

WHAT'S COMING UP?

- 8/24**—School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, ZMHS Media Center, Zumbrota
- 8/31—9/3**—Staff Workshop Week
- 9/2**—Grade 7-12 Open House, 6:00-7:30 pm
- 9/8**—First Day School Grades 7-12
- 9/8 & 9**—Preschool Conferences Grades K-6
- 9/10**—First Day School Grades K-6
- 9/14**—First Day School Preschool, School Board Work

- Session, 7:00 pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
- 9/16**—Early Release. Buses leave Mazeppa at 12:30, Zumbrota at 12:45
- 9/21—25**—Homecoming Week (Tailgate Party 9/25 at Football Field)
- 9/28**—School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa



Welcome to 2015-16

NEED TO SAVE SOME \$\$\$\$

Save Receipts for School Supplies! Minnesota Revenue offers two valuable tax benefits for parents who purchase school supplies for their K-12 students, the K-12 Education Credit and Subtraction. These benefits can reduce parents' taxes to increase their refund, but is only available for those who keep their receipts. Purchases for most school supplies, field trips, and musical instruments for school band are eligible. Most Minnesota parents qualify for the K-12 subtraction, which reduces their taxable income. Parents under certain income limits may also qualify for the K-12 credit, which can refund up to 75% of their costs – even for parents who don't owe any taxes. Visit the Minnesota Revenue website for details.

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.


SEPTMBER 2, 6:00-7:30 PM
OPEN HOUSE FOR GRADES 7-12




ZM Mission Statement:

"Building a bridge to the future where all individuals have the opportunity to reach their full potential in a safe, challenging learning environment."

Zumbrota-Mazeppa ISD 2805
343 Third Ave
Mazeppa, MN 55956
Home of the Cougars



ZM MESSENGER

August 2015



Zumbrota's Covered Bridge

ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE



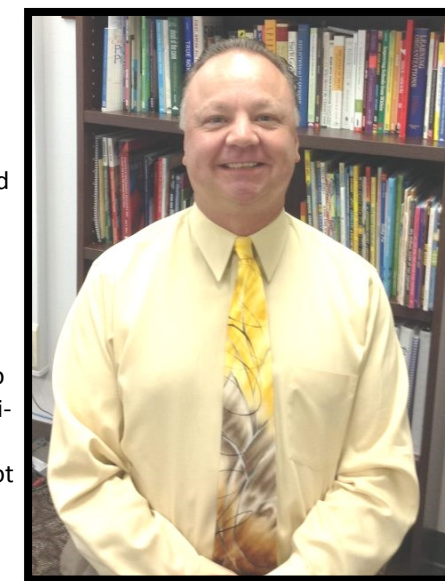
Mazeppa's Walking Bridge

SUPERINTENDENT WELCOME

It is with a great sense of "Cougar Pride" that I welcome you all to the 2015-16 school year.

The beginning of a school year brings a mixed bag of emotions for students ranging from excitement to trepidation. As the new Superintendent of Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools, I share the same emotions of our students (and family members). Even if any of us are nervous about a new school year, I am certain that this will be a school year full of incredible learning and discoveries. In my career of over 25 years as an educator, I know I have learned new things and experienced great joys every year.

My primary work this summer has been to learn how to "appreciate the past and embrace the future" in Zumbrota and Mazeppa as I help the staff in our school district work to serve our students and community. With this in mind, the Zumbrota Mazeppa School Board, staff and I plan to bring to prominence our new theme, "Zumbrota Mazeppa Schools: A Bridge to the Future" to our entire community. The beauty and history of the bridges in our community serve as the perfect symbol for helping our students appreciate the amazing past accomplishments here, while crossing bridges with an eye on being prepared for jobs that have not even been created yet.



My sincere thanks to all of you in our community for making me feel so welcome already. I also want to express my gratitude to the dedicated and hard-working ZM staff and School Board, who have been very impressive in their collaboration and professionalism. I promise to reciprocate with your students and help build the most welcoming school culture of any school district in Minnesota. Please join us this year as we build a strong "Bridge to the Future" together.

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WHO'S NEW THIS YEAR?

ZM has many new faces this school year—all eager to continue the tradition of excellence at ZM.

