

ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA ISD 2805



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER

IT'S A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at the Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools where we are “Building a Bridge to the Future” for our students every day. The ZM Schools are an exciting place to be with thriving academics, arts, activities and athletics for all of our students. We have consistently been rated among the best school districts in Minnesota in multiple measures, but more importantly, the smiles of our learners are the best measure of our success.

This year ZM welcomes a new superintendent—Mr. Michael Harvey. Mr. Harvey comes to ZM from Goodhue Schools, where he was the high school principal for the past ten years. Prior to that, he taught in Lake City Schools. We are excited to have Mr. Harvey join our school and our communities.

Whether you are new to our district or have been with us in the past, we welcome your participation as part of our “Cougar Community”. This newsletter serves as one of the many ways we will communicate to you throughout the year. We also invite you to regularly use our website at www.zmschools.us, our Facebook page at Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools, or our Twitter feed at @zmcougars. Of course you can also just give us a call or stop in at any time as we take great pride in our service to students and community. Thank you for being a part of our dedicated and collaborative school community. We look forward to an outstanding school year!



ZM welcomes Superintendent Michael Harvey

GRADE 7-12 OPEN HOUSE

- ◆ WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 6:00—7:30 P.M.
 - Meet your teachers —Find your locker
 - Find your classrooms —Figure out your schedule



- ◆ GRADES 7-12—TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
- ◆ GRADES K-6—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
- ◆ PRESCHOOL—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

For additional information, visit www.zmschools.us

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- Open House for Gr 7-12 is 8/30 from 6-7:30pm
- Turn in your Application for Educational Benefits **BEFORE** school begins!

WHAT'S COMING UP?

- 8/28-31 Teacher Inservice/Workdays
- 8/30 Open House Gr 7-12 6-7:30 pm
- 9/4 Holiday
- 9/5 First day school Gr 7-12
- 9/7 First day school Gr K-6
- 9/11 First day school for Preschool
- 9/13 Early Release
- 9/25-29 Homecoming Week



New ZM Staff for 2017-18

ZM Schools is happy to welcome the new staff for 2017-18!

Preschool/Learning Readiness Teacher—Megan Nelson

Kindergarten Teacher- Jesse Duden

Grade 1 Teacher—Whitney Seyffer

Grade 2 Teacher—Shelby Latusek

Grade 4 Teacher—Kelli Smith

Special Education Teacher (PR/MS) - Kiersten Jacobsen

Special Education/Reading Interventionist Teacher (Elem) - Rachael Dreyer

Education Assistants (PR) - Mary Cordes, Kristen Sprick, Kristi Muchow, and Heather Liffbrig.

All ZM staff is ready to continue our school's mission of *"Building a bridge to the future where all individuals have the opportunity to reach their full potential in a safe, challenging learning environment"*.

Buses are ready to roll!

New this year—Scott Kennedy has assumed ownership of Sugar Loaf Bus Service. It is now called Kennedy Transportation and ZM looks forward to continuing our partnership with Scott.

The following rules apply to all bus routes in the 2017-18 school year:

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

Questions? Call either bus garage and leave a message (Zumbrota 732-7670 or Mazeppa 843-5291).

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:

- Knowledge and understanding that riding the bus is a privilege, not a right;
- Knowledge and understanding of district conduct and safety policies;
- 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.

Kennedy Transportation will conduct the training, along with support from classroom teachers.

LET'S KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!!

Bus laws everyone needs to follow:

- ◆ When amber lights are flashing in front and back of a bus, you should stop your vehicle immediately.
- ◆ You must stop for a 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 bus with RED LIGHTS FLASHING & STOP ARM EXTENDED, it is chargeable as a gross misdemeanor punishable by a fine and/or jail time.



Looking for a part-time job?

Drivers are needed now for this school year. Contact Kennedy Transportation at 507-732-7670 and speak with Scott.



