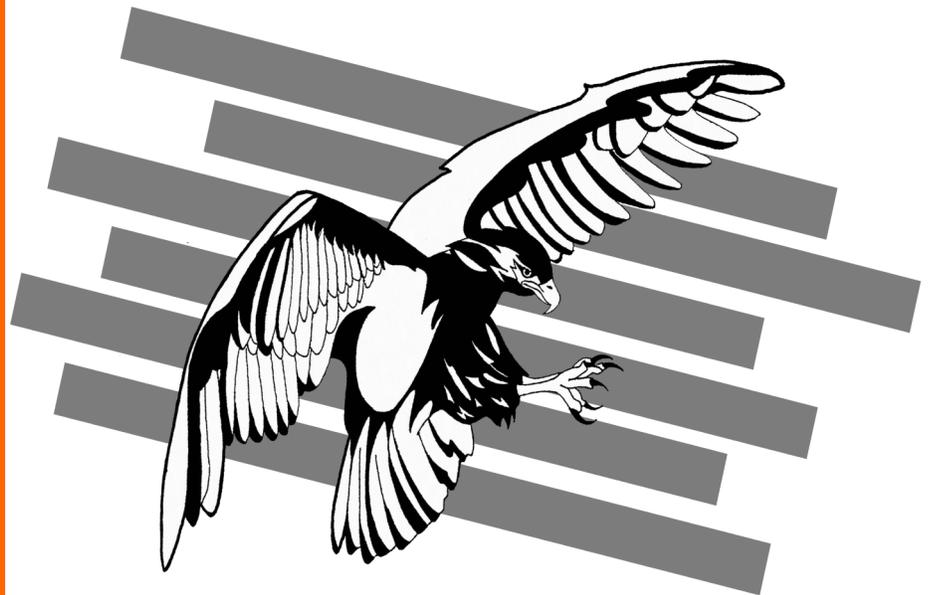


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One Student at a Time*

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DISTRICT & ELEMENTARY NEWS

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



Ed Heuer Elementary School named one of the “Best Public Elementary Schools” for 2024

In early March, Ed Heuer Elementary School was awarded the designation as one of U.S. News & World Report’s “Best” Elementary Schools in Wisconsin for 2024. This award was granted based upon Math & Reading proficiency & performance scores.

Congratulations to the families, students, and staff of Ed Heuer Elementary school!



Ed Heuer Elementary School Prepares for Act 20

Act 20 (Science of Reading Training), which was created to provide better reading instruction for beginning readers in the Badger State, was signed into Wisconsin State Law on July 19, 2023. Under Act 20, all Wisconsin Kindergarten through Grade 3 teachers will need to commence professional training from the Center for Effective Reading Instruction's list of accredited independent teacher trainings by July 1, 2025. In addition to the training component, Act 20 mandates that the state of Wisconsin hire 64 additional reading coaches to serve public schools statewide. Furthermore, districts will also need to purchase new elementary-level English and Language Arts textbook series that adhere to Act 20 guidelines.

How does this impact Ed Heuer Elementary School? Building-level leadership is currently in conversations with our regional educational partner, CESA 5 in Portage, to determine training and textbook series options. Both training programs and textbook series will be selected, and the 40 hours of professional training for each of our elementary teachers are scheduled to begin this summer. Act 20 is a broad, historical initiative that will take a great deal of planning and professional development at each school district statewide. Ed Heuer Elementary School’s staff will work together throughout its implementation to provide the best possible outcomes that we can for our students and families.

Visual Arts Classic

This school year, Port Edwards School District Art Teacher Mrs. Natasha Mentch formed the first John Edwards High School team to compete at the Visual Arts Classic (VAC). The VAC is a state-wide competition for high school art students. It is comprised of eight regional competitions during the months of February and March, with a culminating state-level competition held in Madison.

On Friday, March 1st, Mrs. Mentch took 11 JEHS students to the regional competition at U.W.-Stevens Point. All of our students did fantastic; 7 of the 11 students who participated in the regional competition scored high enough to move on to the state competition, which was held on Monday, March 25th.

Congratulations to the inaugural JEHS Visual Arts Classic team & Mrs. Mentch!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by: Donna Shroda, 6-12 Principal



With the gorgeous weather we have been having, we can only hope it continues during our spring break, March 25th through the 29th. If the weather cooperates, enjoy the outside! From research, we know that fresh air helps raise oxygen levels in the brain, which increases serotonin levels, and alters a person's mood. The teachers will tell you that after having outdoor recess, students perform better and are in a better mood!

