



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

December is always an energetic month filled with some of our biggest events of the year. Ultimately, it's a great time to pull together these different groups, including our community members, to showcase a variety of learning moments and opportunities. Some highlights included:

- PTO's Breakfast with Santa (see included information)
- Our Winter Concert Series (see included information)
- Community Service Projects with our students and so much more!

**Breakfast with Santa** had another successful year! The incredible outpouring of support from local businesses was amazing. Please be sure to note the included information for a list of these generous donors! Many thanks to Cassie Werner for chairing this event.

**Our Winter Concert Series** produced another successful showcase of student talent. After a "COVID hiatus" we were so glad to have everyone back together to enjoy the talents of our children! Special thanks to Ms. Dow for all her hard work and preparation to get the students ready for their great performance.

**Community Service Projects** continue to warm my heart. To see children making real-life learning connections to being helpers in the community, helps us teach them how to be responsible citizens of the future.

Regardless of the event, there certainly are many life lessons and connection opportunities for all.

### COMING UP:

Don't forget to plan ahead for the Science Fair! We know they take a lot of support from home, so please know we send HUGE THANKS in advance for this help! Science fair projects teach students how to think and use the information they learn both at home and at school.

The time invested is well worth it! We will showcase all projects here at Purdy during February Parent Teacher Conference times. A copy of the registration form for the Fort Atkinson Science Fair was sent home in the December parent packet, you will also find a duplicate one towards the back of this parent packet The entire science fair packet can also be found at [www.fasciencefair.org](http://www.fasciencefair.org)

## MAPS Round 2 Assessments

Students in grades 2-5 will be participating in the second round of MAPS assessment in reading, language and math. This online screener allows us the opportunity to see student growth throughout the year that is aligned to the Common Core State Standards. Each of your children selected their own S.M.A.R.T. goals to achieve that they felt would help them show growth and success in their learning. We are excited to share these results with you at Parent Teacher Conferences. We will also be completing a 3rd and final round in spring after the Wisconsin State Forward Exam (grades 3-5).

## Reminder of Student Absences

State statute and school board policy requires the school to send letters notifying parents if students have missed part or all of 5 days a semester and/or 10 days a year. We appreciate open communication to know if your child is missing because of a sickness or vacation but we also want to reach out to know how we can help if absences are a true concern. We appreciate all families understanding how important attendance is and that it is very hard to get that learning back that is missed. Habitual truant issues may be referred to the school liaison officer.

I hope you enjoy all of your holiday celebrations and we wish you a very Happy New Year!



**Leigh Ann Scheuerell**  
Purdy Elementary School Principal  
School District of Fort Atkinson



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### One Team, One District, One Community

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Barrie Elementary | Luther Elementary | Purdy Elementary | Rockwell Elementary



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## Calendar of Events: JANUARY

We hope you can join us!

**January 3rd - Classes Resume**

**January 7th - Purdy Pride Day - Wear Red/Blue**

**January 12th Activity Group /New Student Picture Day**

**January 19th - PTO Meeting 6:30 IMC**

**January 20th - End of Second Quarter**

**January 21st - NO CLASSES - Records Day**

**January 24th - Early Release Day 1:30 PM**

### ***FUTURE DATES:***

**February 4th - Purdy Pride Day - Wear Red/Blue**

**February 8th & 10th - Parent Teacher Conferences**

**February 14th - Early Release Day 1:30 PM**

**February 16th - PTO Meeting 6:30 IMC**



### Ongoing Reminders

- School begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 3:05 PM
- Drop off and pick-up should be done in the parking lot.
  - Please don't use the bus drive-thru.
- Please call Purdy at 920-563-7822 to report your child's absence. Please leave a message with your name, your child's name and the reason for the absence.
- Student breakfast and lunch are FREE all year thanks to the USDA free lunches program.
- Jackets must be worn when temp is under 50 degrees