2017-2018 YEAR AT A GLANCE

Aug. 28–31	Teacher Inservice/Workshops
Aug. 30	Gr 7-12 Open House 6-7:30 pm
Sept. 4	Labor Day
Sept. 5	First Day School Grades 7-12
Sept. 7	First Day School Grades K-6
Sept. 11	First Day School Preschool
Sept. 13	Early Release
Oct. 11	Early Release
Oct. 16	Gr 7-12 Parent/Teacher Conf 4-8 pm
Oct. 19,20	No School/MEA Conferences
Nov. 3	End 1 st Quarter
Nov. 6	No School/Teacher Inservice
Nov. 8	Early Release
Nov. 9	K-6 Parent/Teacher Conf 4-8 pm
Nov. 13	K-12 Parent/Teacher Conf 4-8 pm
Nov. 22	No School/Comp Day
Nov. 23, 24	No School/Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 13	Early Release
Dec. 22–Jan. 1	Holiday Break
Jan. 2	School Resumes
Jan. 10	Early Release
Jan. 20	End of Semester, End 2 nd Quarter
Jan. 22	No School/Teacher Inservice
Feb. 14	Early Release
Feb. 16	No School/Teacher Flex Day
Feb. 19	No School/Holiday
Mar. 5, 13	K-12 Parent-Teacher Conf 4-8 pm
Mar. 14	Early Release
Mar. 28	No School/Teacher Inservice
Mar. 29	No School/Comp Day
Mar. 30	No School/Holiday
Apr. 11	Early Release
May 9	Early Release
May 28	No School/Holiday
May 31	Last Student Day
June 1	Teacher Workday
June 2	Graduation

Early Release Time: Buses leave Mazeppa at 12:30 pm and Zumbrota at 12:45 pm

What do you need to know for this year?

www.zmschools.us: ZM's school website, along with Facebook and Twitter, will keep you up-to-date and in the know with daily school happenings. Through the website, parents can pay fees, deposit money in their child's account, or register for Community Ed classes. Stay in the loop with www.zmschools.us!

Infinite Campus: Parents are strongly urged to sign up for the Infinite Campus Parent Portal where lunch accounts, report cards, and other vital information is available. The permission form is available on the school website under the Parents tab along the top ribbon. Fill out the permission form and return it to a school office. For security sign-up purposes, parents must bring their photo ID when they return their forms. If you have previously set up your portal rights, it is not necessary to do so again.

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

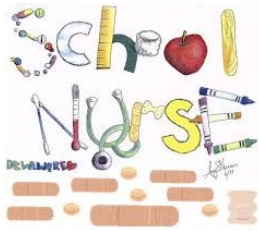
Meal Payments: Meal payments can be made online through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. This real-time service enables parents to see their child's meal account balances and activity on a daily basis. Questions should be addressed to Brian Wright, Food Service Manager for Lunchtime Solutions. Phone number is 507-732-1417.

Attendance Policy: Please notify your child's school office before 8:00 a.m. if your child will be absent. You may also email the office secretary. 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 are to be excused. Please check in at the school office when you pick up your child.

Driving Zones: Always drive defensively around the schools! Children should be taught to stop and look before crossing the street and to obey the crossing guards and playground supervisors. Traffic is quite heavy in the mornings and afternoons, plus buses are moving, so we want your child to be safe. Please exercise caution!

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.

NOTE: When visitors/parents/students park at the Mazeppa site, it is important that private driveways, mailboxes, or public access roads are not blocked. Vehicles blocking these areas will be towed.



Medications: The health office requires new orders each school year for all medications. If your student requires daily medication, or as needed medications, for the 2017-18 school year, please have your primary provider updated medication orders and have them sent to the school. All medications must be dropped off by an adult and may not be sent to school with student in backpack for the safety of our students.

Community Influenza Clinic:
10/16—Zumbrota Cafeteria: 3-6 pm
Student Influenza Clinics:
Oct. 25 - Zumbrota: 9-11:30 am
Oct. 27 - Mazeppa: 9-11 am

Measles Outbreak in MN: As of July 13, 2017, the measles count is up to 79 confirmed cases in Minnesota. In May, we sent letters to all students who are not fully immunized against measles. There is a lot of information circulating and we encourage you to access the MN Dept of Health Measles page, which has current and reliable information for parents: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/measles/>

Please feel free to contact Tiffany Boraas, LSN, at any of the health offices with questions or concerns.

Turn in your child's immunization sheets! It is important that your child's paperwork is turned in to the nurse's office prior to the start of the new school year. Students will NOT be able to start school in September unless immunizations are up to date and on record with the school by the first day of school. 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 and meningococcal vaccine after the age of 11. If you have lost your mailed information, contact the nurse's office for a complete list of required immunizations or check the school webpage under the Health Office link under the Parents tab.

Annual Notifications for 2017-18

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 school 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 2017-18 school year. If you have questions concerning the indoor air quality or would like to use the EPA Tools for Schools checklists on the 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.

AHERRA Annual Asbestos: There was no asbestos removal in the school during the 2016-17 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: Pamela Langley 507-732-1420.

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.

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Preschool Learning at ZM

ZM offers 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 right just for them. For children enrolled in preschool through Community Education, this is a convenient option 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 am for childcare and at 7:30, K-5 students go to the primary and elementary schools. After school children arrive between 3:00 and 3:15 pm and the center is open until 6:00 pm. The school age program offers children a place to feel safe and have fun with activities, games, crafts, cooking, outside and inside play, homework room, and more.

