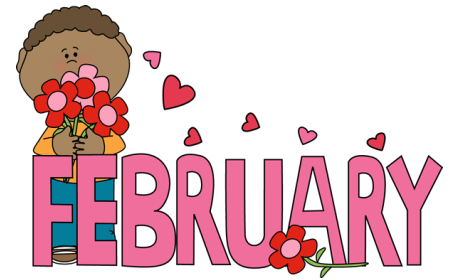


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# The Grade Gazette



Mt. Zion Grade School



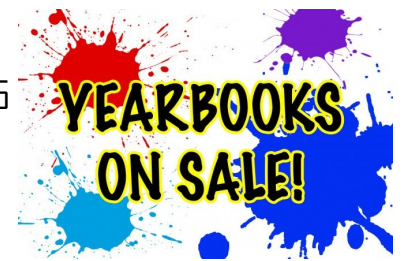
## Special points of interest:

- \* Kids Heart Challenge
- \* Spring Pictures
- \* Yearbooks
- \* Plastic Lid Collection
- \* Pop Tab Collection
- \* Snow Day Menus

## YEARBOOK ORDERS

Mt. Zion Grade 2024-2025 Yearbook orders are being taken. The deadline for paper orders and online orders is Monday, March 3rd.

The yearbooks are full-color editions, and cost \$15 each. Order at <https://inter-state.com/order> Enter code 91805Z.



## SPRING PICTURE DAY!

Mt. Zion Grade will be holding a Spring Picture Day on Thursday, February 6. Inter-State Studio **will only take photographs of a child whose family has PRE-PAID online or with paid order in hand.** Online orders may be placed at [www.inter-state.com/order](http://www.inter-state.com/order). Enter code

**93540MA.** These photos are posed in a studio manner and are not your standard school pictures. Students may bring items to use as props as long as those items can travel safely on the bus and do not violate District policy.



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## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE!

We are in the midst of the American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge event for 2025. The students are participating in Kids Heart Challenge activities during

their regularly scheduled PE class. **Donations will be due by Friday, February 14.** We are hoping to raise the most money in our district for AHA's mission.

We would really like to have the traveling trophy back!

## Food Drive



The United Methodist Church Food Pantry, "serves families and individuals who live within the Mt. Zion School District." They have informed us that February would be a great time for us to collect items to stock their shelves. Each

classroom will collect non-perishable food and toiletry items and record the number of items into the [Google Sheets Food Drive Totals spreadsheet](#).

The classes with the most collected items, one from each

grade level, will help to load a trailer and then deliver items to the food pantry. It is a great way for all of our kids to learn about giving. Please look for a flier in your child's backpack.

# Plastic Lid and Pop Tab Collection



We need your trash. We will collect plastic lids in exchange for a red bench made from recycled plastic. As soon as we collect 200 lbs., we will be able to order the bench. Please send in your plastic lids!

We will also be collecting pop tabs from aluminum cans to help support Ronald McDonald House. Please remember to pull off those tabs!

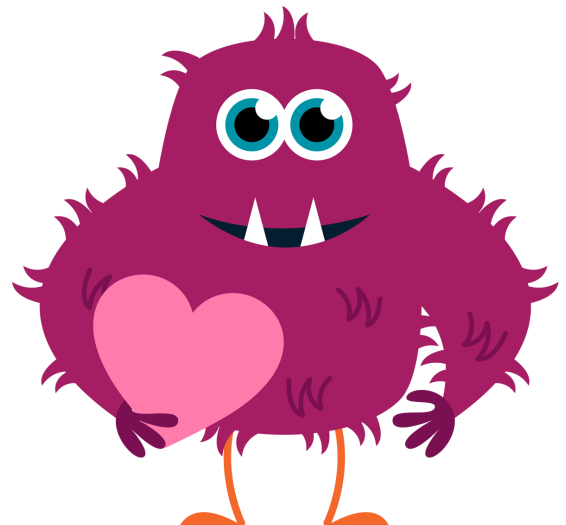


## Snow Day Lunch Menu Changes

**When we have a snow day, the lunch scheduled for the snow day will be served on the day we return. The lunch originally planned for the return day will be skipped. After the first day back, we will resume the monthly menu as scheduled.**

## EVENTS CALENDAR for January

February 2 .....	Groundhog Day
February 3.....	Yearbook Sales Begin
.....	Food Drive Begins
February 6 .....	Spring Picture Day
February 13.....	Valentine's Day Parties 1:15-2:15
February 14 .....	Kids Heart Challenge Donations Due
February 17 .....	Presidents' Day No School
February 18.....	School Board Meeting 6:30 PM
	@ District Office
February 28.....	Food Drive Ends



# Mt. Zion Grade School



# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Knowledge becomes wisdom only after it has been put to practical use.</p> <p>-Unknown</p>				<p>We are collecting plastic lids for a recycled bench and soda can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.</p>		1
2 Happy Groundhog Day! 	3 Yearbook Sale Begins  Food Drive Begins	4 	5	6 Spring Picture Day 	7	8
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23	24	25	26	27 	28 Food Drive Ends	Yearbook Sale Ends March 3 

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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*

**Office Hours**

*7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

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**Coming In March**

March 03 ..... Yearbooks Sale Ends

March 17-21 ..... Spring Break No School

March 18 ..... School Board Meeting 6:30 PM @ District Office

March 27 ..... Report Cards Available

March 28 ..... You Rock! Club

March 31 ..... Third Grade Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) begins