Beginning the third trimester 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 Wednesday, May 1st, is the last parent-teacher conference for the year. Further information will be sent through Infinite Campus. Although, if you ever have any questions about school in general, please do not hesitate to call.

Our district will be sending nine students to Madison to compete in state forensics on April 19th. Congratulations to the forensic students who qualified! When students score 21 or higher in district competition in at least two out of three competitions, they move on to state. We have several groups that qualified this year. In Play Acting Groups: Dakota Bares, Charlie O'Connor, and Aubree Shroda in *Elevator Games*; Nevada Rice and Felicity Clouse in *The Best Escape*; and Storm Rahier, Morgan Sturgis, and Mya Horbal in *13 Ways to Screw Up on a College Interview*. Also performing a Demonstration Speech will be Cari LaCour in crocheting.

As we finish the school year, feel free to be part of our school community; bring a lawn chair to one of the ball fields, spectate our students dressed to the nines on prom, or come to the auditorium for some laughter at the Variety Show. In early April spring sports are in full swing, no pun intended. We are so fortunate to have returning spring coaches who offer consistency to their programs. Once again, Mr. Martinson returns to lead 17 baseball players to the field, with Kyle Oleson as his assistant. Mr. Ayres and Mr. Thomas continue to develop a strong softball program with 17 players, many returning from last year. In the streets of Port Edwards, you will often see Mr. Miller, who returns for his 16th year coaching, running right alongside his 22 athletes. Mrs. Duckart will return to strengthen that track duo. Ms. McLaughlin, the golf coach, will offer her golfers experiences at numerous places, from a local course such as BullsEye to the popular Whistling Straits. Good luck to all the athletes, as representatives of Port Edwards, make us proud!

School's April and May Calendars are quickly filling up. The music departments will finish with a final performance for the 6-12 band on May 6th and choir on May 7th. The high school drama members are planning to make another debut in the Variety Show on Friday, May 24th. The high school students are excited to dance to "Lucky Nights in Vegas Lights" at Prom on April 20th at the Elks Club. A special thanks to the Elks for providing the venue to our school. Seniors will be recognized at Ports traditional 'Senior Dessert' to summarize all of their great accomplishments on May 22nd. (And, yes the juniors still serve the traditional strawberry shortcake.) Finally, our culminating event of the year will be graduation on Saturday, June 1st @ 11:00 am.

News from the Middle and High School Counseling Department

Submitted by: Jennifer Moore, MS/HS Counselor

Senior Dessert

Seniors, please mark your calendar: **SENIOR DESSERT – Wednesday, MAY 22nd, 6:30 p.m.**

Seniors are reminded to check the [Scholarship List](#) regularly. There are still 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. We want to be sure to recognize everyone's awards at Senior Dessert.

Remaining Off-Site ACT Test Dates

<u>ACT Testing Dates:</u>	<u>Register By:</u>
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024

School Code 501840

Websites for additional information on these assessments:

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



Grades 6-10 Spring Assessments

Grades 6-8 will test the *Wisconsin Forward Exam* on Tuesday, April 9th, Thursday, April 11th and Tuesday, April 16th.

Grades 9 and 10 will test *PreACT Secure* on Wednesday, April 3rd.

Please note, grades 11 & 12 will not be in school on the morning of Wednesday, April 3rd



Looking Ahead to Graduation

Mark your calendars: **Saturday, June 1st at 11:00 a.m.**

Notes from the Nurse

Submitted by: Katie Bortz, CESA 5 School Nurse

We all recently turned our clocks forward for “Spring Ahead” which makes the evenings feel longer and brighter but can also make going to bed and getting up for school harder. Sleep is crucial to students’ healthy growth and development and plays an essential role in their academic success. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) estimates that sleep problems affect 25-50% of children and 40% of adolescents. While children ages 6-12 need 9-12 hours of sleep, students ages 12-18 still need 8-10 hours of sleep to perform at their best.

