The ZMS Review

December 2009/January 2010

The Monthly Newsletter of the Zionsville Middle School Parent Teacher Organization

The ZMS faculty's Think Tank assembles monthly to discuss literature and/or themes directly or tangentially related to the world of pedagogy. Membership to this group does not require a Mensa card as the name might imply, rather commitment to and passion for our business of educating and interacting with children serve as the tickets for entry. Our most recent gathering centered around the work of two brothers, Alex and Brett Harris, who wrote Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations. The authors penned the text when they were 18 years old after they recognized through their personal experiences that our society expects less of our teenagers than they are capable of producing, and that these expectations artificially limit what teens produce. They encourage their peers to actively resist cultural tethers that limit their potential. (It is important to note that this work is steeped in Christian references, though the work is relevant regardless of one's creed.)

There are many points within the book that could be argued and some suggested causality that is likely more circumstance, but the major premise that American teens hold untapped potential seems irrefutable. While reading this work, I couldn't help thinking about the documentary "Two Million Minutes," a film that shadows three teens for a year — one from China, one from India, and one from the USA (Carmel, Indiana). Both the book and the documentary suggest that the two million minutes between the end of 8th grade and high school graduation amount to many students to be, as it's described in Do Hard Things, a "vacation from responsibility." While this description is more harsh perhaps than warranted, conjuring images of today's youth vis-a'-vis that of the "Greatest Generation" makes it simple to identify a distinct cultural shift. Of course economic times and world circumstances required a different level of responsibility upon the youth of the '30's and '40's that none of us would wish on our children, and that is precisely the point of the Harris brothers: the capabilities of teens have not changed, necessity has, and as a result, so has the set of expectations and teens' productivity.

So what does all of this mean to us, the parents of teens and pre-teens? The more I ruminate on the topic, the more I believe that the current generation applies itself as much as any other, but oftentimes the target of its focus is curious. The best example, it seems, is athletics. Travel leagues and year-round schedules prove that children (and their families) are not unwilling to commit and dedicate themselves to an activity. The difference to me is that the words "activity" and "cause" are not interchangeable, and today's youngsters seem to have more of the former and less of the latter. Our children are scheduled to the hilt (and, yes, homework is part of that programming!), but children seemingly have less time for unstructured pursuit of their passions. By passions, of course, I mean greater life pursuits with a purpose, not "Call of Duty 3″ or Twilight.

Interestingly, though teens are often the target of criticism, they are not the culprits of this dilemma. We adults have a responsibility to enable our children to find their life's passion and purpose. Oddly, though this statement sounds as if adults should seize control, in many ways the opposite is true. Our role is to ask the right questions, to lead without directing, to assist our youngsters in becoming the people we know that they can be reaching heights they do not perceive to be reachable. Some of our families, some of our children, have circumvented the cultural malaise, discovered their passion, and pursued it with purpose. I wish they could share with me their formula, though certainly none exists. The topic is without a doubt worth parental reflection. What are the societal expectations of teens? Are they good enough for your teen or pre-teen?

Mr. Sean Conner

http://sconner007.edublogs.org/ (Use this link to comment on Mr. Conner's Blog.)

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Information for the February Newsletter should be submitted to Dee Dee Medaris (Ddmedaris@zmspto.org) by January 20, 2010.

Zionsville Middle School

Frequently Used Phone Extensions

Dial *873-2426* followed by extension #:

Principal	13999
Ass't. Principal	13998
Student Services	13997
Receptionist	Press 0
Attendance	Press 2
Guidance	Press 3
Nurse	Press 4
Food Services	Press 5
Homework Hotline	Press 7
Athletic Director	Press 8
Repeat Menu	Press 9
Strings Director	13402
Band Director	13312-3
Choir Director	13310
Transportation	873-1237
Staff Directory	Press #

PTO News

Promoting Responsibility in Dedicated Education (PRIDE)

Happy Holidays! As this busy and joyous time of year quickly approaches, I'd like to take a moment to wish all of you a safe and magical season. I hope that the holidays bring you happiness and wonderful times together with family and friends. During the holidays, and especially in the current economic times, the PTO turns their time, energy and resources into sponsored events which reach our ZMS community. In doing so, these programs reflect the mood of the season, as well as reinforce community service and good will. Please take a moment to review and reflect on these opportunities…

Change for Children will spend the week of Nov. 30 – Dec 4 seeking out ZMS elves (students) who wish to empty out piggy banks, provide extra chores, or simply beg for funds from Mom and Dad. Student participation in "penny wars" beginning Nov. 23rd gave entry to a "friendly" competition between classes and teams. All donations will be used to help fulfill the needs of those in our community. My sincere gratitude to Pam Schacht, Dorothy Hitchins, Angie Leary and all who participated and volunteered to help make a child's holiday a little brighter.

