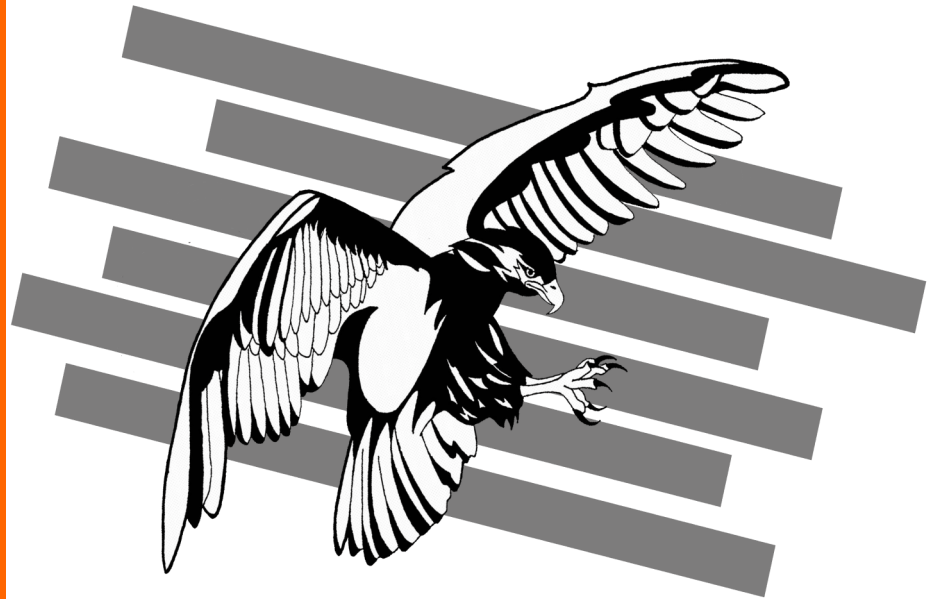


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## **Determining and Prioritizing the Short and Long Term Needs of District Facilities**

*Submitted by: James Bena, Superintendent*



On Friday, February 24th, three School District Facilities Specialists from CESA 10 met with Building-and-Grounds Director Frank Neve, District Business Manager Lisa Miller and myself to evaluate the district's short and long term facility needs. CESA 10 has been auditing Wisconsin school facilities for over 30 years. Both Ed Heuer Elementary School (built in 1969) and John Edwards Middle/High School (original portion of the building built in 1932) have been very well-maintained by Building-and-Grounds over the last several decades, but just like the homes in which we live, significant upgrades are needed at times to keep them both safe and functional.

As part of the February 24th meeting, CESA 10 representatives took extensive tours of Port Edwards School District facilities, looking at all facets of the buildings: floors, roofs, parking lots, entrances, windows, plumbing systems, heating and air conditioning, etc. The results of their findings were detailed in a long-term planning booklet, with facility needs categorized into items that need to be addressed in the next 3 years, others in the next 4 to 6 years, and finally, facilities components that can be replaced in the next 7 to 10 years. This plan was then presented by the CESA 10 facilities team to the District Board of Education at their March 8 meeting.

Some of the areas identified as needing attention the soonest (in the next 1-3 years) included: concrete & masonry repairs & replacement, a secure entrance upgrade, updated security cameras, new heating/air conditioning unit ventilators and roof exhaust fans, full examinations of both sewer and water lines to determine their remaining functional life, an electrical system upgrade, replacement of exterior gym doors, updated WI-FI access points, track repair, and Technical Education Classroom floor epoxy.

Some of the areas designated for repair or replacement in the following 4-10 years include: heating/air conditioning controls replacement (upgrade to digital for efficiency), telephone system replacement, chiller and boiler replacement, upgraded storage and weight room facilities, and generator replacement.

The Port Edwards School District has always taken pride in being a district that is responsible in its expenditures, while providing the best education possible in a small-school setting. Over the course of the next several months, the Board of Education, working with both facilities experts and district leadership, will use the information provided in the recent facilities study to determine our next steps in maintaining the Port Edwards District as an exceptional place for students, staff, and families for decades to come.

## MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

*Submitted by: Donna Shroda, 6-12 Principal*



Congratulations to the nine forensic students who qualified to compete in state forensics in Madison on April 21st. When students score 21 or higher in district competition, at least 2 out of three times, they move onto state. We have a group number moving on: Dakota Bares, Emily Firzzell, Charlie O'Connor and Aubree Shroda in play acting. Nevada Rice presenting in informative speech, Alicia Heath and Felicity Clouse are doing a demonstrative speech. Chase Baumgart is reading prose for his presentation. Noah Haltner is presenting poems for his presentation. Wish those students good luck!

