

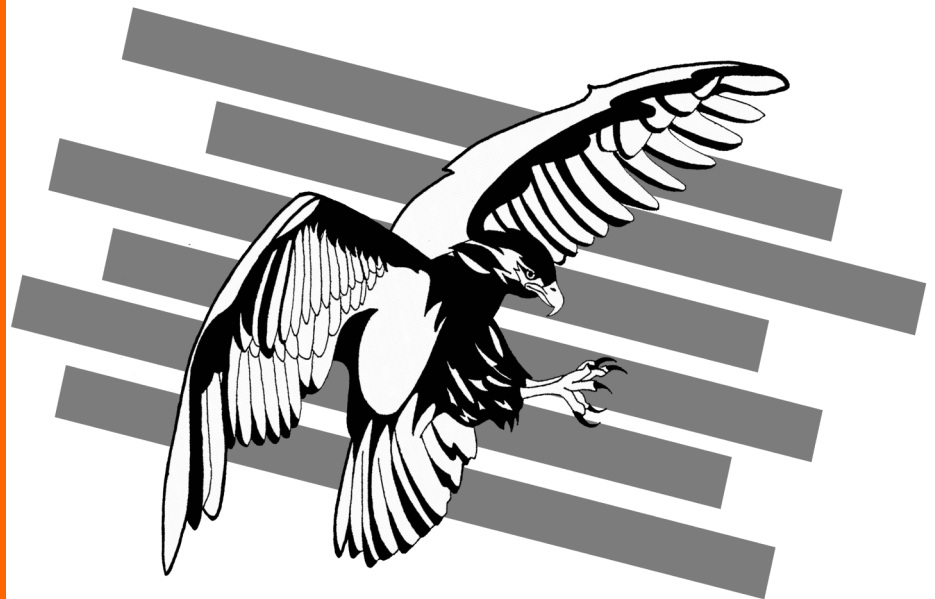
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*Improving America's Future...
One Student at a Time*

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District News

Submitted by: James Bena, Superintendent



What happens during an inservice day?

To most – if not all – students, an inservice day in the middle of a school year is viewed as a well-deserved break & a shortened week of school. Inside of our schools, however, inservice days provide extremely valuable time for professional learning and collaboration.

January 16th was the most recent inservice day in Port Edwards Schools. At Ed Heuer Elementary School, all of the elementary-level teachers, elementary classroom paraprofessionals, and a portion of middle/high school staff participated in day-long CPI training. CPI (or non-violent crisis training) is used by staff members to safely defuse or de-escalate students who are demonstrating signs of being in a severe emotional crisis.

January 16th at John Edwards Middle and High School was an extremely busy and productive day for staff as well. Among the meetings taking place during MS/HS inservice were a monthly staff meeting, middle and high school “BEST” meetings (meetings to review best behavioral strategies for specific students who are struggling), a meeting for teachers who teach dual-credit courses, a Response to Intervention information meeting, and a Forward Exam informational meeting. To be an effective educator in today’s world, our teachers are continuously seeking out best practices in the classroom as well as collaborating with one another. Inservice days provide the valuable time necessary for these to take place.

Alumni Recognition

This fall, I was contacted by an area resident who requested that alumnus Cameron Clark be recognized for creating the current Blackhawk logo, which is visible on the district website, letterhead, gymnasium wall, etc. Working with JEMS/JEHS Technology Education Teacher Steve Birno, a plaque has been created that tells the brief history of how Cameron created the logo. The plaque will be presented to Cameron at the Friday night, February 10th home basketball game, and an identical copy of the plaque will be kept on display at the high school as well, to inform our guests about our Blackhawk logo. Students and community members are invited to the Kraig Kastner (JEHS) gymnasium on February 10th for Mr. Clark’s plaque ceremony.

Dorothy Alexander Auditorium Celebration: Soon to be rescheduled!

The pandemic of 2020 unfortunately caused the cancellation or postponement of many memorable events and celebrations. One of the important area events which was postponed was the 100th anniversary celebration of the Dorothy Alexander Auditorium, at John Edwards High School (originally scheduled for June, 2020). The Dorothy Alexander Auditorium has been significantly refurbished and upgraded over the last several years through the support of generous donations, and is used daily by our students for classes, athletic events, and fine arts performances.

Although the 100th anniversary celebration could not be held in 2020, the Port Edwards School District did not want to let this important celebration pass by. Please continue to read the Blackhawk Bulletin and check P.E.S.D. social media for updates, because planning will soon begin once again to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Dorothy Alexander Auditorium.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by: Donna Shroda, 6-12 Principal



After several school days were canceled because of inclement weather, the MS/HS decided to implement virtual learning days for the remainder of the school year. January 18th, teachers reviewed procedures in their classrooms and clarified any student questions. And as weather forecasters predicted on January 19th, a snowstorm hit. Therefore, students participated in a modified schedule with Google Meets in the morning and office hours for individuals in the afternoon. Google Classroom also offered links to assignments, videos, and quizzes. Although nothing replaces in-school learning, teachers felt that their lessons were successful, and learning objectives were met.

