

Zemmer Middle School News



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IMPORTANCE OF BEING ON TIME!

An important skill that we try to impart on our students is the value of time. To that end, we expect that all students be to classes on time each day. It is our goal to simply make sure that we hold our students accountable for good use of their time and to be to class on time. Please take time to reinforce this important skill with your child. Thanks in advance for your support!



PTC / PAC

Our next Zemmer PTC meeting is coming up on **Thursday, January 17th** at 6PM. Immediately following PTC, we will hold our PAC meeting at 7PM. All parents are welcome to join us at either or both events! Please note that our PAC meeting will take the place of our "Coffee with the Principals" meetings to try to better accommodate parent schedules.

Notes from the Principal

Greetings Zemmer Families!

The holiday season is officially upon us. We have lots of things on the horizon including our winter "Masquerade Dance" sponsored by student council as well as our annual PennyWars event which will directly benefit our Zemmer Families that need some help this holiday season. Our bands will be performing in our annual Winter Concert as well as having kids participate in Solo and Ensemble competition. And our early winter season athletes will be getting ready to wrap up their competitions. As the song goes, "it's the most wonderful time of the year", but it's also a very busy time of the year!



Best Effort



Attitude



Responsibility



Kindness

One other significant event that I want to bring your attention to is our "reboot" of our BARK code. We have a dedicated group of staff members who have been diligently working to both re-think how we embed the BARK code into our daily school lives, as well as how to make it more meaningful to our students. The BARK code is an acronym for the following big ideas...

Best Effort – Do your best all day, every day

Attitude – Start each day with a great attitude

Responsibility – Make the right choice

Kindness – Promote a positive, friendly school environment

As part of this effort, we are in the process of implementing "Bark Bucks" which may be used for everything from purchasing small things in a future school store to gaining access to privileges in the school. We are very excited about the potential positive future impacts on our school culture.

Students will be hearing more about this in the days and weeks to come. Please see the article inside for more details.

Student Council Sponsored Dance "Masquerade"

The Student Council is sponsoring a themed dance, a "Masquerade" on Friday, December 14th, from 6-8 PM.

There will be a DJ, open gym for basketball and ping pong, a movie room and other activities like Guitar Hero and Karaoke. The cost of the ticket is \$5 and will include a piece of pizza, drink and baked goods.

There will be a concession stand that will offer other treats for a small charge. Students may purchase a sparkle mask for \$1 or a feather mask for \$3 until supplies run out. The first 20 tickets sold will get a free mask.

Students are welcome to dress as they choose, although we would encourage students to dress a step up from everyday apparel. However, please do not go out and buy new clothes or make hair appointments, etc. Remember, this is to have a relaxed and FUN time, nothing more! We suggest a collared shirt and khakis/nice pants for boys and dresses or slacks for girls.

Tickets and masks will be sold Dec. 10th through Dec. 14th before school in the lobby.





STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congrats to Zemmer Students of the Month for December!

6A

Ryan Kurschat

6B

Morgan Pierce

7A

Julia Jackson

7B

Juliana Sornig

8A

Kendall "Kenny" Strayhorn

Elective

Emily Baker

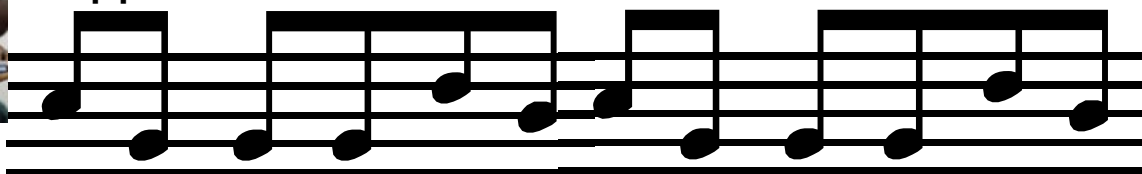
CILC

Leonard Payne

Elective

Hannah Macdonald

Support Zemmer Band and Zemmer Choir



SUPPORT THE ZEMMER BAND

The Zemmer bands Holiday Concert is soon!

Thursday, December 13th, 2012, Zemmer bands will hold their holiday concert at Lapeer East High School auditorium. 6th grade needs to report by 6 and will perform at 6:30, 7th grade needs to report by 6:30 and will perform at 7 and Concert band needs to report by 7:15 and will perform at 8. This is three separate concerts so the doors will only be open at the beginning of each concert due to the limited number of seats. We are very excited to see you there!

