

ZEELAND SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 2026

From the Superintendent's Desk

As we move further into the school year at Zeeland School District, it is important to pause and reaffirm what defines us. While enrollment numbers, budgets, and programming decisions matter, the true strength of our school rests in the character of our students and the shared values of our community. As we are approaching the end of the school year quickly, I challenged our staff and students to finish the year well. I challenged them to think about the three foundational principles that are found posted and written in several places around the school: **Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience**.

Respect means more than politeness. It means to consider others worthy of high regard. In a small school, this principle is especially vital. Our students interact daily across grade levels, our staff work closely across roles, and our families remain deeply connected to the life of the school. Respect is demonstrated when students listen attentively, when disagreements are handled constructively, and when we recognize the dignity and contributions of every individual. We expect our students and adults to show respect to all, and the learning environment itself.

Responsibility is accountability to self and to others. At Zeeland, responsibility begins with personal ownership being prepared and making sound decisions. It extends to reliability and follow-through in interactions with peers and community. As a district, we also model responsibility through transparent decision-making, fiscal stewardship, and clear communication. When each of us accepts our role and executes it with integrity, the entire system functions more effectively.

Finally, **Resilience**—the ability to adjust effectively to change—is perhaps the most critical skill we can cultivate in today's environment. Zeeland is facing a very large evolving circumstance. We know that resilience will be needed by all as the transition will be great for students, staff and parents this coming school year. We want our students to understand that this transition is not an endpoint but an opportunity for growth. Resilience is developed when students are encouraged to solve problems, reflect, and persist. It is strengthened when families and staff work together to support children through challenges rather than shield them from every difficulty.

When Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience are embedded in our daily actions, they shape not only academic success but lifelong character. Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring that Zeeland School remains a place where these values are taught, modeled, and lived each day.

Brandt Dick
Superintendent, Zeeland School District

Notes from Mr. Streifel

As we close out the month of February, we are getting closer to the end of the school year. March 6 marks the end of the 3rd quarter and the beginning of the final quarter of the year.

This past month we have completed a couple of events for the 6th and 7th graders. Cash and Conrad were our school's representatives for the McIntosh County Spelling Bee on February 17. Also, Zeeland hosted the McIntosh County Math Counts competition on February 11. Zeeland, Ashley, and Wishek each participated with their jr. high students. Cash, Conrad, and Lily all took part in the competition and Conrad took 4th overall. Congratulations to our students who participated in these events.

Congratulations to our wrestlers for a job well done at the state tournament. The girls' team took 6th and Joseph finished in 5th place. Congrats Lily, Melody, and Joseph on a successful wrestling season.

On March 17, all Zeeland 7-12 students will be participating in Acalympics at Linton Public School. 7-9th graders will begin their competition at 4:30 with the 10-12th graders starting at 7:00. The bus will leave right after school and usually returns around 10:00-10:30.



Track practice will start on Monday March 9 for students 7-12. All participants will need to have a physical completed if not already completed. The schedule will come out at a later date.

Mrs. Wolf's News

Springtime is fast arriving and so is the spring music festival season. The students have been putting in some good work and the combined choir and band are sounding fantastic! Here are some upcoming important dates: **Festival Concerts** will be held at Zeeland on Tuesday, March 10th and at Ashley on Thursday March 12. Both concerts will be at 7:30 p.m. The combined band and choir will perform their pieces they intend to take to the Region 6 Music Festival. In addition, the Zeeland elementary students will be performing at Zeeland and the Ashley 5th and 6th graders will be performing at the Ashley concert. Come on out and hear the great sounds we've been working on!

Region 6 Large Group Music Festival will be on Monday, March 16 at Oakes. Our groups' performing times have not yet been announced. Best of luck to our music students!

All-State – Zeeland high school has a record-setting four students make it into the All-State performing groups this year! Membership into these prestigious performing groups is by live audition and only the best players and singers in the state are accepted. Congratulations to Jaydan who will be in the mixed choir, Anaiah in the treble choir, Avery in the band, and Micah as an alternate for the mixed choir. All-State takes place at the Bismarck Civic Center March 26-28.

Region 6 Small Group Music Festival will take place in Marion on April 11 this year. Students have selected their solos, duets, trios, and so on and are working on their songs now. Good luck to those participating in this festival.

Notes from Mrs. Dockter

Writing Contest: The elementary students will be participating in the Prairie Public Writers Contest. Parents, please keep a look out for the entry form that will be sent home for you to complete.

Pee Wee Wrestling practice has begun for students in grades 2–6. The first tournament will be held in Napoleon on Thursday, March 5. Please refer to the Zeeland Public School Facebook page for information regarding future tournaments.



The elementary had some fun making elephant toothpaste!



The elementary had some fun learning a little bit about high and low pressure!

Zeeland Public School
Zeeland Board of Education
February 10, 2026
(Unofficial Minutes)

The regular board meeting was called to order by President Meier at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Francis Meier, Jen Meier, Neil Meidinger and Donavon Bender. Josh Rossow was absent. Others present were Supt Brandt Dick, Leads Jayden Streifel and Kim Dockter, Kyle Anderson and Kristi Ebel.

Meidinger made a motion to approve the agenda, second J. Meier. All aye.

Bender made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, second Meidinger. All Aye.