Some parents turn to supplements such as melatonin to help with their child’s sleep habits. Interestingly, a sharp rise in poisonings among children has accompanied this surge of melatonin use. Additionally, because melatonin is classified as a supplement, it is not strictly regulated by the FDA, meaning there’s little to no oversight into what companies put into their products. This means that the accuracy of the dosing may be off and other substances (such as CBD or serotonin) may be added. Experts have also raised concerns about melatonin having an affect on children’s growth and development, particularly during puberty.

Currently the AAP recommends using melatonin only short term to help children who have trouble falling asleep. Melatonin should NOT be used as a substitute for establishing healthy sleep habits that will ultimately lead to less difficulty falling asleep and a higher quality of sleep long term.

Healthy sleep habits include:

- Having a set bedtime and wake-up time (and not straying more than an hour from that even on weekends)
- Stopping screen time at last 60 minutes before bedtime and not allowing students to have devices in their room
- Getting regular exercise, but not within 1 hour of bedtime
- Keeping the room cool and dark

Keep in mind, these strategies are also helpful and effective for adults as well! As always, please reach out if there is anyway I can assist you or your students!

Ticks Are Here

The department of health services is reporting that ticks are thriving months ahead of pace due to the record breaking warm winter we had. Ticks are at least 1 month ahead of schedule with their activity than typical years. It is unknown at this time if tick activity has reached its peak yet or if that is yet to come. As ticks become more active, so does the prevalence of Lyme Disease. Reported cases have doubled in the last 15 years. If you do get bit by a tick - remove it by pulling upward with constant/firm pressure, removing the entire thing. Take a picture of the tick before disposing of it and watch for symptoms of illness including joint pain, fever, fatigue or a rash. Seek medical care for treatment if you develop any of these symptoms.



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A message from Port Edwards Parent Organization

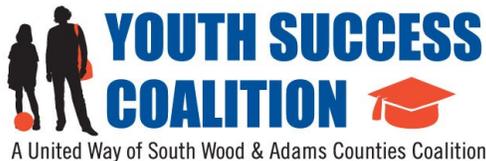


By the time you read this newsletter, we will have had our first elementary school dance which was held on Friday, March 15th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We even had a DJ and decorations! Thank you to Dance with Dignity for supplying us with some tunes. This was made possible with all of the fundraising we have done this year. Hopefully you were able to make it to this free, family event! We are sure everyone had a great time!

Our Doughnuts with Grown Ups was such a huge success in November that we are going to have Muffins in the Morning. The date is Friday, May 10th from 6:45 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. Mark your calendars! Watch for more information to come home as the date gets closer.

Watch our Facebook page, the Port Edwards School District social media outlets and your kids' Friday folders for upcoming events. We are in the process of finalizing our last events of the school year so stay tuned!

Don't forget we have our Blackhawk apparel sale open year round now!! Blackhawk apparel makes great birthday gifts or anytime gifts. Please use the following link to access the store: <https://1stplace.sale/101560>. Orders are through 1st Place Spiritwear and PEPO earns 10% of all sales. What a great way to support PEPO and get some new and exciting Blackhawk apparel. Our next PEPO meeting is Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary school library. We will be finalizing the final events of the school year. It's never too late to have your voices heard. We hope to see you there!



Children's Book Donations Needed in April

We need your help—and your books! Starting April 1st and running through April 26th, United Way will accept new or gently used children's books to be distributed at Great Book Giveaway events in June.

Board books and easy readers are needed most, but any new or used children's book in good condition will be accepted. Books, 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.

For more information contact Ben Eberlein at 715-421-0390 or ben@uwswac.org.



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The following is the president's letter from the Port Edwards Education Foundation 2023 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 2024

I'm guessing few tire of hearing this so...THANK YOU! The Port Edwards Education Foundation was able to have another successful and productive year raising funds and awarding grants. While this success requires several moving parts, including motivated staff to write grants and dedicated administrators and volunteers to do the legwork, it really does start with you, our donors. Between our summer golf outing and our fall capital campaign, your generosity helped raise over \$40,000. This money funded eleven thoughtful and innovative grants for Port students to experience because you cared enough to donate.

So once again, thank you. For twenty-nine years and with over \$360,000 in award grants, the good work of our foundation stands on solid footing and we are looking forward to a promising future.

