was available for board review.

Mr. Anger, Anne Solberg, Laura Skogen, Quinn Rasmussen, and Jill Ziebell presented “A-ZM” at the Hiawatha Valley Teachers United meeting. It was so well received at the meeting that the group was asked to present at MEA this fall. Mr. Anger will try to set up a video presentation for the board in May.

Approximately thirty teachers attended the co-teaching workshop presented in April. There has been interest in trying the co-teaching model in the next school year.

There was discussion on creating a special ed director/assistant principal position in the next school year. It was felt there is a need for an additional person who is able to assist with the principal duties. Discussion centered on whether to make this a Goodhue County Education District position or a ZM position. The board gave permission for Mr. Anger to research this and bring a recommendation back to the board at the May meeting.

Mr. Anger went over the curriculum review process and recommendations submitted by the curriculum committee. \$34,084 was approved for supplies and \$26,120 for summer curriculum writing, for a total of \$60,204. This is well under the \$100,000 that is usually set aside for curriculum.

There were many policies recently revised by the Minnesota legislature and recommended by MSBA for revision. They were available for board review and will be presented at the May meeting for

approval.

The board approved renewal to the Minnesota State High School League in 2016-17.

Grant Voth was in attendance to discuss the 1:1 initiative and to give the board information on what is planned in the 2016-17 school year. He informed the board that teachers would like to have devices go home with students in the next school year. In order to find out who has a device and who does not, he would like to run a tech fair where parents are invited to view the chrome books and then decide whether they wish to purchase one for their child, lease one from school, or use a check out system for students who do not own or lease a device. Information will be sent to parents prior to the start of the 2016-17 school year so plans can be made and budgets finalized.

Pertinent Dates:

- May 3 – Gr 7/8 Band/Choir Concert, ZMHS Auditorium, 7:00 pm
  - May 7 – FFA Banquet, ZMHS Cafeteria, 7:00 pm
  - May 9 – School Board Work Session, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa, 7:00 pm. Construction House Bids Due 10:00 am, Superintendent’s Office
  - May 10 – Gr 5/6 Band/Choir Concert, ZMES Gym, 7:00 pm
  - May 11 – Early Release
  - May 12 – ZMHS Choir Concert, ZMHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm
  - May 23 – School Board Meeting, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa, 7:00 pm
  - May 26 – Beginning Band Parent Night, Mazeppa, 6-7 pm
  - May 30 – No School/Holiday
  - June 2 – Last Student Day
  - June 3 – Teacher Workday. Staff Recognition Breakfast 7:30 am
  - June 4 – Graduation
- There were no future agenda items. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

## SIXTH GRADERS LEARN ABOUT POEM STRUCTURE



Sixth grade students have been studying poem structure and poetic elements; as part of this study, students chose a professional poem to analyze. They had to determine the tools used (figurative language, form, symbolism, imagery, repetition, rhyme) and write a response telling what they thought the poem was really about. After that, they were able to write their own poems using the same tools.