Over spring break thirteen high school students, who have taken at least two years of Spanish, will be going to Costa Rica for an emersion experience in the Spanish culture. Our Spanish teacher, Mrs. Frizzell and English teacher, Mr. Van Dehy will be leading the students in all of their adventures. These adventures will include hiking through the rainforests, visiting both a pineapple and coffee plantation, zip lining in Hacienda Pozo Azul (a 400 acre protected forest), strolling in the botanical gardens, relaxing in hot springs, interacting with children while painting and gardening, and traveling on a catamaran to an island to snorkel and swim under the coconut palms. The highlight of the trip will be a home stay in the countryside with a host family, where everyone speaks Spanish! What a great learning experience these students will have at an early age. Special thank you goes out to PEEF for their help with the bus to and from the airport!

Hopefully the students will come back from spring break rejuvenated for the last two months of school. Please continue to encourage daily attendance, academic efforts, and appropriate behavior at school. This supports our school climate and what we foster every day in and out of the classrooms. A reminder that April 26th is the last parent-teacher conferences for the year. Although, if you ever have any questions about school in general, please do not hesitate to call.

As we finish the year please help us celebrate the student's abilities and success. Of course, spring sports are struggling with the late snow melt, but are so eager to be competitive. Middle school 7th and 8th graders will hold one last dance - their semi-formal is slated for Friday, May 12th. They also are organizing their t-shirt tie-dying event on Port's rummage sale Saturday. It was a huge hit with kids and families! A big thank you to their advisor, Mr. Hintz who is always in the middle of their plotting. The music departments will finish with a final performance on Sunday, April 7th. This will include 6-12 and both the band and choir. The HS drama members are hoping to make another debut in the Variety Show on the newly renovated stage (thanks to PEEF). The high school students will dance on 'the red carpet' for Prom on April 29th at the Elks Club. Seniors will be recognized at Ports traditional 'Senior Dessert' to summarize all of their great accomplishments on May 17th. (And, yes the juniors still serve the traditional strawberry shortcake.) Finally, our culminating event of the year will be graduation on Saturday, May 27th at 11:00 am. Be sure to mark your calendars for all these exciting events happening!

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

*Submitted by: Cara Christy, 4K-5 Principal*



You have probably heard multiple jokes about the seasons in Wisconsin. And if this year plays out like most, we are currently somewhere between Snow, Slush, and Road Construction Seasons. In the middle of all of that, we realize that the weather this time of year is always unpredictable. Our elementary staff appreciates it when families dress students appropriately for the weather. This can sometimes mean chilly morning recesses and warm afternoons. We ask that you please send layers (and appropriate shoes for the playground), so students are prepared and can have fun and play!

Regardless of the weather, the April addition of our newsletter is always a happy one to write. This time of year our staff not only thinks about the current school year, but we look ahead to the warmer summer months. We are so excited to once again partner with the South Wood County YMCA this summer to offer some exciting opportunities for our students.

This year, the elementary school will host summer school Monday through Friday, June 5th - June 23rd. Doors open as usual at 7:45am for breakfast and summer school begins at 8:30am. We are offering a wide variety of courses at the elementary school for students entering first through fifth grades. After lunch is served, students can be picked up at the elementary school at noon or choose to be bussed over to the YMCA for swimming lessons, fitness activities, and games in the afternoon. Parents can pick up their exhausted kiddos at the YMCA at 2:45pm after a long day of fun!

During the days of summer school at the elementary building, we are also serving free breakfast and lunch to all students. Breakfast will be served from 7:45-8:15am and lunch will be served from 11:30-12:00pm during June 5th - June 23rd. All Port Edwards students and their siblings up to the age of 18 are welcome to participate.

Have a wonderful spring! We look forward to enjoying this last part of the school year with your children here at Ed Heuer Elementary!



## Notes from the Nurse

Submitted by: *Katie Bortz, CESA 5 School Nurse*

After a long, cold, weather filled winter - I am glad to report that spring is here! During spring break, whether you do some traveling or will enjoy your time re-energizing at home - many people use this time as a springboard into warmer weather outdoor activities.

Did you know that spending time outdoors has many benefits for kids of all ages? For younger children, outdoor play is associated with decreased risk of developing nearsightedness, lower rates of obesity and improved motor skill development. For older students, time spent outdoors can diminish stress levels, manage symptoms of ADHD naturally, improve functional fitness levels and can improve social interactions and increase kindness towards others. For all age groups (adults included), being outdoors stimulates all 5 senses in a way that being indoors just can not do. This improves mood and is linked to higher self-esteem.

