



## Building a Bridge to the Future



# ZM MESSENGER

### ZM HAS OUTSTANDING WINTER SPORTS SEASON

The ZM Wrestling Team has earned the State Championship for the second year in a row with a 31-19 win over Frazee. In addition, the team won the Gold Academic Award.

Individuals were held March 2 and 3 with the following results: Michael Majerus 6<sup>th</sup> place 106 lbs, Hayden Voxland 6<sup>th</sup> place 170 lbs, Caden Steffen State Champion at 182 lbs, and Jacob Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 195 lbs.



As reported in the February newsletter, the ZM Jazz Dance Team advanced to state competition & placed third while the Kick Team was named Section 1a runner-up and also competed at the state level. The PIZM

Gymnastics team earned the title of Section 1 A Champs for 2018 and competed and placed 5<sup>th</sup> at state as a team. ZM Schools has a lot to be proud of this year! Go Cougars!!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST OF "LEGALLY BLONDE"

The amazing talents of ZM students were showcased March 23, 24, and 25 when the musical "Legally Blonde" was performed to a full house each performance. The musical was directed by Dylan Starr and Audrey Rinkoski, with Rachel Miller as musical director. Great job everyone!!



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### WHAT'S COMING UP?

- 4/3 ACT Testing
- 4/7 Track & Field Waffle Breakfast, 8am-12pm, ZM Cafeteria, Zumbrota
- 4/9 School Board Work Session, ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota, 7pm
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- 4/11 Early Release
- 4/16-19 MCA Testing
- 4/23 School Board Meeting, ZMMS/HS Media Center, 7pm
- 4/26 Gr 1 Musical, 7pm, ZM Auditorium, Zumbrota
- 4/28 Prom

## DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES

The annual Boys/Girls Track Waffle Feed Fundraiser is coming!

WHEN: **Saturday, April 7**

TIME: **8:00 am– 12:00 pm**

WHERE: **ZMHS Cafeteria, Zumbrota**

COST: **\$8 advance/\$9 door**



Enjoy the all  
you can eat  
feed and help  
raise \$\$\$ for  
Track & Field!

## IBM Engineers Mentor

Seventh grade students had the opportunity to work with IBM engineers, Laura Mokrzycki and Mark Trisko on March 9. They assisted the students in building windmills that would work by creating voltage. Thanks to IBM for allowing their employees to work with our students in these hands on learning projects.



&

art  
show

Don't miss this evening of entertainment, beginning with the high school **Spring Band Concert on Tuesday, 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.

## ZM After Prom Needs You

ZMHS parents—you are invited to ZM After-Prom working meetings on **Sundays at the Zumbrota VFW at 6 pm: March 4, March 18, & April 15**. If you are unable to attend but would like to assist, please send an email to [ZMAfterprom@gmail.com](mailto:ZMAfterprom@gmail.com).

For many decades, ZM After-Prom has provided safe entertainment for students after the conclusion of the prom dance through the overnight hours. The aim is to keep students safe, and to allow parents (who aren't chaperoning!) to sleep, worry-free.

ZM After-Prom has been a volunteer-led endeavor. New volunteers are needed each year, and all parents are expected to contribute in some way. Please consider attending these meetings or volunteering.

**The prom event is April 28-29!**



## Senior Community Scholarships

Seniors—now is the time to apply for community scholarships. The booklet of Local Community Scholarships was emailed to all seniors and posted on the school website. The applications are due back to Ms. Hunstad by **APRIL 13 at 8:00 a.m.** Late applications will not be accepted.

Seniors who apply for these scholarships should plan on attending the Recognition Banquet on May 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium to find out whether or not they were awarded one of the scholarships.



Are you interested in traveling to the Dominican Republic in 2019 to learn about Spanish, Dominican culture, and marine conservation?

If so, contact Ms. Buchholz at ashleyk@zmsch.k12.mn.us. You do not have to be currently enrolled in Spanish to participate, but need to be in grades 9-12 for the 18-19 school year. The itinerary of the trip is linked here: <https://www.eftours.com/eliterature/dbd/q/dmc.pdf>

## Sixth Grade Math Masters

The sixth grade Math Masters held their competition in Rochester on Friday, March 2 with 29 teams from southeast Minnesota attending the event. Each of the three teams from Zumbrota-Mazeppa did extremely well, placing 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> in the team rounds.

The students also participated in the individual rounds where most of the Z-M students placed in the top half of the 141 students in the competition. Both Hunter Streit and Preston Ohm received awards for placing in the fact drill section of the day's competition. These fifteen students have spent the past two months working toward the event and their extra effort and hard work did produce results.



Front: Landon Flaaen, Preston Ohm, Jaydn Irish, Ella Meyers, James Eickhoff

Row 2: Jonathan Winkels, Kaleb Lochner, Jordan Schliep, Anna Cylkowski, Lilly Turley

Back: Rachel Krinke, Hunter Streit, Bella Roberts, Megan Jasperson, Frankie Bremer

## READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

Students celebrated "Read Across America Week" by listening to various readers throughout the week. Elementary students enjoyed an afternoon of reading and hot chocolate during Dr. Seuss' birthday on Read a Lotta Latte Day.





