

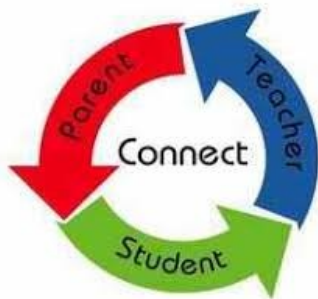


## Building a Bridge to the Future



# ZM MESSENGER

### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES



- Oct 30—Scheduled 7-12 Conferences**
- Nov 12—K-12 Conferences**
- Nov 15—K-6 Conferences**

### SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The state General Election is November 6. ZM will have three school board director positions listed on the General Election ballot. Five district residents have filed for the three positions: James Wendt, Jean Roth, Shannon Bauer, Amanda Peters, and Stephanie Miller.

**To view the Notice of General Election, go to page 5.**

The combined polling places and hours to vote are listed. Please vote in the upcoming election—

**Your voice is important!**



### VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE

ZM Schools will honor our veterans on November 12 (Veterans Day falls on a Sunday this year), continuing the long tradition of teaching our students the meaning of Veterans Day. There will be three programs held in an effort to help each age level fully comprehend the meaning behind Veterans Day.

The public is welcome to attend any or all of the three events. Honored guests are members of the Mazeppa and Zumbrota VFW and Legions and the Mazeppa Honor Guard.

- Primary School—8:30 am, Primary Gym**
- Elementary School—12:30 pm, Large Gym, Mazeppa**
- Middle/High School—2:30 pm, ZMMS/HS Gym, Zumbrota**



### ELECTION DAY—NOVEMBER 6

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#### WHAT'S COMING UP?

- 11/2 - End 1st Quarter
- 11/5 - HVL Honors Choir, Zumbrota, 7pm
- 11/7 - Early Release
- 11/8 - Gr 2 Concert, Auditorium, Zta, 7pm
- 11/12 - Veterans Day Programs, 8:30am in Primary, 12:30pm in Mazeppa, and 2:30 in Zumbrota. K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00pm
- 11/13 - Gr7/8 Band/Choir Concert, Zta, 7pm
- 11/15 - K-6 Parent-Teacher Conf, 4-8pm
- 11-16 & 17—3-Act Play, Auditorium Zumbrota @ 7pm
- 11/19 - Ed Foundation Mtg, ZMHS Room 124, 6:15pm
- 11/20 - Grade 6 Kindness Retreat
- 11/21 - No School/Comp Day
- 11/22 & 23 - No School/Holiday
- 11/26 - Sch Bd Mtg, ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa, 7pm

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## BOOK FAIR TIME

The annual Book Fair is coming! Stop in either of the media centers in Mazeppa or Zumbrota and browse through hundreds of great books for all ages. Online shopping begins November 7—20. Use the following links to shop:

**Elementary:** <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=zumbrotamazepamidschool>

**Primary:** <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=zumbrotamazepaelemschool1&appesp=CPT/ib/20120101///txl/FairFindertoHomepage>

If you prefer to attend in person, the fairs will open November and run through November 13. Stock up and cozy up to a book this winter!



## WILD DAYS

In the event of school closing due to weather or other emergency, ZM Schools will implement WILD days (Weather Impacted Learning Day). In effect, rather than little learning going on when school is cancelled due to weather, student learning will continue with assignments that are preassigned by teachers or available online. WILD days are basically a school day at your home!

Teachers have prepared links and/or other documents for students outlining what students are required to do on WILD Days. Please go to the ZM Schools website, [www.zmschools.us](http://www.zmschools.us) and refer to the individual teacher pages for WILD Day details specific to each teacher. We also have a link explaining WILD days under the “Parents” tab on the website.

Our first snow day of the year will not be a WILD day, as it is important for students to experience the joy of a surprise day off. Each weather day after that will be a WILD day.

Contact Supt Mike Harvey with questions at 507-732-1400 or [mikeh@zmsch.k12.mn.us](mailto:mikeh@zmsch.k12.mn.us).



## BUS SAFETY TRAINING HELD

Kennedy Transportation held bus safety training for Pre-6 grade students in October.

Students practiced bus evacuation, safety training, and how riding the bus is a privilege, not a right. Thank you Kennedy Transportation for keeping out students safe.



**OCTOBER 22-26 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK—OBSERVE THE RULES!**

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT

ZM students will present the 3-Act play, “Caught in the Act” for the public’s enjoyment on the following dates:

**Nov. 15 & 16 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Auditorium in Zumbrota**

**in the**  
**CAUGHT**  
**Act**



## School Board Meeting Minutes

The school board held their monthly work session on October 8 in the ZMMS/HS Media Center. Items for discussion included a demographic report given by Hazel Reinhardt. The 2018-19 special education transportation contract and 2018-20 Principal master agreement were reviewed. The following MSBA audited policies were presented for review:

- #404 Employment Background Checks
- #405 Veteran's Preference; Hiring
- #407 Exposure to Hazardous Substances - Right to Know
- #414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse and Form
- #415 Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults
- #420 Communicable Diseases/Infections

The board participated in an Insights Discovery activity. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The regular monthly meeting was held October 22 in the ZMMS/HS Media Center beginning at 7:00 pm.