Food for Thought will be collecting food for students in the community that normally would eat lunch with the help of meal assistance programs. Providing good, nutritious food is the goal – items such as granola bars, oatmeal, peanut butter, applesauce and single serving soups and pastas. For $20, one can provide 24 packs of oatmeal, 2 jars of peanut butter, 24 fruit cups and 24 packs of cheese crackers. Donations will be collected beginning December 7th. Boxes will be located in the hallway of each grade for food collection. Cash/check donations made out to ZMS PTO can be dropped off at the front office. Thank you for helping to provide for those in need.

Holidays at Amazon.com We had so much fun last year – we're doing it again! ZMS PTO volunteers will eagerly roll up their sleeves and head over to the Amazon.com facility to wrap gifts on 12/9 and 12/17. Our slightly competitive nature, along with the desire to receive $.75 per wrapped package, encourages our speedy little hands to get moving. We are looking forward to the challenge and meeting or beating our goal.

Box Tops for Education is an easy way to help earn cash for our school. Please remember to take a minute to clip and save box top labels which are currently being collected in homeroom and soar classrooms.

At this time, I'd like to say a personal thank you to Shannon Ross who graciously stepped in and took charge so that I might have a short break to enjoy my daughter's wedding. Thank you Shannon – you truly are the best!

Lastly, the December PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8th at 9:30 am in room #514. Everyone is welcome.

Have a safe relaxing Holiday and Happy New Year! Jami Farrell, ZMS PTO President

Fall Scholastic Book Fair

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair was another success for ZMS PTO. Thank you to all of our students, teachers and parents that came by to shop. We especially thank those teachers who brought their entire classes to the Book Fair. The money raised from the Book Fair helps to fund many of the great activities provided by PTO for our students, teachers and staff. It took over 20 wonderful volunteers to set-up, sell and take-down this event and we would like to take the opportunity to thank all who generously answered the call to help. Thank you, and we'll see you again in the Spring! Angie Leary & Angela Carr

PTO Beautification Project Phase 2

The final phase of the beautification project that began with a bench and tree in honor of Sandy Graef is now is the planning process. Luke Neumann, a former band student of Mrs. Graef, is working on earning his Eagle Scout honors. Luke's project is to complete a brick walkway that encircles the bench and tree on the south side of ZMS by the Eagle Hall entrance. Engraved bricks may be purchased for the project to personally honor the memory of Mrs. Graef. Please see the attached form for more information on how to support this worthy cause.

PTO News (Continued)

Amazon.com Gift Wrapping Days

PTO is participating in Amazon.com Gift Wrapping Days again. We do their gift wrapping and PTO benefits. We receive $.75 for every package we wrap. The available shifts are Wednesday, December 9 and Thursday, December 17 from 8 am-1 pm. Please let me know if you are available to work a shift. It is a lot of fun and the money benefits our school. Thanks. Shannon Ross, Skross90@hotmail.com, 733-4159

$$$ CHANGE $$$ FOR CHILDREN NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 4

Change for Children

Thank you so much for your generosity and enthusiasm for this years' "Change for Children", which is taking place from November 23rd – December 4th! A special thank you to all of our staff, teachers, students, service groups, PTO, and parents who are volunteering their time and efforts in trying to make the holidays brighter for our local families! Through "Penny Wars" in the classrooms and collecting change throughout the school, we have a wonderful opportunity to make a "Change for Children" once again this year, and it has been an honor to work with so many who are giving back and sharing in our community. THANK YOU again to ALL!!!! Co-Chairs, Dorothy Hitchins and Pam Schacht

NO HASSLE FUNDRAISING

The Boxtops/Campbell's Soup Labels competition is going very well! I mailed in our first submission on October 31st. We should receive a check for approximately $745 by mid-December. I would like to issue a huge "Thank You!" to everyone who participated. Our next submission deadline is March 1st. Right now we need to be collecting and sending in Boxtops/Campbell's labels and gearing up for the January class incentive. The class with the most points will win a prize. The current standings are: 1st place - Valencourt (676), 2nd place – Grimm (617), and 3rd place Seward (529). You can always check out the current standings in Eagle Hall.