## ZM'S ROBOTICS PROGRAM UP AND RUNNING

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, five members of ZooM Robotics Team 7273 went to their first Week Zero practice scrimmage at Aquinas High School in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Week Zero events are opportunities for FIRST Robotics teams to practice driving their robots before the official Bag & Tag Day on February 20th. Members of ZooM Robotics are gearing up for our very first Regional FIRST Robotics Competition, which will be held at the University of Minnesota from March 29 to March 31.



This year was the team's rookie season, and they have learned much about the many aspects of building, programming, and working collaboratively with team members and adult mentors. They are looking forward to the competition and to how the team will grow and evolve in coming years!

## CHOIR STUDENTS SELECTED FOR HONORS

ZM is excited to announce that ZMHS student, Ben Knowlton, was accepted into the MN All-State Mixed Choir. Anna Schueler received Vocal Alternate for Soprano 2. Ben performed as a Tenor 1 in the Mixed Choir. Last year he attended a six-day summer camp at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. During the summer camp, each student participates in five to six hours of rehearsal each day, split between large group rehearsals and section practices. Enrichment activities for the week include master class sessions, professional performances, a recording session and opportunities for performing in small ensembles. The week culminated with a free public performance.



Over 550 of Minnesota's finest high school musicians participate in All-State, Minnesota Music Educators Association's largest annual outreach program. The All-State experience begins with digital auditions due in March in which students must sing an art song or aria accompanied, sing Alma Del Core unaccompanied and a scale unaccompanied. Each year, over 2300 students audition for the All-State performing groups: Bands (Concert & Symphonic), Choir (Mens', Mixed & Womens'), Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble. After the auditions are complete, the selection committee (comprised of the MMEA Executive Board, the MMEA Vice-Presidents, and members of the judging panel) make final decisions to select the students who will participate in the All-State summer camp experience.



ZMHS student, Claudia Gunhus, was selected into the Minnesota American Choral Directors Association State 9 and 10 Grade Women's Choir. On Thursday, February 22, Claudia sang Alto 2 in the Main Auditorium at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The guest conductor for the Women's Choir is Jennaya Robison from Luther College in Decorah, IA.

Claudia Gunhus is taught by Susan Peterson.



## School Board Minutes

The ZM Board of Education held their monthly work session on March 12. Rob Brown from Nexus Solutions gave a presentation on building and facilities planning. The board reviewed six district policies, which will be on the board agenda March 26 for approval: #209 Code of Ethics, #210 Conflict of Interest, #212 School Board Member Development, #230 Board Election, #301 School District Administrators, and #302 Superintendent.

The board discussed possible locations for soccer fields at ZM. Aaron Schumacher presented information on the Q-Comp timeline and current status. A memorandum of understanding on retire-rehire language was discussed. It was noted that all staff would participate in a school safety training on March 28. WILD Days, and whether or not they should be used for sporting events, was discussed. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The regular monthly board meeting was held on March 26 with the usual business, including payment of bills, conducted.

The dance, gymnastics, and wrestling teams and their coaches were recognized for their outstanding winter season. Ashley Buchholz was named Class A Assistant Dance Team coach of the Year for 2018 and Link Steffen was named Class A Wrestling Coach of the Year for 2018.

The Zumbrotta VFW Post was also recognized for their \$200 donation towards the school musical, held this past weekend.

Reports: The winter sports summary was available for review. It was noted that 189 of 524 students participated in a winter sport. Three teams participated at the state level - dance, wrestling, and gymnastics.

Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. A peaceful student walkout in protest of school safety was held March 14 with approximately 60 students participating. The Ag class hosted a podcast from their classroom March 19 and several 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers presented at the Spring Southeast Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals conference. The grade 7-12 master schedule for 2018-19 is still

evolving and taking shape. Sixty-nine juniors will take the ACT test April 3. Canine units from Wabasha and Goodhue County were in the 7-12 and K-2 buildings last week doing routine training. The buildings were held on a lockdown during this process.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary/elementary school. There was 97% parental attendance at conferences in March. Title I Literacy night was held March 26 with approximately thirty-five families in attendance. MCA testing will begin soon and the second to last data days were held March 21 and 22.

Ms. Ahern reported on special education transportation, explaining the various routes and why the school is required to transport the students. She also noted that four students are participating in the Goodhue County Education District Gophers Bowling League again this year.

Mr. Harvey reported that March enrollment was at 1,192. The treasurer's report to the board was available for review and the school nurse submitted a report on activity for February. School safety training will be held March 28 for all staff. The board is invited to attend.

Ms. Roth reported for the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative and Mr. Wendt for the Goodhue County Education District. Minutes were available from the Southeast Service Cooperative.

Old Business:

The board approved the Retire-Rehire Memorandum of Understanding language for the teacher master agreement. The board also adopted the new Q Comp Memorandum of Understanding with the amendment wording as it was presented.