### Handy Links

[Purdy's Website](#) - News Updated Regularly

[District Home Page](#) - District News

[School Nutrition Page](#) - School Breakfast/Lunch Menus ( **Please check daily**)

[Purdy's Facebook](#) - Purdy "Happenings"



### Early Release Days 1:30 PM Dismissal

1/24/22  
2/14/22  
3/7/22  
4/18/22  
5/16/22

### Vacation Dates

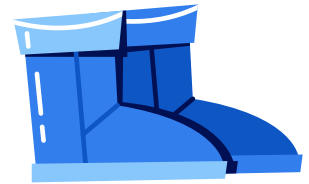
3/18/22 - No Classes - Records Day  
3/21-3/25 - No School - Spring Break



### CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR THE OFFICE

Please consider donating gently used clothing items to be used for those occasional mishaps that occur. Our storage spaces is limited, so please don't clean out your closets, but a few chosen items would be greatly appreciated.

Sweatpants & Leggings ( All sizes)  
Underwear and Socks (All sizes)  
Winter Boots (All sizes)



### BLACKBOARD CONNECT CALLS AND EMAILS

The School and District has been using Blackboard Connect to provide automated calls and emails to everyone. The system can call every Purdy parent in under a minute!! If you have not gotten a call/email or wish to get alerts regarding snow days, special announcements, emergencies, etc., please call the office. 920-563-7822





## Student Returning to School After Non-Covid related illnesses

- Students may return to school after being fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medicine if he/she is feeling better
- Students may return 24 hours after last episode of vomiting/diarrhea if he/she is feeling better
- Students may return 24 hours following his/her first dose of an antibiotic for infection (i.e. strep throat) if he/she is feeling better

Please find COVID 19 specific guidelines listed toward the end of this newsletter.





## SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS

When snowy days and dangerous weather are upon us, the District and School will continue to use Blackboard Connect to announce cancellations, delays, and postponements. We will continue to notify parents of important, emergency school programming announcements with phone calls or/and emails.

Note: Please keep us up to date on telephone number changes. We can not contact you without your most recent phone number. Please do not call the school for school closings, rather, listen to the radio or watch TV. Below is a list of stations to listen to or watch for school closing information:

AM 940 WFAW/WSJY 107.3

KOOL FM 106.5 WKCH

WSLD 104.5

WISC>-TV—Channel 3000 (Madison)

WMTV-NBC 15 (Madison)

WKOW 27 (Madison)

94.5 WKTI Country/620 WTMJ/

Today's TMJ4 (Milw.)

Weather watch 12 (Milw.)

Fox 6 (Milw.)

CBS 58 (Milw.)





## **2021-2022 PTO Officers**

**President - Christina Vander Mause**

**Vice President - Sarah Jones**

**Secretary - Sherri Siglinsky**

**Treasurer - Kaci Evenson**



**PTO Meeting Next Meeting  
January 19th @ 6:30  
Purdy IMC**

## **Breakfast with Santa/Silent Auction**

Purdy Families kept Santa VERY busy at our 33rd annual Breakfast with Santa!. There were over 350 people who attended and enjoyed a delicious breakfast, games were played, crafts were made, a silent auction was held and children visited with Santa. This event is not only a favorite family holiday event, but also a fundraiser for the Purdy Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to help provide field trip support and additional events and programs for our Purdy families. We were able to raise over \$1,500!

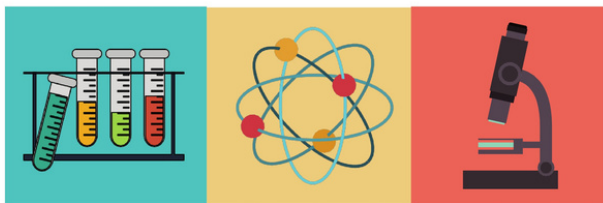
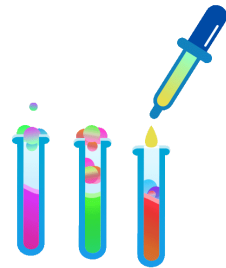
Purdy families who attended had a wonderful time and that would not be possible without so many people willing to help out! Sponsors, high, middle and elementary school students, kiwanis, PTO members, Purdy staff decorated, served food, supervised activities, cleaned up and did whatever was needed to make this event possible. How nice was that families were able to enjoy this time together.