Remember to keep collecting throughout the holidays. The deadline for the January incentive will be January 15, 2010. I will announce the winner on January 22, 2010. Good luck to you all and Happy Clipping!

Check out the following websites for more information and products that are eligible for these programs: www.boxtops4education.com, www.campbellsoup.com, and http://ProjectAPlus.tyson.com. Don't forget to check out "The Marketplace" at btfe.com/Marketplace if you are thinking of ordering gifts on-line this holiday. Our school can earn up to 15% cash back. Any questions feel free to contact me at cmead@indy.rr.com.

Guidance Department

Guidance December/January Character Trait

Goal Setting

Goals are personal and attainable expectations you have for yourself. When setting goals, they need to be within your power to make it happen through your own actions. The plan to reach the goal needs to be clearly defined and have a specific plan of action.

Setting goals include these 4 simple steps:

- Define the goal
- Outline the steps needed to achieve the goal
- Consider possible blocks and ways of dealing with obstacles
- Set deadlines

The breakfast table would be a good time to ask your children the following:

- Do you ever set goals for yourself? What are some goals you have right now (short and/or long-term)?
- Have you ever gone out on a limb and risked failure in order to achieve a bigger goal?
- What is the difference between a wish and a goal?
- Have you ever set a goal that was unrealistic? What happened? What did you learn from that?
- If you don't accomplish all your goals does that make you a failure? What are some good ways to deal with disappointments?
- What is your personal definition of success?
- Citation www.goodcharacter.com

Guidance Department

Red Ribbon Recap

ZMS students in grades 5-8 enjoyed participating in the Red Ribbon week festivities. The red ribbons, made by the 5th grade students, were passed out to the entire student body. Congratulations to Marielle Franciskovich from the Mrs. Steidler's homeroom for having the winning red ribbon. The 6th and 7th grade students displayed their artistic ability and knowledge of the history of red ribbon week through pledges and posters. The winning homeroom in 6th grade was Mrs. East. The 7th graders from Mr. Weldy's SOAR class celebrated as well. Grades 5-7 enjoyed an ice cream party for all their hard work! The 8th grade students had a fun time designing Red Ribbon floats from red wagons. Miss Church's SOAR class won 1st place in this contest that was voted on by ZMS faculty and staff. This SOAR class celebrated with a pizza party.

Finals Schedule

Tuesday, December 15 Social Studies
Wednesday, December 16 Language Arts & Foreign Language
Thursday, December 17 Math & Science
Tuesday, January 12 Exploratory Wednesday, January 13 Tech

Operation I.C.U.

The following students were seen taking pride in their school, volunteering their time to help others, and having an awesome attitude! Congratulations to Mary Culp, Elena Richardson, Tommy McMichen, Stephen Damm, Monte Chester, Marnie Schrader, Maria Schultz, Anna Firmani, Alex Yiannoutsos, Katie Medaris, Julia Kowala, Elliott Berman, Jack Horn, Zach Neumann, Austin Simpson, Alex Sibila, Grant Schultz, Saleem Abufares.

Upcoming Parent Meeting

Parents of current 8th grade students are invited to attend a meeting with the high school counselors. This meeting will be held Wednesday, January 6 in the ZMS Cafeteria. Parents and students may attend from 3:30-5pm or from 6:30-8pm. Doug Showley, high school English Teacher will be giving an IB speech from 6-6:30pm.

21st Century Scholars Program

Eligible 6th, 7th and 8th grade student that enroll in the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship to the state are guaranteed the cost of four years of college tuition at any participating public college or university in Indiana. If the student attends a private institution, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a public institution. If the student attends a participating proprietary school, the state will award a tuition scholarship equal to that of Ivy Tech State College. There are strict income guidelines for eligibility, so not every student and family will qualify. Parents or guardians need to fill out the application. Students and parents/guardians have access to 16 regional support sites providing services and guidance for college preparation. If you have any questions about the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program, visit the Twenty-first Century Scholars Web site at http://www.learnmoreindiana.org/college/paying/TwentyFirstCenturyScholars/Pages/home.aspx , contact your local Scholars Support site or call the Learn More Helpline at 1-800-992-2076.