Here are a few family friendly activities you may want to try out this month:

- Go on a family picnic
- Wash your cars/bikes to get them in tip top shape for warmer weather
- Get out the sidewalk chalk
- Take your favorite indoor activity outdoors (reading, decorating Easter eggs, a meal)
- Visit a new state or county park
- Take some spring photos

Whatever you choose to do, make sure it brings your family joy and focuses on quality time together.

As always, please reach out the health offices if you have any concerns about your child's health or have any issues you think we may be able to assist with.

### **Stay Tuned for an Upcoming Event**

The Port Edwards health offices, in conjunction with administration, the Wood County Health Department and the Port Edwards Police Department are in the planning stage of an important community event. This event will provide an opportunity for students, parents and community members to engage with those planning the event and learn more about fentanyl and other current drug use trends, drug use risk reduction strategies and recognizing potential indicators of drug use.

Details on the date, time and other logistical factors will be shared at a later time. Please watch the PESD Facebook page and website for more information.

You are encouraged to reach out to our school nurse if you have specific questions in the meantime.



**Katie Bortz**  
**CESA 5 School Nurse**  
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## News from the Counseling Department

Submitted by: Jennifer Moore and Ernestine Neve

### ***Senior Dessert***

Seniors, please mark your calendar: **SENIOR DESSERT – Wednesday, MAY 17th, 6:30 P.M.**

Seniors are reminded to check the [Scholarship List](#) on a regular basis. There are still many opportunities to earn award money.

If your son or daughter is awarded a scholarship from a college or a source not shown on the scholarship list, please email Ernestine Neve at [neveer@pesd.k12.wi.us](mailto:neveer@pesd.k12.wi.us). We want to be sure to recognize everyone's awards at Senior Dessert.

### ***Remaining ACT Test Dates***

#### ACT Testing Dates:

June 10, 2023 - Register by May 5, 2023

July 15, 2023 - Register by June 16, 2023

School Code 501840

Websites for additional information on these assessments:

<http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/>



### ***Port Edwards School District Spring Assessment Windows are Open***

We are underway with testing at the middle school, high school levels. Students and parents have been notified of the dates they will be tested. Please make every effort to have you child present on these scheduled days.

**Forward Exams:** March 20th - April 28 (Middle School Students/10th grade)

**PreACT Secure** March 20th - April 28 (Freshman and Sophomores)



### ***Looking Ahead to Graduation***

Mark your calendars: **Saturday, May 27th at 11:00 a.m.**

## Port Edwards Education Foundation

### History

The Port Edwards Education Foundation, founded in 1996, grew out of the 1994 Strategic Planning Process of the Port Edwards School District. The Foundation was created as a permanent means of obtaining charitable contributions and grants. It is an independent corporation governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

### Mission

The mission of the Port Edwards Education is to enhance excellence in education and learning through the use of charitable contributions and grants.

### Goals

- Encourages and seeks private funding for innovative student-oriented educational programs and practice
- Raises public awareness of the responsibility the community shares in maintaining and enhancing a high-quality public education system
- Extend learning beyond the limits of the curriculum and the classroom



### PEEF 2023 Board of Directors:

**Front Row (L-R):** Sue Mitchell, Paula Bassuener, Karen Isaacson, Sue Thomasgard, Kristen Winters

**Back Row (L-R):** Judy Miller, Marissa Rebischke, Lisl Detlefsen, Pat McGrath, Corey Searles, Jim Bena, Karen Thiel

**Missing from Photo:** Sharon Morell, Kurt Heuer, Walter Iwanski

*The following is the president's letter from the Port Edwards Education Foundation 2022 Annual Report. The report is provided to our current year donors, recent year donors and Blackhawk Scramble participants and sponsors. To view the complete report, contact Board President Corey Searles.*

March 2023

Thanks to you, our donors, the Port Edwards Education Foundation raised \$43,586 in 2022! This feat was accomplished through the many and varied contributions of those who support the Port Edwards schools. With donations large and small and benefactors of all ages, our Foundation has been successful in uniting behind our goal – providing the finest educational experience possible to the students of Port Edwards. To quote Mr. Ed Heuer from over a decade ago, “From our humble beginnings in 1995...this foundation has been totally dependent on your generosity to continue our mission.” Whether it be through our summer golf outing, fall fund drive or the many memorial donations we collect and distribute, Port supporters show up! As we surpass the \$330,000 mark in grant awards since our inception, your generosity has indeed allowed us to “continue our mission.”

Thank you to the faculty and staff of the Port Edwards School District, the Alexander House, our all-volunteer PEEF board and you, our loyal Foundation donors. Hoping to see you at the 17th annual Blackhawk Golf Scramble on June 19th, 2023 at Lake Arrowhead's beautiful Lakes course.