A final thank you to this PEEF board, the Alexander House, the faculty and staff of Port Edwards School District, and you, our donors. We'll hope to see you at this summer's annual golf outing on Lake Arrowhead's Pines course. Please note that our outing will be on June 24, 2024, **one week later than in previous years.**

With great thanks,
Corey Searles
Port Edwards Education Foundation President

Elementary Spotlight

Submitted by: Kala Dorshorst, Elementary Teacher

February's character trait was Honesty. The PK-5th grade students did a great job. These were the students who were recognized for showing Honesty.



Mabel

4K Students



Rozelynn

Kindergarten-5th Grade



Front Row: Kattielynn, Parker, Hudson, Woodson, Cora, Alaina, Eisley, Gina

Back Row: Graysen, Croix, Aman, Timothy, Silas, Grace

Pictured Below: Ashton



2024 Basketball Highlights

Submitted by: Shane Steltenpohl, Athletic Director

The 2023-24 John Edwards High Basketball teams were well represented in the CWC South All-Conference Awards. Our student-athletes know that individual all-conference awards cannot happen without great coaching, selfless teammates, and support from all our dedicated parents and fans!

Lady Blackhawk coaches Marissa Ziegler and Abbie Siepel congratulate Naomee Gruba and Nakita Borths on being named 2024 CWC South All-Conference Honorable Mentions.

Boy's coaches Justin Beck and Ben Martinson congratulate Brynden Beck (1st Team CWC South), Josh Tranel (2nd Team CWC South), and Hayden Hewitt (Honorable Mention CWC South).

John Edwards High School student-athletes would also like to thank our fantastic athletic trainer, Mrs. Dani Kilps, Theresa Hanneman at Lamers Bus Company for always being flexible in transporting our athletes, and Michael Kommer and Tim Habeck for the wonderful coverage this past season! We know the countless hours everyone puts into our athletes and for that we are thankful.

#PESD #rollhawks





The Port Edwards booster club and school district would like to thank our newly formed Concession Club for making this winter sports season a success. These amazing John Edwards High students gave up their evenings this past winter to take control of the concession stand. The club's members learned valuable lessons in customer service, inventory, stocking, and ordering for the concession stand. We are thankful for you!



National Athletic Training Month

John Edwards High School would like to celebrate and thank our very own village resident, Mrs. Dani Kilps. March is National Athletic Training Month and we couldn't thank this very special lady enough. She attends countless practices, games and invitations to make sure our athletes are safe to compete. We are thankful for you, Dani and appreciate Aspirus Riverview Hospital for sharing you with our student athletes.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 HS Baseball vs. Pacelli (away) 4:30pm HS Softball vs. Pacelli (away) 4:30pm	2 HS Softball vs. Pittsville (home) 4:30pm	3	4 HS Baseball vs. Almond Bancroft (away) 4:30pm HS Softball vs. Almond Bancroft (away) 4:30pm	5 HS Golf @ Ridges 3:30pm HS Softball vs. Necedah (home) 4:30pm	6
7	8 HS Golf @ Tri-City 3:30pm HS Track Meet @ Tri-County 3:45pm HS Baseball vs. Wild Rose (home) 4:30pm HS Softball vs. Wild Rose (home) 4:30pm	9 HS Golf @ Golden Sands 10:00am HS Baseball vs. New Lisbon (home) 4:30pm HS Softball vs. New Lisbon (home) 4:30pm	10	11 HS Track Meet @ Rosholt 3:45pm HS Baseball vs. Lincoln (away) 5:00pm HS Softball vs. Lincoln (away) 5:00pm	12 HS Baseball vs. Tigerton (home) 4:30pm HS Softball vs. Tigerton (home) 4:30pm	13
14	15 HS Golf @ Cedar Springs 10:00am HS Track Meet @ Tri-County 4:00pm HS Baseball vs. Rosholt (away) 4:30pm HS Softball vs. Rosholt (away) 4:30pm	16 MS Track Meet @ Tri-County 3:45pm HS Track Meet @ Tri-County 4:00pm HS Baseball vs. Bowler (away) 4:30pm HS Softball vs. Bowler (away) 4:30pm	17	18 MS Track Meet @ Rosholt 3:45pm HS Baseball vs. Tri-County (away) 4:30pm HS Softball vs. Tri-County (home) 4:30pm	19 HS Golf @ Whistling Straits 1:00pm HS Baseball vs. Iola-Scandinavia (home) 4:30pm	20
21	22 HS Golf @ Glacier Woods 10:00am HS Track Meet @ Marion 4:00pm MS Track Meet @ Weyauwega-Fremont 4:00pm MS Baseball vs. Pittsville (home) 4:30pm MS Softball vs. Pittsville (home) 4:30pm HS Baseball vs. Pittsville (away) 4:30pm HS Softball vs. Pittsville (away) 4:30pm	23 HS Track Meet @ Marshfield 4:30pm MS Baseball vs. Rosholt (home) 4:30pm MS Softball vs. Rosholt (home) 4:30pm	24	25 HS Golf @ Thornberry Creek 9:00am HS Track Meet @ Tri-County 3:45pm MS Baseball vs. Almond Bancroft (away) 4:30pm MS Softball vs. Almond Bancroft (away) 4:30pm HS Baseball vs. Pacelli (home) 4:30pm HS Softball vs. Pacelli (home) 4:30pm	26 HS Baseball vs. Northland Lutheran (away) 4:30pm HS Softball vs. Northland Lutheran (away) 4:30pm	27 MS Track Meet @ Iola-Scandinavia 10:00am
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April 2024 ES 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 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	2 Bug Bites Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	3 Mini Cinni Fruit Juice Milk	4 Bagel Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	5 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
8 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	9 Mini Pancakes Syrup Fruit Juice Milk	10 WG Muffin Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	11 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	12 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
15 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	16 Caramel Mini Cinni Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	17 Smuckers Fruit Juice Milk	18 Cereal Bar Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	19 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
22 No School!	23 Yogurt Granola Fruit Juice Milk	24 Pop-Tart Fruit Juice Milk	25 Yogurt Crunch Mania Fruit Juice Milk	26 Frudel Fruit Juice Milk
29 Fuel 4U Cereal Kit Fruit Milk	30 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk			

