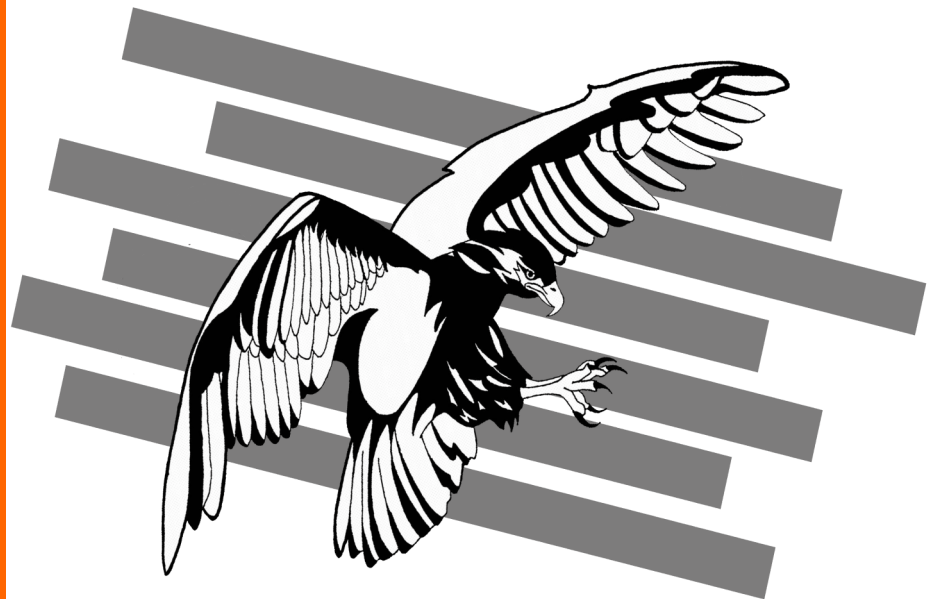


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One Student at a Time*

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The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available to address allegations of violations of the policy of the Port Edwards School District.

For assistance, please contact James Bena, Non-Discrimination Compliance Officer, at 801 Second Street, Port Edwards, WI 54469 or call 715-887-9000, ext. 102.

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District News

Submitted by: James Bena, Superintendent & 4K-5 Principal



P.E.S.D. Faculty begins curriculum alignment work

It goes without saying that for best results, it is always important to know every step of a journey in advance, if you want to arrive at your destination both on time and with the fewest obstacles.

Our children's public school education from grades Kindergarten - Grade 12 is like a journey over several years, led each year by the tremendous teaching staff at P.E.S.D. The Port Edwards faculty works tremendously hard to make sure that our children progress and grow each year socially

and academically, and that they are learning content that is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

This school year, our administration and teaching staff, along with local Curriculum Specialist Dr. Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, are doing a "deep dive" into the Wisconsin State Academic Standards, to ensure that there are no gaps in our local curriculum, and to eliminate any possible redundancy in what is being taught. This local analytical process will have our teachers looking at all of their content areas in closer detail, which will help them to become better practitioners by gaining more in-depth knowledge about both their grade-level and subject matter content.

State of Wisconsin to Release annual DPI Report Cards

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is scheduled to release their annual school and district level report cards on November 14. The annual report cards utilize many different types of data to determine and present academic growth, achievement, graduation readiness, and a number of other areas in an online report. Just as we don't gauge our children's progress with one sole measure (a report card), DPI report card experts frequently remind us that the report card presents areas based on raw data, but does not show the full measure of a school or a district's effectiveness. If you would like to view the most recent DPI report cards, which use data from the 2022-23 school year, please visit the P.E.S.D. website, and search for "School Accountability Report" under "District Information."