With great thanks,  
Corey Searles  
Port Edwards Education Foundation President



JEHS National Honor Society members Bella, Emily, Melanie, Aija, Dakota, Aubree, and Erik brought the International Day of Happiness right to our school on Monday morning of March 20th. Students were greeted with smile stickers, positive messages, lots of smiling faces and even a fruit snack treat!



## Penny War for Scarlett

Back in October 2016, Scarlett was diagnosed with Philadelphia Positive B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. She went through 3 years of treatment. This past November 2022, Scarlett's routine bone marrow testing detected leukemia cells. Even though the leukemia cells present were low, Scarlett will need a bone marrow transplant.

There is so much unknown ahead for Scarlett and her family. In knowing the family and having Mrs. Tami Griffith as a teacher, Emily Frizzell, a member of the National Honor Society, decided to run a Penny War in support of Scarlett Griffith and her family, as part of Mrs. Frizzell's community service project.

The elementary students, families, and faculty jumped right in to support this great cause. A total of \$3,470.13 was raised! To wrap up the Penny War, we wore purple (Scarlett's favorite color) and orange (Leukemia awareness color) on March 7th and held an all-school presentation to present the raised money from the Penny War to Tami (Scarlett's mom), Scarlett, and her family. Our love & support goes out to the Griffith family. We wish nothing but the best for Scarlett & her family as they face this difficult challenge.

From the Griffith Family: *Thank you so much for the support of the Penny War. We appreciate it so much and it really means so much to us. Thank you again!*



**JOHN EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**2022-2023 Trimester 2**  
**HONOR ROLL**



**STRAIGHT A's**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Brooke Altman  
Mireya Cueto  
Kaden Dassow  
Victor Lawson  
Khayla Peckham  
Keely Rzepka  
Paige Van Meter

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Emma Baumgart  
Kelson Casey  
Wesley Detlefsen  
Claire Duckart  
Jackson Haase  
Miles Hanson  
Kayden Kleifgen  
Izaiah Van Lysal

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Ella Bender  
Noelle Combs  
Julia Doebereiner  
Titus Doran  
Emery Heckendorf  
Rebekah Hillemeier  
Michael LaCour  
Aaron Mingo  
Adrian Ridgway  
Savannah Schmelzer  
Bentley Teske

**HIGH HONORS**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Carter Doran  
Viviana Hernandez  
Caden Isaacson  
Amber Martinson  
Nataya Saint-Vil  
Ayden Schumer  
Aydyn Stebbins

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Brynn Bever  
Macie Jochimsen

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Addison Domke  
Natalie Goodwin  
Kaelyn Green  
Dayton Johnson  
Coda Luhman  
Evelyn Shaffer

**HONORS**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Abbigail Baumgart  
Issac Fawley  
Valedia Hernandez  
James Leverance  
Aubreigh Martinson  
Journey Michels  
Matthew Minor  
Kylia Mortensen  
Aliya Ostrum  
Jazmin Rayo  
Milie Robinson  
Griffin Tranel  
Lukas Ziska

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Maeve Anderson  
Karl Breitrack  
Cambree Flugaur  
Adalynn Hanneman  
Brody Krueger  
Evangeline Mortensen  
Kaelee Price  
Aliya Sievers  
McKenzy Smith  
Sara Trykoski  
Grace Yach

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Lucas Amundson  
Aurora Bares  
Eain Baumgart  
Keira Coenen  
Austin Johnson  
Aubrey Lyp  
Marshall Mike  
Landen Nelson  
Violet Plawman  
Parker Polubinski  
Brayden Weis  
Jace Winters

**JOHN EDWARDS HIGH SCHOOL  
2022-2023 Trimester 2  
HONOR ROLL**



**STRAIGHT A's**

<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Emily Callahan	Dakota Bares	Olivia Allworden	Jasper Detlefsen
Emily Frizzell	Bryce Baumgart	Rayna Dassow	Brayden Diggles
Nathanael Gibbs	Tyler Martinson	Jason Doebereiner	Joseph Doebereiner
MacKenzee Gruba	Aubree Shroda	Naomee Gruba	Evelyn Fletcher
Isabella Hanten	Emmanuel Van Lysal	Noah Haltner	Breanna Ingram
AnnaLeigh Hillemeier		Makayla McGuffey	Samuel Martinson
Aija Keeling		Nevada Rice	Taylin McDonald
Sian Luhman			Jonathan Peckham
Austin Martinson			
Adam Schraeder			
Gillian Searles			
Melanie Sillars			

**HIGH HONORS**

<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Jayden Duehlmeier	David Lyp	Caitlyn LaCour	Anthony DeMarco
	Erik Mock	Maximus Michels	Lia Jochimsen
	Mia Rogers	Arianna Ostrum	
	Abigail Tranel		