Recognition was given to Scott and Ashley Kennedy of Kennedy Transportation for their donation of time and a bus during the early education program transportation night in September. The Mazeppa American Legion Auxiliary was thanked for their monetary donation to the elementary library.

A representative from CliftonLarsonAllen presented the 2017-18 school audit report. He answered questions and reported a clean audit for the school.

Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. He thanked the student government and advisors for their work during Homecoming Week. IBM and the robotic volunteers were thanked for securing two \$2,000 grants for the middle and high school. There is a push to expose students to potential career opportunities in the manufacturing field through participation in Learn and Earn and visits to area manufacturers.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the primary and elementary school. Teacher observations on non-continuing contract staff are nearly finished and plans are underway for the staff development day October 29.

Ms. Ahern reported on special education. There are currently 165 students receiving special education services from birth through grade 12 at ZM Schools. ZM will be hosting one of the three GCED SPED paperwork celebration nights on October 25. There are four students currently involved in the SEA program fall challenge course.

Mr. Harvey reported that enrollment for October was 1,189. The treasurer's report to the board was available for review. Board members wishing to attend the MSBA Winter Leadership Conference should let Brenda know soon for room reservations.

The 2018-20 principal contract was approved as well as the 2018-19 Kennedy Transportation special education contract. The board policies reviewed at the October work session were approved as presented.

Todd Cordes was hired as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade baseball coach beginning in 2018-19 and Amy Matuska was granted a lane change to MS+20. Chrystine Haferman and Kristin Sprick requested a reduction of hours by sharing a paraprofessional position in the elementary. Chrystine will work one day and Kristin four days per week beginning November 1, 2018. Kathy Flotterud will move from primary media assistant to elementary special education assistant beginning November 1, 2018.

The official observance of Veterans Day is Monday, November 12 so no official school meetings can be held that night. It was recommended to move the work session to Tuesday, November 13. It was also recommended that the location be changed to the district office conference room because the book fair will be set up in the media center. A special school board meeting to canvass election results was set for Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the district office conference room with the work session following. The board gave the superintendent permission to complete the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination online. The 2018-19 teacher, probationary teacher, and non-certified seniority lists were available for review with approval in November. The 2019-22 superintendent contract was approved as presented.

Minutes were available from the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative and the Southeast Service Cooperative, but not from the Goodhue County Education District. Mr. Harvey asked if any members were interested in running for the Southeast Service Cooperative board of directors. Ms. Roth said she would like her name submitted for election. There were no future agenda items and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

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## ITS COMING NO MATTER WHAT!!

This has been a crazy weather year, so we can count on the snow flying soon! The school district wants your children prepared for the changing weather conditions, whether they are playing outside at recess or waiting for the bus. This means dressing appropriately with boots, mittens, hats, snow pants, etc. If your child drives to school, consider placing an emergency kit in their vehicle, along with warm clothes and a blanket. Parents will be alerted to notices of school closings, late starts, early dismissals, and other school emergencies through the Infinite Campus Messenger system.

**IF YOU HAVE HAD PHONE NUMBER CHANGES, YOU MUST LET YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW IMMEDIATELY OR YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE MESSENGER ALERTS. YOU CAN ALSO UPDATE IN THE PARENT PORTAL PORTION OF CAMPUS.**

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Notices will also be placed on the school website, [www.zmschools.us](http://www.zmschools.us), during regular school hours and on selected TV and radio stations. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL FOR THIS INFORMATION!!** Announcements will be made by 6:45 am. If no announcement is displayed on TV or heard on the radio, or if a Messenger call is not received, you may assume school will begin at the usual time. Parents should access their own situation to determine whether or not it is safe for their child to attend school



**NOTE: If you need help with winter clothing items for your child, please contact Mrs. Langley in Mazepa at 732-1420 or Mrs. Kennedy in Zumbrota at 732-7848.**



September recorded a total of 800 visits to the health office. This included illness, injuries, medication administration and health concerns. Please be sure to have current emergency contact information in the Parent Portal.

**Hearing and Vision:** With the help of some excellent volunteers, we screened grades 1, 3, and 5 for hearing and vision. Rescreens were completed and referral letters have been sent home. Remember that you may refer a student to me any time during the school year for a hearing or vision screening

### **COLD AND FLU SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**

#### **SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME?**

One of the goals of health services is to assure a healthy environment. Many parents ask about when students should stay home or attend school. The following information is intended to help guide you with making that decision.

- \* If a student has a fever of 100 degrees or more, the student should stay at home until 24 hours after the temperature has returned to normal (without the use of a fever-reducing medication.)
- \* If a student has diarrhea or has vomited, the student should stay home until symptom free for 24 hours.
- \* If a student has a rash that may be related to disease, or the cause is unknown, please see a doctor before sending the student to school.

Please report the symptoms your child has to the office when you are calling or emailing to let us know they are staying home ill so that we can use this information for health tracking.