SUPPORT THE ZEMMER CHOIR

Our Zemmer Choir will be having their first winter concert on December 18th at 7PM also in the East High School Auditorium. We are very proud of our music program and invite everyone to join us for a wonderful evening of music. Nothing gets you in the spirit of the season quite like music as the winter sets in! Please consider coming and supporting Mr. Kaiser and our fantastic middle school musicians!!!



Penny Wars!!





The War is ON! We will be holding our now annual Pennywars during the week of Dec. 10th through the 14th. The purpose of this fun and exciting fundraiser is to raise money to help out some of our families in our community during the holiday season. Last year, we raised over \$4,000 and were able to help families from both Zemmer and Schickler. It's our goal to top last year's amount. Remember, pennies count positive for your team, but if you collect the silver and greenbacks, they count AGAINST the other teams. Battle plans are being drawn. Who will win? We already know the answer – our local families in need of some holiday help!

The BARK Code and BARK Bucks!

The Bark Code and Bark Bucks are a part of the new initiative here at Zemmer Middle School that promotes Positive Behavior Incentives and Support (PBIS). This program is a team based framework for creating and sustaining safe and effective schools.

We here at Zemmer Middle School are devoted to preventing problem behavior and developing positive social skills. School-wide PBIS increases the capacity of schools to educate all students utilizing research-based school-wide, classroom and individualized interventions.

Students can spend the Bark Bucks, which they earn from displaying the positive behaviors that are identified in the Bark Code. Items for purchase range from free admission to sporting events, school-wide acknowledgement over the morning announcements, to gift cards to local businesses. Please see the last page of this newsletter for the BARK code.

ZEMMER MIDDLE SCHOOL				
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ONE BARK BUCK				
				
Best Effort	Attitude	Responsibility	Kindness	
Student _____				
Date _____	Teacher _____			
IN DOC WE TRUST				



WINTER BREAK

The last full day for students in Lapeer is **Friday, December 21st**. Students return on **Monday, January 7th**. From our Zemmer family to yours, we wish everyone a safe and joyful Holiday Season for you and your loved ones!





ZEMMER MIDDLE SCHOOL BULLDOG CODE

WATCH US ***B.A.R.K!***



	<u>Best Effort</u> Do your best all day, every day.	<u>Attitude</u> Start each day with a great attitude.	<u>Responsibility</u> Make the right choice.	<u>Kindness</u> Promote a positive, friendly school environment.
AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Come out to support <i>Zemmer!</i>• Demonstrate sportsmanship and school spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quiet during the National Anthem• Pay attention to the games• HAVE FUN!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Throw away trash• Follow directions• Dress for the weather• Arrange your ride home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be positive: cheer for <i>Zemmer!</i>• Respect opponents and event staff
BUS/BUS STOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be on time• Be ready for school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow the driver to focus on the road• Follow directions the first time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be safe• Keep hands and feet to yourself• Silence at all railroad crossings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist others who may need help• Use courteous and polite language
CAFETERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make healthy choices• Clean up messes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wait in line patiently• Follow directions• Enjoy your delicious meal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sign out• Listen to announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use table manners• Be courteous• Talk quietly
CLASSROOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete all assignments• Use your time productively• Be prepared with all materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Come ready to learn• Ask questions and be willing to participate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Try your best• Ask for help• Pay attention• Meet deadlines• Own your actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help others when appropriate• Recognize others' rights to learn
HALLWAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move quickly but don't run• Limit socializing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be patient• Be proud of our school• Keep our school SAFE!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself• Follow directions• Choose words carefully	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be courteous to others while passing• Encourage others to get to class
OFFICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Say your name clearly• Explain your business clearly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cooperate with secretaries• Be respectful• Share concerns/report problems to staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The office is a place of work• Take ownership of your behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use courteous and polite language when communicating in person or using the office phone
RESTROOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limit use during instructional time• Use between classes• No horseplay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do your business and leave• No marking or writing on walls or stalls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Think of others – FLUSH!• Report problems promptly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be patient if there's a line• Practice healthy behaviors• Maintain a clean environment

A Zemmer Student is a GREAT student!