Upcoming Test Dates

The Zionsville Community High School English Department will be having testing on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, for potential English 9 Honors students. Students already in the high ability program at the 8th grade level with a B average or higher will automatically be allowed to sign up for Honors English 9 for the 2010-2011 school year. Those students with a B- average or lower in their high ability language arts class for the first semester or any other eighth grade language arts student who would like to try to enroll into the Honors English 9 class at the high school may participate in the entrance exam. Students must sign up with their language arts teacher by Friday, January 15th to be able to take the test. The students will be taking an SAT-type verbal test. The test will last for approximately 50 minutes and will be given in Eagle Hall at the middle school at 8:30 a.m. The tests will be graded and the scores will be scaled with an appropriate cut off. Students who make the cut off will then be invited to take an essay test. The essay test will be given on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, in one of the computer labs at ZMS at 8:30 a.m. The essay test will also take approximately 50 minutes. Scores on the SAT-type test, essay, teacher recommendation, and grades from their first semester English classes will be used to determine entrance into the honors English program.

School News

7/8 Student Council

Throughout December and January the 7/8 Student Council will be organizing their winter candy cane sale, dress days, and a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society that will take place in February. Winter candy cane sales will take place during lunch from December7-11. Students may purchase candy canes for themselves or their peers for $.50. Candy canes will be delivered to students on Friday, December 18th. December 17th will be "Jersey Day" at ZMS. All students and staff are encouraged to wear their favorite jersey and are asked to bring $.50 to donate to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Community Conversation Town Hall Meeting Announced

The Zionsville Community Conversation Group presents the third speaker in their Town Hall Series for the 2009-2010 season on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will take place at the Zionsville Town Hall, 1100 Oak Street, Zionsville. Ruth Van Reken will present on the topic of diversity. Van Reken is a national and international speaker on diversity as well as author of the book, Third Culture Kids: Growing up Among Worlds. You can visit the following web site to learn more about Van Reken: http://www.crossculturalkid.org/.

The Community Conversation Group is comprised of parents, students and educators committed to encouraging healthy living and providing resources for positive learning experiences.

Sports

Wrestling News

The first practice will be Dec 7th. All wrestlers must have a IHSAA physical and medical sheet on file before they can practice. Physical forms can be picked up in the main office or online under Athletics. If you have any questions contact Coach Flecker at 873-2426 ext 13702 or email vflecker@zcs.k12.in.us.

Jan 13 is Green & White night for the wrestlers. This is an opportunity for everyone to get a preview of this year's wrestling team. Action begins at 5:30. The team's first meet is with Carmel here on Jan. 19 with a start time of 5:30. Come support your Eagles.

Boys and Girls Track Callout

Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader interested in being on the track team this year should attend a callout meeting on March 10th in the LGI from 3pm to 4pm. The first practice will be March 15th from 3-4:30. In order to participate, one must have a current physical on file. To check if you have a current one on file, please contact Mrs. Tharp in the Guidance Office (ctharp@zcs.k12.in.us or ext. 13011). Please contact either Mr. Rowe (trowe@zcs.k12.in.us or ext. 13302) or Mr. Myers (dmyers@zcs.k12.in.us or ext. 13505) if you have any questions.

Cheerleaders to Perform at Pacers Game

The 7th & 8th grade cheerleaders will be performing before the Indiana Pacers game on Wednesday, December 9. If you are interested in purchasing discounted tickets for the game, please see Coach Smart in room 802 or in the south gym for order forms. You can also email her at tsmart@zcs.k12.in.us. The girls would appreciate your support!

Impact Testing Available through St. Vincent Sports Performance

We are pleased to announce that online ImPACT testing is now available as part of the services that St. Vincent Sports Performance offers ZMS and the athletics community world wide. The online version of this ImPACT testing is available for any ZMS student for $10.00. This service is offered so that any child that plays a contact sport outside of ZMS Athletics can also have this baseline test done. This test will measure the student's neurocognitive functioning. If a concussion would occur, this baseline test will be utilized to monitor the healing process. Impact testing is provided to ZMS athletes at school, free of charge, if they play a contact sport for the school. ImPACT testing is available for ZMS teams through Rick Santerre, St. Vincent Sports Performance and ZMS Athletic Trainer. For more details, please see the PDF file on the ZMS PTO website at http://zmspto.org/. If you have any questions you can contact Rick at rsanterre@zcs.k12.in.us or 873-2426 Ext. 13908.