**INFLUENZA SEASON IS UPON US:** Influenza is a contagious respiratory infection that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May. Symptoms can vary by age, but can include: fever/chills, sore throat, cough, muscle aches, headache, fatigue, runny or stuffy nose. Flu can also lead to pneumonia and worsen other medical conditions.

The student influenza immunization clinics were a huge success. 225 immunizations were given to staff and students. Thanks to all the staff and students for helping this to run smoothly. If you missed the opportunity to get your immunization in Zumbrota at the community clinic it isn't too late. Goodhue County still has the following community clinics available: Wanamingo Elementary School – Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 4-7 pm , Kenyon Middle/High School – Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm, Pine Island Middle/High School – Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 3-6 pm



NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION  
 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2805  
 ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
 STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2805, (Zumbrota-Mazeppa), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 6th day of November 2018, for the purpose of electing three school board members for four year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
 VOTE FOR UP TO THREE

- Jean Roth
- James Wendt
- Shannon Bauer
- Amanda Peters
- Stephanie Miller
- \_\_\_\_\_  
write-in, if any
- \_\_\_\_\_  
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The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

Goodhue County:

- Belle Creek Township at Town Hall, 36500 County 7 Blvd, Belle Creek Township
- Minneola Township at Town Hall, 16004 Sherwood Trail, Minneola Township
- Pine Island Township at Town Hall, 48980 County 55 Blvd, Pine Island Township
- Roscoe Township at Town Hall, 47498 150<sup>th</sup> Ave., Roscoe Township
- City of Zumbrota, City Hall, W1 & W2, 175 West Ave., Zumbrota
- Zumbrota Township at Town Hall, 20991 County 4 Blvd., Zumbrota Township

Olmsted County:

- Oronoco Township at 115 Second Street NW, Oronoco

Wabasha County:

- Chester Township at Bellechester Community Center, 101 First Street, Bellechester
- Mazeppa Township at Town Hall, 59176 County Road 71, Mazeppa
- Zumbro Township at St. John's Lutheran Church, 80 Third Avenue South, Hammond
- City of Mazeppa at Community Center, 278 First Avenue North, Mazeppa

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Dated: August 27, 2018

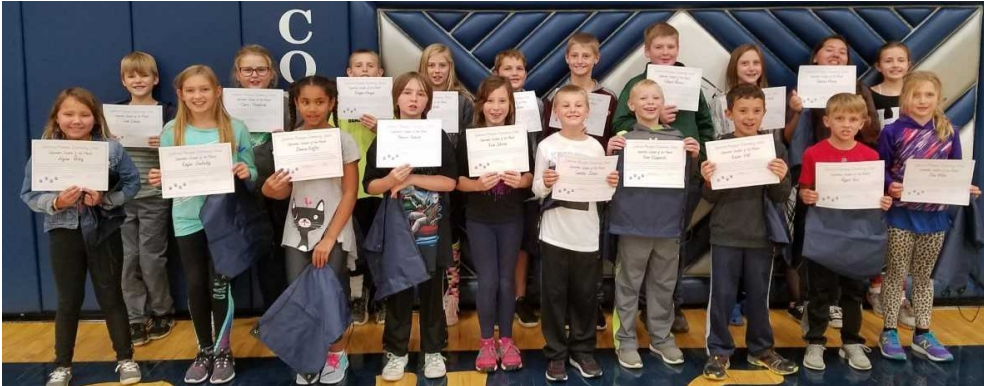
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 /s/ Angie Bredehoft \_\_\_\_\_  
 School District Clerk



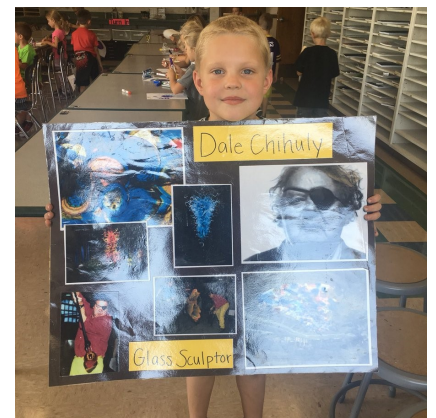
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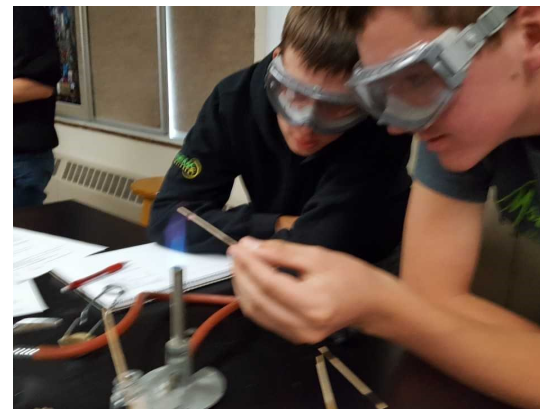
September Student of the Month awards



Art in first grade



National Honor Society students clean up the town



Studying flames and color in HS Science



Yoga in the classrooms



Learning water conservation in HS science