While it is difficult to admit, we learned through the pandemic to become proficient in one-to-one technology and utilize virtual learning. We will continue to use this plan if there are any future weather days cancelling school. An important note, attendance is taken in Infinite Campus. If you or our student have questions, please contact the school.

We are one of the first high schools to offer the Customer Relationship Professional program through MSTC, this is great news for the district! This degree will be earned by completing four Port Edwards classes: English Composition, Microsoft Office, Quality Customer Service, and Introduction to Diversity Studies. All of these classes are being offered by our high school faculty through the dual credit program here at school. This year's juniors will be the first to take advantage of this opportunity. MSTC describes this program to include: communicating with customers, navigating through challenges, emphasizing active listening, and utilizing effective verbal communication and customer service skills. MSTC's goal for the program is to teach students to respond appropriately to customers. The students will learn "through hands-on projects, telephone etiquette, how to respond appropriately to customers, and how to perform the quick problem-solving analysis while exceeding customer expectations." Graduates of the Customer Relationship Professional program may advance into the Office Support Specialist program or the Administrative Professional programs at MSTC or transfer earned credits to a college of choice.

In February, six 7th graders will have the opportunity to attend STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) at UWSP. Mrs. Peters will lead the group to their workshops. Some of the more popular lessons include making cheese, drafting houses, determining the age of deer, and exploring lights, camera and action. An advantage to being at the university is being able to utilize their top notch equipment. Professors who have had unique experiences will serve as the key note speakers.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by: Cara Christy, 4K-5 Principal



Port Elementary School students have been very busy learning and working hard this winter. Our students are progressing and making gains and our staff is so proud of how much they have accomplished so far this school year. We are fortunate to have both reading and math interventionists on staff this year helping to close the gaps for our students struggling in those areas. Our interventionists work with small groups of students to target particular areas based on data gathered throughout the year. They give our students the additional support they need which helps them stay on target and be successful in the classroom.

This month is also the beginning of 4K and kindergarten registration. Registration begins on February 13th and runs through February 17th. Forms are available online and can be dropped off at the elementary school office at 951 - Fifthth Street from 7:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Students registering for kindergarten must be five years old by September 1, and students registering for four-year-old kindergarten must be four years old by September 1. We are accepting enrollment from other districts for both 4K and 5K next year as well and would love to welcome any new families who might be interested in the quality education that Port Edwards School District provides.

Another exciting event heading our way is Port Elementary Summer School. At this time, we are planning on having summer school in the same fashion as years past. This year, the elementary school will host summer school from June 5th - June 23rd. We will be offering a wide variety of courses in the morning, and students will once again be offered afternoon swimming lessons and activities at the YMCA. Sign up will be available sometime next month, so stay tuned. Thank you!

Port Edwards Ed Heuer Elementary School invites all elementary school families in grades 4K-5 to a Title 1 Ice Cream Social and Author Event!
Tuesday, March 28th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Local author, Lisl Detlefsen will be here to read her latest book, *Farm Boots*. Copies will be available for purchase (cash or check only) and autographs. After Lisl's presentation, everyone is welcome to enjoy ice cream sundaes in the cafeteria! **Students must be accompanied by an adult.** The presentation will begin promptly at 6:00 pm in the Elementary IMC. Doors will open at 5:45 pm.



Notes from the Nurse

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

Did you know February is National Heart Health Month? Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. During this special month, it is important to help both kids and adults understand the importance of a healthy heart and learn actions they can take to live a heart healthy life.

Heart disease continues to be the #1 cause of death for Americans. In most cases, heart disease is preventable when people adopt a healthy lifestyle, which includes not smoking, maintaining a healthy weight, controlling blood sugar and cholesterol, treating high blood pressure, getting at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity a week and getting regular checkups.

It's important to remember to start with small, sustainable changes. Some ideas for you and your family may include:

- Engaging in physical activity for just 5 minutes a day - you can increase this as you are able
- Choosing water over soda once a week
- Smoking 1 less cigarette a day
- Calling to schedule an appointment with your doctor for a check up tomorrow
- Eating half a cookie instead of the whole cookie
- Practicing deep breathing for 2 minutes a day

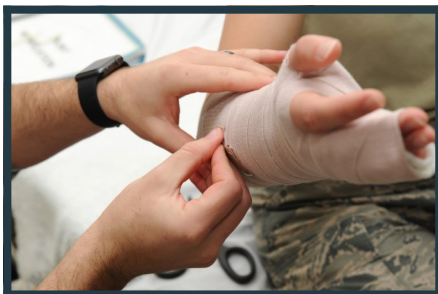
The possibilities are endless with small changes you can make, with your kids, to prevent heart disease from becoming a part of your, and their life. Partner up with your significant other or a friend to improve your follow through.

