

# The Grade Gazette



December 2017

Mt. Zion Grade School

## Third Grade Holiday Concert

Mrs. Sill and the entire Third Grade would like to invite you to their Holiday Concert on Tuesday, December 12, at 6:30 PM in

the High School Auditorium. As always, we anticipate a wonderful performance that will put you into the Holiday Spirit. We

certainly hope that your family and friends will be able to join us.

### Special points of interest:

- \* Third Grade Concert
- \* **Medication Reminder**
- \* Buy-One-Get-One Free Scholastic Book Fair
- \* Classroom Parties
- \* Food Drive News
- \* Probability Fair
- \* Emergency Closings

## \*\*Medications at School\*\*

With cold and flu season at its start, the District would like to remind everyone of medication policies for the safety of all ages of students (see District Handbook, pg. 55-56). All medications must have a Medical Authorization form. All medications must be kept in the office, unless authorized by the

nurse or office; additional forms are required to allow students to keep meds with them. All medications must be in their original package with a pharmacy or original manufacturer's label that clearly indicates ingredients and dosage. Either must be clearly labeled with the student's name.

Lack of such containers or information puts all students at risk of mistaken ingestion, especially those too young to clearly discern the difference between medication and candy. Feel free to contact the school at 864-3631 with any questions.

## MOUNT ZION GRADE SCHOOL BOGO BOOK FAIR!!

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Due to our outstanding, record-breaking September Book Fair, Scholastic has awarded Mt. Zion Grade with a Buy-One-Get-One-Free Book Fair! This is a great opportunity to purchase books and merchandise for Christmas gifts. This is not a special sale of old titles but a regular Scholastic Book Fair that offers essentially the same quality of authors and titles as the September Book Fair. The BOGO offer is by dollars purchased and not by item, so if you purchase \$10 of books or merchandise, you will get your choice of \$10 worth of any books or merchandise free!

The BOGO book fair will be held 8 am-4 pm Monday–Thursday, December 18-21, and 8 am-1 pm, Friday, December 22nd.

We will hold also two **Book Fair Nights**. On Tuesday, December 19, there will be an **OPEN to the PUBLIC Night** from 4-7 pm. On Wednesday, December 20, 4-7 pm, we will have a special **SANTA NIGHT** for Mt. Zion District families to shop. Mr. Blakey and his elves have activities to keep the kids entertained while parents shop the book fair. There will be no charge for the activities, but a donation to benefit the library and the



Junior High Girls Softball Team would be appreciated. There are other special plans for that night. Watch for fliers and emails for more details. Volunteers are needed. Interested parties should contact Jason Robinson at (512) 965-6688.

## Proud of Those Kids

Our kids did a wonderful job of helping the Northeast Community Fund and the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church pantries. During the **Community Food Drive**, our students raised 5,000 items! Which is over 600 more

than the items raised last year. A pizza party was awarded to Mrs. Tapscott's Second Grade and Mrs. Logue's Third Grade for raising the most for their grade level. Mrs. Koslofski and Mr. DeMeio's classes received

their choice of a snow cone or popcorn party for collecting the second highest amounts. In total, McGaughey Elementary, Mt. Zion Grade, and Mt. Zion Intermediate collected 16,740 items.

## Probability Fair

Mt. Zion Grade School students will once again enjoy the Probability Fair presented by the High School's Probability and Statis-

tics class. Your child will participate in stations where they will mix the mathematical concepts of probability with games. The

children always enjoy this event. The Prob and Stats class will visit us on Friday, December 1.

## HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

Mt. Zion Grade School students will have an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their family at the Holiday Gift Shop.

The Holiday Gift Shop will be open during school hours on December 5th & 6th. Each item will be \$3 each. A shopping list

to help the students in their purchasing will be sent home in backpack mail.

## "Party Day" and Christmas Break

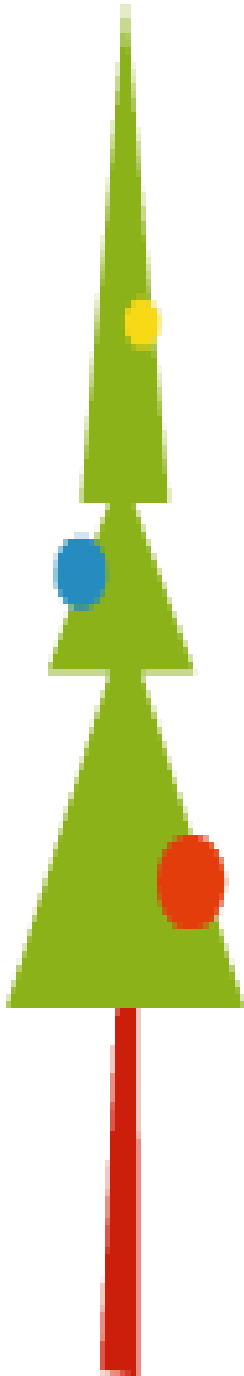
We will end our holiday season at school with a Holiday Celebration on Friday, December 22.

**Second and Third Grade Parties** will occur in the classrooms from 9:00-10:00 AM. At

10:15 or so, we will gather in the gym for a Christmas sing-along with a special visitor.

The school will dismiss students to their vacations at 11:35.

**Christmas Vacation** will be Monday, December 25 through Wednesday, January 3. School will resume on Thursday, January 4.



## 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. Radio and television stations will also be notified.

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
WSOY	1340 AM	Radio	Decatur
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WAND	10/17	TV	Decatur
WCIA	3	TV	Champaign
WICS	2/20	TV	Springfield

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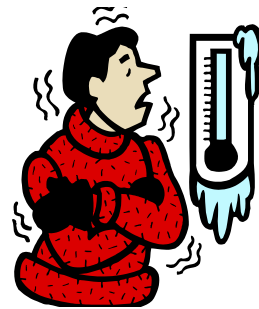
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## WARM CLOTHING REMINDER

Just a reminder that all students need to be dressed warmly for all recesses, especially the morning. We have already experienced temperatures in the lower 20s during some morning recesses in November. 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 at or above 20 degrees wind chill; there is no precipitation; wind speeds are no more than moderate and varied. We use the WeatherBug station at the high school and other stations to determine whether we go outside or stay in.




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## EVENTS CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

- December 1..... Probability Fair
- December 5 & 6 ..... Holiday Gift Shop
- December 12..... Third Grade Holiday Concert 6:30 PM @ HS Auditorium
- December 22..... 9:00-10:00 Holiday Parties
  - ..... 10:15 Sing-a-Long
  - ..... 11:35 Dismissal
  - ..... End of 2nd Quarter
- December 25-January 3 Christmas Vacation
- January 4..... School Resumes

**DON'T FORGET** to drop off those retired Christmas string lights. We have a recycling bin outside the front door until January 16.

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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*

**FOOD SERVICE— BREAKFAST ONLY**

**Office Hours**

*7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.*



We're on the web!

[www.mtzion.k12.il.us](http://www.mtzion.k12.il.us)

**Coming In January**

January 3..... Teacher Institute NO SCHOOL

January 4..... School Resumes

January 4..... Report Cards Available

January 12..... You Rock! Club

January 15..... Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday NO SCHOOL