**HONORS**

<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Christopher Aasen	Chase Baumgart	Natalee Barstow	Rylee Duckart
	Korbin Boerner	Brynden Beck	Sierra Eklund
	Nakita Borths	Carson Bender	Chloe Friday
	Jadan DeMarco	Felicity Clouse	Taylor Hermanson
	Alexander Deptula	Robert Gibbs	Caleb Hillemeier
	Eason Gasch	Alicia Heath	Mya Horbal
	Eladio Hernandez	Macie Kleifgen	Austin Irwin
	Adam Mueller	Timothy Pillsbury	Fontana Luhman
	Brandice Nieman	Jack Schraeder	Kaylee Mendieta
	Charlie O'Connor		Ariana Schultz
	Carsen Orheim		
	Logan Parker		
	Nathan Schwantes		
	Hennessy Sturgul		



## Band Solo & Ensemble

Submitted by: Emilie Anderson, Band Instructor

Solo and ensemble has three levels of difficulty. Class A being the most difficult and the only division that can go to state. They are scored 1-5, with 1 being the best.

### Earning a 1\* rating and heading to State Solo and Ensemble at UW-Stevens Point:

Emmanuel Van Lysal (Euphonium solo)

Jasper Detlefsen and Emmanuel Van Lysal (Trombone/ Euphonium duet)



### Class B solos and their rating:

Rayna Dassow and Jason Doebereiner mallet duet - 1

Jasper Detlefsen trombone solo - 1

Wesley Detlefsen trumpet solo - 1

Jason Doebereiner drum Set solo - 2

Joey Doebereiner trumpet solo - 1

Caden Isaacson trumpet solo - 1

Victor Lawson tenor saxophone solo - 1



### Class C solos and their rating:

Alex Contreras and Jo Marcoux snare drum duet - 1

Jasper Detlefsen piano solo - 1

Wesley Detlefsen piano solo - 1

Joey and Jason Doebereiner - Piano duet - 1

Miles Hanson timpani solo - 1

Kaelee Price marimba solo - 1



## Vocal Solo & Ensemble

*Submitted by: Tammy Parszewski, Choir Director*

District Solo & Ensemble was hosted right here in Port Edwards, at the end of February. After months of preparation, musicians perform their pieces for a judge, hoping to earn a top score. Students who compete at the most challenging level (Class A) and who score a perfect, or near-perfect, score earn the right to compete again at State Solo & Ensemble.

Please congratulate our State-Bound vocalists! Between these three students, they are taking five events to State!

Easton will compete with a Vocal Solo and a Musical Theatre Solo.

Morgan will compete with a Vocal Solo.

Jack will compete with a Vocal Solo and a Musical Theatre Solo.

Easton and Jack will compete with a Vocal Duet.



Vivian Waisbrot, Morgan Sturgis, Cari LaCour, and Jon Peckham all competed at the Class A (hardest) level at Solo & Ensemble! And they all received a "1" rating!

At Solo & Ensemble, these singers competed at the Class B level and received the highest ratings possible on their solos!

Pictured (L to R) are: Fontana Luhman, Olivia Allworden, Alicia Heath, Aleea Bonner, Dallas Pregler, Lillia Fletcher, Jadan DeMarco, Nataya Saint-Vil and Delaney Lovett



These students performed Class C pieces and received top-notch ratings!

Pictured (L to R) are: Olivia Allworden, James Leverance, Isabeau Dobush, Caleb Hillemeier, Kelson Casey and Anthony DeMarco



## Recap of the 2022-2023 Basketball Season

The 2022-2023 Port Edwards Girls Basketball season was unlike any other. Between JV and Varsity, the team had 18 girls total. Of those 18 girls, we had the privilege to have five seniors this season. Mel Sillars, being one of the five seniors was awarded with an All-Conference award, Honorable Mention. Along with that, this season had an entirely new coaching staff. JV coached by Joan Harnisch and Assistant Coach, Veronica Mertes. Varsity coached by Marissa Ziegler and Assistant Coach, Jordyn Kok. The entire season was a hard fight against teams in conference and out of conference, but throughout the entire season the team bonded and improved their skills. The JV team ended their season with two wins, while Varsity finished the season 1-22. We look forward to next season with all the returning players and coaches, along with the new players we hope to gain. Good luck to our seniors and their future endeavors.