Art Department

Artsonia

*Did you know that ZMS student artwork is viewable online at:http://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=4352 ?

*Did you know that we consistently rank in the TOP TEN (!) for the state AND nation for active participation with this website, out of thousands of participating schools?

ZMS ART TEACHERS BELIEVE THIS PRORGRAM IS VALUABLE BECAUSE...

-It increases parental and family involvement in students' education: Parents and family members take a much more active role in their child's art education by viewing the artwork online, joining the child's fan club, and leaving supportive comments in the artist guestbook. This feedback from family, especially relatives who may not live nearby, is priceless in the development of the child's artistic confidence.

-It integrates technology into the classroom: Teachers and students engage in classroom art projects, and publish their artwork in an online art gallery. The technical literacy of viewing artwork online, tracking artists own statistics online, leaving other comments for friends, etc, provides a technology experience for students that stays within a safe, educational environment.

-It boost students' pride and self esteem: Repeatedly, participating students tell us about the increased pride and self esteem they feel after participating in Artsonia. Viewing their own creations in an online museum, students are putting forth extra effort in the art room, knowing it will be posted for all their friends and family to appreciate.

-It increases financial support for art programs: After the student artwork is published online, the parents and family may purchase keepsakes from the museum with the child's artwork imprinted on it, and 15% of the revenue is commissioned back to the school art program.

5/6 Grade Art Club Yearbook Pictures

Attention Art Club 5/6 Members: Please wear your art club t-shirt on Friday, December 4 for Yearbook Pictures.

Yearbook Announcements

Yearbook Club will meet in December on the 2nd, 9th, and 16th. These will be our final 3 meetings. Don't miss out! No yearbooks may be ordered after December 18th this year. Please order online at Jostens or pick up a form in the main office at ZMS.

5/6 Grade Art Club

December Meetings for Art Club 5/6 (Meetings are from 2:45-3:45)

December 1- Fifth Grade December 8- Sixth Grade

December 15- Holiday Party in the LGI for both Fifth and Sixth Grade Art Club Members. Parents Welcome!

January Meetings for Art Club 5/6 (Meetings are from 2:45-3:45)

January 5 and 26- Fifth Grade January 12- Sixth Grade

Art Club 5/6 Announcements

Art Club 5/6 members created two large scale paintings to donate to the "For Kids By Kids" Art Auction hosted by the Indianapolis Institute for Children. These artworks may be viewed on our Artsonia online art gallery. Fifth graders created a monochromatic green version of Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" http://www.artsonia.com/museum/art.asp?id=6757137&exhibit=229921&gallery=y and the sixth graders created a monochromatic green version of Grant Wood's "American Gothic" http://www.artsonia.com/museum/art.asp?id=6757730&exhibit=223950&gallery=y. Both were a huge success at the auction and raised money for this great cause. Way to go art club 5/6 members!

7/8 Art Club

The 7/8 Art Club is collecting tin soup cans for an upcoming project. Students will use the cans to create a kaleidoscope. Please drop off your donations to the front office or Miss Bond's art room 408.

8th Grade Students

8th grade students, in Miss Bond's art classes and Mr. McCarthy's language arts classes, recently completed a project that integrated poetry, music, and art. The theme of the collaboration was The Power of Peace. Over 150 8th graders participated and 39 were selected to be displayed at the Eagle Creek Coffee Company in March. At the opening of the show, on the 2nd, the top 3 winners will be announced. Students and teachers voted for their favorite project using a survey created on the internet. Until then the peace projects can be seen in the large display cases in the 400 hallway. Winners: 1st Samantha Petrie 2nd Laura May 3rd Nick Ceryak 4th Katherine Ratz 5th Aaron Dodd.

Community News

ZEF ACCEPTS EAGLE HONORS DONATIONS

The Zionsville Education Foundation (ZEF) is now accepting donations for its Eagle Honors program.

Giving an Eagle Honor is a great way to say "Thank you" to a teacher, coach, bus driver, counselor, administrator, school secretary or anyone who has made the school year a success. A gift card with a personal message of thanks will be sent to the honoree(s) and their name(s) will be listed in the ZEF annual report.

Your tax-deductible gift will fund grants to promote academic excellence in all Zionsville Community Schools. For more information or to give an Eagle Honor, please visit the ZEF website at www.zionsvilleeducationfoundation.org or contact Lynn Kissell at lkissel@zcs.k12.in.us or 733-4805.

