



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER

Ms. Roth's Class celebrating the First Day of School



Homecoming week is being celebrated September 27-October 1. The week started with Zumbrota-Mazeppa's FIRST outdoor coronation! 10-12 grade students will be able to watch ZM Volleyball in action during the day Thursday. Friday night will be busy with food vendors before the Football game with the Homecoming Dance to follow.



ZM HOMECOMING ROYALTY Front Row (L to R) Queen Candidates Kailey Cooper, Addy Voxland, Brenna Thomas, Katie Keach, Emma Plank, Rianne Buck and Junior Ambassador Lola Wagner. Middle Row (L to R): King Candidates Mason Goodman, Drew Christopherson, Tyson Liffbrig and Junior ambassador Zane Angerman. Back Row (L to R) King Candidates Zak Arendt, Blake Lochner and Gabe Tupper

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COMING UP?

OCT 11—WORK SESSION
OCT 13— EARLY RELEASE
OCT 21&22—MEA/NO SCHOOL
OCT 25—BOARD MEETING

Homecoming
King and
Queen Gabe
Tupper and



Due to a waiver by the USDA, ZM Schools is now able to offer ALL of our students meals (breakfast & lunch) FREE of charge. It is still extremely important that families who meet the state guidelines complete the Application for Educational Benefits now or before the Oct. 1, 2020 deadline. Our school relies on the funding we receive from the Application for Educational Benefits and families will need to turn in these applications to be set up for free/reduced meals when this waiver is no longer available. Families who qualify for free meals through the application process bring in critical funding for our district.

This funding pays for positions in the district such as Title 1 support, credit recovery, paraprofessional support, and helps add teachers to reduce elementary class sizes. That is why it is so important to continue to complete the applications even if meals are temporarily free. Qualifying families can also complete the application and continue to pay for

meals if they choose when the waiver runs out. Many families do this knowing that they are bringing extra state and federal funding to the district for our student programs.

If your family has experienced a disruption in income in anyway, please consider filling out the form based on that period of disruption. Completing the Application for Educational Benefits will ensure financial protection to families in the future and assist the school district in receiving our funding for programs. Even if your student(s) do not eat school meals please complete the application. This will allow the school to receive more funding.

Completely fill out and sign the application and send to the District Office, 705 Mill Street, Zumbrota, MN 55992 or email to amberr@zmsch.k12.mn.us. This waiver does not apply to our snack/milk program or our ala-carte lunch items.

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Mr. Cordes 3rd Grade classroom receiving their dictionaries from the Lions Club



Primary School Bus Safety



CRAZY Sock Day!



**STUDENT INFLUENZA
IMMUNIZATION CLINICS:**
Monday, November 1
Mazeppa Student Clinic:
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 am
Zumbrota Student Clinic:
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Registration is required; complete one form per child.
 Form found at https://my.primary.health/r/goodhue-flu-isd-2805?registration_type=default

Or, if you prefer, paper forms can be picked up at the school or downloaded on the school’s website and then returned to school.

Registration deadline is October 27 at 11:00 p.m.
 Questions: Contact school nurse at 507-732-7848 or Goodhue County Nurse at 651-385-6114.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The School Board meet for a Work Session on Monday September 13, 2021 in Mazeppa, MN .

The meeting was called to order at 7PM

The following policies:

1. 417 Chemical Use/Abuse
2. 420 Students and Employees with Sexually Transmitted infections and Diseases and Certain other Communicable Diseases and Infection Conditions
3. 421 Gifts to Employees and School Board Members
4. 503 Student Attendance Policy
5. 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students
6. 904 Distribution of Materials on School District Property by Non-school Persons

Mr. Harvey gave an update on the Gym Floor. The damaged area has been removed. The floor will look seamless if a portion of it can be salvaged.

Zumbrota Mazeppa currently belongs to the Wabasha County Children and Family Collaborative. Goodhue County Children and Family Collaborative is more active than Wabasha County and more funding would be available. This will be brought back to the September 23 meeting.

A construction update was given. Board Members will tour the 3-6 Elementary School after the work session. Construction was a push to the last minute to start school. Furniture continues to be a hold up but punch list items are being completed.

The Dodge County Hockey Cooperative is disbanding. ZM students will continue to play for the 21-22 season but will need another option for the 21-22 season and beyond. The school will work with families to explore other options.

The band addition bid totaling \$3,035,019.00 was approved. Construction will start yet this fall.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:38 PM

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We need YOU! You have all heard that school districts are short bus drivers and we need good, hometown people like yourselves to fill these roles. If you or someone you now may be interested in driving a school bus route, activity route or even just be a sub driver for our Zumbrota-Mazeppa district, please reach out to us. We would love to chat about what this opportunity may look like for you!

Thank you, Kennedy Transportation Kennedytransportation8287@gmail.com or call 507-732-7670



News from the School Nurse:
September 2021

The school year is off to a great start! We are so happy to be back together! Please help us to keep your kids safe while at school:

If your child needs to take ANY medications (self-carry or to be administered by a nurse) or has a health need

that would require an emergency health plan at school please make sure to get the correct paperwork filled out and returned to the health office as soon as possible. Forms are located on health services page of the ZM website. www.zmschools.us Location: Parents tab, Health Services - choose either Health Conditions or Medication.

Please call Tiffany, Rachel or Sally with any questions.

Cold and flu season is just around the corner!