Three and four 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 approximately 2 1/2 hours. Call Community Ed at 732-4244 for information on any of these programs.

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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

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 _____

Transportation Night: ECFE Fall Kick-Off

Spend an evening out with your little ones checking out a variety of transportation vehicles! Don't miss the opportunity to find out how ECFE can build strong relationships with your child and other families within the community!



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

6:00—7:00 P.M.

BB/CC CHILDCARE PARKING LOT, ZUMBROTA

**FREE EVENT FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!**



What is ECFE??

What We're All About

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a program available through your local school district for young children and parents. There are fall, and winter-spring sessions available. One-time special events are also available. Features of ECFE are parent/child time, guided play and learning, and parent discussion.

Welcome to New Babies

The ECFE and Zumbrota-Mazeppa staff would like to meet families with new babies. If you have a new baby or know someone with a new arrival, please let us know. To schedule a visit please call Tessa Nobach at 507-732-7848, ext. 1210.

Home Visits Available

If you are unable to attend ECFE classes and are looking for some parenting information and activities to do with your children, please call Tessa Nobach at 507-732-7848, ext. 1210.

Registration Information

Registrations should be sent to the ZM Community Ed office at 705 Mill St, Zumbrota, MN 55992. Online registration is also available at www.zmschools.us. Early registration is encouraged to avoid cancelling classes due to low enrollment. Scholarships are available by calling 732-4244 and talking with Julie or Jen.



Goodhue and Zumbrota-Mazeppa Fall Field Trip: Scanlan's Red Barn Learning Farm

Join our ECFE families as we take a bus ride over to the Red Barn Learning Farm in Hayfield, MN! Your children can explore a real farm up close! Suitable for all ages! During your visit, come climb in the silo, jump on the straw bales in the barn, cuddle with a

farm kitty, drive the pedal tractors, and visit the large variety of barnyard animals!

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a sack lunch to enjoy! The field trip will be cancelled if inclement weather. **The deadline to register is Wednesday, September 27.**

Age: Birth-Pre-Kindergarten **Date:** Tues. Oct 3 **Cost:** \$14 per person (under age 1 is free)

Time: 8:45 am depart from ZM Early Ed Center/Arrive back in ZM at approximately 12:15 pm

(8:30 am depart from Goodhue School/Arrive back in Goodhue at approximately 12:30 pm)





MEAL BENEFIT INFORMATION & NEW SCHOOL POLICIES

For information on the free and reduced program and new school policies adopted for the 2017-18 school year, please click on the links below. If you have questions, call 507-732-1400.

- ✦ **An Application for Educational Benefits, and the instructions, can be accessed by [clicking this link](#).**

Please fill out the application as soon as possible and return to the District Office, Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools, 343 Third Avenue NE, Mazeppa, MN 55956. This will ensure that possible benefits are available at the beginning of the school year. **A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED EACH SCHOOL YEAR.** *NOTE: IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF DIRECT CERTIFICATION, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS.* QUESTIONS? CALL 507-732-1400

- ✦ **[Click here for notification of school district policy regarding treats in the school](#).** This policy is in effect beginning in the 2017-18 school year. Contact your child's building principal if you have concerns or questions.
- ✦ **[Click this link for the ZM Unpaid Meal Charges Policy](#).**

Lunchtime Solutions will be providing meals for ZM's students during the 2017-18 school year. You can access their website at www.lunchtimesolutions.com and questions should be directed to Brian Wright, Food Manager, at 732-1414, Option 9 or to his email at b.wright@lunchtimesolutions.com.

SNACK TIME

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.

Breakfast is available every school day at ZM—take advantage of this option to ensure your child gets a great start to their day. We know mornings can be crazy; you are running late, the kids won't get up, or the bus is coming. The good news is school breakfast is easy, affordable, and nutritious! Breakfast helps students be more alert so they can actively participate in class, plus breakfast provides vitamins and nutrients essential for a strong and healthy body.

If you qualify for free/reduced meals, you also qualify for the breakfast program, with no additional paperwork. If you must pay, breakfast only costs \$1.45 for grades K-12. Your child will find breakfast at school provides not only a nutritious meal, but also a relaxed atmosphere for socializing with friends.

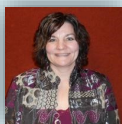




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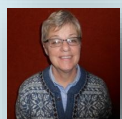
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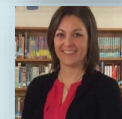
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