Winter in Wisconsin

One of the great things about living in Wisconsin is that we get to experience four very unique seasons each year. A downside to our winter season is, at times, hazardous road conditions and dangerous cold temperatures. If either of these occur on a normally scheduled day of school, P.E.S.D. will work as quickly as possible to make a determination about whether or not it is safe for travel. If school is canceled due to weather conditions, this will be communicated to families through TV (Channels 9 & 7, Wausau), the school district website, social media, and through the infinite campus communication system via text messages and/or emails to families. A reminder that if you have recently changed telephone numbers, please contact your school's office to inform them of your new number.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by: Donna Shroda, 6-12 Principal



I have recently had parent questions about the Restorative Practices at the middle and high school. Parents have asked how behaviors are being addressed and what consequences are assigned. Another common question is, why is my child meeting with the peer or teacher they are having trouble with? Therefore, I thought it was a good time to review our practices of Restorative Justice. Our middle school and high school adopted the Restorative Practice 16 years ago.

Under Mr. Mancuso's era as principal, staff was trained and the school adopted the five principals of our program: Respect, Relationship, Responsibility, Reflection, and to Resolve (reintegrate).

Restorative justice focuses on resolving the issues, or repairing the harm, caused by the behavior. The goal is to restore harmony between victims, offenders, and the classroom. Restorative justice is used in schools to address the disrespectful behaviors and re-claim safe and comfortable classrooms for all.

Who participates? The "stakeholders" or primary parties affected. In school, this is usually the offender, the victim (often a peer or possibly a staff member) and the principal. While it can be difficult for students to come together, it avoids the 'he said, she said argument' which sometimes happens when interviewed individually. Restorative meetings allow the person who has been harmed to be heard and have their questions answered. It also gives the opportunity for the student who committed the offense to understand how their behavior impacted the victim and others. Finally, the goal of the meeting is to resolve (repair) the classroom/community to the state it was before the incident occurred.

When and if your child is in a restorative piece they will hear questions such as, "What happened, and what were you thinking at the time?" Then, "Who has been affected by what you have done? And what needs to be done to make this right?" Most importantly, "How can you/we prevent this from happening again?" At this time it is also important for the victim to have a voice in the acceptable outcomes and the plan of action. Finally, the staff member, often the principal, will develop the plan with all involved.

In majority of the restorative justice, here at the MS/HS building, all parties have been more than satisfied with their participation in the restorative intervention. Research has found that restorative justice helps reduce the frequency of offenses reoccurring in schools and focuses on repairing harm. Resolution often includes restitution and community service.

Sometimes in addition to the restorative practices, punitive measurements are also necessary and assigned. Similar to when you were in school these consequences could be detentions, privileges discontinued, and suspensions.

Please know while the schools primary goal is academics, we also are responsible for creating a safe environment and promoting a positive culture.

Counseling News

Submitted by: Jennifer Moore, MS/HS Counselor



Senior Scholarships

Seniors are reminded to check the [Scholarship Opportunity](#) list on a regular basis, it is updated as opportunities become available. INCOURAGE encompasses a multitude of local scholarships. It will be open *December 15, 2023 – January 25, 2024*. Thanks to the generosity of its donors, in 2023 Incurage Community Foundation awarded 172 scholarships totaling \$194,000 to students pursuing or continuing higher education.

Fall 2024 Secondary Education

There is still time to apply to colleges, universities and tech schools for the fall of 2024. Housing options fill quickly, we encourage you to apply if you have not already done so.

Informational websites for secondary education:

Federal site for grants FAFSA: studentaid.gov/

Application for admission: apply.wisconsin.edu/homepage

UW Help: uwhelp.wisconsin.edu

2023-24 ACT Test Dates:

Juniors will take the ACT on March 19, 2024 at John Edwards High School.

Off Site Test Dates are as follows:

December 9, 2023

February 10, 2024

April 13, 2024

Registration Deadline

November 3, 2023

January 5, 2024

March 8, 2024

To register for any of these additional test dates, at your cost, please go to

www.actstudent.org

NCAA Eligibility

Any high school student considering playing sports at a Division I or Division II school should visit the NCAA Clearinghouse website to review academic eligibility. It is the student's responsibility to comply with all requirements. The website is www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/eligibility-

Notes from the Nurse

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

Welcome to November! It is hard to believe the 1st quarter of school is wrapping up and the holidays are right around the corner!