Thank you for your continued understanding and support during this challenging COVID-19 pandemic. Our school district will continue Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidance, your child will be recommended to test for COVID-19 or see a medical provider for an alternate diagnosis if:

- Your child has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Your child has a new-onset cough or a cough that is getting worse
- Your child is having difficulty breathing
- Your child has a new loss of smell or taste

Contact the office and report symptoms and ask to talk with the nurse about necessary next steps.

Please follow these guidelines and keep your child home if in doubt to lessen exposure to other children and school staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Influenza Immunization clinics: Goodhue County Health & Human Services and Zumbrota-Mazeppa are partnering with Homeland Health Specialists to give flu shots to students during school. Parents can register their children now by completing the online form using the link below:

https://my.primary.health/r/goodhue-flu-isd-2805?registration_type=default

A list of insurances accepted is on the form. The vaccination will be billed to the child's insurance and will be provided for a minimal fee to those without insurance.

Registration is required and is now open.

Parents will need to fill out one registration form for each student.

Registration deadline is October 27, 2021 at 11:00 pm.

Paper forms can be picked up at the school or downloaded from the school's website and returned to school. Zumbrota-Mazeppa Student Flu Clinics will be held on Monday, November 1st, 2021.

- Mazeppa Student Flu Clinic is from 8:30 am - 10:30 am.
- Zumbrota Student Flu Clinic is from 11:30 am – 3:00 pm.
- Zumbrota Community Clinic will; be held on 11/1/2021 from 3:30 – 6:00 pm at Zumbrota Cafeteria.

This clinic is for anyone 6 months of age or older. You may preregister at the following link: https://my.primary.health/r/goodhue-community-flu?registration_type=default

For questions, please contact your licensed school nurse, Tiffany Boraas at 507-732-7848 or email tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us or contact Jodi Skeen, Public Health Nurse for Goodhue County Health & Human Services, at 651-385-6141 or email jodi.skeen@co.goodhue.mn.us



School Board Minutes

The regular monthly board meeting was held v on Monday, September 27 in Mazeppa in the small gymnasium.

Mr. Anderson thanked the staff and especially the Janitorial Stff for all they have done to get the building ready for the start of school. He reports it's great to have students back in the building and that office release and open campus lunch are going well. He has been communicating with the State Robotics Lead on getting the ZM Robotics program rebooted. This week is Homecoming and will be busy and fun.

Mr. Rasmussen reported construction continues to move along. More furniture will be delivered on Wednesday and will be most of what they have been waiting for. Whiteboards are up in all of the rooms. The new addition is coming together. Students are enjoying the new spaces and are doing a great job adjusting to the changes in room locations. He thanked the ZM Education Foundation for the donation to the 6th grade class to go to Eagle Bluff on September 27 and 28.

Ms. Ahern reported FastBridge testing is complete and Data meetings are scheduled. The Preschool is now located in the Primary. 1st Grade went on a field trip to an apple orchard. She is working with GCED to set up Presence Learning for grades 3-12 and also thanked the para's and Deputy Josh for all of their help during parent drop off/pick up.

Mr. Harvey reported that enrollment is steady in the District. He reports that construction is on track and is hoping to be in the new spaces in February. The Gym floor has been removed and is drying out. Flooring is available and will be able to be installed as soon as the concrete is dry enough. Band addition should be started soon.

The following policies were approved. 417 Chemical Use/ Abuse, 420 Students and Employees with Sesually Transmitted Infections and Diseases and Certain other Communicable Diseases and Infection Conditions, 421 Gifts to Employees and School Board Members, 503 Student Attendance Policy, 509 Enrollment of Nonresident students, 904 Distribution of Materials on School District Property by Nonschool Persons.

ZM School will change to the Goodhue County Children and Family Collaborative this year.

The consent agenda, including the payment of bills, was

approved as follows.

1. Approval of 8-23 and 8-19-21 Minutes
2. Approval of the following hires: Brinna Fruth-Cougar Care, Autumn Wiskow-Paraprofessional, Brooke Jensen-Cougar Care, Mattie Blakstad-Cougar Care, Arianna Rivas-Cougar Care, Ava Rolbieck-Cougar Care, Daren Nelson-Head Coach-Girls Basketball and Amanda Hillsheim-Paraprofessional
3. Approval of Resignation-None
4. Approval of Tenure-None
5. Approval of Reassignment-None
6. Approval of the following child care leaves: Rachael Dreyer, Molly Lindhart and Marnie Vondal
7. Approval of Terminations-None
8. Approval of the following Overload: Amy Matuska for the 2021-22 School Year
9. Approval of Fundraisers-None
10. Approval of Donations-None
11. Approval of Grants-None
12. Approval of the following Lane Changes: Jake Smith, Shannon Johnson, Nathan Warneke and Jamie Quam

The Levy Certification was approved to Levy to the Maximum.

The EMZM Contract was approved for 2021-2023

The Community Education Contracts were approved for 2021-2023

Ms. Peterson gave a presentation for the 2022 Senior High Chori Trip to Nashville, TN. The trip is planned for March 16-20. Students will have 3 different opportunities to perform along with many sightseeing activities.

The District Covid Protocol was reviewed. Building will be masked if positive Covid 19 cases are at 3% or higher, positive cases must go below 1% to return to masking is highly recommended. Students who are a close contact and are quarantined are able to test on Day 15, if that test is negative they may return to school on Day 16 but will need to be masked until Day 24.

Pertinent Dates:

1. October 11, DAC meeting at 4:30 and Work Session at 7:00
2. October 25-School Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

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