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The Grade Gazette

Mt. Zion Grade School



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WHY THIS NEWSLETTER IS IMPORTANT!

Every month you will receive your copy of the school newsletter in your email mailbox. This newsletter is the major source of information for school-wide events at Mt. Zion Grade School. This newsletter is written to keep you up-to-date with current and upcoming

school wide events, notices, and information that only the school provides. *We do not send out individual fliers in most instances.* A monthly Fridge Calendar is also attached for quick reference. Plus, you will find important links in the email version. If you happen to

lose your email, please check our website for the "Principal's Newsletter" at <https://www.mtzschools.org/domain/2553> or ask for a printed copy.

Second Step

We are set to begin another year of Second Step for social emotional learning. The Second Step program reinforces the common courtesies and our school expectations of Be Ready, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful. For example, the first unit for the year is

Skills for Learning. The first lesson in Second Grade is "Being Respectful", and the first lesson in Third Grade is "Being Respectful Learners". These are common values that we think anyone would support. The first lessons are scheduled for the week of September 15.

Every other lesson, you will receive a Home Link sheet that will explain what your child is learning at school and provide some home activities. For more information please go to <https://www.secondstep.org/families>.

FALL FUNDRAISER "Rocking at the Grade"

Mt. Zion Grade School will hold it's "Rocking at the Grade" in-house fundraiser again this year. It is a "dance-a-thon" format with nearly 100% of the funds going directly to the Student Activity Account; a minor percentage of our income will go to student prizes. All profits will go **directly** back to the students in the form of assemblies, instructional tools, playground equipment or surfacing,

field trip transportation, etc. To reward students, a tiered prize program will be used. Each year we profit at least 3 times as much compared to a traditional sales fundraiser. *This fundraiser does so well that it is the only fundraiser we have scheduled for this year.* We are setting our fundraising goal for the "Rockin' The Grade" event at \$15,000. We will hold this event on Friday, October

18 from 10:00-11:00 AM, with each classroom performing their own chosen dance. More information about this event will be sent out later towards the end of this month. Yes, guests are invited. More on that later.



YOUR COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

Our Mt. Zion Elementary Community Club parent organization is the main avenue for parents to volunteer and assist our school. The Community Club arranges volunteers for parties and special events, such as You Rock! Club and Grandparents Day. The Community

Club is also our main partner in fundraising efforts. All parents of Mt. Zion Grade School students are members of the Community Club and each is encouraged to participate in our events and Community Club meetings.

Community Club Board

Chair: Kaitie Kunzeman

Secretary: Brittani Garner

Treasurer: Katy Holtfreter

Volunteer Chair: Janie Ruffner

Fundraising Chair: Emily McConnell

Event Co-chairs: Candace Hott & Angie Rushing.

Go to:

[https://
www.mtzschools.org/
domain/168](https://www.mtzschools.org/domain/168)

To find out more

BOOK FAIR SEPTEMBER 16-20

The Library and the Community Club are pleased to announce that we will soon be holding the Literati Book Fair from September 16-20 in the school library. During the school day, the book fair will be open, Mon-Thurs 8:30-2:30. On Friday the book fair will be open 8:30-Noon. **Our Family Night will be, Thursday, September 19,**

from 3:30-7:00 PM. Purchasing books for your child is a great way to instill enthusiasm for reading. In addition, every purchase helps the library to increase it's collection of books and other materials. If your child is unable to attend the night events, they will still be allowed to purchase books during their li-

brary classes and other times that week.

Also, see the sidebar for information on the efair.

Online Book Fair

[http://
efairs.literati.com](http://efairs.literati.com)

In upper left, search for

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- September 2..... Labor Day—No School
 - September 12-13..... Erin's Law Presentations
 - September 16-20..... Book Fair
 - September 19..... Family Night Book Fair 3:00-7:00
 - September 17..... Constitution Day
 - September 22..... Be Brave Back to School Bash 12-3PM Fletcher Park
 - September 24..... Picture Day!
 - September 27..... Lock Down Drill with Law Enforcement 10:00-10:15
- No entry or exit during the drill.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Erin's Law Presentations	13	14
15	16 	17 School Board Meeting 6:30 PM at District Office	18	19	20 Book Fair Night 4-7 PM	21 
BOOK FAIR Monday-Thursday 8:30-2:30, Friday 8:30-Noon						
22 Be Brave Back to School Bash 12-3PM Fletcher Park	23	24 Picture Day! 	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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School Hours

Regular Attendance Day

8:00-8:20 Morning Recess

8:30-3:00 Instruction

Early Dismissal Day

8:00-8:20 Morning Recess

8:30-11:35 Instruction

FOOD SERVICE— BREAKFAST ONLY

Office Hours

7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

We're on the web!

www.mtzion.k12.il.us

Coming In October

- October 11 Parent/Teacher Conference Day—NO SCHOOL
- October 14 Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL
- October 15 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM @ Central Office
- October 18 1st Quarter End
- October 18 MZG Rocking at the Grade Fundraiser
- October 24 Quarter 1 Report Cards Available
- October 25 You Rock! Club