About 10 years ago, legislation was passed that requires schools to provide healthier meals for students. The law requires schools to serve fruits and vegetables daily, offer more whole grain options, and serve low fat milk. Many parents may remember the food pyramid and students are likely familiar with what a healthy plate looks like. In general, less information on healthy vs unhealthy beverages is provided to families, yet many of us are consuming these items on a daily basis. So, what is the best beverage? Water, of course, as our bodies are made up of nearly 60% water! The age old recommendation to drink 8 glasses of water is really no longer relevant. Water intake should be individualized based on activity level, percentage of water taken in by food, the weather, etc.

After water, tea and coffee are the 2 most healthy and most commonly consumed beverages, and, drunk plain, they are calorie free and brimming with antioxidants and health substances. However, turn that coffee into a mocha and those benefits are dramatically less.

Low Fat milk and soy beverages are next in line. With the low calorie/high protein content, milk gives you a big bang for the buck.

Non-calorically sweetened beverages fall next in line. These diet drinks are a better choice than sugar-sweetened soft drinks because they are lower in calories, but, because they may contribute to weight gain suggests that they should be had as the occasional treat rather than as a daily beverage. Studies have suggested that the artificial sweeteners do not complete the satiety pathway in your brain, eventually causing you to consume more calories after drinking them.

Finally, caloric beverages with some nutrients (aka juice) and calorically sweetened beverages (soda) are the least recommended and are known to cause weight gain and development of Type 2 Diabetes.

Until next time - drink wisely - and please feel free to reach out to the health offices with any questions, concerns or needs!



Katie Bortz
CESA 5 School Nurse
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bortzk@cesa5.org

Did you know—November is:

November is an awareness month for several health related conditions including Alzheimer's Disease, Epilepsy, Diabetes, Early Childhood Mental Health Awareness and Movember—an annual event involving men growing mustaches to raise awareness for a variety of health concerns including prostate cancer, testicular cancer and suicide by men. November is also the month where we start to see cases of Influenza rise.

Consider keeping yourself and your family healthy by getting your flu vaccine!

Port Edwards Education Foundation



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October 2023

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

For the past 28 years, the Port Edwards Education Foundation (PEEF) has been providing money for teachers and staff who submit innovative ideas that enhance creative and diverse educational opportunities for students in the Port Edwards School District. This year we received and fulfilled three grant requests for a total of \$8416, bringing our total grant money awarded to \$329,732 since PEEF began in 1995. This year, because of the generous support of donors like you and the profits from our Golf Scramble, the Foundation was able to fully fund the following three grants:

- Drum Line
- Developing Digital Creators
- Lifetime Fitness

It is through our fundraising campaign each fall and the Golf Scramble each summer that we are able to provide these grants. The Foundation is deeply appreciative of the time and effort put in by staff to write the grant proposals to provide money for many wonderful enrichment activities for Port students. We are equally appreciative of you, our donors, whose generosity helps fund these grants.

We thank you for your past contributions and hope you will continue to support us with your donations this year and in the future. With your help, we promise to continue our efforts to provide enhanced learning experiences for the students of the Port Edwards School District.

Sincerely,

Corey Searles,
PEEF President

Our Award Winning Grant Writers



Emilie Anderson
Band



Natasha Mentch
Art




Riley Thomas
Phy. Ed.

Enjoying representing the Port Edwards Education Foundation in the Homecoming Parade were Sue Mitchel and Sharon Morell.



PEEF Donor Card



Founded December 22, 1995

Yes. I want to support the work of the **Port Edwards Education Foundation**. I have marked the category of my tax-deductible gift below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Valedictorian: \$1,000 and up	<input type="checkbox"/> Class President: \$100 to \$249
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<input type="checkbox"/> Dean's List: \$250 to \$499	<input type="checkbox"/> Booster: Under \$25

I have enclosed my check for \$ _____ payable to the Port Edwards Education Foundation.

