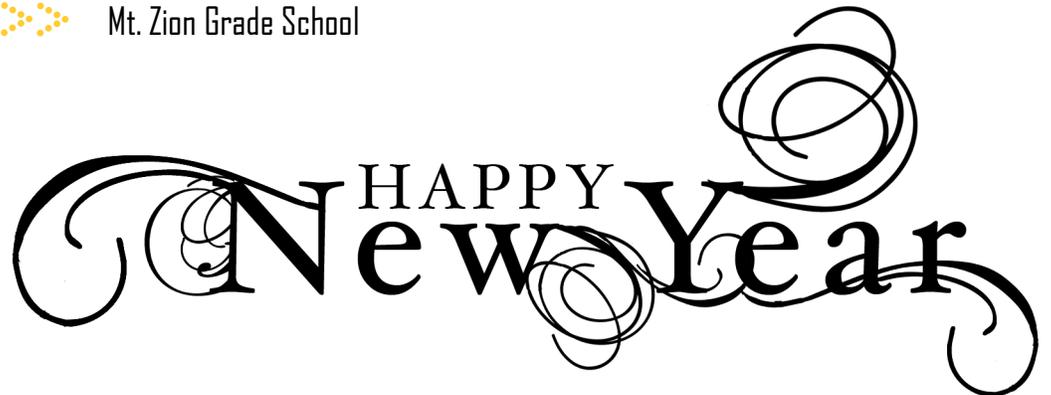


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The Grade Gazette

January

Mt. Zion Grade School



Special points of interest:

- * Kids Heart Challenge
- * Ronald McDonald House
- * Warm Clothing Reminder
- * Emergency School Closings



KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

This year's American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge event for 2025 will begin on Thursday, January 15. 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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Help Us Support Ronald McDonald House

We are collecting pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Please send in your pop tabs with your child and they will give them to their teacher.

"Ronald McDonald House programs and services help alleviate some financial burdens for families along with their child's healthcare journey. Last year alone, we helped families save \$678 million in lodging and meal expenses." <https://ronaldmcdonaldhouse.org/>



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HOUSE CHARITIES

Recess Minimum Temps

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

Just a reminder that all students need to be dressed warmly for all recesses, especially the morning. We have already experienced *be-low twenty wind-chill* temperatures during a number of recesses in December. 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.



Emergency School Closings

The office will be closed on emergency school closing days.

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. The office will be closed on emergency school closing days.

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
WIGS	2/20	TV	Springfield

EVENTS CALENDAR for January

- January 5 SCHOOL RESUMES
- January 8 Q2 Report Cards Available
- January 13 Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm
@ Central Office
- January 15 Kids Heart Challenge Kick Off
- January 16 Teacher Institute Day
NO SCHOOL
- January 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL
- January 26 Community Club Meeting 6-7PM @ MZG Library
- January 30 You Rock! Club



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>"Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom." — Thomas Jefferson</p> </div>				1 	2 WINTER BREAK	3
4 	5 School Resumes	6	7	8 2nd Quarter Report Cards Available in Family Access	9	10 
11	12	13 School Board Meeting 6:30 PM	14	15  Begins	16 Teacher Institute Day NO SCHOOL	17
18 	19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL	20	21	22	23 	24
25 	26 Community Club Meeting 6PM @ MZG Library	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.



We're on the web!

www.mtzschools.org

Coming In February

February 02-26Food Drive for Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Food Pantry

February 05.....Spring Pictures

February 10.....Board of Education Meeting

February 12.....1:15-2:15 Valentine's Day Parties

February 16.....Presidents Day NO SCHOOL