

January  
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# The Grade Gazette

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Mt. Zion Grade School



### Special points of interest:

- \* Emergency School Closings
- \* Kids Heart Challenge
- \* Warm Clothing Reminder
- \* LOST AND FOUND



## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

This year's American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge event for 2025 will begin on Thursday, January 16. Students will participate in Kids Heart Challenge activities dur-

ing their regularly scheduled PE class. Please be on the look out for more information from Mr. Blakey and Ms. Moore. We are hoping to raise the most money in our district for the American

Heart Association. Since February 2018, the AHA has assisted in a 15.1% reduction in deaths from heart disease and a 13.6% reduction in deaths from stroke.

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## Emergency School Closings

When the decision is made to close schools for the day, the District's parent communication system will be activated. Parents/guardians/staff will receive notification via home phone, cell phone, work phone and/or e-mail. The radio and television stations, listed right, will also notify the public.

WXFM	99.3 FM	Radio	Mt. Zion
WDKR	107.3 FM	Radio	Decatur
WZNX	106.7 FM	Radio	Decatur
WYDS	93 FM	Radio	Decatur
WEJT	105.1 FM	Radio	Decatur
WDZ	1050 AM	Radio	Decatur
WDZQ	95.1 FM	Radio	Decatur
WSDY	1340 AM	Radio	Decatur
WSDY	102.9 FM	Radio	Decatur
WAND	10/17	TV	Decatur
WCIA	3	TV	Champaign
WICS	2/20	TV	Springfield

## Recess Minimum Temps

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Please dress your child for the predicted low temperatures for that day.

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Just a reminder that all students need to be dressed warmly for all recesses, especially the morning. We have already experienced *below twenty wind-chill* temperatures during some recess times in December, and the forecast for the first week back looks like inside recess. Please dress your child for the predicted low temperatures for that day. **We will send**

**children outside in all fair weather. Fair weather is considered to be when: temperatures are 20 degrees wind chill or above; there is no precipitation; wind speeds are no more than moderate and varied.** We use WeatherBug and other local weather stations to determine whether we go outside or stay in.




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Please feel free to come by and check the lost and found for missing items.

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We still have many coats, jackets, gloves, and other clothing items ready to be claimed. We encourage all of our families to ensure that each outerwear clothing item— hats, gloves, coats, etc.— has at least the

## LOST AND FOUND

last name of its owner written clearly on it. Please feel free to come by and check the lost and found for missing items.



## EVENTS CALENDAR for January









- January 6 ..... SCHOOL RESUMES
- January 9 ..... Q2 Report Cards Available
- January 16 ..... Kids Heart Challenge Kick Off
- January 17 ..... Teacher Institute Day  
NO SCHOOL
- January 20 ..... Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
NO SCHOOL
- January 21 ..... Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm  
@ Central Office
- January 31 ..... You Rock! Club



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>"January is the month for dreaming."  — Jean Hersey</p>			1 Happy New Year!	2 WINTER BREAK  	3 WINTER BREAK	4
5  	6 School Resumes	7	8	9 2nd Quarter Report Cards Available in Family Access	10	11  
12	13	14	15	16  Begins	17 Teacher Institute Day NO SCHOOL	18
19   <small>dr 302</small>	20 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	21 School Board Meeting 6:30 PM	22	23	24  	25
26  	27	28	29	30	31  	

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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*

**NO FOOD SERVICE**

**Office Hours**

*7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.*



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**Coming In February**

February 01.....Mother/Son Event

February 03 .....6 PM—Community Club Meeting @ MZG Library

February 06 .....Spring Pictures

February 17 .....Presidents Day NO SCHOOL

February 13.....1:15-2:15 Valentine’s Day Parties

February 18.....Board of Education Meeting

February TBD Events.....Food Drive for Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Food Pantry

.....Plastic Lid Collection/Recycled Plastic Bench Drive

