



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER

class of
2021

May Rane Aiton
Gretta Nicole Anderson
Annika Jo Angerman
Morgan Dawn Archer
Cole Edward Ayres
Brianna Lynn Banitt
Alivia Joy Berg
Makenna Rae Bramble
Lauryn Elizabeth Brock
Colement David Brooke
Sierra Rae Brubaker
Kwabonna Tatyana Bufford
Jacob Daniel Burdick
Landen William Chandler
Carter Lee Claxton
Kyle Keith Cloutier
McKenzie Anna Cordes
Deanna Jeannette Cupp
Audrey Rose Downes
Bridget Kay Downes
Kayla Rose Earnhart
Spencer Dean Everly
Gracie Gloria Flicek

Mikayla Mae Flipp
Broc Bryan Fredrickson
Erin Marie Ganrud
Tanner John Gates
Logan James Gerken
Madilynn Mae Goodman
Evan James Groby
Haily Brianna Grudem
Joseph Otto Hadler
Nathan Jerome Haltom
Sierrah Reign Hamilton
Makenzie Mau Haugen
Soren James Heliyer
Griffin Harol Hinrichs
Madelyn Jean Hofschulte
Willard Carl Holm III
Joshua Jeffrey Hutton
Mitch Daniel Illg
Logan Christian Jasperson
Beau Billington Jurrens
Griffin Orion Karlsrun
Amelia Genevieve Karstens
Madeline Amy Kennedy
Madison Jo Kohn
Ethan Timothy Kovars
Anna Grace Lowrie
Natasha Jo Ludington
Ashton Alan Macht
Tenlee Rae Magnuson
Tanner James Mancilman
Colin David McGuire
David McKinney
Jake Thomas Mehrkens

Sarah Theresa Mensink
Devonique Charlotte Miller
Parker Jerone Miller
William Louis Orion Mueller
Quinten Luke Mulder
Aubree Meliah Nelson
Xander Maynard Novek
Madelyn Marcella O'Reilly
Kaitlyn Mae Peter
Nickolas James Ptererman
Hailie Ann Quenzer
Shaelynn Veronica Ann Rehder
Jonas Matthew Rickard-Stadsvold
Danielle Venetta Robb
Kelsie Joann Roble
Brady Gordon Schran
Jacob Darren Smith
Jack Raymond Smothers
Avery Olivia Steffen
Kaleb David Stensland
Alexis Bree Stensrud
Dylan Lee Thomas Stevenson
Raelyn Mae Stiller
Brielle Jolynne Stueber
William Jon Stussy
Dean James Torelli
Emma Grace Utley
Jasson Robert VanDenHemel
Oliver Mateo Vargas
Sadie Rebecca Voth
Casey Joseph Weber
Kimmetha Felicite Weber
Brandon Jonathon Zeuli

Class Motto: "Behind you are the challenges you've met, before you lie new possibilities. Today you choose the direction of your life."



For many kids, summertime means food, friends, and fun. For families who count on school breakfast and lunch, however, the summer months can be stressful and family food budgets are stretched even further. Free

summer meals, funded by the USDA, are available to kids and teens ages 18 and younger at summer meal sites across qualifying communities in Minnesota.

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools is excited to announce that this year we will once again be participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided on a first come, first serve basis beginning May 24 through August 25. Breakfast and Lunch will be served May 24 through June 18, bundled meals will be available Wednesdays starting May 26 through August 25. **Please register by Monday for Wednesday bundled meal at zmschools.com.** Please keep this option in mind when your child is at community education activities, weight-lifting, summer camps, or other events in Zumbrota.

The program pays for the children's meals.

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools is assisting with the meal site; however, parents and students must understand that this is not a daycare service for students who participate. We do welcome all students to participate and appreciate your help with this. Our building is busy in the summer with custodians cleaning, moving equipment, and waxing floors. For safety purposes, we need students in designated areas only. If you would like your child to take advantage of this program, here are the details:

WHERE: ZM Primary, 799 Mill Street, Zumbrota, MN. Primary Office Door

WHEN: Monday – Friday

WHAT TIME: Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. & Lunch 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm pick up for Bundled Meals Pick up in Zumbrota or Mazeppa

WHAT DAYS? May 24 – June 18 Breakfast and Lunch

Wednesdays May 26th – August 25 Bundled Sack lunch will be available.

(Closed Memorial Day and July 5 – July 9)

QUESTIONS? Call 507-732-1400

Sincerely,
Michael Harvey
Superintendent of Schools

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WHAT'S COMING UP?

5-24—SUMMER MEALS BEGIN

6-14—WORK SESSION

6--28—SCHOL BOARD MEETING



First Graders Celebrating School!