I would like to discuss a planned gift. Please contact me.

Name: _____ Date: _____
(as you wish it to appear on a report)

Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

City & State _____ Phone: _____

Make check payable to PEEF and mail to: 801 Second Street, P.O. Box 99, Port Edwards, WI 54469-0099





The year has gotten off to a fast start for PEPO! We have been planning a lot of new and exciting events for this school year.

We had a great turnout for Fall Fest. We hope you were able to attend! Kids were able to come in costumes and enjoy a free night a games, prizes, food, crafts, tattoos and a pumpkin patch. Mrs. Vitello and Mrs. Winters were there representing Title 1 with a book give away.

During the month of October, the 2nd and 3rd grade classes got to attend a play at the Performing Arts Center in Wisconsin Rapids. Also, the Kindergarten and 1st grade classes had the opportunity to go to Arnold's pumpkin patch. PEPO was able to help defray part of the cost of these tickets for our families.

We are hosting our first Doughnuts with Grown Ups event for our school families on Friday, November 10th from 6:45 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. in the Elementary School Cafeteria. RSVP's were due on October 25th. We hope you got your RSVP in and are going to attend this exciting new event!

We also have fundraisers already in full swing this fall. We have a school store where you can donate directly to your child's teacher. Our school store also has an option of when you shop online through the website, PEPO earns a percentage of those sales. Remember this as you do your online shopping for the holidays. We also had our annual Cherrydale fundraiser.

Packets went home October 20th and the orders are due November 8th. Delivery information will follow when details are finalized.

And don't forget we have our Blackhawk apparel sale open year round now!! Blackhawk apparel makes great birthday gifts or Christmas gifts. Please use the following link to access the store: <https://1stplace.sale/101560>. Orders are through 1st Place Spirtwear and PEPO earns 10% of all sales. What a great way to support PEPO and get some new and exciting Blackhawk apparel.

Next PEPO meeting is Wednesday, November 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary School library. We hope to see you there!

John Edwards High School Fall Play

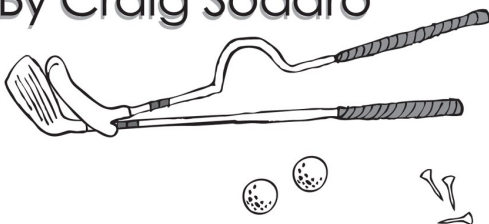
Submitted by: Marissa Rebischke and Rachel Frizzell, Drama Club Directors

The JEHS Drama Club is busily working on their Fall play! We have been having a lot of fun preparing for this year's show! Mark your calendar to come out and see our awesome student actors and crew present the play "Par for the Corpse." This is a fun mystery/comedy that all ages will enjoy! Check out the plot summary below:

You'll score a hole-in-one with this mystery-comedy! At an exclusive golf resort, pro golfer Teddy Masters is ready to help guests perfect their swings. When Joy Draper of dating service Harmonosity takes a crew of singles to the resort, one of her clients turns up dead with a chip shot to the temple. It's a good thing Joy's assistant, Sybil, studies criminology at the local college (she already has two classes under her belt!). She begins an investigation of the various hilarious suspects. Sybil starts to put the pieces together and a second death confirms her suspicions, but when there is a the murder victim, the scorecard of murders just doesn't add up! Could there be more than one murderer on the green?!



By Craig Sodaro



Performances will be held in the Dorothy Alexander Memorial Auditorium, and we are excited to once again offer TWO showtimes this year! Shows will be Friday evening, November 11 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, November 12 in the afternoon at 3:00 pm. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and school-age kids. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Thank you in advance for supporting our creative and hard-working students!

