



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER

ZM 4TH GRADER WINS MLK ESSAY CONTEST

Gabriella Miller, ZM 4th grade student, was one of four students who won the Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest in January. This contest is sponsored by the NAACP in Rochester and is open to all students in schools around the Rochester area. Of all the students participating, only four were named essay winners; 1 from Byron and two from Rochester, along with Gabriella.

The question they had to answer was "How can you demonstrate your value to your school and your community? How can you make others feel that they are important in this world?"

Gabriella was invited to read her essay at the Rochester Civic Theater on January 20 during the annual MLK celebration.



ZM Families! In their Phy Ed classes with Mrs. Krause, ZM Primary students will be participating in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge for the 5th year in a row! It focuses on whole-body wellness, helping students improve their own health and better their character while raising life-saving donations for the American Heart Association. We as a district believe in whole-body wellness, so we want to help kids facing heart-health issues. In the past 4 years, our K-2 kids have raised \$34,531 to help protect and improve children's health, educate children and families and raise awareness in our communities about heart and whole-body wellness.



This year's goal is to raise \$8,500 to help others and raise awareness about everyone's most important muscle and to have 50% of our K-2 students registered online. Use the link below to sign your K-2 child up. Even if you aren't able to donate/raise funds, you can still participate as a family using the resources on the website to find tips on healthy eating, exercising and managing stress! And your child will still get to participate in the Warrior Obstacle Course at school during their PE class Feb. 20/21. We hope you'll join us in our 5th year of heart-healthy activity and community service/support!

Kick-Off Date (info packets go home to families): February 3, 2020
 Packets Due to Classroom Teachers: February 20 & 21, 2020
 Event Date: February 20 & 21, 2020

ZM Kids Heart Challenge Website: <http://www2.heart.org/goto/zumbrota>

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

All-Time Scorer.....2
 Can't Get to the Games?.....2
 Math League.....3
 Construction House.....3
 School Board Minutes.....3
 FCCLA.....4
 Nurse Notes.....4
 Dorian Festival.....5
 One Act Play.....5
 PIZM Gymnastics.....6
 Dance Team.....6
 Winter Happenings.....7
 Para Week.....8



DIANE MATTHEES RETIRES

ZM's Coordinator of Fiscal Services, Diane Matthees, retired January 31 after nearly twenty years with the district. She was hired in May 2000



after years of working as a certified public accountant and helped develop the business manager position at ZM.

Diane played an integral role in the district's finances for many years through leadership changes, tough budget cycles, and building projects. Her expertise and attention to detail will be greatly missed at ZM.

We wish her the best as she moves on to new opportunities!



ALL TIME LEADING ZM SCORER

Congratulations to Ali Hunstad for breaking the ZM girls and boys basketball scoring record January 7. She has scored over 1,510 points and is still counting!!

Ali will attend the University of MN at Mankato in the fall of 2020 to further her education and her basketball career.



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The school board held their monthly work session following the organization meeting January 6. Items discussed included:

1. Elementary Addition - due to the 1.3-million-dollar cost to do a lower level at the elementary site, it was recommended that the board stick with the original renovation plan.
2. District Security Procedure for Building Designers to Consider - There will be one secure entrance at the primary so preschool parents and students will need to enter through that door for security purposes. There will be ongoing discussion on the preschool and kindergarten room placement. Language for a district policy was also discussed. The sample language included: "All visitors must report through the main office of each building. A "Background Check System" will be implemented at the beginning of the 2021 school year. From the start of the 2021 school year and beyond, any visitor who wants access to any part of the school will have to swipe his or her driver's license. Once a driver's license has been put in the system, the license will be in the system. The data from the license will only indicate known sex offenders, protection orders, and custody agreements. When a visitor has been cleared, a badge will be printed, and the visitor will be admitted into the building.
3. Safety Grant - ZM had previously received a state safety grant for the early childhood building. Since that building will not be used after the renovations take place, the grant cannot be used for the original purpose. However, \$15,000 in technology equipment will be able to be moved to the new location when the early childhood moves.

