



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER



Staff Appreciation Week

is May 7-11. Thank you ZM Staff for your dedicated service to our students and communities.

At ZM Schools, we have a proud history of academic and athletic excellence.

Students have always been our number one priority and the results of our rigorous educational program is shown in the proven success of our students and alumni.

ZM Schools has been recognized as one of the best schools in southeastern

Minnesota. Congratulations to the staff and

students who work hard to make this honor happen! The communities of Zumbrota and Mazeppa should be proud of their outstanding school system!

To read more about this honor, [click this link.](#)



ZM Names Teacher of the Year for 2018

Congratulations are extended to ZM music teacher, Aaron Schumacher, on being named the 2018 ZM Teacher of the Year.



Mr. Schumacher has taught music at ZM Schools since 2007. Throughout his years at ZM, he has also been active in the school musicals.

Mr. Schumacher was selected by his teaching peers for this well-deserved honor.

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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- 5/1 Gr 7/8 Band & Choir Concert, 7pm, ZMHS Auditorium
- 5/6 FFA Banquet, 6:30pm, ZMHS Cafeteria, Zumbrota
- 5/9 Early Release
- 5/14 Board Work Session, 7pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
- 5/15 ZMHS Spring Choir Concert, 7:30pm, ZMHS Auditorium
- 5/21 Board Meeting, 7pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
- 5/24 Beginner Band Parent Meeting, ZMES Band Room, Maz.
- 5/28 No School/Holiday
- 5/31 Last Student Day. Dismissal 1:25 Maz, 1:240 Zta
- 6/1 Teacher Work Day
- 6/2 Graduation

BAND & ART SHOW

Don't miss this evening of entertainment, beginning with the high school **Spring Band Concert on Tue, May 15** at 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium. In addition, enjoy the talents of ZM's high school art students! Attend the annual **ZM Art Show** the same evening. Exhibits will be on display along the catwalk above the ZMHS Gymnasium from 5-7pm.



WHAT ARE YOU MISSING??

Your favorite sweatshirt? Hat? Mittens? Shoes?

It is time to look in the **"BOX"**.

Items not claimed by June 1 will be given to charity!!

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

ZM is proud to announce the following students who were inducted into the ZM Chapter of the National Honor Society on March 28: Carter Cordes, Lindsay Stussy, Parker Voth, Layla Berg, Maddie Banks, Kallie Alders, Hannah Keach, Ariel Showers, Morgan Solie, Grace Beebe, Jakalyn Arendt, Kalli Olson, Ishvari Garcia, Claudia Gunhus, Anthony Cylkowski, Joel Matuska, Calen Scholl, Kristine Moore, Madelyn Fitzgibbons, Jenna Stene, Ali Hunstad, and Reagan Dillon.

In order for students to become members, they must demonstrate the four pillars of the National Honor Society: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. A committee of teachers go through each application and choose the inductees based on the strict criteria set up by the National Honor Society.

Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.33. In addition, they must show service through volunteering in the school and communities. Leadership is shown through their experiences in working with others in a collaborative effort at school and in our communities. A National Honor Society member must have good character and demonstrate high standards of honesty and reliability, courtesy, and respect for others.





FCCLA Letter Winners

ZM FCCLA members held their annual banquet in April where five members received letters for their participation this past year. This active organization has supported many activities this past year, including a tissue drive, working the tailgate supper, the Special Olympics Polar Plunge, Valentine's for the nursing home residents, and supplying a family in need with kitchen supplies and care packages. They also have supplied tasty treats for students throughout the year, such as chocolate covered banana bites. Keep up the good work! The group's advisor is Mae James.



Big Bad Wolf Versus the Three Little Pig Engineers

Science gets more fun everyday! During this assignment, fourth graders were the engineers and, through the design process, created a home for the Little Pig to stay safe from the Big Bad Wolf. Students were only able to use popsicle sticks and play dough to construct the pig's house. And, of course, the Big Bad Wolf Hairdryer tried to blow it over! Note the wolf on the side of the hairdryer!



TRAP SHOOT TEAM

The ZM Trap Shoot team has been practicing despite the cold and snow this spring. This is one spring sport that is really catching on at ZM. There are currently 42 students out for this sport and they have never let a little snow stop them!



ROBOTICS TEAM

ZM's first year robotics team participated in the Minnesota North Star Regional Robotics competition March 28 and 29. Even though they did not qualify for the playoffs, they did finish as the second highest ranked rookie team and 35th overall out of 54. As you can see in the [video linked](#) here, there are some pretty elaborate robots - something that the team will be working toward in future years. Overall, the team was very happy with their performance, and are looking forward to next year!





FFA Chapter Banquet

WHEN: Sunday, May 6
TIME: 6:30 pm
WHERE: ZMHS Cafeteria,
Zumbrota



If you are interested in attending this meal, along with the recognition of FFA members' accomplishments and new officer installation, please RSVP advisor Andrea Clement at andreac@zmsch.k12.mn.us by April 27.