The Fort Atkinson and surrounding communities made many donations which helped keep this event more affordable for our Purdy families. Members of the Fort Atkinson Kiwanis flipped pancakes, Jones Dairy Farm, Kerry Foods Inc., Kwik Trip, Kemps, Piper Mae, Island Bar & Grill, Good2go, Northshore, Beauty and the Bean, Scentsy (Katelyn Fredrick), Sherri Siglinsky, Rock River Lanes, Culver's, McDonald's, Festival Foods & Walmart.





# 2022 Fort Atkinson Regional Virtual Science Fair & T-shirt Design Contest



Awards announced: **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

## 2022 FORT ATKINSON REGIONAL VIRTUAL SCIENCE FAIR

Full Information at: [FAScienceFair.org](http://FAScienceFair.org)

Financial Assistance is Available

Prizes Awarded in Grade Divisions K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12

Entries can be [submitted online](#) starting Saturday, **February 5, 2022**.

All entries due [by 8:00 pm](#) Wednesday, **February 9**.

[View](#) students' project videos and/or slideshows online, Sat., **February 19**.

Watch a live-streamed [Awards Ceremony](#) on Sunday, **February 20**.

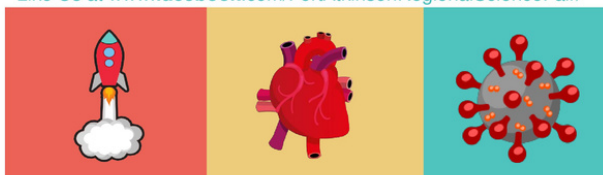
Drop in for a photo op and to [pick up](#) t-shirts and awards Sat., **February 26**.

All participants receive a student-designed Science Fair t-shirt.

Prizes include a microscope, medals, and money!

**Fair Entry Deadline Wednesday, February 9.**

[Like Us at www.facebook.com/FortAtkinsonRegionalScienceFair/](http://www.facebook.com/FortAtkinsonRegionalScienceFair/)



## Fort Atkinson Regional Science Fair T-Shirt Design Contest

Create the 2022 Science Fair t-shirt design!  
Win a free t-shirt with your winning design...and \$50 in cash!

Here's how:

1. Create a science-themed design that...

- Is vertically oriented,
- is drawn with BOLD lines (not thin lines) in BLACK ink on white paper,
- fits within 1" margins on a standard-sized 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper,
- includes "Fort Atkinson Science Fair" and "2022" in the design, and
- includes your initials (not full name) somewhere in the design.

2. Include a sticky note or separate paper with your Name, Address, Phone Number, and Age.

3. Mail to FASF, PO Box 371, Fort Atkinson WI 53538 by **December 15, 2021**.

This contest is open to any student living in and/or attending school in the school districts of Johnson Creek, Lake Mills, Jefferson, Milton, Cambridge, Fort Atkinson, Palmyra-Eagle, or Whitewater. Students may submit more than one design, but each has to be on a separate sheet of paper. We reserve the right to slightly alter the chosen design if necessary. Designs will not be returned unless requested. Please include a note with your submission if you would like your design returned.