4. Zumbrota Boiler - New boilers were installed in 2008 with ten-year warranties. One boiler broke and was covered under warranty. The other boiler broke after the warranty ran out and was replaced. However, the first one covered under warranty has now cracked again and will cost \$40-\$50,000 to fix. Steve Pahl and Mr. Harvey are working with the boiler company to see what recourse the school has and if the boiler company will stand behind the three-year-old broken boiler heat exchanger.

Mr. Harvey informed the board that Brian Wright from Lunchtime Solutions will be leaving as food service director at the end of January. He will be missed at ZM and was thanked for his service.

A special meeting was held January 13 following the bond sale earlier in the day. Jeff Seeley from Ehlers was present to review the 2020A bond sale that took place earlier in the day. He reviewed the sale day report that showed a considerable saving to the taxpayers through the school's upgraded bond rating. A plaque was presented to the board noting this upgrade. The board approved the resolution relating to \$30,840,000 general obligation school building and facilities maintenance bonds, series 2020A; authorizing the issuance, awarding the sale, prescribing the form and details and providing for the payment thereof. Mr. Dave Thompson presented "The Third Teacher" book study with the board. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

The regular monthly meeting was held January 27 in the elementary media center in Mazeppa. The usual business was conducted, including payment of bills.

Recognition was given to the Mayo Clinic Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine and the Zumbrota

CAN'T GET TO THE GAMES?

ZM will be live streaming some of our games and activities this winter! We want you to attend activities and support our programs whenever you can, but if you can't make it here or know someone who cannot, some of our home games and concerts will be on



youtube both livestreamed and saved for later viewing. Currently we will stream only home events from the gym and auditorium in Zumbrota so subscribe to our channel and check ahead to see what events we will be streaming.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtzS4h51p1xVzClcyK89Lhg>

MATH LEAGUE FINISHES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The Zumbrota- Mazeppa Junior High Math team just completed it's season. Pictured from left to right: Back Row: Cora Anderson, Jimmy Suess, Kaylee Peterson, Henry Glamm, Edward Winters
Front Row: Lydia Hessenius, Noah Schaefer, Jady Flynn, Gabriella Perrotti. Missing: Carlee Vath
1st Place - Edward Winters
2nd Place - Henry Glamm
3rd Place - Jady Flynn



Board Minutes, continued from page 2

VFW Post 5727 for their donations toward delinquent school lunch accounts. Brian Wright, Lunchtime Solutions Food Director, was in attendance and thanked the board and ZM Schools for their support for the past few years; Mr. Wright's last day will be January 31.

Student board representative, Siddha Hunt, reported on middle and high school activities for January.

Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school; Mr. Rasmussen for the primary/elementary school; and Ms. Ahern for SPED.

Mr. Harvey reported that enrollment was 1,318. The treasurer's report to the board was available for review.

Patron Input: Zumbrota Police Chief, Patrick Callahan, was in attendance and thanked ZM Schools for their assistance during his time filling in for School Resource Officer, Shannon Harvey. Ms. Harvey will return next week to her duties.

There was no old business. The consent agenda was approved which included the hire of Mary Lee Olson, paraprofessional, beginning 12/20/19; Sarah Jackson, paraprofessional, 1/13/20; Katie Kennedy, assistant softball coach; and Margaret Starkson, paraprofessional, beginning 1/24/20. Ashlyn Stecklein was hired as a long-term sub in the preschool beginning February 10 through the end of the 2019-20 school year. Childcare leave was approved for Abby Purmal May 1 through the end of the 2019-20 school year. Lane changes were approved for Jacob Smith,

BA+20; Derek Hatten, BA+20; Logan Jensen, BA+20, and Megan Nelson, BA+20. The 2019-21 teacher master agreement was approved as presented and the 2019-20 school calendar was revised by moving the March 10 scheduled 7-12 conferences to March 9 to avoid township election conflicts. The board approved the Zumbrota Ford Test drive fundraiser for the elementary in the spring of 2020. School Management Systems personnel were approved to be added to the Bank of Zumbrota corporate resolution authorization and the removal of Diane Matthees due to her retirement.