As always, do not hesitate to contact the health offices if we can assist your student or family!



Classroom Visits!

Recently I have had an opportunity to get in front of middle school students by doing some classroom visits! Students have learned hands-only CPR and basic first aid skills. I have upcoming visits in other classrooms as well that I am looking forward to. Ask your child about my visit to their classroom!



News from the Counseling Department

Submitted by: Jen Moore and Ernestine Neve

Scholarships

Continue to look at the *Scholarship Opportunities* document in Google. New scholarships are being added on a regular basis. Please pay close attention to deadlines. Many scholarships must be completed online.

College Open Campus Tours

Many colleges are offering virtual and in-person campus tours. If you would like to schedule a visit, your school of choice will have information on their websites. If you need assistance finding that information, please stop in the counseling department.

Secondary Schooling Fall of 2023

If you are going on to a technical or 4 year college in the fall, you may be required to take placement exams at their campuses. Please make sure you know if that is a requirement of your school and schedule the appropriate test dates.

Start College Now

Juniors or seniors interested in *Start College Now* or the *Early College Credit Program* for next fall should stop in the counseling department for an application. Applications are due March 1, 2023. Those specifically interested in classes at MSTC should sign up for an appointment with our MSTC representative, Carly Lee. If interested, stop in counseling.

Assessment Dates

Juniors:

ACT Plus Writing grade 11 – March 7, 2023

Freshman and Sophomores:

PreACT Secure – Test window Mar 20, 2023 - April 28, 2023

Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10:

Wisconsin Forward - Test window March 20, 2023 - April 28, 2023

4-YEAR-OLD AND 5-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WEEK IN PORT EDWARDS—FEBRUARY 13-17

Kindergarten and 4-year-old kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year will take place February 13-17th. Registration materials are available on the website and can be emailed to melviti@pesd.k12.wi.us or dropped off at the Elementary School Office at 951 5th Street from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students currently enrolled in the 4K program at the YMCA do not need to register for kindergarten. Children must be 4 or 5 years old on or before September 1, 2023 to be eligible in the fall.

Parents considering Port Edwards Schools under Open Enrollment are asked to register their child. The school district will hold your registration paperwork until open enrollment decisions are made in June. For more information regarding registration, please call 715-887-9070.



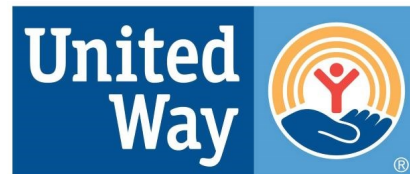
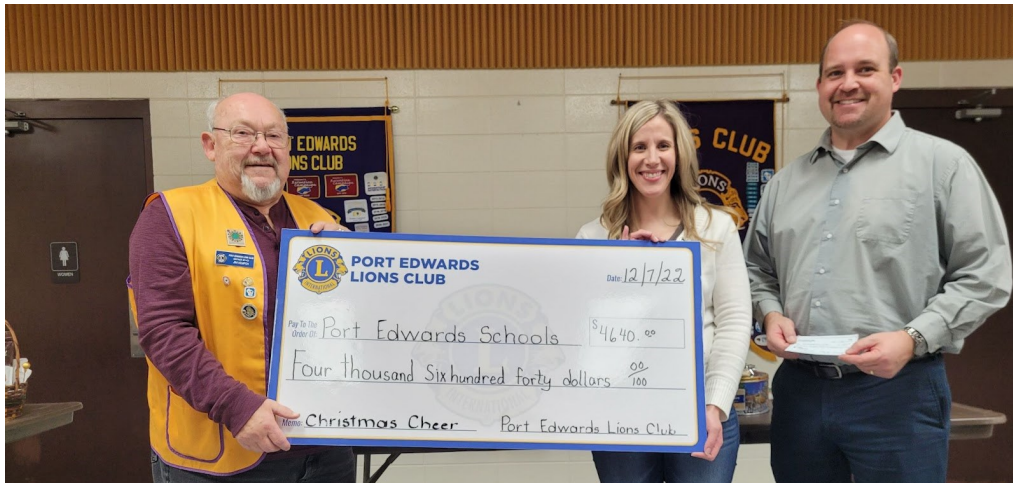
Christmas Cheer Donors

Submitted by: Jen Moore

Each year, the Port Edwards School District runs a program called Christmas Cheer. Through the program, families in our district that are struggling financially are given help to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Christmas Cheer relies on monetary donations and local volunteers to purchase these gifts. This year, as in past years, we've received help from multiple organizations. The Port Edwards Lions, who support Christmas Cheer yearly, gave a gift of \$4,640. We are consistently awed by the generosity of our local Lions. Thank you, Lions!

Two of our area churches, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and United Methodist Church, have volunteers who purchase gifts. The gifts purchased by the individuals from the churches are funded by church members themselves. Thank you to both of these churches for the continual support of Christmas Cheer!