Music Department News

Submitted by: Emilie Anderson, Band Director

The Port Edwards band has been busy at work preparing for many performances! 7th-12th grade students memorized their music and marched in the Homecoming parade. Our numbers have been growing as we had almost 40 members this year! The Pep Band did their halftime show "Disco Fever", with the drum cadence composed by Emmanuel Van Lysal. This was the first on-field halftime show done by Port Edwards in many years! Now everyone in 6th-12th grade is getting ready for our first concert on November 30th, at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there as this will not be a concert to miss!



Holiday Senior Citizens Breakfast

Submitted by: Joseph Hintz, Middle School Student Council Advisor

The John Edwards Middle School Student Council is planning to ring in the holiday season by hosting the school's annual Senior Citizens' Holiday Breakfast. This breakfast is to show our appreciation for all of your interest and support you have shown in our students and school through the year. All Port Edwards seniors are welcome to attend!

Please note the important details of the events below:

- Friday, December 8th, 2023 in the John Edwards Middle/High School Cafeteria
- Breakfast will be served at 8:45 AM
- Event is hosted by John Edwards Middle School Student Council
- Music provided by Middle & High School Band & Choir
- Please RSVP by November 17th to Joseph Hintz, MS Student Council Advisor (715) 887-9000, ext 214 or email hintzjo@pesd.k12.wi.us



Mark Your Calendars!

Here is the list of special nights for our 2023-2024 Winter sports season.

Girls Basketball:

Dec. 14 vs Nekoosa Parent's Night
Jan. 12 vs Pittsville Youth Night
Jan. 15 vs Marion Alumni Night
Feb. 9 vs Tri-County Senior Night

Boys Basketball:

Dec. 19 vs Marion Parent's Night
Jan. 2 vs Tri-County Alumni Night
Feb. 2 vs Rosholt Youth Night
Feb. 12 vs New Lisbon Senior Night



Elementary Spotlight

Submitted by: Kala Dorshorst, Elementary Teacher

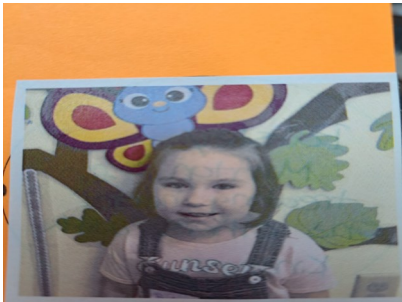
September's character trait was Respect. The PK-5th grade students did a great job. Continue to show respect towards yourself, others, and belongings. These were the students who were recognized for showing Respect.

Kindergarten-2nd Grade

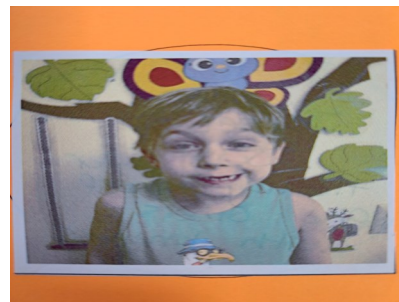


Angelo, Gavin, Macy, Lillian, Koda, Elijah, Bryce Vincent, Raelea, Aaron, Rosalie, Peyton

4K Students



Paisley



James

October's character trait was Responsibility. The PK-5th grade students did a great job. Continue to take action and understand the impact of your choices. These were the students who were recognized for showing Responsibility.

4K Students



Harper



Nehemiah

Kindergarten-2nd Grade



Amara, Gavin, Liam, Karl, Daniel, Leon, Madelyn, Rayna, Clayton, Alex, Jadis, Wyatt

3rd-5th Grade



Cooper, Jade, Nicole, Leah, Scarlett, Colton, Amber, Elise, Tristan

Seventh Annual Christmas Tree Walk

December 2,3,4

12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

December 8

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

December 9,10

12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**South Wood County
Historical Museum**

*540 Third Street South
Wisconsin Rapids*

This event is free and welcome to all ages!