April 2024 ES Lunch Menu

Alternate Lunch Choice:

Monday: Smuckers

Tuesday: Taco Salad

Wednesday: Turkey Wrap

Thursday: Chef Salad

Friday: Cheese Pizza

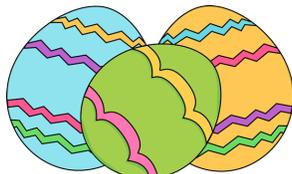
LUNCH PRICES:

Elementary: \$2.60 Middle School: \$2.75

High School: \$2.80 Adults: \$4.08

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1 All American Chicken Wrap Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Applesauce	2 Baked Potato Bar Diced Ham Shredded Cheese Broccoli Peaches Dinner Roll	3 Pretzel Bun Sub Sandwich Baked Chips Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	4 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Cooked Carrots Pears	5 Big Daddy's Pizza Green Beans Banana Ice Cream Sandwich No Alternate
8 Calzone Marinara Sauce Pears Peas Pudding Cup	9 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Sweet Potatoes Peaches Dinner Roll	10 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Refried Beans Orange Wedges Salsa/Sour Cream	11 Lasagna Roll Garlic Bread Green Beans Pineapple	12 Sloppy Joes WG Bun Baked Chips Coleslaw Applesauce
15 Chicken Tenders Sauces French Fries Peas Slushie	16 Chicken Alfredo Penne Pasta Broccoli Peaches Cookie	17 Softshell Taco Spanish Rice Pears Refried Beans Salsa/Sour Cream	18 Chicken Patty WG Bun Pasta Cooked Carrots Mandarin Oranges	19 Mini Corn Dogs Hash Brown Patty Baked Beans Banana
22 No School!	23 WG Nachos Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges	24 Mac-N-Cheese Green Beans Pineapple Dinner Roll Jell-O	25 French Toast Sticks Applesauce Juice Syrup	26 Hamburger WG Bun Cheese Tray Tator Tots Baked Beans Grapes
29 Chicken Nuggets Smiles Cooked Carrots Apple Slices Pudding Cup	30 Orange Chicken Rice Broccoli Pineapple Fortune Cookie			

April 2024 MS/HS Breakfast Menu

Middle/High School

Breakfast Prices:

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1 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	2 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	3 Chex Mix Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	4 Mini Pancakes Syrup Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	5 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
8 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	9 Omelet Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	10 WG Muffin Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	11 WG Glazed Donut Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	12 Frudel Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
15 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	16 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk	17 Waffle Envy Syrup Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	18 WG Banana Bread Cheese Stick Fruit Juice Milk	19 Frudel Cheese Stick Apple Slices Juice Milk
22 No School!	23 Cereal Bar Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	24 Caramel Mini Cinni Sunflower Seeds Fruit Juice Milk	25 Crunch Mania Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	26 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Banana Juice Milk
29 Pop-Tart Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	30 Breakfast Sandwich on Croissant Fruit Juice Milk			