- Superintendent**—Mr. Gary Anger
- MS/HS Principal**—Mr. David Anderson
- Preschool/Learning Readiness**—Ms. Micayla Ryan and Ms. Tracy Agrimson
- 1st Grade**—Ms. Megan Ferguson
- 3rd Grade**—Ms. Marnie Luke
- 4th Grade**— Ms. Amanda Braithwaite
- Primary SPED**—Ms. Haley Mackin
- Art**—Ms. Khendra Johnson

- MS/HS Math**—Mr. Mark Moran
- Social Studies**—Mr. Joshua Boraas
- ALP**—Mr. Tony Brown
- Phy Ed**—Ms. Alyssa Bangert
- Media Specialist**—Mr. Brad Haugen
- SPED Education Assistants**—Ms. Jody Ayres, Ms. Wendy O'Reilly, and Mr. Daren Wingert
- Elementary School Media Center Assistant** — Ms. Pamela Stehr
- ZM is also excited to have a **School Resource Officer** in the school this year—Ms. Shannon Clemenson
- Welcome to all the new ZM staff!

NEW LOOK TO WWW.ZMSCHOOLS.US

The school website will have a new look beginning this school year. Plans are in the works to revamp the site to meet the needs of parents and students in an efficient, useful manner. Log on to www.zmschools.us for everything you need to know.

2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION

Need to know what's happening daily in our schools? The school website, www.zmschools.us, is a valuable resource tool to keep parents and students up to date on student activities, announcements, sports, weather-related school closings, grades, or any number of daily questions. You can also pay fees, deposit money in your child's lunch account, or register for Community Ed classes.

Parents are strongly encouraged to sign up for the **Infinite Campus Parent Portal** to access your child's lunch accounts, report cards, and other vital information. The permission form is available on the webpage under Infinite Campus (left hand side of the homepage). Fill out the permission form and return it to a school office, along with a photo ID, for verification. If you have previously set up your portal rights, it is not necessary to repeat each year.

The **Messenger** component of Infinite Campus will be the provider for instant alert messaging. As long as you have a phone number in Infinite Campus, you will receive emergency alerts from the school. Your child's school office can answer any questions you may have regarding emergency alerts.

Lunch payments can be made online through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. This real-time service enables parents to see their child's lunch account activity on a daily basis. Questions should be addressed to Brian Wright, food service manager for Lunchtime Solutions.

What else should you be aware of?? ZM has an **attendance policy** and students are expected to be in school unless they are ill or have medical or dental appointments which cannot be scheduled outside of the school day, or if there is an emergency at home.

Parents should call their child's school office by 8:00 a.m. or earlier if their child will be absent. Students who wish to be excused during the day must present a written notice or parents must call prior to 8:00 a.m. on the day they will be excused. Parents also have the option of emailing the office secretary prior to 8:00 a.m.

Driving in school zones—Defensive driving is the name of the game around schools! Children should be taught to stop and look before crossing the street to enter vehicles and to obey crossing guards and playground supervisors. The administration requests that parents not drive into the loading area of the primary school between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days. Students should be picked up on Mill Street only. In Mazeppa, buses load on the east side of the school on Third Avenue. Streets are very busy during loading and unloading times so extra caution must be exercised.

Note: When visitors/parents/students park at the Mazeppa site, it is important that private driveways or public access roads are not blocked. The Wabasha County sheriff will authorize the towing of any vehicle blocking these sites. Call 507-732-1400 if you have questions.

2015-16 YEAR AT A GLANCE

Aug. 31-Sept 3	Teacher Inservice/Workdays
Sept. 2	7-12 Open House 6-7:30 pm
Sept. 7	Labor Day
Sept. 8	First Day School Grades 7-12
Sept. 10	First Day School Grades K-6
Sept. 14	First Day School Preschool
Oct. 12	Gr 7-12 Parent-Teacher Conf 4-8 pm
Oct. 14	Early Release
Oct. 15, 16	Ed MN Conferences/No School
Nov. 10	K-6 Parent—Teacher Conf 4-8 pm
Nov. 12	K-12 Parent-Teacher Conf 4-8 pm
Nov. 18	Early Release
Nov. 25	No School/Comp Day
Nov. 26, 27	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 9	Early Release
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	Holiday Break
Jan. 4	School Resumes
Jan. 13	Early Release
Jan. 22	End 1st Semester
Jan. 25	No School/Teacher Workday
Feb. 10	Early Release
Feb. 12	No School/Teacher Flex Day
Feb. 15	Holiday/No School
Mar. 1	No School/Teacher Inservice
Mar. 7, 15	Parent-Teacher Conf. 4-8 pm
Mar. 25	No School/Holiday
Mar. 28	No School/Comp Day
Apr. 13	Early Release
May 11	Early Release
May 30	No School/Holiday
June 2	Last Student Day
June 3	Teacher Workday
June 4	Graduation