ZM ESSAY WINNERS

ZM Primary and Elementary each had a winner in a recent essay contest in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Kiara Mayweathers (2nd grade) and Addison Liffriig (4th grade) each won their division of the 2018 essay contest sponsored by our local chapter of the NAACP in Rochester.

Kiara won the K-1 age range and Addison won the 3-5 grade age

group. Kiara had to answer the question "What can I do to keep my friends from bullying other people" and Addison "What can I do to challenge racism and/or injustice when I see it occur?"



We are VERY PROUD of these young ladies!!

CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS

Students in Ms. James' culinary arts class had the opportunity to use a real restaurant kitchen when they cooked lunch at Leo's in Mazeppa. By having the chance to leave the classroom and use a real, working facility, students were able to see what restaurant cooking entails.

Thanks are extended to Fred Liffriig, Leo's owner, for allowing the students to use his facilities.



CUPCAKES ABOUND

These same culinary arts students displayed their talents when they made cupcake displays. YUM!





School Board Minutes

The school board held their monthly work session on April 9. Items for discussion included the following:

- 1) Water testing for lead per legislative requirements. This is a required legislative action and must be completed by July 1, 2018. The board reviewed the information and it will be on the April 23 agenda for approval.
- 2) School resource officer. The school is waiting for the city to contact us in regard to a new contract.
- 3) 2018-19 School staff discussion. There are no non-renewals or reassignments as of this work session. The peer coaches for 2018-19 are Aaron Schumacher and Rebecca Sjolander. Mr. Harvey will bring more information about the curriculum/staff development position to a future board meeting.
- 4) School vehicle purchase and liquidation. A proposal for a fleet vehicle was presented to the board as well as a proposal to liquidate the 2001 Dodge pickup. This will be an action item at the April 23 board meeting.
- 5) House lot purchase. The construction advisory board will meet and make a recommendation on future purchases.
- 6) Policy review from MSBA. MSBA has completed the district policy guide audit. Information was shared with the board regarding this audit and the policies will be brought to the board for approval with the changes suggested by the MSBA audit. MSBA did not recommend changes to #310 Elementary School Principal, #311 Middle School Principal, or #312 High School Principal so they will be on the April 23 agenda for approval with no changes.

The board approved reducing Roxanne Webster's full-time teaching position to part-time beginning in the 2018-19 school year and to terminate Veronica Garcia, education assistant in the elementary, as of April 9, 2018. The work session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The regular monthly board meeting was held April 23 with the usual business conducted, including payment of the bills.

Recognition was given to the following individuals for their generous assistance during the high school musical, "Legally Blonde": flute & piccolo, Sarah Vinzant; oboe, clarinet, and alto saxophone, Liz Harwood; baritone saxophone, Aaron Schumacher; trumpets, Warren Bandel and Rob Weber; trombone, Wayne Morris; keyboards, Lori Rauen, Anne Solberg, Cindy Wilson; percussion, Paul Gerver; drums, Eric Amundrud.

Rachel Miller, ZM Robotics coach, and the team were present to give a report and demonstration from their robotics rookie year. The team mentors were also in attendance. Thanks were expressed to the mentors for their time in helping make this program a success.

PERTINENT DATES

- *May 1 - Grade 7 & 8 Band & Choir Concert, 7:00 pm, ZMHS Auditorium
- *May 6 - FFA Chapter Banquet, 6:30 pm, ZMHS Cafeteria, Zumbrota Site
- *May 9 - Early Release
- *May 14 - School Board Work Session, 7:00 pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
- *May 15 - ZMHS Spring Choir Concert, 7:30 pm, ZMHS Auditorium, Zumbrota
- *May 21 - School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
- *May 24 - Beginning Band Parent Meeting, ZMES Band Room, Mazeppa
- *May 28 - No School/Holiday
- *May 31 - Last Student Day. Dismissal 1:25 pm Mazeppa and 1:40 pm Zumbrota
- *June 1 - Teacher Workday
- *June 2 - Graduation

Mr. Anderson reported for the middle and high school. Class scheduling for 2018-19 is complete. There has been interest in moving graduation from Saturday night to Friday night. The board requested parental input and there will be further discussion at an upcoming work session.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary and elementary school. MCA testing has been proceeding with little issues. Kindergarten Round-Up will be held April 27 and orientation for 2nd and 6th graders will be held later in May.

Ms. Ahern reported that the online speech program has been successful this year. She thanked Ms. Langley and the paras for their assistance during MCA testing. May 17 special education students will participated in a day of track and field events in Red Wing.

Mr. Harvey reported that enrollment was 1,188 for April. The treasurer's report was available for board review.

A quote for \$26,357.32 for a 2018 Ford Transit Passenger Wagon was received from Nelson Auto Center through the Southeast Service Cooperative bidding process. Mr. Harvey checked with Zumbrota Ford and, if they are able to match that quote, ZM would purchase the vehicle from them. This will be a purchase from the 2018-19 capital budget for transporting special education students. As of the meeting date, no quote was received. It was also recommended that the 2001 Dodge pickup be liquidated.