Visit us on the web at [FAScienceFair.org](http://FAScienceFair.org)

Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/FortAtkinsonRegionalScienceFair](http://facebook.com/FortAtkinsonRegionalScienceFair)



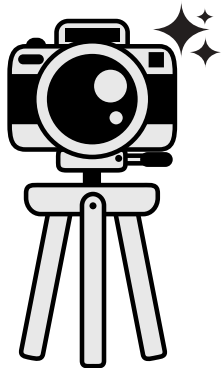
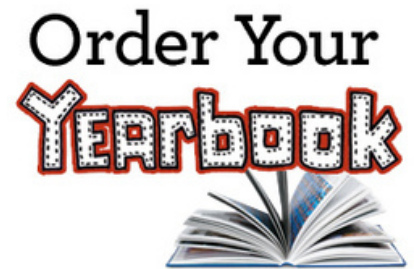
Parents that are presently living outside the School District of Fort Atkinson or that may move out before next school year and wish to have their child(ren) attend Purdy, or any other school in the Fort School District, will be required to apply for Open Enrollment in order to attend Fort Atkinson School District next year.

Parents need to file the paperwork with the Superintendent's office from February 7 - April 29, 2022. Parents may apply online at : <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment> or by contacting Lisa Haas, Assistant to the Superintendent at 920-563-7807, for paper application.



**Yearbook Ordering Link Now Open!**

- Go to [VIPIS.COM](https://VIPIS.COM)
- Type "Purdy Elementary" into the search bar and click the link when it pops up
- Click "Order Now" on the purple yearbook link
- The deadline for yearbook orders is April 1, 2022.



**School Picture Update:**

**1/12/2022 Group Pictures/Candids/New Students**





## Thank you Third Grade for collecting items for the Fort Atkinson Food Pantry





## **BAND & ORCHESTRA PARENTS**

Now that you've had a chance to see and hear more about what band and orchestra are all about, consider attending a Booster Meeting!!

The Booster Meetings are brief and we discuss fundraisers and ways to improve what we already do.

We only meet a handful of times a year, for about an hour each time.

These meetings are important for the maintenance of our programs, but we need your input!!

### **BAND BOOSTERS MEETING:**

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

6:30 pm - High School Music Pod

### **ORCHESTRA BOOSTERS MEETING:**

Tuesday, January 18, 2022



Each month, we select 2 safety patrollers that demonstrate their work as leaders above and beyond what is expected in this duty. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were only able to recognize **Finley Denniston** this month on Friday, December 17th. He was treated to Culver's with other 5th grade students from FASD.

**PURDY SCHOOL  
PLAYGROUND RULES**

Revised 5-11-21

**BALLGAME RULES**

No kicking or throwing ball on roof or against walls.  
No hardballs or baseballs.  
No bats, softballs on blacktop – only rubber balls.  
Ask permission to retrieve ball over fence or in parking lot.  
No CLOSED games.  
No rugby.  
Football – 2 handed touch – NO tackling.  
Tag - 1 handed touch

**JUMP ROPE RULES**

Jump ropes are for jumping ONLY.  
No tying each other up.  
No tug-of-war with rope.  
No helicopter with rope.  
Take turns.  
Tie dangling shoelaces.  
No shoes off.

**CLIMBING EQUIPMENT**

Wait your turn.  
No pushing.  
One at a time.  
No penny drops.  
No jumping on bridges or chains.  
No walking across bars while standing.  
No tag on equipment.

**SWING RULES**

No twisting – swing straight.  
No under-ducks.  
Sitting ONLY.  
No jumping out of swings.  
No climbing on swing lets.

**TIRE SWING RULES**

No laying on tire swing.  
No more than 2 people on tire swing at a time.  
No hanging back or under tire swing.  
No aggressive pushing, and/or swinging tire swing.

**SLIDE RULES**

Feet first, sitting only.  
No stones, wood chips or balls on the slides.  
One at a time.  
No climbing the poles.  
No blocking the bottom of slide.  
No walking or crawling up the slide.  
No climbing on tunnel covers.  
No jumping off the side of slide.

**GENERAL RULES**

No kicking, wrestling, hanging onto someone's clothing or choking.  
Use restrooms before going outside.  
No entering building without permission.  
No foul or inappropriate language.  
No name-calling.  
No candy, gum or food from lunch on playgro  
Hands off other students.  
Respect school property.  
Respect adults at all times.  
If unsure of a rule, ASK.  
No lifting or carrying anyone.  
No flips.  
No playing by windows or ledges.  
Stay out of doorways.  
No touching, climbing or swinging on trees.  
Use bottom two bleacher seats.  
Share equipment.  
Don't go beyond ball diamond to play soccer.  
Stand behind yellow line when lining up.  
No burying others in tire chips or wood chips.