Early Release Times: Buses leave Mazeppa 12:30 and Zumbrota 12:45 pm.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

ZM has a tradition of offering quality preschool programs for our earliest learners, including a number of different education programs for children between 33 months of age up to kindergarten. Programs such as Jumpstart Preschool, Learning Readiness Preschool, and Early Childhood Family Education prepare our youngest learners for school readiness. These programs are offered at the Zumbrota site in the Early Education and Childcare Center.

Bright Beginnings Preschool Age Children is available for children 33 months or older. The program offers varied experiences in socialization and play in a warm, colorful environment, allowing your child to grow and develop at a pace that is just right for them. For children enrolled in Preschool through Community Education this is a convenient location for working parents. Bright Beginnings is located in the Childcare Center and staff will take your child to and from preschool classes.



Cougar Care is for children ages kindergarten through grade 5. The program offers before and after school age care. Children arrive between 6:00 and 7:30 a.m. for child-care in the morning. At 7:30 a.m., K-5 go to the primary and elementary schools. After school children arrive between 3:00 and 3:15 p.m. and the center is open until 6:00 p.m. The school age program offers children a place to feel safe and have fun with activities, crafts, games, cooking, outside & inside play, homework room, and more. It is a wonderful program for busy, working parents.

3 and 4 Year Old Preschool programs offer children a chance to learn and socialize in a classroom setting with energetic, engaging teachers. Parents can sign up for morning or afternoon classes that run for approximately 2 1/2 hours. This is a great opportunity for children—call Community Ed for additional information.

SCHOOL NURSE NOTES by Karen Moyer, Licensed School Nurse

Hello from the Health Office! The health offices are open and ready to help students with any needs that arise during the year. Please contact Karen Moyer, LSN, prior to the school year regarding health conditions and medications.

Hearing and vision screening will be completed September 22nd for grade 1 and on September 24th for grades 3 and 5. Call the office if you would like to volunteer to help! If you DO NOT want to have your child screened, please send a note to the office stating your request. Any student who needs to be rescreened will be screened two weeks later by a school nurse. Referral letters will be sent home for parents to follow up with an eye doctor.

For any medications that need to be administered at school, a Medication Authorization form must be completed and signed by a parent and a physician. See Health Services on the school website to print the form. All medications must be brought to school by an adult.

As always, if you have questions, please feel free to contact me. Looking forward to a great year! Karen Moyer, LSN.

Turn in your immunization sheets—it is important that your child's paperwork is turned in prior to the start of the school year.

YOU "CAN" HELP!! By collecting labels from Campbell's Soup, General Mill Box Tops for Education, using your Kwik Trip card, and saving pop tabs, you can help fund school and student activities, such as lyceums and field trips. Recycling ink cartridges, cell phones, working or non-working lap tops, video cameras, and other accessories also provides extra dollars for student activities. The proceeds from this saving provides vital services for our students. Turn them in to your school office or send them with your student—your support is always appreciated!

Volunteers are always welcomed at ZM—they provide valuable services for the students and teachers and offer enrichment for the volunteer! Contact any of the school offices if interested. THANK YOU!!!!

LUNCHTIME SOLUTIONS

ZM has contracted student meals through Lunchtime Solutions again in the 2015-16 school year. We are looking forward to another year of healthy meals being served to our students on a daily basis. You may access the website of Lunchtime Solutions at www.lunchtimesolutions.com. Menus will be posted monthly on the school website at www.zmschools.us.



Any questions regarding school meals should be directed to Lunchtime Solutions Food Manager, Brian Wright, at 732-1414, Option 9 or you can email him at brianw@lunchtimesolutions.com.

Growing Healthy Kids™ is the strongest program to help families succeed at raising healthy kids, teaching healthy food choices and healthy lifestyle learning. Growing Healthy Kids is what we are all about.