Market Day - Cookie Dough Days are here!

Thank you to all who have been supporting our Market Day fundraiser for the band and orchestra programs. We've raised $1,366 so far this year!

This month's bonus days is our Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough, available in nine varieties, with no trans fat and individual portions. Doesn't Chocolate Chunk, Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip, M&M, Sugar-free Chocolate Chip, Monster, White Chocolate Macadamia Nut, Oatmeal Raisin, Snickerdoodle, Chocolate Mint Chip sound YUMMY?!

We're also offering a FREE Cheese Pizza-Eat-zzas with minimum purchase.

And, if you've placed two orders of $40 or more between September and November and place a third in December, you'll receive a FREE lunch tote.

You can order online at www.marketday.com (acct. #5941) or drop your order form off at the Hussey-Mayfield Library. Forms are found in all school offices too. Deadline for ordering is Wed., December 9th. Order pickup will be 5:00-6:00 on Monday, December 14th. Adult volunteers are needed. Please contact Deirdre Moore, 732-4360 or Liz Qua, 769-1161 with any questions.

Cafeteria News

Who would have thought that we could be approaching winter break and second semester! Where has the school year gone?

We in the Food Service Department are very eager to see what the new year will bring! One thing that we know will occur is continuous improvement of our program. Believe it or not, this time of year has our staff eager for some new serving suggestions, right along with the students! As such, we will be making modifications in the menus at all schools and that will be for the time period starting after we return from winter break. Of course all the changes that we do make will adhere to the nutritional guidelines of our program along with the preference of our customers, the students!

One specific item that we will be changing relates to the taco meat. You may be aware that our food service program requires us to be financially self-sufficient within the school corporation. As a result, we are continuously monitoring our expenses in all regards! One way that we can reduce food expenses is to serve taco meat made with pork rather than beef which we currently serve. It's important to know that this product has been tested and approved by school aged children within our school purchasing cooperative. In fact the seasoning is the same and is a similar situation to making seasoned taco meat with turkey rather than beef. For various reasons, we felt it important to share this information with you and in fact, it has been posted on our website under "Hot News" since October 21, 2009 with the notation "NOTE: Tacos may now contain pork!".

In these financially difficult times, we do find it necessary to trim expenses and yet we will not let the quality of the food suffer as a result. As simple as it may sound, we operate under the premise of "if we wouldn't eat it, we won't serve it"!

As always, I encourage you to check out our website at www.zcs.k12.in.us/cafe/index.htm . We believe there is a wealth of information on the site, one of which is the *Nutrition Nuggets* Newsletter! This document is one that we subscribe to and it is filled with tremendous and very informative suggestions on working to incorporate nutrition and fitness into a child's routine. Your utilization of the newsletter helps us know that our money is well spent on this informative and fun filled document subscription!

On behalf of the Food Service Department, we thank you very much for the support that you provide us on an ongoing basis; it is extremely valued. Have a great start to the New Year. Jan Swander, ZCS Food Service Director

December 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	**2** 5-8 Orchestra Concert 6:00-7:30 p.m., EH	**3**	4 Activity Pictures Jazz Band/Swing Choir Concert 7:00 pm EH
7	**8** 5/6 Band Concert, 7:00 pm SG	**9** 7/8 Band Concert 7:00 pm SG	**10**	**11** 7 White to IRT 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
14	**15** Social Studies Final	**16** Language Arts/ Foreign Language Finals	**17** Math/Science Finals	**18**
21 Winter Break	**22** Winter Break	**23** Winter Break	**24** Winter Break	**25** Winter Break
28 Winter Break	**29** Winter Break	**30** Winter Break	**31** Winter Break	

For a complete listing of school activities, please refer to the ZMS Web Site at www.zcs.k12.in.us/zms/index.html.

January 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Winter Break
4	**5**	**6** 8th Grade Course Selection 3:00-8:00 pm EH	**7**	**8**
11	**12** Exploratory Finals	**13** Tech Final Day 2	**14**	**15**
18 MLK Jr. Day No School	**19** Staff Development, No School (Snow Makeup #3)	**20**	**21**	**22**
25 CPR (Grades 6 and 7)	**26** CPR (Grades 6 and 7)	**27** CPR (Grades 6 and 7)	**28** CPR (Grades 6 and 7)	**29** CPR (Grades 6 and 7)

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