Chair Roth thanked retiring Fiscal Coordinator, Diane Matthees, for her twenty years of service to the district. Minutes were available from the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative, Southeast Service Cooperative, and the Goodhue County Education District.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Pertinent Dates:

- 2 /5 - HVL Band Clinic at Kenyon-Wanamingo
- 2/10 - School Board Work Session, 7:00 pm, ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
- 2/12 - HVL Vocal Clinic at ZM
- 2/14 - No School/ Teacher Flex Day
- 2/17 - No School/ Holiday
- 2/20 - Early Childhood Screening
- 2/24 - School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota

CONSTRUCTION CLASS HOME

The ZM Vocational Construction Class has been busy constructing a beautiful 2,005 square foot home at 470 Lancaster Blvd in Zumbrota. The home will be for sale this spring with bids due in March. An open house will be held March 14 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm. If you are interested in this quality home, contact the advisor, Brandon Roth, at 507-273-2992 for home details or call the ZM District Office at 507-732-1400 for bidding information.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The ZM held their organization meeting January 6 in the elementary media center. Stephanie Miller, who was elected this past November, was administered the school board oath of office by Chair Roth.

Order of Business: Chair Roth was nominated for chair and upon the motion to cease nominations, was unanimously elected. Jason Lohmann was nominated for vice-chair and unanimously elected, along with Angie Bredehoft as clerk and James Wendt as treasurer.

The regular school board meeting dates were set for the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm with the sites alternating between Mazeppa and Zumbrota. The May and December board meetings will be moved up one week to avoid holiday conflicts and the July work session is cancelled. Any regular meetings that cannot be held at the scheduled time due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances will be held the next day at the same time, thereby eliminating the three-day notice required for meetings.

Regular Meetings:

Mon, Jan 27, 2020 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon, Feb 24, 2020 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon, March 23, 2020 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon, April 27, 2020 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon, May 18, 2020 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon, June 22, 2020 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon, July 20, 2020 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon, Aug 24, 2020 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon, Sept 28, 2020 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon, Oct 26, 2020 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon, Nov 23, 2020 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon, Dec 21, 2020 Follows tax hearing ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota

Special Meetings:

Mon, Jan 6, 2020 Organization 6:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon, Dec 21, 2020 Tax Hearing/Adoption 6:30 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon, Jan 4, 2021 Organization 6:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa

Board Work Sessions (Board reserves the right to cancel a monthly session if deemed necessary) :

Mon, Jan 6, 2020 Follows Organization Meeting ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon, Feb 11, 2020 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon, March 9, 2020 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon, April 13, 2020 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon, May 11, 2020 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon June 8, 2020 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon, Aug 10, 2020 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon, Sept 14, 2020 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon Oct 12, 2020 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon, Nov 9, 2020 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon Dec 14, 2020 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota

The 2020 bill review schedule is as follows:

January/July—Mr. Lohmann	February/August—Mr. Wendt
March/September—Ms. Miller	April/October—Ms. Peters
May/November—Ms. Roth	June/December Ms. Bredehoft

The official district bulletin boards were designated at the Superintendent's Office, ZMHS Main Door on Mill Street, and ZMPR Main Door on Mill Street. The Bank of Zumbrota was named the general depository and investment sites include the First State Bank of Red Wing at Mazeppa, Bank of Zumbrota, Liquid Assets, Edward Jones at Zumbrota, and Ehler's.

Electronic transfer authorization was given to Diane Matthees, Carol Glander, and School Management Systems in 2020. Authorization for stop payment and revoked documents was given to Diane Matthees and School Management Systems. The superintendent, chair, and treasurer were given authorization to invest surplus funds and the superintendent and treasurer were granted access to the safe deposit box #503 at the downtown Bank of Zumbrota. The legal firms of Rockne Law Office, Zumbrota; Ratwik Roszak, & Mahoney, P.A.; and Dunlap & Seeger, P.A. were designated the school attorneys. The News Record was designated the official school newspaper. The superintendent was named as the Identified Official with Authority to authorize user access to the Minnesota Department of Education's secure websites for ZM. The superintendent was also given authority to enter into contracts and approve payments on behalf of the district. The Mayo Clinic Health Systems—Zumbrota Clinic and the Goodhue/Wabasha Health Services were named the general school clinics.