Finally, thank you to everyone who helps to purchase gifts and donates to support Christmas Cheer!



**United Way of South
Wood & Adams Counties**

The Cabin Fever Challenge is Back!

With short daylight hours and cold temperatures, winter adds extra challenges to the already difficult tasks of connection with each other, maintaining healthy activity, and engaging in the community. That's why United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties developed the Cabin Fever Challenge to help families thrive through the final stretch of winter.

With the game board available at www.uwswac.org, complete family activities during February to fill spaces in this version of BINGO. Each row of five family activities earns BINGO, and a chance to win a gift basket! Families can get BINGO up to five times, meaning up to five chances to win.

We've included several ideas for fun & enriching activities that align with the goals of the Youth Success & Early Years Coalitions who collaborated to develop this event (Community, Activity, Building Skills, Interests & Hobbies, and New experiences). Links to more ideas can also be found on the United Way website.

Completed game boards must be received by United Way or your child's school by March 1st to be entered to win.

Reach out to Ben at United Way with any questions by emailing ben@uwswac.org or calling 715-421-0390.

John Edwards Middle School Holds District Spelling Bee

Submitted by: Beth Willcome, MS Teacher

On Thursday, January 12, 2023, 17 students from John Edwards Middle School participated in the Port Edwards School District Spelling Bee. After 28 competitive rounds, sixth grade student Aaron Mingo correctly spelled “kumkum” and “kirpan” to claim the championship. Eighth grader Kaden Dassow placed second in the contest. Aaron and Kaden spelled head-to-head for 17 exciting rounds of spelling action.

Aaron Mingo will go on to represent the Port Edwards School District at the CESA 5 Regional Spelling Bee, which will be held on February 8 in Wisconsin Rapids.



2023 John Edwards Middle School Spelling Bee Champion Aaron Mingo (left) and Runner-Up Kaden Dassow (right)

2023 Spelling Bee Participants

Back Row: Miles Hanson, Kaden Dassow, Aaden Domke, Aaron Mingo, Claire Duckart, Grace Yach

Middle Row: Ruth Tranel, Keira Conen, Rebekah Hillemeyer, Kelson Casey, Sara Trykoski

Front Row: Austin Johnson, Violet Plawman, Noelle Combs, Aliya Ostrum, Valedia Hernandez, Brooke Altman



Musical News

Submitted by: Jeffrey Erdman, Elementary Music Teacher

PEEF “Beginning Strings” Grant Takes on Major Success in 2nd Year of Development

As the ‘22-’23 school year continues to unfold, students have been showing increased interest in an activity offered by Mr. Erdman which is a result of an approved PEEF grant that began already in Fall of 2021. In it’s first year of operating, the grant was used for purchasing six school owned string instruments, method books, tuners, teaching aids, and several other accessories needed to care for these delicate instruments. Students began the first month or so just working on basic instrument holds, care, and getting comfortable with open string confidence using their bows. The bow is one of the hardest parts of beginning an instrument in this family, but perseverance on the student’s end has helped them conquer the challenge.



This small group of students began with about 8 students that went the whole year learning and then nearly doubled in size this school year, beginning with summer school, in which some students got a head start prior to the year beginning. The interest within the elementary currently shows projected growth in the coming school year. The orchestra make-up of the current program includes 9 violin students, 5 viola students, 2 cello students, and 1 string bass student. On a normal week, students have a designated half hour lesson at the end of the day. On a shortened week, students have been benefiting from large group instruction in which all come together with their respective instrument to make something better

as a group. Students will have an Orchestra Open House sometime this Spring in which they will have a first “performance” behind them as they finish off one year of playing.



A huge thank you to the Port Edwards Education Foundation for allowing this program to take flight. There are several more students interested in the future of this rare program just because of seeing their upper elementary/middle school peers playing in this unique ensemble.

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Students in Elementary Music Classes Prepare for Opera for the Young on February 1st

It is with great excitement that we continue to get back to a normal routine as we continue to have lessened restrictions on public events following the initial first years of Covid-19. Students in my elementary classes have been learning about Gioacchino Rossini's opera, *The Barber of Seville*. OFTY artists will be coming to the elementary school the afternoon of February 1st to perform the opera for all K-5 students in which sixteen students of the 4th and 5th grade classrooms will be chorus members for the performance. Students will have the unique opportunity to practice with the cast of OFTY prior to the performance and experience what an opera rehearsal is like. In addition to the chorus members, two students were asked to have a speaking role as characters, Basil and the Police Officer. Students have been working diligently in music classes to learn the music and story line of this opera, and learn more about this unique art form in general. This opportunity is sponsored by The Mead Foundation, and has several students getting involved in an experience they will remember for years to come. Students have definitely been showing high courage in the preparation for this event as they are aware of the high level of collaboration that will occur during the afternoon they work with an accompanist they've never met before for a short time prior to the performance.