April 2024 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

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22 No School!	23 WG Nacho Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Refried Beans Mandarin Oranges Sugar Cookie	24 Mac-n-Cheese Bar Diced Chicken Taco Meat Pears Broccoli Dinner Roll	25 French Toast Sticks Omelet Applesauce Juice Syrup	26 Hamburger WG Bun Cheese Tray Tator Tots Baked Beans Grapes
29 Chicken Nuggets Smiles Cooked Carrots Apple Slices Rice Krispie Treat	30 Orange or General Tso Chicken Rice Egg Roll Broccoli Pineapple Fortune Cookie			

PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Business Meeting of the Board of Education

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 14, 2023 – Elementary IMC, Fifth Street., Port Edwards, WI

Minutes

Meeting called to order by President 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

1. Consider Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by McGrath to approve the agenda as posted. 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 Thomasgard to adjourn into closed session. Voting yes – Daven, Thomasgard, McGrath, Hildebrandt, Duncan. Motion carried.

A. Consider Approval of Past Executive Meetings – October 30, 2023

B. Discuss Personnel Matters

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

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

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

ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Shroda, Teresa Guillemot

Motion by Thomasgard, second by McGrath to approve closed session decision regarding personnel matter. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

4. Report from Student Representatives; Student & Staff Recognition

Student Council members Taylin McDonald and Evelyn Fletcher gave an update on the current activities at JEHS:

On January 20th, thirteen band/choir students attended the annual all-star conference at Wild Rose. On February 10th, three middle school student attended and performed with the Wisconsin Valley Honors Band. Solo/ensemble will be held on February 24th at Tri-County. The winter basketball seasons are quickly approaching the end of their seasons. The National Honor Society students worked with first grade students to create Valentines to send to veterans. Forensics has started and they will have their first competition on February 22nd.

5. President's Report

A. Board Member Attendance

President Daven reported that all Board members were in attendance.

B. Reading of DPI Proclamations

-National School Counseling

-Adult Crossing Guard Recognition

President Daven read the proclamations

C. Next Board Meeting

President Daven stated that the next meeting of the Board of Education will be on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

6. Administrative Reports

A. Elementary Principal Report - Principal Bena

Principal Bena reported on the character trait for February, honesty. Mr. Bena stated that those students that exemplify honesty will be recognized. Yesterday, the elementary school had the Opera for the Young perform Beauty and the Beast. The cost was sponsored by PEEF and PEPO. Principal Bena shared that PEPO has had two family nights; family bingo night was held on January 19th and last week they held family movie night where they showed the movie Migration.

Mr. Bena reported that he attended one of three meetings at CESA 5 for cyber security training.

B. MS/HS Principal Report – Principal Shroda

Principal Shroda reported on the recent professional development day. The teachers were prepped for proctoring the Forward exam and the PreACT. The teachers were also engaged in curriculum development. Principal Shroda praised Kathi Stebbins-Hintz for her work with our staff on the curriculum development.

Principal Shroda stated that the choir concert will be held on February 27th and the band concert will be on March 4th. Ms. Shroda state that Mrs. Mentch will be taking eleven visual art club students to UWSP to compete in the Visual Arts Classic on March 1st.

C. District Administrator Report – Superintendent Bena

Superintendent Bena reported that he and Lisa Miller will be meeting with USI to review next year's health insurance.

Mr. Bena reported that the 2nd Friday in January report was stable, 425. The district has been randomly chosen to complete ESEA Monitoring. The district is currently working with CESA 5 to complete this report.

Superintendent Bena stated that a presentation on the 911 Inforce app was held on the professional development day. This app will cut down on the amount of time for emergency responders to respond to an emergency. The real-time communication is a positive for an emergency situation.

Superintendent Bena reported that an email was sent out to community members and all staff with a referendum update. Mr. Bena shared that flyers and yard signs are available in the office and referendum communication is in full swing.