The board approved entering into an agreement with Nexus Solutions to complete a preliminary facility report at no cost to the school at this time.

The following district policies were reviewed and no changes were made: #209 Code of Ethics, #210 Conflict of Interest, #212 School Board Member Development, #230 Board

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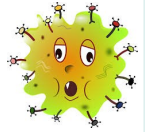
**Looking for a part-time job? Drivers are needed now for this school year. Contact Kennedy Transportation at 507-732-7670 and speak with Scott.**

*The best way to predict your future is to create it. Abraham Lincoln*



**Health Offices:** When you are keeping your child home due to illness, please contact office staff with their symptoms, which may include: cough, fever (degree of fever/how long has student had the fever), diarrhea, vomiting, strep throat, headache, rash etc. This is helpful information for nursing staff to have so we can monitor illnesses in the school and report to the state as needed.

**Influenza:** We are seeing high numbers of students testing positive for Influenza or that have influenza-like-illness symptoms (fever, cough and or sore throat) in the Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District. Influenza symptoms include fever, dry



cough, sore throat, headache, extreme tiredness, and body aches. These symptoms usually begin suddenly and might be severe enough to stop your daily activities. Please report if your child is home with fever, cough and/or sore throat as we are tracking this information for health monitoring.

**Guidelines for Children Returning to School:** : A student should not come to school if they have had a fever of 100 degrees F or more in the past 24 hours: vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours: has an undiagnosed skin rash.

**Medications:** ALL medications at school should go through the health office. Please notify the nurse if your child in K-12 grade needs a medication at school.

**Immunizations:** Immunizations the school has on record are viewable in Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Letters were sent home with 6th grade students reminding them of immunizations are needed before 7th grade. Incoming Kindergarten students will have letters sent home soon.

**Incoming Kindergarten student requirements:** DTP—5<sup>th</sup> dose; Polio—4<sup>th</sup> dose; MMR—2<sup>nd</sup> dose; Hep B—3 doses

**Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade student requirements:** Varicella—2<sup>nd</sup> dose; Tdap booster; Meningococcal

**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.**

## Large Group Contest ZMHS Choir

On Wednesday, March 7, the Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School Choir performed in the Minnesota State High School Large Group Contest at Cannon Falls High School. The Concert Choir performed “Jubilate Deo” by Jay Althouse, “Loch Lomond” arranged by Jonathan Quick, and “Keep Your Lamps” arranged by Andre Thomas.

Judges for the vocal contest included Doug Stradell from Pine Island, Susan Braun from Byron, and Gary Thorn from Triton. The choir received superior comments from all three judges including “nice mature sound,” “exceptional technique and musicianship,” “very well prepared,” “very nice dynamics throughout!,” “excellent attention to detail-wow! in all 3 songs,” “excellent attention to



director and soloists,” and “congratulations on a superb performance!” Out of 40 points total, the choir received 39, 39, and 39 for a Superior rating.

The ZMHS Choir students also had the opportunity to listen to choirs from other schools and constructively comment on them as part of their classroom learning development.

Congratulations to the Concert Choir for their outstanding achievements. The Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School Choir will receive trophies awarded by the MN State High School League. The choir was accompanied by Cindy Wilson on piano and Lyndsey Quam on congas. Susan Peterson directs the concert choir.



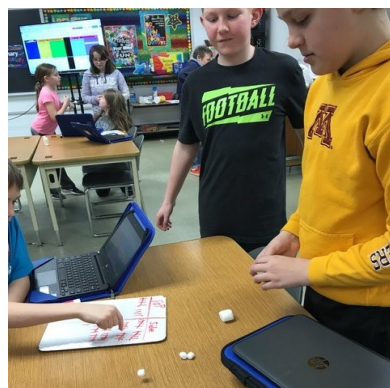
# MARCH MADNESS AT ZM



Recess "talent" show with singing and dancing!



National Honor Society Blood Drive a success!



Learning about probability by flipping marshmallows in grade 6.



NHS serves a meal at the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester



## SOME DONKEYBALL FUN.....





## School Board Meeting Minutes, continued from page 5

Election, #301 School District Administrators, and #302 Superintendent.

### New Business:

New hires included Jill Hall, Title I Assistant in the Primary School, beginning March 6, 2018; Jeanette Richardson, Title I Assistant in the Primary School beginning March 12, 2018; Joel Johnson, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council Advisor for 2018-19; and Jamie Quam, Jr High Softball Coach in the 2017-18 school year. Molly Lindhart was approved for a lane change to BA+20. Todd Petterson was placed on unrequested leave of absence due to the discontinuance of his position.

Future agenda items include the budget, possible new positions, construction house lots, vehicle for SPED transportation, MSBA policy manual audit, and lead in water registration and policy. There will be a report from Robotics and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade teaching team.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

### PERTINENT DATES

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Third Graders performed “Wing It” for their spring concert—they did great and “flew through” the performance!!

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