Port Edwards Presently in 2nd Place in Central Wisconsin Math League Competition After First Meet

Submitted by: Deb Martin, High School Math Teacher

A team comprised of thirteen John Edwards high school students competed in the first Central Wisconsin Math League contest held on the UWSP campus hosted by UW-Stevens Point. Students locally compete by taking a test to see who would represent the team in the individual meet. Individual and team scores are kept. After the 1st meet, Port Edwards is in 2nd Place out of 18 schools in Division 4. There are a total of three meets held throughout the year. Meet II is in February and Meet III will be in March.

Individually Port Edwards has some students who are in the top 10 after the first meet. Sophomore Nevada Rice is in 5th place in the Geometry category, and sophomore Brynden Beck is in 6th place in the Algebra category. In the Advanced Math category, senior Bella Hanten is in 7th place.



Other students competing for John Edwards High School in the 1st meet were in the Geometry category: freshmen Jasper Detlefsen, Joey Doebereiner, Breanna Ingram, and Sam Martinson. In the Algebra II category were sophomores Felicity Clouse, Jason Doebereiner, and Josh Tranel. Finally, in the Advanced Math category were juniors Dakota Bares and Adam Mueller and senior Emily Frizzell. The advisors for the team are Mrs. Tami Griffith and Mrs. Deb Martin.



Running at Port Edwards

Submitted by: Coach Tim Miller

This article serves two purposes in relation to running at JEHS/MS. First is a recap of the second year of Cross Country returning to Port. The second season saw the team grow to a total of 8 runners- 4 varsity and 4 middle school runners who all saw AMAZING success. In 59 races, the Blackhawks set PR's (personal records) 28 different times, including one athlete setting a PR in 4 consecutive races. This is incredible considering the only similarity in the races was the MS ran 3200 meters and varsity ran 5k. Beyond distance, the courses had differences in elevation change, number of competitors, and of course weather conditions. To set that many PR's shows the dedication and work of the runners as a team. Cari, Jasper, Rylee, Jon, Claire, Aliya, Khayla, and Victor worked exceptionally hard and it showed. Their work included countless miles on the trails in Port, loops around the track, and twice running The Yard, a 3.9 mile loop at Lake Wazeecha. Congrats to the team and thank you to the athletes, their families, and the community support for a great season.



Which leads to purpose number two of this article - the upcoming Track and Field season. Track and Field season will start on March 3rd and we are looking forward to a great season here as well. We were a young team last year and so most of our athletes will be returning and building on last year's success. With that being said, we are always looking for new athletes who want to have fun running, jumping, and throwing. In track there is an event for everyone and no one sits the bench. Consider giving this a try! The coaches will work with any athlete to improve their overall performance and it is a great way to prep for the Fall sports seasons as well.





Port Edwards Basketball Alumni

You are invited to the annual alumni recognition
basketball game.

(Dates changed due to weather events)

Girls: February 9, 2023

Boys: February 21, 2023

Alumni basketball players attending will be given admission to the games, be treated to on-court introductions at half time and an after game social. Please invite your teammates who may not see this announcement. Parents, tell your kids attending college or living out of the area.



RAPIDS REC SOCCER SPRING 2023 REGISTRATION

Game Dates:
April 15, 22, 29
May 6 & 13

FIRST

Is your player 5 yrs old by **4/15/23 OR UNDER 18 on or after 5/13/23?**

Your player(s) qualifies to play Rapids Rec Soccer!

**Online Registration
1/22/23 to 2/26/23**

No Late Registrations will be accepted

Cost of Registration is \$20/player made via debit/credit card.

NO REFUNDS except for medical reasons. A doctor's note is required before the season begins with our Meet & Greet event on 3/23/23 to receive a refund.

Approved reversible Rec Soccer jersey must be worn on game days. Jerseys are \$20/each if the player does not have one.

Parents/Guardians:

- Special requests noted with your player's registration will be considered but cannot be guaranteed.
- Practices are typically held once per week at the coach's discretion.
- Team switching is prohibited once finalized.
- Team standings are not recorded to alleviate the pressures of competition.
- We are fully dedicated to teaching players the fundamentals of soccer in an enjoyable, non-competitive approach.
- There is a **NO JEWELRY** or other accessories policy for players, with no exceptions to this rule.
- We have a zero-tolerance policy for excessive negativity on our fields by coaches, players, and spectators.

Online registration information can be found on Facebook, our website, OR scan the QR code below to register your player(s) for the upcoming spring 2023 soccer season:



SECOND

To keep our program affordable, we need volunteers to help us have a successful soccer season:

- **2 hrs of volunteering per family**

OR

- **Sign up to Coach**

*One player **FREE** with a refund applied at end of season commitment.