ZM has adopted a student lunch account policy which will be in effect beginning in the 2015-16 school year. Questions regarding this policy should be directed to either Brian Wright, Food Service Manager, or the Superintendent of Schools. A complete copy of the policy is available at www.zmschools.us or in the school offices.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION—SECTION 504

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, talking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working,
- Has a record of such an impairment,
- Is regarded as having such impairment.

In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the Zumbrota-Mazeppa 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 undertake 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 person listed: Angela Hunstad – Primary 507-732-7848 and Middle/High School 507-732-7395 or Pamla Langley – Elementary School 507-732-1420. These are the people responsible for assuring that District 2805 and its buildings comply with Section 504.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The district health office would once again like to remind parents that immunizations are required by Minnesota law and must be completed before students can start school in the fall. Kindergarten and 7th grade students have several requirements, including having received the chickenpox vaccine or showing proof that they have had the disease. All students in grades 7-12 need to show proof of a Tetanus Diphtheria booster shot after the age of 11.

If you have lost your mailed information, contact the school offices for a complete list of required immunizations or check the school webpage under the Health Office link under District Services.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

The ZM Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 24 in the Middle/High School Media Center in Zumbrota. The usual business was conducted, including payment of bills.

Ms. Bonnie Kronenberger, who recently retired, was recognized with a plaque and bell for her years of service to the Alternative Learning Program at ZM.

There are 24 new staff members at ZM this year, including a school resource officer, new superintendent, and new middle/high school principal. It was noted that the hiring should be complete now with the exception of one possible paraprofessional.

Dawn Guse, student council advisor, presented a plan to the board for a tailgate party prior to the Homecoming football game on September 25th. Serving would be from 5:00-6:30 pm with the price to be determined. She is soliciting donations and asking the businesses in the communities to sponsor "tailgate games" with prizes, etc. The goal is to have more student, community, and school organization participation.

Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. The 7-12 schedule has been completed and live in Campus. Several 7-12 grade teachers have begun Illuminate training; Illuminate is an online data storage warehouse for tracking student data and building assessments. Open house will be held September 2 from 6:00-7:30 pm. One additional change this year is that all students, grades 7-12, will begin school at 8:00 a.m. on September 8; in past years, grades 10-12 reported at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary and elementary schools. Summer school has been completed and staff are busy preparing their rooms for the start of the school year. New teacher day was held August 17 and Laura Skogen and Mary Graves were thanked for their facilitation of the day. The 6th grade teachers will hold an iPad meeting for students and parents next week; one meeting in Zumbrota and one meeting in Mazeppa.

Mr. Anger thanked everyone for their support during the recent passing of his father. He reviewed the workshop week agenda with the board. The treasurer's report to the board was available for review.

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

Old Business: The materials bid for the 2015-16 vocational construction house was approved from Pine Island Lumber in the amount of \$89,179.93. Tri-State Business Machines of Rochester was approved as the supplier for district copiers and the lease with Excel was not renewed.

New Business: Resignations were approved, with thanks for service, for the following: Richard Tessler, social studies teacher, effective July 28, 2015; Scott Boldt, elementary night custodian, effective August 21, 2015; Shannon Johnson, 7th grade girls basketball coach; Todd Cordes, JV baseball coach; Josh Funk, 7th grade football and boys basketball coach; Ben Hinrichs, 8th grade football coach.

The retirement of Deborah Husbyn, 4th grade teacher, effective July 28, 2015, was approved with thanks for her service.

The following new hires for 2015-16 were approved: Pamela Stehr, Elementary Media Assistant; Alyssa Bangert, Phy Ed Teacher; Joshua Boraas, Social Studies Teacher; Amanda Braithwaite, 4th Grade Teacher; Debbie Husbyn and Carlene Lawler, ADSIS Teachers; Jordan Thompson, 7th Grade Football Coach; Todd Stockmo, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

Childcare leave was approved for Micayla Ryan for twelve weeks with estimated leave date beginning November 21, 2015 and for Stephanie Foss for twelve weeks with the estimated leave date beginning November 27, 2015.

The reduction of Jill Forrey as the extra middle/high school office secretarial staff was approved.