**WINTER/SNOW RULES**

See other side.

**PURDY SCHOOL  
WINTER/SNOW RULES**

1. Before going outside on cold days make sure snow pants are on, coats are zipped, snow boots are tied, mittens are on, hats are on and/or hood is up.
2. Students need to stay seated when going down slides and should land on their feet.
3. No throwing snowballs, snow in the air, on the equipment or against the building. Sno designs can be made on the building.
4. Children need both snow pants and snow boots to go off the blacktop when snow is on the ground.
5. No sliding on ice.
6. No eating snow.
7. No running on snow mounds.
8. Stay off equipment if slippery or covered with snow.
9. No "washing each others faces" in snow or putting snow down someone's back.
10. No pushing people off of snow mounds or down in the snow (i.e. "King of the Hill").
11. Don't ruin someone else's snow art or snow forts.
12. No climbing on snow mounds next to parking lots or driveways.
13. No kicking or throwing ice chunks on the blacktop.
14. No climbing on snow mounds by parking lot.
15. Stay away from puddles – GO AROUND!
14. Brush snow off clothes before entering the building.
15. Stomp feet on rug before going to take off coats.
16. If the temperature is below 50 degrees, coats must be worn.



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P: 920.563.7800

F: 920.563.7809

Dear Parent or Guardian,  
Your student is being sent home due to illness. We ask that you please keep the school informed of illness-related absences and/or COVID-19 diagnosis or exposure, contact the Health Office for any questions at **920-563-7805**.  
Elementary School Nurse - **Sara Noeske, option 1**  
Middle School and High School Nurse - **Jennifer Kawleski, option 2**

***Symptoms and conditions requiring absence from school:***

<p><b>Any 1 of the following:</b> Fever of 100.4 F or higher Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing New loss of smell or taste Diarrhea Nausea or vomiting</p> <p><b>Any 2 of the following:</b> Fatigue Muscle or body aches Headache Sore throat Congestion or runny nose</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Confirmed non-COVID-19 viral infectious disease<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Ex: influenza or rhinovirus</li></ul></li><li>• Confirmed COVID-19 infectious disease</li><li>• Contagious infections requiring antibiotic treatment<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Ex: Strep throat or pink eye</li></ul></li><li>• Undiagnosed, new, and/or untreated skin rash or condition</li></ul>
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***Procedure for Return to School:***

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If confirmed that the student has a non-COVID illness:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Submit a health care provider's note</li><li>◦ May return after fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication AND</li><li>◦ Improved symptoms</li><li>◦ After the first 24 hours of various antibiotic treatments for contagious infections<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ex: Strep throat, pink eye</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• For symptoms that persist <b>for more than 3 days</b> or become worse, have student tested for COVID-19 and/or submit a note from the health care provider<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <b>Student must have a negative COVID-19 test OR</b></li><li>◦ <b>Note from provider to return to school</b></li></ul></li><li>• If <b>not</b> tested or cleared by a provider:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Student must stay home and isolate for 10 days after onset of symptoms AND</li><li>◦ Be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, and improved symptoms</li></ul></li><li>• If <b>POSITIVE</b> for COVID-19:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Student must stay home and isolate for 10 days after onset of symptoms AND</li><li>◦ Be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication, and improved symptoms</li></ul></li><li>• If notified to quarantine due to a <u>close contact to a COVID-19 positive case</u>:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <b>Stay home and monitor symptoms for 14 days</b></li><li>◦ May return after 10 day quarantine, if symptom free</li><li>◦ May return after 7 day quarantine with a negative COVID-19 test on day 6 or 7 after exposure</li><li>◦ Call the School Nurse for specific guidance</li></ul></li></ul>
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## SDFA & Partners Now Hiring!