Board director compensation for 2020 was set at \$2,500 with \$15 per hour for board members required to attend meetings on legal issues and negotiations during the workday. The board chair per diem was set at \$300 per year. There were no other director per diems. Board negotiators will be paid \$30 per session. The 2020 federal mileage rate will apply for travel and the meals/lodging allowance for attending workshops and conferences was set at \$12 for breakfast, \$15 for lunch, and \$22 for dinner.

The board committee appointments for 2020 are as follows:

- Attendance/Discipline (1) Ms. Miller, Mr. Wendt, Alt.
- Board Policy Manual (2) Ms. Roth, Ms. Peters
- Buildings/Grounds - all areas (3) Mr. Lohmann, Mr. Wendt, Ms. Bredehoft
- Community Education Board (2) Ms. Roth, Ms. Miller
- District Advisory Committee (3) Ms. Roth, Ms. Bredehoft, Mr. Lohmann
- GCED Joint Powers (1) Mr. Wendt, Ms. Roth, Alt.
- Legislative Com/Net (1) Ms. Roth, Ms. Peters, Alt.
- Meet & Confer (3) Ms. Roth, Ms. Peters, Ms. Bredehoft, Alt.
- Negotiations (3) Mr. Lohmann, Ms. Bredehoft, Mr. Wendt
- MSHSL/Extracurricular (2) Ms. Bredehoft, Ms. Miller
- Technology (2) Ms. Peters, Ms. Roth
- Vocational Advisor-School to Work (3) Mr. Lohmann, Mr. Wendt, Ms. Roth
- WETC Joint Powers (2) (alt required) Ms. Bredehoft, Ms. Roth, Ms. Miller, Alt.
- Education Foundation (2) Mr. Wendt, Ms. Peters, Ms. Roth, Alt.
- Budget Committee (2) Ms. Bredehoft, Mr. Lohmann

The board approved the addition of student board representatives and the board preamble was adopted as presented. The MSBA conference was discussed. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

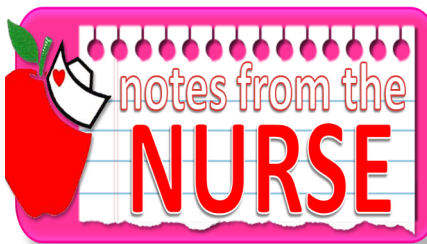
Continued page 5

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

On January 14, a group of juniors and seniors who are members of the FCCLA/LEO Club went to the Feed My Starving Children center and packed 34,176 meals—enough to feed 94 children for a whole year!

The Feed My Starving Children organization is dedicated to helping feed the hungry and desperate around the world and student fundraising and time donations are vital to keeping this organization going.

ZM students have volunteered for many years and have made a difference through their community service.



We are still seeing influenza like illnesses! It is not too late to get your flu vaccine

Message from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

The end of 2019 brought us an atypical start to the influenza season. We had an early start to the influenza season and Influenza B/Victoria viruses are predominant, which is unusual for this time of year. This early start does not mean that the influenza season will end early. It is likely that flu activity will remain elevated through late January. It is possible we will have another peak in Influenza activity again in January or February. **It is not too late to get vaccinated.** Flu vaccination is always the best way to prevent flu and its potentially serious complications.

Influenza is spread by coughing or sneezing, and by touching contaminated hands, objects, or surfaces. Symptoms may last up to 7 days and people with influenza are contagious for 24 hours before symptoms present and up to 7 days after illness begins. Please stay home if/when you have symptoms.

Human Growth and Development:

Letters were sent home last month with all students in grades 4 – 6 regarding the upcoming Human Growth and Development classes.

4th grade: 2/25/20 & 2/26/20

5th grade: 2/6/20

6th grade: 2/7/20

The links to the videos are available on the ZM school website under Health Services tab if parents would like to view them before the classes in February. Please contact Tiffany Boraas, LSN with any questions/concerns at 507-732-1420.