D. Annual Audit Report—CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

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

7. Questions and Comments from People in Attendance

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

8. Consider Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting – January 10, 2024.

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

9. Consider Approval of Financial Reports

A. Check Summaries January 1-31, 2024

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B. District Revenues Report January 1-31, 2024

C. District Expenditures Report January 1-31, 2024

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 that both PEPO and PEEF made donations for the Opera for the Young.

Business Director Miller reported the following budget revisions in January:

Update Fund 21 for 2024 PEEF Grants – see below

Update Fund 21 for PEEF donation for risers/piano – see below

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Set Annual Reimbursement Rates for Per Diem Meals and Mileage

Motion by Duncan, second by Hildebrandt to approve the rates for per diem meals and mileage as presented. Voting yes – all.

Motion carried.

11. Consider Approval of Academic and Career Plan (ACP) and Education for Employment Plan (E4E)

Motion by Duncan, second by Thomasgard to approve the Academic and Career Plan and the Education for Employment Plan. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

12. Consider Request for Post-Employment Benefits – Tina McLaughlin

Motion by Duncan, second by McGrath to approve Tina McLaughlin's request for post-employment benefits. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

President Daven thanked Mrs. McLaughlin for her years of service.

13. Consider Approval of 2024-25 District Calendar

Motion by Duncan, second by McGrath to approve the 2024-25 district calendar. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

14. First Reading Neola Policy Updates

Motion by Hildebrandt, second by Duncan to accept the first reading of the Neola policy updates. Voting yes – all. Motion carried.

15. Opportunity for Individual Board Member Comment

McGrath – Thanked the two school counselors for all that they do as well as the crossing guards. Thanked the district for the opportunity to attend the state education convention.

Hildebrandt – Good to see the kids and hear their report today. Enjoy hearing about the students taking part in music, art and Forensics. Thank you and congratulations to Tina McLaughlin for her 34 years of teaching in the district.

Thomasgard – Congratulated Tina on her retirement and thanked her for her years.

Daven – Thanked the district for the opportunity to attend the state convention and stated that the general session speakers were rejuvenating.

16. Establish Future Board Meetings

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, Closed Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, Closed Session at 5:00 (if needed); Business Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Elementary IMC

17. Call for Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Lisa Miller, acting secretary

BATCH	DESCRIPTION	FISCAL YEAR	POST DATE	BATCH
LAM	TOUPDATE DONATIONS FOR RISERS/PIANO	2023-2024	01/03/2024	Batch Entry History

KEY	LINE	NAME/PROJ	DESCRIPTION/ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT/REFERENCE	QUICK
ENTRY DATE	DEBIT AMOUNT	CREDIT AMOUNT			
000	1		DONATION FOR PIANO	21 E 800 411 125003	
		01/03/2024	7,724.80	0.00	
000	2		DONATION FOR RISERS	21 E 800 560 164910	
		01/03/2024	6,815.45	0.00	
TOTALS		14,540.25	0.00		

BATCH	DESCRIPTION	FISCAL YEAR	POST DATE	BATCH
LAM	TO UPDATE 2024 PEEF GRANTS	2023-2024	01/02/2024	Batch Entry History

KEY	LINE	NAME/PROJ	DESCRIPTION/ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT/REFERENCE	QUICK
ENTRY DATE	DEBIT AMOUNT	CREDIT AMOUNT			
924	1		PARSZEWSKI: PIANO 101	21 E 800 411 125004	
		01/01/2024	11,500.00	0.00	
924	2		LEONHARDT: INCREASING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN READING	21 E 800 411 122010	
		01/01/2024	1,526.00	0.00	
924	3		ANDERSON: MUSIC IN THE PARKS	21 E 800 411 125506	
		01/01/2024	2,987.00	0.00	
924	4		HENNE: BULIDNG FINE MOTOR SKILLS THROUGH PLAY	21 E 800 411 110063	
		01/01/2024	1,081.00	0.00	
924	5		THOMAS: LAWN GAMES FOR LIFE	21 E 800 411 140011	
		01/01/2024	2,085.00	0.00	
924	6		DORAN: BETTER VISION	21 E 800 411 126008	
		01/01/2024	1,062.00	0.00	
924	7		MENTCH: CREATING CONFIDENT ARTISTS	21 E 800 411 121005	
		01/01/2024	950.00	0.00	
924	8		BRUENER/HINTZ: THE STORY OF US	21 E 800 411 127006	
		01/01/2024	1,727.00	0.00	
TOTALS		22,918.00	0.00		

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