Congratulations to all of the FCCLA-Leo Club Award Earners Sarah, Sadie, Madison, Kenzie, Madi, Ansley, Annika and Alivia.

May 10th Work Session Minutes

The following items were up for discussion at the May 10th School Board Work Session:

1. Lunchtime solutions presented for the 21-22 school year. They are hoping the district outcome will be \$101,395 and plan on achieving this by student participation and satisfaction. They are planning to offer more entrees and incorporate special menu days.
2. The Board reviewed the insurance quotes from EMC insurance.
3. Mr. Harvey reports that he is looking into a timeclock system to streamline payroll and time off for hourly employees
4. Targeted Services will be June 1st –3rd for grades 1-6. No 7th or 8th graders were interested. Credit Recovery will have 2 sessions. One in June and the other August. ESY will be June 14-July 1st. M/T/W/Th
5. The 2021-2022 Budget was approved
6. Mr. Harvey gave a construction update. Staff are doing a lot of packing and cleaning classrooms. Walls are starting to go up at the High School.
7. Covid 19 update: Goodhue County numbers have dropped this week. Mr. Harvey thanked the nurses for the tremendous year they have had.
8. The LTFM Plan was reviewed. It will be brought back at the regular May meeting.
9. The following Policies are up for review. #401, #403, #404, #405 and #407.
10. The 2021-2022 School House will be built in the Highlands Addition this year. It will be a 5 bedroom house.
11. The Post Prom Committee will not be running concession stands any long. Mr. Harvey will move forward with creating a plan to offer it to school sponsored activates first
12. Beginning on May 24 School Board Meetings will be in person at the Zumbrota Primary Media Center



School Board Meeting Minutes:

The School Board held their regularly scheduled meeting on May 24th at the Media Center the Zumbrota Mazeppa Primary Media Center.

Mr. Anderson thanked the following people in his report. Ms. Lockner, Ms, Kennedy, and Ms. Klein, as well as all the student government students for their help with putting on the Grand March and Prom. A special thanks to the Post-Prom Committee for volunteers for their array of great student prizes that were offered. Zumbrota Bank for donating lawn signs to graduating seniors again this year and to the ZM staff who delivered them. Knobelsdorf Electric in Goodhue for donating a tool box to each graduating senior. And thank you to the janitors, staff and students who all pitched in to make the move go so well. Mr. Anderson also surveyed to 11th grade parents regarding the 2022 Graduating Ceremony. Should it stay as currently planned on May 27, 2022 or be moved to Friday June 3, 2022? 40 parents responded to the survey. 52.5 % would like to move it to June 3, 47.5 would like it to stay.

Mr. Rasmussen thanked the students, staff and community for the amazing job of working together to accomplish so much this year. And also to Dale, Jon and all of the custodians for everything they have done to help with the move this year. Elementary finished MCA testing of nearly all of their students which proved a difficult task due to quarantines. The last day of school students participated in a prize drawing activity. Many grade levels took advantage of the nice weather the last few days of school by taking walking field trips.

Mr. Harvey gave Ms. Ahern's report. Graphics and Window Wraps have been installed. Primary ended their year with celebrations. Lunchtime Solutions provided an outdoor picnic on the last day of school! Kindergarten had an ABC countdown, 1st grade had a picnic at Covered Bridge Park and 2nd grade had Track and Field Day. Targeted Services will take place June 1st—3rd and June 7th—10th. ESY will be June 14th—July 1st. Bridge to Kindergarten will be August 9th—12th.

Mr. Harvey reported that current enrollment is 1281. He also gave a Covid Update. A lot has changed with

guidelines this month. Staff and students are excited to start Summer programs.

Dawn Guse reported on the Close Up trip to Washington DC. Her and Mr. Raasch took 12 students for 4 days. She thanked the board for letting the Seniors go.

Old Business:

The board accepted the EMC Insurance quote.

The LTFM Plan was also accepted by the Board.

The numbers for the Parking Lot Abatement Bonds did not come in. Mr. Harvey reported he will bring this back at another meeting.

The board approved the following policies. #401 Equal Employment Opportunity, # 403 Discipline, Suspension, Dismissal of School District Employee, #404 Employment Background Checks, #405 Veterans Preference , #407 Employee Right to Know.