This basketball season, the Port Edwards Boys Varsity and JV programs competed at the top of their game. The varsity finished the season with a 17-9 and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the CWC South Conference with an 8-4 record. We also advanced to a Regional Championship game VS Pacelli. The JV boys had a record of 13-6 and competed well in each game. The varsity was led by 4 seniors. Nate Gibbs, Tim Tranel, Blayke Lecy, and Jacob Orheim. They were accompanied by Hayden Hewitt, Carson Orheim, Erik Mock, Tyler Martinson, Logan Parker, Brynden Beck, Josh Tranel, Bobby Gibbs, and Max Michels. We had three athletes receive All-Conference recognition. Nate Gibbs was 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Tim Tranel was 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, and Brynden Beck was 2<sup>nd</sup> Team. The players also recognized a few of their fellow athletes for their roles on the team. MVP was Nate Gibbs, Team Captain was Tim Tranel and Most Improved Player was both Hayden Hewitt and Josh Tranel. This team started the season with the #1 rank Columbus Catholic in an absolute shoot out at the Cranberry Classic losing 80-74. The 2 teams connected on 27 three point baskets 16 of which port was able to get to fall. We then went on a 10 game winning streak until running into long time conference opponent Pittsville, who snapped that winning streak. We then fought through some adversity in the middle of the season with some injuries and continued to reinvent themselves as we closed out the regular season. With our first playoff win coming at home to Tigerton. We then traveled on the road to heavily favored Athens and pulled off the upset. The season concluded when we traveled to Pacelli and fell short to them for the Regional Title. These Blackhawks learned much over the season about themselves and how to push one another through practices and games. Our future is bright as we return 9 players with varsity experience, 1 All-Conference player, 4 others with Varsity starting experience, and 4 with significant Varsity minutes. As a coaching staff we are excited for the seasons to come!



## Teen Leadership

On Wednesday, March 15, students who participated in the regional "Teen Leadership" program had the opportunity to tour three local businesses that contribute to the economy of Wood County. Students from Port Edwards, Pittsville, Lincoln, and Assumption High Schools toured Jacoby Custom Cues in Nekoosa, Quality Plus Printing in Wisconsin Rapids, and I Heart Art in Wisconsin Rapids. Thank you to these local businesses for opening their doors to our students so they could see some of the great products created right here in Wood County!



## **Children's Book Donations Needed in April**

We need your help—and your books! Starting April 3rd and running through April 28th, United Way will accept new or gently used children's books to be distributed at nine Great Book Giveaway events in June.

Board books and easy readers are needed most, but any new or used books in good condition will be accepted. Book or monetary donations can be brought to the United Way office at 351 Oak Street in Wisconsin Rapids between 8:30am and 4:00pm any weekday.

The Great Book Giveaway is a fun, annual event that impacts hundreds of youth each year, aligning with the goal of the Youth Success Coalition. Please consider donating to support this initiative, and help close the literacy gap in our community.



Books collected in this drive will be provided to children free of charge—a simple act that can be life changing for the many families who can't afford to purchase books.

# April 2023 ES Breakfast Menu

## Elementary School

Breakfast Prices:  
 All Students: \$1.60 Adults: \$2.45  
 Menus Subject to Change

*This institution is a equal opportunity provider.*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Spring Break	4 Spring Break	5 Spring Break	6 Spring Break	7 Spring Break
10 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	11 Mini Pancakes Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	12 WG Muffin Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	13 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	14 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
17 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	18 Chocolate Crescent Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	19 Smuckers Fruit Juice Milk	20 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	21 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
24 Yogurt Granola Fruit Juice Milk	25 French Toast Sticks Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	26 Pop-Tart Fruit Juice Milk	27 Blueberry Vanilla Mini Bites Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk 	28 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
				

# April 2023 ES Lunch Menu

Alternate Lunch Choice:

Monday: Smuckers

Tuesday: Taco Salad

Wednesday: Turkey Wrap

Thursday: Chef Salad

Friday: Cheese Pizza


**LUNCH PRICES:**

**Elementary: \$2.60 Middle School: \$2.75**

**High School: \$2.80 Adults: \$4.08**

**Menus Subject to Change**

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Spring Break	4 Spring Break	5 Spring Break	6 Spring Break	7 Spring Break
10 Calzone Marinara Sauce Peas Pears Pudding Cup	11 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Sweet Potatoes Peaches Dinner Roll	12 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Refried Beans Orange Wedges Salsa/Sour Cream	13 Lasagna Roll Garlic Bread Green Beans Pineapple	14 Sloppy Joes WG Bun Baked Chips Coleslaw Applesauce
17 Chicken Tenders Sauces French Fries Peas Slushie	18 Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta Broccoli Peaches Cookie	19 Softshell Taco Spanish Rice Refried Beans Pears Salsa/Sour Cream	20 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges	21 Mini Corn Dogs Hash Brown Patty Baked Beans Banana
24 Pepperoni French Bread Pizza Broccoli Slushie	25 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Pears	26 Mac N Cheese Green Beans Pineapple Dinner Roll Jell-O	27 French Toast Sticks Syrup Applesauce Juice	28 Hamburger WG Bun Cheese Tray Tator Tots Baked Beans Peaches
				