Be sure to let the school office staff know if your student is home with an influenza-like-illness (ILI). ILI is defined as a fever of 100.0 degrees F or higher, and cough or sore throat (in absence of a known disease other than influenza). It is important for parents to report symptoms keeping students' home as we are tracking symptoms for state health monitoring.

Guidelines for 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 (students must be fever free for 24 hours **WITHOUT** the use of fever reducing medication); vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours; tested positive for strep (must stay home until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment started); an undiagnosed skin rash. Please help us keep all our students healthy by following these recommendations.

Check the Health Services tab on the school website for more health information

HOW FUN IS THIS!

Primary students participated in a "paper plate" ice skating relay race as part of the PBIS end of quarter reward day. It isn't as easy as it looks to skate on a paper plate!



"Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them" ~~ Lady Bird Johnson



DORIAN VOCAL FESTIVAL

The 70th Annual Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College in Decorah, IA was held on January 12th and 13th. Four Zumbrota-Mazeppa students were selected to attend. They included (from left to right) Claudia Gunhus, Natasha Ludington, Taylor Benson, and Audrey Timm.

These students were four out of approximately 1100 juniors and seniors that attended this festival. Students came from several different states which included South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. The students rehearsed both Sunday and Monday on their mixed, female and male choral pieces with director, Andrew Last, Elaine Hagenberg, and Mark Potvin. The mixed choir pieces included "KwaMashu" arranged by Theodore Cookson, "Can we Sing the Darkness to Light?" by Kyle Pederson and "I Celebrate Myself" by James Deignan. Along with the three SATB pieces, the men's chorus sang "Shenandoah" arranged by Matthew Armstrong and Shelly Armstrong and the women's chorus sang "Song of Miriam" by Elaine Hagenberg.

All of the Zumbrota-Mazeppa students were able to attend a concert on Sunday evening in which the Sioux City East High Chamber Choir sang and two all freshmen Luther College choirs performed with former Zumbrota-Mazeppa graduate Anne Wilson accompanying the choirs. On Monday night, the Festival Grand Concert was held at 7pm. At the concert, the Luther College Nordic Choir, five selected high school vocalists and the High School Festival Choir performed at this exciting and energizing concert. It was a great concert for all!



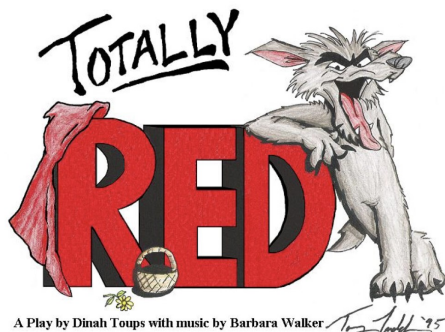
One Act Play Rescheduled

ZM's Drama Department presents the one-act play "Totally Red". This play was rescheduled after a snowstorm and will not be held February 4.

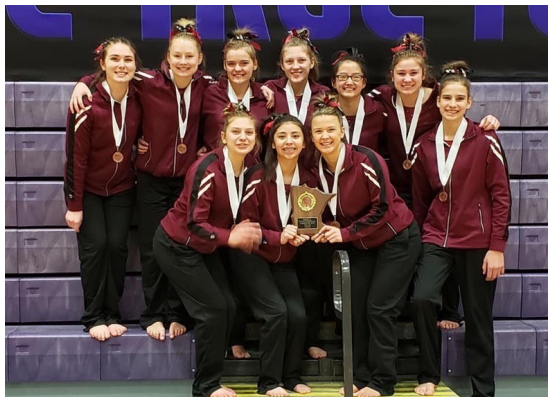
This is a unique and fun retelling of the classic battle of wit and deception as told in the beloved fairy tale of Little Red Riding Hood. We meet Red (who is nobody's fool) and the wolf (who tries to be cool) and granny—well, sometimes she's left in the dark!

TOTALLY RED
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 at 7:30 PM
NEUMAN AUDITORIUM
ZUMBROTA

We look forward to seeing you at the show!!