November 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 Smuckers Fruit Juice Milk	2 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	3 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
6 Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	7 French Toast Sticks Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	8 Pop-Tart Fruit Juice Milk	9 Crunch Mania Graham Crackers Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	10 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
13 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Juice Milk	14 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	15 Chex Mix Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	16 WG Glazed Donut Fruit Juice Milk	17 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
20 Yogurt Granola Fruit Juice Milk	21 Mini Waffles Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	22 No School	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24 No School
27 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Juice Milk	28 Bug Bites Cheese stick Fruit Juice Milk	29 Mini Cinni Fruit Juice Milk	30 Bagel Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	

November 2023 ES Lunch Menu

Alternate Lunch Choice:

Monday: Smuckers

Tuesday: Taco Salad

Wednesday: Pizza Roll Up

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 Softshell Tacos Spanish Rice Pears Refried Beans Salsa/Sour Cream	2 Chicken Patty Pasta WG Bun Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges	3 Big Daddy's Pizza Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich No Alternate
6 Pepperoni French Bread Pizza Broccoli Slushie	7 WG Nachos Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges	8 Mac N Cheese Green Beans Pineapple Dinner Roll Jell-O	9 French Toast Sticks Applesauce Juice Syrup	10 Hamburger WG Bun Cheese Tray Tator Tots Baked Beans Grapes
13 Chicken Nuggets Smiles Cooked Carrots Apple Slices Pudding Cup	14 Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Pineapple Dinner Roll Fortune Cookie	15 Hot Dog WG Bun French Fries Baked Beans Mixed Fruit	16 Rotini Meatballs & Sauce Garlic Bread Warm Apples Peas	17 Mozzarella Dippers Pizza Sauce Corn Banana
20 Hamburger WG Bun French Fries Baked Beans Slushie	21 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Pears	22 No School	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24 No School
27 All American Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Applesauce	28 Baked Potato Bar Diced Ham Taco Meat Shredded Cheese Broccoli Peaches Dinner Roll	29 Pretzel Bun Sub Sandwich Baked Chips Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	30 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Jell-O Cooked Carrots Pears	

November 2023 MS/HS Breakfast Menu

Middle/High School

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Waffle Envy Syrup Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	2 WG Banana Bread Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	3 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
6 Cereal Bar Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	7 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	8 Chocolate Crescent Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	9 Crunch Mania Graham Crackers Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	10 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
13 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	14 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	15 WG Muffin Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	16 WG Glazed Donut Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	17 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
20 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	21 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	22 No School	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24 No School
27 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	28 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	29 Chex Mix Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	30 Mini Pancakes Syrup Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	

November 2023 MS/HS Lunch Menu

Alternate Lunch Choice:

Monday: Smuckers

Tuesday: Taco Salad

Wednesday: Turkey Wrap

Thursday: Chef Salad

Friday: Cheese Pizza

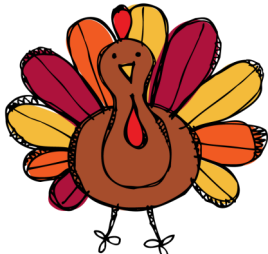
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6 Pepperoni French Bread Pizza Apple Slices Green Beans Ice Cream Cup	7 WG Nachos Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges Sugar Cookie	8 Mac n Cheese Bar Diced Chicken Taco Meat Pears Broccoli Dinner Roll	9 French Toast Sticks Omelet Applesauce Juice Syrup	10 Hamburger WG Bun Cheese Tray Tator Tots Baked Beans Grapes
13 Chicken Nuggets Smiles Cooked Carrots Apple Slices Rice Krispy Treat	14 Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Pineapple Fortune Cookie	15 Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice Refried Beans Peaches Salsa/Sour Cream	16 Rotini Meatballs & Sauce Peas Warm Apple Slices Garlic Bread	17 Mozzarella Dippers Marinara Sauce Corn Banana Ice Cream Sandwich
20 Chicken Dummies Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Slushie Dinner roll	21 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Pears Dinner Roll	22 No School	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24 No school
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PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 16, 2023 – Elementary School, Fifth 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

OTHER PRESENT: Donna Shroda, Jen Moore, Jennie Breitrick

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

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

2. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that all Board members were in attendance.