OR

- **Become a board member**

*Player(s) are **FREE** with a refund applied at end of season commitment

OR

- **Season buyout is \$100 per family**

THIRD

If you are 10 yrs old by 4/1/23, you can become a REFEREE!

**Online Registration
2/1/23 to 3/31/23**

For more information see our Facebook Page:

Wisconsin Rapids Rec Soccer

Mandatory Training:

- Classroom — 4/13/23 5-7 pm @ MSTC
- Hands-On Training — 4/14/23 5-7 pm @ Washington soccer fields

FINALLY

Follow us on Facebook to receive updates and important information about the upcoming soccer season!



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9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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2311 Griffith Ave, Wisconsin Rapids

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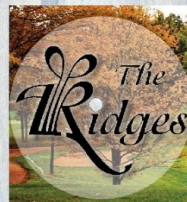


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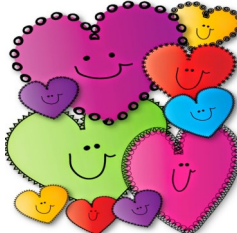


February 2023 ES Breakfast Menu

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
		1 Pop-Tart Fruit Juice Milk	2 Crunch Mania Graham Snacks Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	3 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
6 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	7 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	8 Chex Mix Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	9 Mini Waffle Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	10 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
13 Yogurt Granola Fruit Juice Milk	14 WG Glazed Donut Fruit Juice Milk	15 Chocolate Crescent Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	16 WG Banana Bread Fruit Juice Milk	17 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
20 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	21 Bug Bites Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	22 Mini Cinnis Fruit Juice Milk	23 Bagel Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	24 NO SCHOOL
27 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	28 Mini Pancakes Syrup Fruit Juice Milk			

February 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
		1 Mac n Cheese Green Beans Pineapple Dinner Roll Jell-O	2 French Toast Sticks Syrup Applesauce Juice	3 Big Daddy's Pizza Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich No Alternate
6 Chicken Nuggets Smiles Cooked Carrots Apple Slices Pudding Cup	7 Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Pineapple Dinner Roll Fortune Cookie	8 Hot Dog WG Bun French Fries Baked Beans Mixed Fruit	9 Rotini Meatballs & Sauce Garlic Bread Peas Warm Apple Slices	10 Mozzarella Dippers Pizza Sauce Corn Banana
13 Hamburger WG Bun Cheese Tray French Fries Baked Beans Slushie	14 WG Nachos Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Fiesta Beans Mandarin Oranges	15 Hot Ham & Cheese Curly Fries Green Beans Peaches	16 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Grapes Pudding Cup	17 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Cheez-Its Peas Apple Slices
20 All American Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Applesauce	21 Baked Potato Bar Diced Ham Shredded Cheese Broccoli Peaches Dinner Roll	22 Pretzel Bun Sandwich Baked Chips Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	23 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Cooked Carrots Pears	24 NO SCHOOL
27 Calzone Pizza Sauce Peas Pears	28 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Sweet Potatoes Peaches Dinner Roll			

February 2023 MS/HS Breakfast Menu

Middle/High 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
		1 Chocolate Crescent Sunflower Seeds Peach Cup Juice Milk	2 Crunch Mania Graham Crackers Yogurt Raisins Juice Milk	3 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
6 Pop-Tart Yogurt Craisins Juice Milk	7 Breakfast Sandwich on a Croissant Apple Juice Milk	8 WG Muffin Sunflower Seeds Applesauce Cup Juice Milk	9 Mini French Toast Sticks Cheese Stick Mixed Berry Cup Juice Milk	10 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
13 Cereal Yogurt Dried Apples Juice Milk	14 WG Glazed Donut Cheese Stick Orange Juice Milk	15 WG Banana Bread Sunflower Seeds Applesauce Cup Juice Milk	16 Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel Strawberry Cup Juice Milk	17 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
20 Pop-Tart Yogurt Craisins Juice Milk	21 Breakfast Sandwich on a Croissant Apple Juice Milk	22 Chex Mix Yogurt Raisins Juice Milk	23 Mini Pancakes Syrup Sunflower Seeds Strawberry Cup Fruit Juice Milk	24 NO SCHOOL
27 Cereal Yogurt Dried Apples Juice Milk	28 Omelet Bagel Orange Juice Milk			