Overloads were approved for the following teachers in 2015-16: Angela Heitmann, Ashley Buchholz, Mary Post, and Patricia Steffes.

The board approved the student council tailgate party scheduled for September 25.

The school mission statement was revised to read: "Building a bridge to the future where all individuals have the opportunity to reach their full potential in a safe, challenging learning environment".

The 2015-16 Professional Development Plan was approved as presented as well as the 10-Year Long Range Facilities Management Plan. The use of Annie the Therapy Dog was approved for the elementary SPED Resource Room. The 2015-16 Restrictive Procedures Plan was approved as presented.

Pertinent Dates:

Aug 31 – Sept 3 – Staff Workshop Week. All staff workshop Aug. 31.	Sept 8 – First day school for grades 7-12	Sept 16 – Early Release
Sept 2 – Grade 7-12 Open House, 6:00-7:30 pm	Sept 10- First day school for grades K-6	Sept 21 – 25 – Homecoming Week
Sept 7 – Labor Day Holiday	Sept 14 – First day school for preschool	Sept 28 – School board meeting, ZMES Media Center, 7:00 pm
	Sept 14 – School board work session, ZMES Media Center, 7:00 pm	

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

2015-16 FEE SCHEDULE

FOOD SERVICE & SPECIAL MILK

Single Breakfast—Regular Price

K-6	7-12	Adult
\$1.35	\$1.35	\$1.90

Free breakfast available to Kindergarten & reduced-eligibility students in the 2015-16 school year.

Single Lunch—Regular Price

\$2.45	\$2.60	\$3.65
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Free lunch available to reduced-eligibility students in the 2015-16 school year.

Minimum Deposit in Food Service Account

\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
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Snack Cart Cost Per Year

\$50.00	N/A	N/A
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Single a la carte milk

\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.45
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Preschool Milk Break

\$35 per year

Grades 1-6 Milk Break

\$40 per year

ADMISSIONS

Athletic Events

Student	Adult	Senior Citizen
\$4.00	\$6.00	\$2.00

C-Squad Events

\$1.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
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Plays/Concerts

Donation

Season Tickets

\$30.00	\$60.00
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ZM District residents 62 years of age or more may request a free senior citizen pass.

ATHLETIC & ACTIVITY FEES

Maximum family fee charge of \$360/year. No athletic/activity fees charged to families on the free/reduced meal program.

7-8	9-12	Cheerleading
\$80.00	\$105	\$80.00

Includes Musicals & 1-Act, 3-Act Plays

\$35.00	\$35.00
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Includes Speech, Mock Trial, Math League

\$25.00	\$25.00
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PARKING FEES

Personal vehicle mileage reimbursed at the federal rate.

9-12	\$30.00/YEAR
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SUBSTITUTE PAY

Student

Rate/Hour	\$8.75
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Custodian

\$11.10

Secretary

\$11.24

Aide

\$10.85

Driver

\$10.85

Teacher

\$100.00/day

DRIVER EDUCATION

Classroom/Behind the Wheel

9-12	\$325.00
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BAND INSTRUMENT RENTAL

Yearly Fee

5-6	7-8	9-12
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$75.00

A SUMMER OF FUN

It was a busy, entertaining summer for ZM's students—from traveling to Costa Rica to dancing in the park!



Four ZM Spanish students and teacher, along with area schools, traveled to Costa Rica in June.



Drum Major, Rebecca Steffes, was honored as the best in Winona.



The ZM Marching Band performed in numerous area parades this summer, making our school proud!



Cougar Care kids were entertained all summer with many fieldtrips and events. It was a great summer!!

ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS FOR 2015-16

Indoor Air Quality: The Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public School has developed an indoor air quality management plan for the district. The management plan addresses policies and procedures that will be used in the schools to address indoor air quality issues. The Health and Safety committee reviews the management plan and the Board of Education approves the plan for the 2015-16 school year. If you have questions concerning the indoor air quality or would like to use the EPA Tools for Schools checklists on indoor air quality, please contact the District Indoor Air Quality Coordinator, Michael Deming, at 507-732-7395, or Gary Anger, Superintendent of Schools, at 507-732-1400.