# April 2023 MS/HS Breakfast Menu


## Middle/High School

Breakfast Prices:

All Students: \$1.60 Adults: \$2.45

Menus Subject to Change

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Spring Break	4 Spring Break	5 Spring Break	6 Spring Break	7 Spring Break
10 Cereal Yogurt Dried Apples Juice Milk	11 Bagel Omelet Orange Juice Milk	12 WG Muffin Sunflower Seeds Applesauce Cup Juice Milk	13 WG Glazed Donut Cheese Stick Peach Cup Juice Milk	14 Frudel Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
17 Pop-Tart Yogurt Craisins Juice Milk	18 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Apple Juice Milk	19 Waffle Envy Syrup Cheese Stick Mixed Berry Cup Juice Milk	20 WG Banana Bread Cheese Stick Applesauce Cup Juice Milk	21 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
24 Cereal Bar Yogurt Dried Apples Juice Milk	25 Bagel Omelet Orange Juice Milk	26 Chocolate Crescent Sunflower Seeds Strawberry Cup Juice Milk	27 Blueberry Vanilla Mini Bites Yogurt Raisins Juice Milk	28 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
				

# April 2023 MS/HS Lunch Menu

Alternate Lunch Choice:  
 Monday: Smuckers  
 Tuesday: Taco Salad  
 Wednesday: Turkey Wrap  
 Thursday: Chef Salad  
 Friday: Cheese Pizza

**LUNCH PRICES:**  
 Elementary: \$2.60 Middle School: \$2.75  
 High School: \$2.80 Adults: \$4.08  
 Menus Subject to Change

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Spring Break	4 Spring Break	5 Spring Break	6 Spring Break	7 Spring Break
10 Calzone Marinara Sauce Corn Pears Pudding Cup	11 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Sweet Potatoes Peaches Dinner Roll	12 Mini Tacos Spanish Rice Fiesta Beans Oranges Salsa/Sour Cream	13 Lasagna Roll Garlic Bread Green Beans Pineapple	14 Sloppy Joes WG Bun Baked Chips Coleslaw Applesauce
17 Chicken Tenders Sauces French Fries Peas Slushie	18 Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta Broccoli Peaches Breadstick	19 Softshell Tacos Spanish Rice Fiesta Beans Pears Salsa/Sour Cream	20 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges Jell-O	21 Mini Corn Dogs Hash Brown Patty Baked Beans Banana Sugar Cookie
24 Pepperoni French Bread Pizza Green Beans Apple Slices Ice Cream Cup	25 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Pineapple Dinner Roll	26 Mac-n-Cheese Bar Diced Chicke Taco Meat Pears Broccoli Sugar Cookie	27 French Toast Sticks Syrup Omelet Applesauce Juice	28 Hamburger WG Bun Cheese Tray Tator Tots Baked Beans Peaches



# PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2023 – Elementary IMC, Port Edwards, WI

# Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Daven at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

**PRESENT:** John Daven, Leo Thomasgard (via Zoom), Kathy McGrath, Cary Hildebrandt, Dana Duncan

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Bena, Superintendent, Lisa Miller, Business Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cara Christy, Donna Shroda, Jen Moore, Amber Danielski

### 1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve the agenda as posted. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

### 2. Report from Student Representatives

Student Council Members, Emily Frizzell and Charlie O'Connor reported on the current activities at JEMS/JEHS. Student Council hosted a club fair to encourage students to join a club. MS Student Council did a pie in the face fundraiser to raise money for new playground equipment. Mr. Bena, Ms. Shroda, Mrs. Willcome and Mr. Thomas were the recipients of a pie in the face. Student council members stated that there will be a middle/high school choir concert in the Dorothy Alexander Auditorium tomorrow evening and a middle/high school band concert on Monday

### 3. President's Report

#### A. Board Member Attendance

Board President Daven reported that all Board members were in attendance.

#### B. Next Board Meeting

Board President Daven reported that the next meeting of the Board of Education will be Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

President Dave gave an update on the State Education Convention that was attended in January.

### 4. Administrative Reports

#### A. District Administrator Report – Superintendent Bena

Superintendent Bena reported that the state funding of Covid-19 Testing will be ending April 30, 2023. Schools may continue to purchase testing services if they see the need, but they will not be reimbursed.

Superintendent Bena reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Report shows that the district is down 34 students from last year's count. The elementary saw a reduction in 22 students and the middle/high school decreased by 12 students.

Superintendent Bena stated that he will be attending the WVBO Legislative Seminar in Wausau with Ms. Miller on Friday.