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The Minnesota legislature has passed requirements for water testing for lead that schools must pass by July 1, 2018. ZM has had water tested and only one spigot was elevated and that was not above levels for safety. The water will be tested again prior to July 1 and Mr. Niles recommended that the spigots testing in the top five for levels be flushed prior to the testing.

An error was found on the approved 2018-19 school calendar (April 31 is incorrect). Teachers were surveyed and 75% wanted April 18, 2019 added as a student day. This revision was approved by the board.

The district polices #310 Elementary School Principal, #311 Middle School Principal, and #312 High School Principal were presented and approved with no revisions.



Board members Jim Wendt and Jason Lohmann enjoy running the robot during the Robotics presentation.

The resignation of Ann Husbyn, special education assistant, was approved effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year. The resignation of Ellis Bloomfield, special education assistant, was approved effective April 17, 2018. The resignation of Calley Gunhus, Cougar Care, was approved effective 8/17/17.

The Achievement and Integration budget was approved for school year 2019 in the amount of \$37,838. A one year Teachers on Call contract for school year 2018-19 was approved.

A resolution was approved to non-renew the teaching contract of special education teacher, Molly Lindhart, at the end of the 2017-18 school year because her variance for teaching special education will expire.

Minutes were available from the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative, the Southeast Service Cooperative, and the Goodhue County Education District.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. by Chair Hinchley.



High school phy ed students practiced yoga moves in class while middle school science students learned about chemical reactions when they made “elephant tooth-paste” in class.





GRADE 5 MATH MASTERS COMPETE

On Friday, April 20, the Zumbrota-Mazeppa fifth grade math masters teams competed against other fifth grade math students from twelve different schools around Southeast Minnesota. Each team can have up to five students, but each student starts with five tests done individually. Students finish the day with three tests on which they work as a team and are a bit more involved than the individual tests. The two Z-M teams did very well by placing 13 and 20 out of the 36 teams competing at Bethel Lutheran in Rochester. There are approximately twenty sites statewide holding competitions for fifth graders who all take the same tests at the same time.

As individuals, the students start with a fact drill that had questions like $7 \times 9 - 4 \times 9 - 7$ (answer 20), then progressed to four separate tests with story problems. Students have ten minutes to finish each test, consisting of eight questions. On the fact drill, Tyler Bromeling took home the 7th place medallion out of the 177 students competing. Michael Winkels placed 13th, Elizabeth Winkels was 15th, and Taite Raasch received the award for 18th. Only the top 20 students received recognition out of all the competitors. Nearly all Z-M students were in the top 50% on the fact drill, which shows that these students definitely know their math facts and order of operations.

Math Masters is designed to promote excellence in critical thinking skills and problem solving abilities, as well as provide recognition to students for academic effort and achievement. Teams and individuals from private and public schools may compete in Math Masters. The Hormel Foundation, along with other individuals and businesses, support Math Masters through their donations.



Front row: Tucker Fredrixon, Frank Flicek, Izzy Johnson, Megan Moore

Second row: Taite Raasch, Elizabeth Winkels, Reagan Rasmussen, Michael Winkels, Owen Hofes, Tyler Bromeling

Not shown: Owyn Fitzgibbons

Bottom left: New teachers meet monthly with their teacher mentors in an effort to make their first year at ZM run smoothly.

Bottom right: Thanks to the Education Foundation for sponsoring the 8th grade class fieldtrip to the Park Square Theater where they were able to watch the "Anne Frank" presentation.





Medications: The end of the school year is approaching fast! Any medication in the health offices must be picked up by an adult by the last day of school, Thursday, May 31st. Medication will not be sent home with students. If they have not been picked up by the last day of school they will be disposed of. We will **NOT** store medication over the summer. We appreciate your help with this.

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

If you choose to file exemptions for any immunizations, forms are available on the ZM School website under Parents/Health Services/ Immunizations. Or you can contact the school nurse at 507-732-7848. Students will not be eligible to attend the first day of school in 2018 until we have up to date immunizations on file.

Incoming Kindergarten Student Requirements:

DTP—5th Dose Polio—4th Dose MMR—2 Doses
Hep B—3 Doses Varicella—2 Doses

Incoming 7th Grader Requirements:

Tdap Booster Meningococcal

Recommendation at 16 Year of Age:

Meningococcal Booster

TIME TO REGISTER

2018-19 Preschool Registration will be Wednesday, April 25th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the Primary School Gym in Zumbrota. Check www.zmschools.us under Community Ed for more information and forms.



Be sure to watch for the Community Ed summer programs flyer—fun for all this summer. Register early for the programs before they fill up. Contact the CE Office at 732-4244 if questions OR the school website under Community Ed: www.zmschools.us

RUMBLE ON THE RIVER

The Goodhue Co. Gophers had a great time when they participated in the annual "Rumble on the River", this year hosted by Lake City. Students practice for the month prior to the "Rumble" in Red Wing and our students always enjoy this opportunity to shine!!

ZM had four students participate in adaptive bowling this year in cooperation with the Goodhue County Education District Schools—Logan Gerken, Tyler Troolin, Karter Bradford, and Aleah Sonnenberg. Great job student bowlers!!



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