AHERA Annual Asbestos: There was no asbestos removal in the school during the 2014-15 school year. The updated Asbestos Management Plan for ZM Public Schools can be found in the District Office or in Michael Deming’s office at the high school. The management plan can be reviewed, without cost or restriction, during the normal working hours. Copies can be obtained for a fee of \$0.10 per page. Any questions concerning this notice or an explanation of our asbestos management plan can be directed to Superintendent Gary Anger at 507-732-1400 or Scott Stockdale, Institute for Environmental Assessment at 507-281-6665.

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: Pamla Langley 507-732-1420.

RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS

All ZM students receive bus safety training within the first three weeks of school as required by state mandate. The competencies students must attain in order to ride the bus include:

- Understanding that riding the bus is a privilege, not a right;
- Knowledge and understanding of district conduct and safety policies;
- Demonstrating appropriate conduct on the bus;
- Ability to explain the school bus danger zones;
- Understanding safe loading and unloading procedures and demonstrating safe crossing procedures;
- Proficiency in bus evacuation and emergency drills.

Sugarloaf Bus Service will conduct the training, along with support from classroom teachers.

Parents and students are reminded that the following rules apply to all bus routes in the 2015-16 school year:

- Shuttle Buses: Students are reminded that the shuttle buses between schools are for school-related trips only. No personal trips are allowed (ex: catching a ride for a dental or doctor appointment, meeting a friend in either Zumbrota or Mazeppa, etc.)
- The late shuttle bus (leaves Mazeppa at 5:45 pm and leaves Zumbrota at 6:00 pm for return trip to Mazeppa) is for students participating in **sports only**. No personal trips

back and forth between sites.

- If a student receives a bus violation ticket, riding privileges are discontinued, including the route bus, shuttle bus, or late shuttle bus, until further notice by the bus company.
- The buses are filled to capacity daily and students that do not normally ride route buses or shuttle buses are discouraged from catching rides to friend’s homes, etc. There is no spare room!

If you have questions, you may call either bus garage and leave a message. If you have questions, please contact Scott or Barb Kennedy, Sugarloaf Bus Service, at 843-5291 (Mazeppa Garage) or 732-7670 (Zumbrota Garage). You may also call the school offices. Thank you for your cooperation.

Here are a few bus laws everyone needs to follow!

- When amber lights are flashing in front and in back of a school bus, you should prepare to stop your vehicle immediately,
- You must stop for a school bus when red lights are flashing and stop arm is extended; this means that children are getting on and off the bus,
- If you fail to stop for a school bus with RED LIGHTS FLASHING & STOP ARM EXTENDED it is chargeable as a gross misdemeanor punishable by a fine and or jail time.

LET’S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE!!!



Does your child need a snack to get them through the day? Are your cupboards empty of healthy snacks? ZM has the answer! The healthy snack cart option will once again be offered this year for grades K-6 in an effort to encourage the “5 a Day” habit. Research has shown that five fruits and vegetables a day are the minimum requirement for good health and, in years down the road, this healthy eating habit can reduce heart disease and cancer.

Students will be able to purchase a healthy snack for \$50 per year. There are several choices each day for students to choose from, such as apples, crackers, yogurt, carrots, etc. Parents can sign up for the snack cart when paying yearly fees or in your child’s school office.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS, continued from page 8

Pesticide: All Minnesota schools are required to inform parents/guardians and school employees that they may request to be notified prior to pesticide applications on school property. Pesticides include chemicals which are used to control insects, weeds, rodents, or other pests as defined by law (MS 123B.575, Subd. 9). In order to provide the required information, schools must maintain a list of parents/guardians and school employees who request notification. Schools must also provide information about individual pesticide applications upon request, including the name of the pesticide product, or the time and location of the planned application. An estimated schedule of pesticide applications is available for review or copying at the school office.

Pesticides and non-chemical treatments may be used in combination in and around schools for a variety of reasons, including the control of pests which have the potential to bite, sting, spread disease, cause asthma, and/or trigger an allergic reaction. Pesticides may also be used to prevent or control damage to materials within the school building or to the school building itself, or to control pests or weeds that are seen as a nuisance. The long-term effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood. Children may be more susceptible to pesticides than adults due to their small size and rapid growth and development. Also, their playful behavior may expose them to more pesticide residues.