Financial reports were presented. Meidinger made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented and payment of the following claims, second J. Meier. Ashley Public School 3,453.06; BEK 104.99; DFC 269.83; City of Zeeland 83.91; J. Cline 215.00; CREA 625.00; Dakota Dust Tex 228.42; DRN 360.00; Emmons Co Record 156.40; MDU 1,503.10; Professional Speech Therapists, LLC 603.75; So Central Prairie Sp Ed 6,966.50; US Post Office 78.00; L. Wolf 150.50; Zeeland Activity 448.62; Zeeland Oil LLC 8,008.54; BCBS3920.74, MCARE 621.60 and TFFR 5,901.31. All aye.

Supt Report – None.

HS Lead Report – Ms. Engelhart and Mrs. Dockter will be taking students to the Ashley and Wishek schools to tour and see what they offer for the students.

Feb. 10 Parent Teacher Conferences.

Feb. 11 MATHCOUNTS at Zeeland at 9:00.

Feb. 17 Spelling Bee at Wishek.

Elem Lead – Grades 2 thru 6 have completed MAP testing. We saw growth in that testing.

Students took the Student Engagement Survey .

Zeeland was randomly picked to participate in the NAEP testing.

Elementary has started the American Heart Assoc. drive which will run until the end of February.

No public comment.

Old Business – Discussed non operating year. Supt Dick explained deadlines will have to be met. "Also next year Zeeland will have to pay tuition for all students that reside in Zeeland's School District and attend another North Dakota School."

New Business –

1. Since we have time built consensus of the board is to forgive the full storm day missed. May use virtual if necessary.
2. Meidinger made a motion to give reduction in force nonrenewal agreements to the teachers, second Bender and carried unanimously to approve.
3. Supt Dick discussed with the board the loan and due date that is approaching. Bank is agreeing to extend the loan if need be. Bender made a motion to extend the loan into the non operating year, second J. Meier. All aye.
4. By law the school has to hold an election even going into non operational. Meidinger made a motion to hold the school board election June 9, 2026, second Bender. All aye.

Next meeting will be March 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the school.

Meidinger made a motion to adjourn, second J. Meier and carried unanimously to approve.

ATTEST:

Joyce Scherr
Business Manager

Francis Meier
President

PUBLIC NOTICE
Zeeland Public School District Number 4
Zeeland, North Dakota 58581

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 4:00 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2026 (64 days before the election) shall be the filing deadline for candidate names to be printed on the ballot for the annual school board election to be held for the purpose of electing two member(s) to the Zeeland Public School Board. (Voting will be on the former Zeeland District and the "District At Large" the former Selz District and whether to publish the minutes).

Joyce Scherr
Business Manager
Zeeland Public School
District # 4
Zeeland, N.D.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH
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Word Search

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COINS IRISH PATRICK
CORNED BEEF LEPRECHAUN POT OF GOLD
TRADITION LUCK RAINBOW
GREEN MARCH SHAMROCK



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As you begin your spring cleaning soon, disposing of medicines safely is essential to protect the family from the later ineffective use or abuse, and reduce overall overdose and poison risks— especially in residential homes. Young children and teens are at the greatest risk of experimental and unintended

injuries. Pharmacies and law enforcement agencies have medication take-back stations where you can dispose of unused, and expired over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription medicines. You can leave medications in their original container and they accept pills, creams, patches, liquids and other forms of medications.

When disposing of medicines at home, remove them from the original container and combine in a disposable bag with water to dissolve them and something nonconsumable such as dirt, used coffee grounds, saw dust or cat

Spring is a time to renew—our commitment to concussion safety! The greatest concussion risks for our students includes contact sports, falls, and car crashes. Sports such as football, hockey, soccer, and cheer leading lead the injury statistics.

The dangers of head trauma extend beyond impact with physical and emotional symptoms often emerging weeks and months after injury, leading to emotional dysregulation, irritability, anxiety, memory issues, and thinking problems.

If you suspect your child has suffered a head injury, seek medical attention immediately. Reduce your student's risk

CONCUSSION Describes The Injury

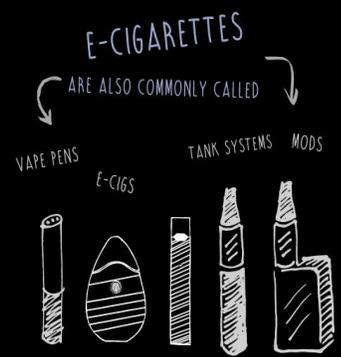
BRAIN INJURY Describes The Damage

Signs and Symptoms Of A Brain Injury

- Headache, feeling of pressure in the head
- Temporary loss of consciousness
- Confusion, feeling as if in a fog
- Amnesia surrounding the event
- Dizziness and "seeing stars"
 - Ringing in the ears
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Slurred speech
- Delayed response to questions
 - Appears dazed
 - Listless and tires easily
 - Irritable and cranky
- Loss of balance, unsteady walking
 - Vision or eye disturbances,
 - Pupils enlarged, or of unequal sizes

E-cigarettes, vapes, and electronic smoking product use has risen dramatically, with young students reporting trying e-smoking devices as young as 8 to over 10% of high school student using regularly. While the sale of electronic smoking devices to children is prohibited, vapes are the most common reported used tobacco product for middle and high school students for over a decade, with both groups reporting nearly 40% current use rate. Young people who vape are 3 to 4 more times likely to develop nicotine addiction and remain an adult smoker than those who do not vape. Injury prevention takes on e-smoking because it negatively affects brain development, mental health, lung capacity, and exacerbates chronic conditions including asthma.

For more information on the dangers of e-smoking and risks to youth, visit:



Altru Health System is proud to serve as the lead agency for Safe Kids Grand Forks. For more information on this and other childhood injury prevention visit safekidsgf.com, call us at 701.780.1489 or email safekids@altru.org