February 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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Mac n Cheese Bar Diced Chicken Taco Meat Broccoli Pears Sugar Cookie	2 French Toast Sticks Syrup Omelet Applesauce Juice	3 Big Daddy's Pizza Pasta Salad Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich No Alternate
6 Chicken Nuggets Sauces Smiles Cooked Carrots Apple Slices Rice Krispie Treat	7 Orange Chicken Rice Egg Roll Broccoli Pineapple Fortune Cookie	8 Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice Black Bean Fiesta Corn Peaches Salsa/Sour Cream	9 Rotini Meatballs & Sauce Peas Warm Apple Slices Garlic Bread	10 Mozzarella Dippers Pizza Sauce Corn Banana Ice Cream Sandwich
13 Chicken Drummies Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Slushie Dinner Roll	14 WG Nacho Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Fiesta Beans Mandarin Oranges Cookie	15 Hot Ham & Cheese Curly Fries Pineapple Baked Beans Sherbet Cup	16 Beef or Chicken Burrito Bowl Rice Chips Black Bean Fiesta Corn Grapes	17 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Cheez-Its Peas Apple Slices
20 All American Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Applesauce	21 Baked Potato Bar Diced Ham Diced Chicken Broccoli Peaches Dinner Roll	22 Pretzel Bun Sandwich Baked Chips Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	23 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Cooked Carrots Pears Jell-O	24 NO SCHOOL
27 Calzone Pizza Sauce Peas Pears Pudding Cup	28 Chili Corn Mand. Orange Fluff Goldfish Crackers HS: Dinner Roll			

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 9, 2022 – Elementary School, 5th Street., Port Edwards, WI

Minutes

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

Roll Call

PRESENT: John Daven, Leo Thomasgard, Kathy McGrath, Cary Hildebrandt, Dana Duncan

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Cara Christy, Donna Shroda, Shane Steltenpohl

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 & Staff Recognition

Student Council members, Nevada Rice and Kate Hewitt gave an update on the current high school activities. Girls basketball is underway; drama has been preparing for the play which will be held this weekend. Nevada Rice shared that she is a new student to JEHS this year and stated that she has really enjoyed the school and all the people she has met.

3. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that all Board members, Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt and Duncan were in attendance.

B. Next Board Meeting

President Daven reported that the next meeting of the School Board will be December 14, 2022.

4. Administrative Reports

A. District Administrator Report – Superintendent Bena

Superintendent Bena reported that a new custodian has been hired, Patrick Arendt, and he is doing a great job. Superintendent Bena stated that he and Ms. Miller will be attending a Baird budget workshop tomorrow to begin building next year's budget. He reported that teacher observations have begun and mid-year evaluations of the administration staff will be shared with the Board in December. Superintendent Bena reported that a plaque will be displayed in the trophy case recognizing Cameron Clark for creating the Blackhawk logo.

B. Elementary Principal Report – Principal Christy

Principal Christy reported that it is National Book Week this week and the book fair opens next week. Parent-Teacher conferences will also be held next week. Principal Christy stated that the Fall Festival was very well attended and very successful. Currently, classrooms are working on Veteran Day projects.

C. MS/HS Principal Report – Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda reported that teachers, Jesse Van Dehy, Danielle Peters and Ethan Jensen were sent to Cesa 5 for restorative practice training. Mr. Van Dehy stated that he felt what they learned will be very applicable in the classroom. Principal Shroda shared how restorative practices work and gave examples to show how this can be a very effective tool.

D. Athletic Director Report – Shane Steltenpohl

Athletic Director, Shane Steltenpohl updated the Board on current athletic activity. Mr. Steltenpohl stated that nineteen athletes were All-Conference selections for fall sports. Athletic Director Steltenpohl reported that the boys' basketball team will be playing at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee on January 29, 2023 against the Assumption Royals boys basketball team. Three local officials will officiate the game. In order for this to take place, both teams must sell \$1500 in tickets to the Bucks game for that evening. Mr. Steltenpohl reported that he is working on a middle school wrestling co-op with Nekoosa. There would be minimal cost to the district and a memorandum of understanding will be signed. Athletic Director Steltenpohl also reported that the athletic program will be using HUDL. This will allow the public to watch games live free of charge.

5. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – October 12, 2022, October 24, 2022

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

7. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

A. Check Summaries October 1-31, 2022

#33118-33201 & 202200271-202200393 - \$410,454.76

B. District Revenues Report October 1-31, 2022

- C. District Expenditures Report October 1-31, 2022
- D. Cash Receipt Summary.....October 1-31, 2022
- E. October Cash Balance Report
- F. October Substitutes Report
- G. October Budget Revisions
- H. Consider Approval of Gifts

Business Director reported a donation of coats, hats and mittens to both the elementary and middle/high school buildings from the Kiwanis Club.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Consider Approval of the 2023-24 Course Descriptions

Motion by Duncan, second by Thomasgard to approve the 2023-24 course descriptions. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

9. First Reading of Neola Policy Updates

Superintendent Bena presented the Neola policy updates.

10. Designate State Education Convention Board Delegate

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Thomasgard to designate John Daven as the State Education Convention Board Delegate. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

11. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

McGrath – Stated that the Fun Fest was unbelievable, 373 attendees. Thanked Mr. Bena on pursuing the recognition of Cameron Clark.

Duncan – Wished the drama club luck on the upcoming performance.

Hildebrandt – Great reports tonight and excited for all the good things happening in our school. Enjoy the play this weekend.

Thomasgard – Stated that the staff continues to do a great job and commended them all.