B. Next Board Meeting

President Daven reported that the next meeting of the School Board will be Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

3. Administrative Reports

A. District Administrator /Elementary Principal Report - Superintendent Bena

Superintendent Bena gave an update on the beginning of the year activities. Teacher will report to school for in-service on August 29, 30 and 31. The all-staff in-service day will be held on Thursday, August 31st starting at 8 a.m. During the all-staff meeting, there will be a presentation on AI, Artificial Intelligence. Superintendent Bena invited the Board to attend any of the presentations during in-service.

Staff will also be presented with information on the district's two initiatives for the upcoming school year; alignment of lesson plans and units with the Wisconsin Academic Standards which will be lead by Kathi Stebbins-Hintz along with the building principals and a committee of teachers; creating an effective referendum message for the upcoming election in April 2024. Superintendent Bena reported that a 25-member facilities advisory committee has been created, this committee will identify and prioritize the needs of the district. The first meeting will be held next Tuesday.

Superintendent Bena reported that Back-to-School Night will be held on August 29th, 6th grade orientation was held yesterday and 9th grade orientation will be held tomorrow.

Superintendent Bena shared that there is a display of a 1968 brochure that he had professionally framed to hang in the lobby of the elementary school next to Mr. Heuer's portrait. This brochure was sent to the community in 1968 promoting the building of the elementary building.

B. Middle School/High School Principal Report - Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda reported on the beginning of the year activities. A code of conduct meeting was held last week for both middle school and high school. Ms. Shroda stated that fall sports participation is great. Boot camp for band and choir will be held next week. Principal Shroda stated that Joe Hintz organized 6th grade orientation and had middle school students help show the incoming 6th grade students around the building helping to make the transition from the elementary school to the middle school smooth.

Teachers were given a floating in-service day prior to the first day of school to give them time to work in their classroom to prepare for the new year.

4. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – July 19, 2023.

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

6. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

A. Check Summaries..... July 1-31, 2023

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B. District Revenue Report July 1-31, 2023

C. District Expenditures Report July 1-31, 2023

D. July Cash Receipt Report..... July 1-31, 2023

E. July Cash Balance Report

F. Budget Revision

G. Consider Approval of Gifts

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. Second Reading of Neola Policy Updates

Motion by McGrath, second by Duncan to approve the second reading of the Neola Policy Updates. Voting yes—all. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Consider Approval of Handbooks

A. Employee Handbook

B. Compensation Guide

C. Elementary School Student Handbook

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to approve all handbooks (A. B. C.) as presented. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

9. Consider Approval of Cooperative Agreements (66.030)

A. Nekoosa School District

Motion by Duncan, second by McGrath to approve the Cooperative Agreements (66.030) with Nekoosa School District. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

10. Consider Approval of 2022-23 Seclusion and Restraint Report

Motion by McGrath, second by Duncan to approve the 2022-23 Seclusion and Restraint Report. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

11. First Reading of Neola Policy Updates

Superintendent Bena reviewed the updates to the graduation policy. The update will increase the number of required credits from 23 to 24 starting with the class of 2027.

12. Discussion on Employee Benefits/Unpaid Leave

Superintendent Bena and the Board discussed district employee benefits and unpaid leave. Superintendent Bena shared data he received from other districts.

13. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

McGrath – Praised Jennie Breित्रick, Food Service Director, for her work writing a \$50,000 grant through DPI for a new freezer that will be installed in the middle/high school building.

Daven – Wishing everyone a great start of the year.

14. Establish Future Board Meetings

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, Executive Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

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

Wednesday, October 30, 2023, Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Elementary IMC

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

A. Consider Approval of Past Executive Meetings – June 14, 2023

B. District Administrator Evaluation

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

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

17. Call for Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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