On Saturday, the district will be hosting Solo & Ensemble. There will be approximately 500 participants/spectators.

Superintendent Bena stated that Steve Birno, Technology Education teacher and the Skills USA students will be building 20 single beds and 10 bunkbeds for "Mary's Place" transitional living program in Wisconsin Rapids. Mr. Bena thanked Mr. Birno for taking on this project.

Superintendent Bena reported that Read Across America will be February 27 – March 3. The Cat in the Hat play will be performed by the staff for the elementary students.

#### B. Elementary Principal Report – Principal Christy

Principal Christy reported that the elementary school had the Opera for the Young performance this past week.

Ms. Christy also reported that 4k/5k sign up will begin next week.

#### C. MS/HS Principal Report – Principal Shroda

Ms. Shroda reported on the dual credit audit that the high school participated in with MSTC. Principal Shroda stated that our district was chosen for the audit as our school has one of the fastest growing dual credit programs. Ms. Shroda shared the courses that the district offers to our students. Courses included are: Quality Customer Service, English Composition, Microsoft Office and Diversity Studies. Mr. Bena stated he is very impressed with Ms. Moore and Ms. Shroda and the teachers for their hard work they have put into the dual credit courses and the success they have had.

#### D. Annual Audit Report—CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Amber Danielski, from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP reviewed the annual audit report with the Board of Education

### 5. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

### CONSENT AGENDA:

#### 6. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – January 11, 2023

Motion by McGrath, second by Duncan to approve the minutes of past meetings. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.



## 7. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

- A. Check Summaries January 1-31, 2023  
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- B. District Revenues Report January 1-31, 2023
- C. District Expenditures Report January 1-31, 2023
- D. January Cash Balance Report
- E. January Cash Receipt Report
- F. January Substitutes Report
- G. January Budget Revisions
- H. Consider Approval of Gifts  
Business Director Miller reported the following gifts:  
Knights of Columbus - \$175 Christmas Cheer  
Crystal Weis - \$30 Donna Saeger Memorial – Morning Reading Program  
United Methodist Church - \$92.63 – Caring Closet

Business Director Miller reported that there was a budget revision made on 1/31/2023 to reflect the increase in Common School Funds. Accounting is noted at the end of the minutes.

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to approve the financial reports as presented. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 8. Set Annual Reimbursement Rates for Per Diem Meals and Mileage

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Duncan set the annual reimbursement rates for per diem meals and mileage as presented. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

### 9. Consider Approval of Co-Curricular Contracts:

- A. Rachel Frizzell – Forensics Advisor
- B. Jesse Van Dehy – Forensics 2<sup>nd</sup> Advisor
- C. Jesse Van Dehy – Sophomore Class Advisor
- D. Marissa Rebischke – Sophomore Class Advisor
- E. Kerry Doran – Senior Class Advisor
- F. Tanya Bever – Middle School Track Coach

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to approve above contracts A – E and table contract F. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

### 10. Consider Approval of WISC Resolution

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Duncan to approve the WISC resolution with stipulation that the funds will be insured if not, the district will consider purchasing insurance. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

### 11. Consider Approval of Senior High Wrestling Co-op with Nekoosa School District 2024-25

Motion by Duncan, second by Daven to approve the Senior High Wrestling Co-op with Nekoosa School District in 2024-25. Voting yes –all. Motion carried.

### 12. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

McGrath – Thanked those that have stepped forward to take on supervising the co-curricular activities. Thanked Mr. Birno and Skills USA on the building project for Mary's Place.

Daven – Stated that he looks forward to the future of the dual credit program.

### 13. Establish Future Board Meetings

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, Closed Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC  
Wednesday, April 12, 2023, Closed Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

### 14. Consideration of motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute:

19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility,

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn into closed session. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

- A. Consider Approval of Past Executive Minutes – January 11, 2023
- B. Discussion - Personnel/Staffing

**15. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene into Open Session to take any action deemed necessary from the closed session**

Motion by Daven, second by Duncan to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into open session to take any action deemed necessary from the closed session. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.  
Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to approve the administration staffing plan as presented in closed session for 2023-24. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

**16. Call for Adjournment**

Motion by McGrath, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Lisa Miller, Acting Secretary

Budget Revision – 1/31/2023

<u>Account</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
10 E 800 360 222000 031	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
10 E 100 432 222000 031	\$ 993.00	\$0.00
10 E 400 432 222000 031	\$2,404.00	\$0.00
10 E 800 435 222000 031	\$1,339.00	\$0.00
10 E 800 439 222000 031	\$ 40.00	\$0.00
10 E 800 482 222000 031	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,276.00	\$0.00



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