Looking to make a difference in the life of a child? The School District of Fort Atkinson and our partners offer a variety of employment opportunities and are actively seeking interested candidates. From transporting a team to an away game, working hands-on with students, to serving a healthy meal, there is a perfect spot for you on the 1Fort team!



To view an up-to-date list of our available vacancies, please bookmark the **[School District of Fort Atkinson Careers Page](#)**. You can also contact [hr@fortschools.org](mailto:hr@fortschools.org) with any questions you may have.

## Engagement Opportunities Ahead

Thank you for providing your feedback, and sharing our Community Survey in November! This survey asked questions regarding operational referendum costs, thoughts on building a new middle school, security enhancements, and urgent maintenance needs. The results of the survey will be shared at the Board of Education meeting on Thursday, December 16th.

The first step in the engagement process began in 2019 with a group of close to 30 community members conducting a full strategic facilities planning assessment and recommendation to the Board. The community survey was the second step in the engagement process. Through the Spring, the District will be holding a number of community engagement sessions to dive into these topics deeper. PTO meetings, community Q&A sessions, coffee with the crew, and more - you will want to be sure you can learn more about the next steps. Stay tuned!

### Helpful Phone Numbers:

**Building & Grounds:** 920-563-7808

**Business Office:** 920-563-7800

**Communications & Community Engagement:** 920-563-3751

**Curriculum & Instruction/Summer School Office:** 920-563-7802

**Human Resources Office:** 920-563-7801

**Nutrition Services:** 920-563-7811 ext. 1159

**Pupil Services Office:** 920-563-7804

**Registration Office:** 920-563-7820

**Technology Department:** 920-563-7813

### View all [district-wide communications here!](#)

Questions regarding communicable disease protocols? [Click here.](#)



## Badgerland After School Enrichment (BASE) Registration



Early Release Days - No School Days! Where do your kids go?

Badgerland After School Enrichment Program (BASE) offers critical after-school care during the hours of 3-6 pm, Monday through Friday at all four public elementary schools in Fort Atkinson. From visits from the FAHS Baseball Team, to STEAM activities, your child will have a great time! Reach out to BASE today!

**General Inquiries, Donations & Events**  
alicia@basefortatkinson.org

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1.800.314.4567 Ext. 4318

Email anytime:  
oicloset@oppinc.com

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Opportunities, Inc.'s Connections Adult Day Program and its volunteers coordinate the OICloset to help all those in need of clothing and accessories for employment activities, social events and just living life to its fullest potential! It offers people with diverse abilities an opportunity to give back to the community with style!

- Coats
- Winter hats
- Mittens
- T-shirts
- Long sleeve shirts
- Sweatshirts
- Hoodies
- Pants
- Socks

