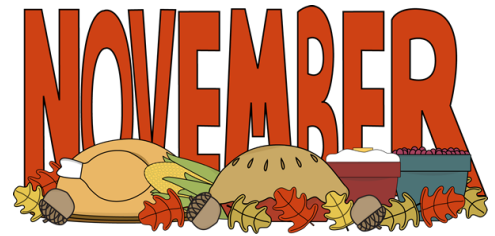


November 2020

The Grade Gazette

 Mt. Zion Grade School



NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS & REMOTE LEARNING DAYS

Our November holiday and remote learning calendar can be confusing. Basically when we have no school, we have no remote learning. See below:

Special points of interest:

- * Holiday and Remote Learning Days Clarified
- * COVID-19 Updates
- * School Board Members Recognition
- * New Breakfast Program

- **Tuesday, November 3rd—Election Day** **No School No Remote Learning**
- *Wednesday, November 4th* *Remote Learning Day*
- **Wednesday, November 11th—Veterans Day** **No School No Remote Learning**
- *Wednesday, November 18th* *Remote Learning Day*
- **Wednesday, November 25th—Teacher Institute** **No School No Remote Learning**
- **Thursday, November 26th—Thanksgiving** **No School No Remote Learning**
- **Friday, November 27th—Thanksgiving Vacation** **No School No Remote Learning**

COVID 19 Reminders & Updates for School

On October 27, IDPH provided all schools with updated checklists and regulations for COVID 19. It is a good time to review:

1. Macon County Health Department has sole authority to designate who in our county is to be isolated or quarantined and for how long. The school serves to inform families and ensure our school follows IDPH regulations.
2. All students are required to wear masks at all times of the day except when eating, drinking, or when outside and socially distanced. All staff are to wear masks at all times when others are present.
3. Student mask breaks may only occur outside.
4. Mask waivers require a physician's order.
5. A close contact is anyone who was within 6 feet of a confirmed case of COVID-19 (with or without a face covering), for *a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more, over the course of a 24 hour period during the infectious period*. The *infectious* period of close contact begins 2 calendar days before the onset of symptoms, or 2 calendar days before the positive sample was obtained. *(6-15-24-48)*
6. Students with a temperature of 100.4 must go home.
7. If a student is sent home with COVID-like symptoms they should be tested.
8. Students returning to school after COVID-like symptoms but diagnosed with another illness must be fever-free without the use of fever-reducers for 24-hours **and** have no diarrhea or vomiting in the previous 24 hours. A healthcare provider's note documenting the alternative diagnosis, or a negative COVID-19 test result is requested.
9. If the student or a person in the household is experiencing COVID-like symptoms, the student should

remain home.

10. Individuals who have been cleared by MCHD for release from isolation may return to school, even if other household members are in isolation or quarantine in the home.
11. Those under isolation or quarantine order from MCHD must be released from isolation or quarantine by MCHD only. The school must receive digital or hard copy of the release before the student is allowed to return to school.
12. All students present at Mt. Zion Schools have been self-certified by their families to have no fever or symptoms of COVID-19. Each family agrees to inform the school of any COVID-like symptoms or a positive test result.

The above is not inclusive of all regulations, contact your healthcare provider for more information, see <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/>, or call our office at 864-3631.

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THANKS TO OUR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

These dedicated individuals put in many hours and make some very hard decisions

November 15, 2020 has been designated as School Board Members Day in Illinois. School Board members have heavy responsibilities in insuring that our district remains on top. These dedicated individuals put in many hours and make some very hard decisions that effect the

daily lives of the Mt. Zion Community Unit School District and our community at large. We would like to take the time to recognize those who serve us so well and who ensure that Mt. Zion remains "... a great place to learn".

The individuals serving on the Mt.

Zion School District Board of Education are:

- President, Todd Garner
- Vice-President, Jeffrey Sams
- Secretary, Dave Brandon
- Nathan Brock
- John Flora
- Kristi Niles
- Michelle Shumaker

This is in addition to the free breakfast and free lunch that is available to all students

All Students Receive Free Breakfast

To ensure that all students start their day with breakfast, during the pandemic, the USDA has provided funds for schools to serve breakfast to each student every day. Mt. Zion Food Service announces that begin-

ning Thursday, November 5, and continuing to the end of the program, each child will receive a prepackaged, nutritionally-balanced breakfast packet every morning except for Wednesdays. Students will take home

any item that they do not consume at school. This is in addition to the free breakfast and free lunch that is available to all students, regardless of income level, during this same period.

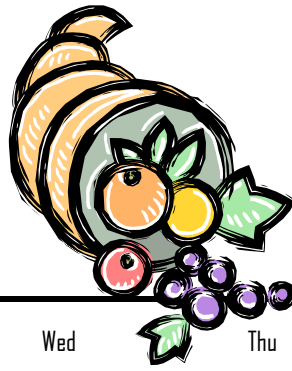
*Our Follett Book eFair ends,
Friday, November 6!*



EVENTS CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

- November 1.....DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS—Set Clocks Back 1 Hour Saturday Night
- November 3.....Election Day—No School No Remote Learning
- November 6.....Book Fair Ends
- November 10Picture Retakes
- November 11.....Veterans' Day—No School No Remote Learning
- November 15.....School Board Members Day
- November 17.....School Board Meeting—6:30 PM @ District Office
- November 25.....Teacher Institute Day—No School No Remote Learning
- November 26.....Thanksgiving Day—No School No Remote Learning
- November 27.....Thanksgiving Break—No School No Remote Learning
- November 30School Resumes

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends 2AM 	2	3 ELECTION DAY NO SCHOOL NO REMOTE	4 Remote Learning	5	6	7
8	9	10 Picture Retakes 	11  NO SCHOOL No Remote Learning	12	13	14
15 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS DAY	16	17 School Board Meeting 6:30PM @ District Office	18 Remote Learning	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 TEACHER INSTITUTE NO SCHOOL NO REMOTE	26 	27	28
29	30	<p>What we hope to do with ease, we must learn to do with diligence.</p> <p>-Samuel Johnson</p>				

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School Hours

Regular Attendance Day

8:00-8:40- Student Arrival

8:40-2:35 Instruction

Early Dismissal Day

8:00-8:40 Morning Recess

8:40-11:35 Instruction

FOOD SERVICE— BREAKFAST ONLY

Office Hours

7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



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Coming In December

December 22.....Christmas Parties Grades 2 & 3

.....11:35 Early Dismissal

.....Teacher Workshop

.....End of Second Quarter

Dec. 23 — Jan. 5Winter Break—No School No Remote Learning

January 4.....Teacher Institute—No School No Remote Learning

January 5.....School Resumes