To limit potential pesticide exposure, this school follows safety regulations to ensure pesticides are applied properly. All pesticide products that are used in and around school buildings are required to be registered with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, school employees and certified and licensed applicators are required by state and federal law to comply with all requirements of the pesticide label, including sites, application rates, reentry intervals, posting, use of personal protective equipment, use restrictions, and disposal on the product label. To be notified about pesticide applications, please complete the form below and mail to Michael Deming, 705 Mill St., Zumbrota, MN 55992. If you have other questions regarding notification, please contact Michael Deming at 507-732-7395 or 507-732-1400. Any other questions you may have regarding the district’s pest management practices may be directed to Michael Deming at the ZM School.

REQUEST FOR PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION—ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA ISD 2805

Please print neatly:

Name of Parent/Guardian/School Employee: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

How would you prefer to be notified: (Check one) U.S. Mail _____ Email _____

APPLYING FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Breakfast costs \$1.35 for grades K-12; lunch costs \$2.45 for grades K-6 and \$2.60 for grades 7-12.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. To apply, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. A new application must be submitted each year. At public schools, your application also helps the school qualify for education funds and discounts.

State funds help to pay for reduced-price school meals, so all students who are approved for either free or reduced-price school meals will receive school meals at no charge. State funds also help to pay for breakfasts for kindergarten students, so all participating kindergarten students will receive breakfasts at no charge.

Students attending schools that participate in the Community Eligibility Provision, Provision 2 or Provision 3 will receive school meals at no charge without an application. However, at public schools, a completed application is still needed to help the school qualify for education funds and discounts.

Return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to: **Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools, Attention District Office, 343 Third Avenue NE, Mazeppa, MN 55956.**

Who can get free school meals? Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children can get free school meals without reporting household income. Also, children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size.

I get WIC. Can my children get free school meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free school meals. Please fill out an application.

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

Who should I include as household members? Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes.

Will the information I give be checked? Yes, and we may also ask you to send written proof.

How will the information be kept? Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval status for school meal benefits, will be protected as private data. Your child's approval status for school meal benefits may be shared with other nutrition, education or health programs that offer benefits based on approval for school meals – for more information see the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits. Let us know if you do not want your information shared for benefits from other programs.

If you have other questions or need help, call 507-732-1400.

Sincerely,

Gary Anger, Superintendent of Schools

A NEW APPLICATION FOR MEAL BENEFITS MUST BE FILLED OUT EACH SCHOOL YEAR. BENEFITS RECEIVED IN THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR DO NOT CARRY OVER TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN MAZEPPA PRIOR TO THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

NOTE: IF YOU RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS.

QUESTIONS? CALL 507-732-1400.

APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Application for Educational Benefits* form for school year 2015-16 if any of the following applies to your household:

- Any household member currently participates in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). or
- The household includes foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child). or
- The total income of household members is within the guidelines shown below (gross earnings, not take-home pay). Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, or FDPIR. Military: Do not include combat pay or assistance from the Military Privatized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Maximum Total Income

Household Size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	21,775	1,815	908	838	419
2	29,471	2,456	1,228	1,134	567
3	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715
4	44,863	3,739	1,870	1,726	863
5	52,559	4,380	2,190	2,022	1,011
6	60,255	5,022	2,511	2,318	1,159
7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
Add for each additional person	7,696	642	321	296	148

Step 1 Children

List all children living in the household, their birthdate and, if applicable, their grade and school. Fill in the circle if a child is in foster care. Attach an additional page if necessary. Providing racial/ethnic information for each child is optional; this information helps to make sure we are fully serving our community.

Step 2 Case Number Complete Step 2 if any household member currently participates in any of the three assistance programs listed in Step 2. If Step 2 is completed, skip Step 3.

Step 3 Adults / Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

Regular earnings to children – If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular income to children. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.

Social Security number – The person signing the application must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number, or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number.

Adults / Incomes – List all adults living in the household, whether related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). Include any adult who is temporarily away, such as a student away at college. Attach an additional page if necessary.

- List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. Do not list an hourly wage rate. For farm or self-employment income only, list net income after subtracting business expenses.
- For adults with no income to report, enter a '0' or leave the section blank. This is your certification (promise) that there is no income to report for these adults.
- For each income, fill in a circle to show how often the income is received.

Step 4 If you do not want Information to be shared with state health insurance programs, check the box.

Step 5 Signature and Contact Information An adult household member must sign the form.