New Business:

The consent agenda including payment of bills was approved as follows:

1. Approve Minutes
 - A) April 12, 2021
 - B) May 10, 2021
2. Approval of Hires
 - A) Jake Kostel, Title 1 Teacher, Starting 21-22 School Year
 - B) Cole Ayres, Cougar Care
 - C) Jena LeTourneau, 4th Grade Teacher, Starting 21-22 School Year
3. Approval of Resignations
 - A) Marissa McBride, Cougar Care, effective 4-30-21
 - B) Mike Deming, Maintenance/Health and Safety Coordinator, effective 6-30-21
 - C) Lindsay Stussy, Cougar Care, effective 5-6-21
 - D) Samantha Niemann, 3rd Grade Teacher, End of 20-21 school year
 - E) Katelyn Lexvold, 3rd Grade Teacher, End of 20-21 school year
 - F) Justin Guse, Paraprofessional, End of 20-21 school year
 - G) Aaron Schumacher, 7/8 Choir Teacher, HS Youth Service Coordinator, Peer Coach, End of 20-21 school year.



School Board Meeting Cont.

4. Approval of Tenure
 - A) Abby O'Connor
5. Approval of Reassignment
6. Approval of Childcare Leave
7. Approval of Terminations
8. Approval of Fundraisers
9. Approval of Donation
 - A) \$200 - Dale and Gage Goranson and Mary Ellinghuysen - Special Education
10. Approval of Grants
11. Approval of Lane Changes
12. Approval of Bill Consideration
 - A) Ms. Roth - Reviewer
 - B) Ms. Bredehoft - June

Mr. Lohman thanked the Principals, Superintendent Harvey and teachers for keeping the ZM Students in school this year. All board members agreed. Ms. Roth said the hard work did not go unnoticed.

The SRO contract with the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office was approved.

The board approved the purchase of parcel numbers 722000060 and 722000080 from St. Francis

Aaron Schumacher was approved to be hired as the Student Wellness Coordinator.

While the past two years have not been typical, prom attendees were able to have fun with casino-style games, prizes, and a hypnotist at Prom 2021. Looking to the future, ZM After Prom needs new leadership. Please email ZMAfterprom@gmail.com to indicate your interest.



Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year and information regarding the Bridge to Kindergarten program has been mailed out. If you did not receive and have a child starting Kindergarten next school year please contact Amy at the Primary School 507-732-7848



2nd Graders using their Dash Robots in the STEM Room.

On Tuesday, April 20th, the Zumbrota-Mazeppa Middle School and High School Choirs put on their annual Spring Concert.

Recognition and awards were also handed out for Choir Officers, Solo/ Ensemble Students, Letter winners, Seniors, National Choral Award, and ZM Choir Student of the Year Award.

ZMHS Choir letter winners for the 2020-2021 school year included Kelsie Roble, Izzy Flicek, Serena Marx, Maggie Mullholland, Billie Jean Emeline, Cece Kimber, Emerson Bengtson, Coleman Brooke, Kaylee Peterson, Rachel Krinke, Josh Hutton, Madelyn Fredrickson, Bobbie Rae Benson, Annika Angerman, [Makayla Rodriguez](#), [Sierrah Hamilton](#), Bridget Downes, and [Natasha Ludington](#). The National School Choral Award is chosen each year by the Choir Director. This award goes to one senior girl and one senior boy in recognition of merit, ability, and achievement of outstanding contributions to the success of the school vocal program, and of an unusual degree of loyalty, cooperation and high qualities of conduct. This year, we were proud to present The National Choral Award to Bridget Downes and Josh Hutton. The Choir Student of the Year is chosen each year by the choir and the director. This award is given to a Senior in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Z-M Vocal Music Program. This person is chosen on the basis of attitude, character and maturity, commitment and years of service, and musical growth and achievement. This year, we were proud to present this honor to Natasha Ludington.

It was pure joy that we were able to put on a live concert for our families. We would like to say that this year has been like no other, and we are continually grateful for this community of support. We could not do what we do without the help and support of family and friends.



The ZM High School Choir made up of 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade singers.

The ZM Middle School Choir is taught and directed by Aaron Schumacher and the ZM High School Choir is taught and directed by Susan Peterson. Both choirs were accompanied by Cindy Wilson.

If you would like to view the concerts, they are posted on the Zumbrota-Mazeppa Choirs Facebook page.



The ZM Middle School Choir made up of 7th and 8th grade singers.

Final Note:
Due to COVID restrictions, the choirs performed in the ZMHS gymnasium for separate 7:00pm and 7:45pm concerts. Each student was given a restricted amount of tickets to be under the 250 person capacity. The choir students were spread 7 feet apart on the home side of the bleachers and were masked for the performance.



Congratulations to our 8 FFA Career Development Even Teams that qualified for state and competed in their state contests in April! The dairy judging team placed 5th overall at state, and Natalie Clemenson placed 9th individually. Milk Quality placed 10th as a team, and Emma Nelson placed 9th individually. Small Animals placed 11th, Ag Mechanics placed 12th, Soils placed 15th, Livestock placed 19th, and Farm Management placed 21st. The Parliamentary procedure team placed 2nd in the region and also qualified for state competition.



Graphics and window wraps at the Primary Building.