EXCITING WEEKEND FOR ZM TEAMS



The PIZM gymnastics team placed third at the State True Team meet on January 25—these talented athletes consistently show their expertise and skills in a challenging athletic sport. Congratulations to everyone!

The ZM Dance Team was named HVL Conference Jazz Champions for the third year in a row. Congratulations to the All-Conference and Honorable Mention award winners.

Jazz Award Winners: Jenna, Kalli, Madelyn, Hailey, & Kristi

Kick Award Winners: Madelyn, Jenna, Kalli, Cece, & Hailey



WINTER HAPPENINGS



It is time to take the polar plunge for **SPECIAL OLYMPICS!**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Visit <https://reg.plungemn.org/team/zumbrotamazepahighschool> for an opportunity to support this worthy cause or contact the HS office at 507-732-7395 for information on how to donate.



KIDDIE INDY 500



Bring your “race car” (tricycle, wagon, or non-motorized ride-on toy) and have a wonderful time speeding along the track.

This event will be located in the ZMHS gym, mezzanine level.



Ages 1-5
Sat, February 1
9:30—10:30 a.m.

THANK A COACH/ADVISOR WEEK

With the support of Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, the Minnesota State High School League, the Minnesota Interscholastic Activities Administrators Association, and the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association are launching a campaign of gratitude to thank statewide coaches and advisors for their service in extra-curricular activities.



“Thank A Coach/Advisor Week” will take place from

January 27 through February 2. The campaign is designed to promote, recognize and support the thousands of coaches and advisors across Minnesota that are making an integral, positive, and lifelong impact on youth in the classroom and athletic settings.

MARCH 7 — ✓ YOUR CALENDAR



5th Annual Stabilize ZM Families
CHILI & MAC ‘n CHEESE COOK-OFF
11:00 am—12:30 pm
ZM Cafeteria, Zumbrota
\$5 Adults, \$3 Children (ages 2-12)



Please help support ZM Stabilize Families, a local organization that helps individuals and students in need, as well as sponsoring dental clinics to youth 14 years of age and younger.

If you are interested in entering chili or mac ‘n cheese, please contact Katie Kennedy at 507-732-7848 or email her at katiek-sw@zmsch.k12.mn.us.

Be a taste-tester and help judge the chili and mac ‘n cheese dishes. Tickets sold at the door and take-home containers available for an additional charge.

18th Annual

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Family Expo
Saturday, March 7
9:00 – 11:00 am
Zumbrota-Mazeppa HS Gymnasium
FREE WILL DONATION

This is a FREE WILL donation event, for children ages birth to kindergarten and their families, highlights various family services that are available in the ZM community. Bring your little ones for some special time to enjoy:

Face painting
Balloon animals
Children’s activities
& Music
Silent Auction
Inflatable slide
Prize drawings
Glitter Tattoos



COME & ENJOY THESE FAMILY EVENTS!!



PARA WEEK

It was a great month for learning and celebrating! January 27-31 was Para Recognition Week, where all of ZM's paras were thanked and recognized for the daily dedication and outstanding work in our classrooms, playgrounds, lunchrooms, and driving. We say thank you!!

Pictured are Primary paras Mary Cordes, Sarah Jackson, Courtney Hammes, Jordan Thompson, Cindy Sand, Jody Ayres, Jen Berkner. Missing is Laura Kriekie, Sue Scheffler, Tracy Nelson, Elizabeth Ramer, & Jessica Winters.

Elementary paras: Shelley Speltz, Sarah Dennison, Pam Keller, Lynn Wingfield, Monica Dohrn, Ben Bryant, Terin Olson, Michelle Matthees, and Suzanne Griffin. Missing is Kathy Flotterud, Susan Evans, & Brooke Donkers.

MS/HS paras include Cindy Billman, Ann Husbyn, Jacquie Morrow, Deb Floan, Jodie Thompson, Krista Boelter, Amber Havican, Sara Hoven, Tiffany Clemenson, Keysha Hoehne, Gary Bryant, Anne Idler, & Joy Post.