## JEFFERSON COUNTY CHRISTMAS NEIGHBORS



"Every child should know what Christmas is..." ~ Pop Wendt

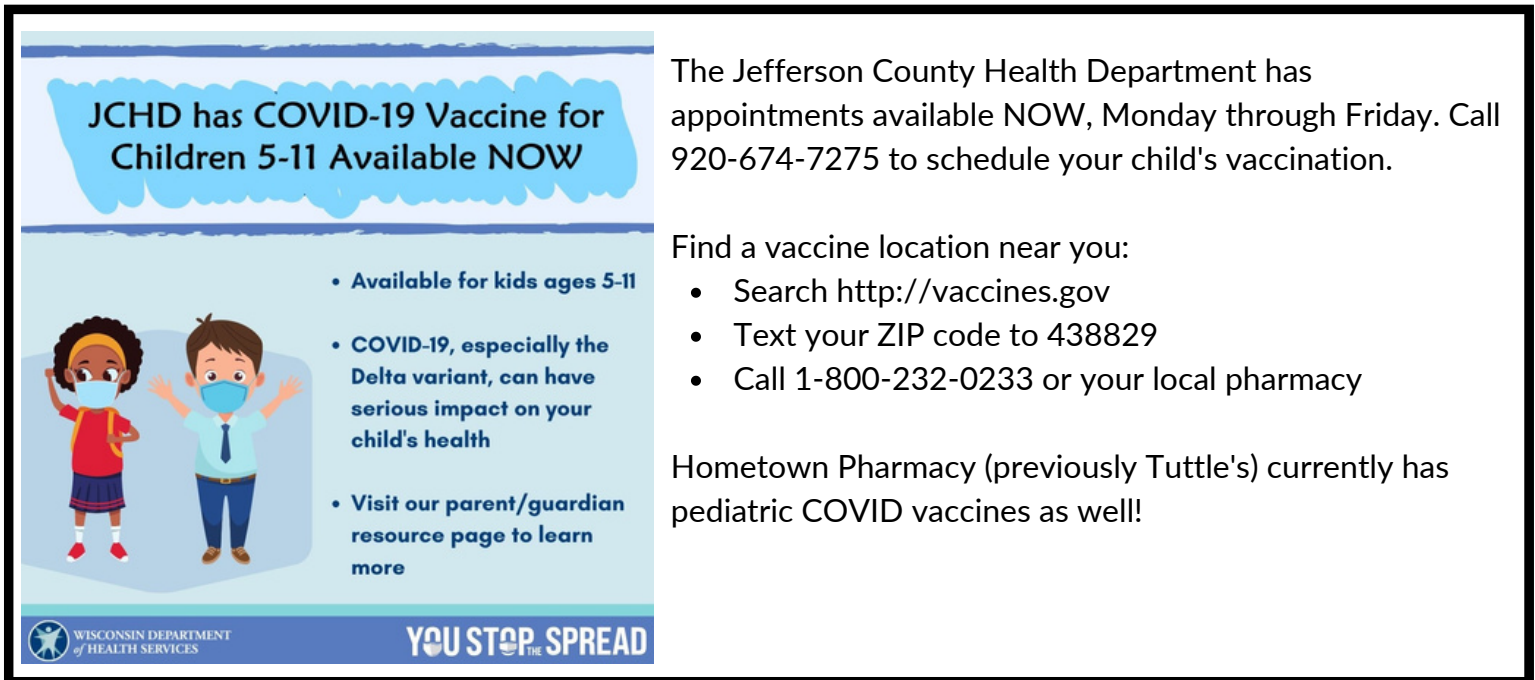
The Toy & Clothing Giveaway (also known as the toy, food and clothing distribution), takes place mid-December in the Activity Center at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds (in Jefferson). [Click here to learn more!](#)



Fort HealthCare is sharing some Backpack News for our families, which includes tips such as how to stay healthy as the winter weather approaches, tips for families, flu shots, and more!

[Click here for the PDF in English](#)

[Click here for the PDF in Spanish](#)



**JCHD has COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5-11 Available NOW**

- Available for kids ages 5-11
- COVID-19, especially the Delta variant, can have serious impact on your child's health
- Visit our parent/guardian resource page to learn more

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT of HEALTH SERVICES

**YOU STOP THE SPREAD**

The Jefferson County Health Department has appointments available NOW, Monday through Friday. Call 920-674-7275 to schedule your child's vaccination.

Find a vaccine location near you:

- Search <http://vaccines.gov>
- Text your ZIP code to 438829
- Call 1-800-232-0233 or your local pharmacy

Hometown Pharmacy (previously Tuttle's) currently has pediatric COVID vaccines as well!



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2021 UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN  
**United For All**

United Way of Jefferson & North Walworth Counties

Looking to make a positive difference in our community? Consider donating to our local United Way. We appreciate their partnership in our Family Connections Program!

## Community Connections:

[Parks & Recreation - Fall & Winter Guide](#)

[Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce - Holiday Market, December 4th](#)

[City of Fort Atkinson - News & City Council](#)

[Fort Atkinson Community Foundation - Projects](#)



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