

September 2020

The Grade Gazette

 Mt. Zion Grade School



Special points of interest:

- * Postponed Events
- * Parent Pick Up

Hello Everyone,

This September newsletter is obviously late, but we finally seem to have turned a corner on getting this year started and have settled into a normal school routine. No one anticipated how different this year would be, even with many days spent predicting and planning over the summer.

I will be sending out these newsletters to keep you updated, but they will be short as we just simply won't have the major fall events that we normally hold. All events for first semester have been removed from the calendar in anticipation of a continued Restore Illinois Phase 4. While we are anticipating holding some of our big events second semester, each of those will only occur with Restore Illinois Phase 5. Please know that the main source for school-wide events, holidays, changes in calendar, etc. is this publication. Mt. Zion Grade School does not send out many separate fliers announcing our events.

I do want to thank all of our in-person and remote families and students for your understanding and support of our plan and the changes that we have all made to our routines this year. The in-person kids have been amazing in how they have adapted to wearing masks, maintaining social distancing rules, exhibiting good behavior overall, and learning. Our remote kids also appear to be adapting well to the change in their education. We know we owe all of our families much for the way things are proceeding this year.

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Important information follows.

Sincerely,

Gary Gruen

Principal

Postponed or Revised Events

Mt. Zion Grade is looking forward to having as normal a year as possible, so we will make attempts to hold the **Grandparents and Parents Visits** in second semester.

We are making revisions to the **Rockin' the Grade Fundraiser** and the date remains in our calendar for October 23. The format will be changed to meet Phase 4 requirements. This event may be postponed to another date.

We were scheduled to hold an online **Book Fair** the week of September 13. There has been a delay in that but expect information to go out this month. The Book Fair profits go towards our library's book collection.

PARENT PICK UP NEWS—BARCODES

[PPU Traffic Flow](#)
[MP4 Animation](#)

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With the increase in Parent Pick Up (PPU) numbers, we have changed line up and traffic flow in the lower west parking lot. It has solved the traffic flow issues on Main Street during our dismissals, and this will be our procedure for the foreseeable future. We believe that we have the new system down, and we will continue to smooth out the

process as we train new staff on the duties in that area. To make the process of having students ready to meet their driver more efficient, we will be implementing a **barcode** system. Each family signed up for parent pick-up tickets has already or will soon receive barcode stickers to place on the pink windshield cards. During

PPU, we will scan these barcodes as each vehicle arrives. As each code is scanned, the system immediately adds the name of the student to a line-up list on the projection screen in the gym. The staff inside the gym will then cue the students for more efficient departure from the gym.

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- September 2 Labor Day—No School
- September 23 Picture Day for Remote Learning Students at Central Office—Appointment Required
- September 25 Picture Day for In-person Students

Coming In October

- October 9 Parent/Teacher Conference Day—NO SCHOOL (Neither In-person nor Remote)
- October 12 Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL (Neither In-person nor Remote)
- October 16 1st Quarter End
- October 20 Board of Education Meeting 7 PM @ Central Office
- October 22 Quarter 1 Report Cards Available
- October 23 MZG Rockin' the Grade Fundraiser
- October 26-Nov 2 Mt. Zion Community Food Drive

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