Daven – Gave a legislative update which included information on the results of the recent referendums in the area. President Daven stated that we need to be better at communicating to legislatures regarding the necessary funding.

12. 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.

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Executive Session – September 14, 2022

B. District Administrator Evaluation

The School Board will not reconvene into open session after the closed session portion of the meeting.

Duncan motioned to table this agenda item until February 2023, second by Hildebrandt. Voting yes – Daven,

Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt and Duncan. Motion carried.

13. Call for Adjournment

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt and Duncan. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2022 – Elementary IMC, 5th Street., Port Edwards, WI

This meeting rescheduled due to inclement weather on 12/14/2022

Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Daven at 5:00 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

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

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

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

A. Consider Approval of Past Executive Session Minutes - August 14, 2022

B. Administrative Staff Review

C. Contract Update

3. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene into Open Session pursuant to section 19.86 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Duncan to adjourn into executive session and reconvene into open session. Voting yes - Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

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, Marissa Rebischke

4. Report from Student Representatives; Student & Staff Recognition

Musical performances by Band Director, Ms. Anderson and students, Jasper Detlefsen, Emmanuel Van Lysal and Joey Doebereiner. Student Council members, Dakota Bares and Emily Frizzell reported on the current activities at JEHS/JEMS:

The annual holiday meal put on by the Ecology Club was held today.

Basketball alumni night will be held Thursday night.

The school-wide spelling bee will be held on January 11th.

5. President's Report

1. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that all Board members were in attendance.

2. Next Board Meeting

President Duncan reported that the next meeting of the Board of Education will be the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

6. Administrative Reports

A. District Administrator Report – Superintendent James Bena

Superintendent Bena reported that October 2nd-8th was National School Board Week and thanked the Board for their leadership. October is also National Principals Month and Superintendent Bena thanked Principal Christy & Principal Shroda for their hard work.

Superintendent Bena stated that he is in the process of working on the 2023-24 school calendar. He has been working with a committee and finished the updates tonight and will bring the calendar for approval at the next meeting. He also reported that Donica Goodwin, Curriculum Specialist from CESA 5, will be working with eight teachers on team teaching. Ms. Goodwin will work with them over five sessions.

B. Elementary Principal Report – Principal Cara Christy

Principal Christy reported that due to the inclement weather day, the K-2 concert was canceled and re-scheduled for Friday morning in the Dorothy Alexander Auditorium. There are many activities this week for the elementary students; dress-up days, Christmas movies and bowling.

C. MS/HS Principal Report – Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda shared information on the b.e.s.t. Screener. Ms. Shroda shared how this process gives teachers new

ways to interact with students. Principal Shroda stated that Dr. Hartwig created this outstanding program and feels the tools that it provides to the teachers will be very beneficial.

7. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – November 9, 2022

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

9. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

1. Check Summaries.....November 1-30, 2022
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2. District Revenue Report.....November 1-30, 2022
3. District Expenditures Report.....November 1-30, 2022
4. Cash Receipt Summary..... November 1-30, 2022
5. September Cash Balance Report
6. September Substitutes Report
7. Budget Revision
8. Consider Approval of Gifts

Business Director Miller reported the following gifts:

Ka & Jeremy Baumgart – Donation of 80 sets of hats and mittens.

Mead-Witter Foundation – Donation of \$1690 in the form of a grant for the Opera for the Young to perform for our elementary students.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. Second Reading of Policies as Previously Presented

Motion by Duncan, second by Daven to approve the policies as previously presented. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Review of School Violence Drill

Superintendent Bena stated that the school violence drills were held in both the elementary and middle/high school buildings and were successful.

12. Consider Approval of Student Organization – “Educators Rising” – Marissa Rebischke

Marissa Rebischke presented information to the Board on starting an organization named “Educators Rising”. She shared that students will learn about being a teacher along with leadership activities, opportunities to meet different types of teachers and much more. This organization has been created to help with the teacher shortage that all schools are experiencing.

Motion by Thomasgard, second by McGrath to approve the student organization, Educators Rising. Voting yes – all. Motion Carried.

13. Consider Approval of Co-Curricular Contract

Joan Harnisch – Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach

Motion by Duncan, second by McGrath to approve Joan Harnisch as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach. Voting yes - all. Motion Carried.

14. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

Thomasgard – Commended Superintendent Bena for attending the Job Fair at UWSP last week.

McGrath – Thanked Mr. Hintz for hosting the Senior Citizen Breakfast, it was enjoyed by all. She also commended Jeanne Bruener and the Ecology Club for the holiday meal, they did an amazing job.

Hildebrandt – Thanked Ms. Anderson and her students for their performance tonight.

Daven – Wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year. Mr. Daven stated he enjoyed tonight’s performance and praised the students for their work in last month’s play.

Duncan – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

15. Establish Future Board Meetings

Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

16. Call for Adjournment

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by McGrath to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Lisa Miller, Acting Secretary

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