



LUTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Luther Families,

The first quarter was certainly exciting for all students and staff. The children really settled into nice routines and have been busy working in the classroom. Each day students have reading for 90 minutes and math and writing for 60 minutes. You should be seeing some huge gains in your child's ability to read and understand the meaning. PLEASE have them read at home each night as well. Thank you!!

We celebrated field day a few weeks ago. The students rotated through stations and played cooperative games. We continue to focus on building *community* at Luther. We have also added a theme of *empathy* for October and November. Students will do activities around these items in daily morning classroom meetings.

The staff at Luther appreciates all of the family support. It is great to work with families to help ALL children grow while at school. It takes ALL of us!! Thank you.

Pictures below from field day:



Calendar of Events: November

We hope you can join us!

11/1 PTO Mtg. 5:30

11/2 Girls Group

11/4 Luther Loyalty Day

Report Cards get sent home

School Store

11/6 Daylight Savings time ~Fall back 1 hour!

11/7 Parent/Teacher confirmation sheets go home with Students

11/14 Early Release~1:30 pm

Book Fair Opens

11/15 Parent/Teacher Conferences

11/16 Girls Group

11/17 Parent/Teacher Conferences

BOE mtg.

11/18 School Store

11/23 No School

11/24 No School School

Happy Thanksgiving



Scholastic Book Fair



The Book Fair will be open November 14th -18th from 10:45-12:20, and 3:00-3:30. It will also be open on the evenings of November 15th and 17th until 7:00pm on Parent/Teacher conference nights. Parents are welcome to come shopping with their child.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 15th and Thursday, November 17th afterschool and in the evenings. We hope you will consider signing up to meet with your child's teachers. It is important that Luther Educators have an opportunity to talk with parents about the great things their child is doing at school.



Report Cards will be sent home with students on Friday, November 4th. Parents can keep the report cards for your records and discard the envelope.



5th Grade Band News

Band lessons are well underway! Please remember to fill out and return practice logs weekly. It is so important to be practicing at home and showing accountability for that time as we learn how to play each instrument.

THANK YOU parents for attending Band Parent Night on October 24th! The 3rd Annual Band Booster Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, November 5th, 7:30-11:00am at the Middle School. Come to get your fill of pancakes while being entertained by the middle and high school jazz bands! See you there!

Our next performance is our Holiday Band & Orchestra Concert on Thursday, December 15th at 6:00 pm at the HIGH SCHOOL Auditorium. Mark your Calendars!!



Orchestra news

Continue to keep turning in practice logs weekly. Time is more valuable than talent and a regular routine will help your child make progress on their instrument and make it more enjoyable. Parents: ask your child about the songs they are learning for the winter concert!

Orchestra Fundraiser

If you participated in the orchestra "Just Coffee" fundraiser, plan on picking up your items at FAHS on November 21 after school. It is your responsibility to deliver those who ordered on behalf of your child. You will receive a manifest of all items ordered and contact information when you pick up the items.

First Concert

The first orchestra and band orchestra concert is Thursday December 15 at 6pm in the FAHS auditorium! Students need to be at the high school by 5:45 and will meet in the music pod. This is separate from the school winter sing. It will be really exciting to see how much progress your children have made since the beginning of the year.

Do You Have a Veteran in Your Family?

Each year Luther Students and Staff celebrate Veterans Day. Please let Mr. Geiger know of any Luther Parents, Grandparents, or Relatives that may be a Veteran. We would like to recognize them at an all-school assembly on Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11th. You can call him at 920-563-7828 or email at geigerd@fortschools.org



SDFA Early Release Days

Students will dismiss at 1:30 on the following days:

Monday, November 14th

Monday, January 30th

Monday, February 20th

Monday, March 13th

Monday, April 17th

Monday, May 15th

During the afternoons on these days from 1:30-4:30, all teachers will be attending professional development



ART ROOM NEWS.....

Luther Families,

Check your emails! You should have gotten a message from Artsonia prompting you to sign in to your child's account. Each student at Luther has a digital portfolio to publish finished pieces online. There is a free app to download if you would like to add art from home and to make viewing and commenting easier but the site works great without it. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Thank you,

Mrs. Zuniga

zunigaj@fortschools.org



Christmas is coming - and so is our Winter Sing! The children are just now beginning to learn about their role in the concert, so it's time to mark your calendars. Thursday, Dec 8th at 2pm and 6pm will be the K, 1, 2nd grade program entitled "The Littlest Christmas Trees". Then on Tuesday, Dec 13th at 2pm and 6pm will be the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders performing their version of "The Nutcracker". Both performances are identical and there's lots of room during our 2pm concerts, so be sure to come to that one if you are concerned about the large crowds. Our littlest ones in K, 1st and 2nd grades will all be wearing a handmade Christmas tree "costume" that can go over their own holiday attire. The 3rd, 4th and 5th graders should be dressed in their holiday best. We will also be lining our hallways with poinsettias as we will be having our second annual Poinsettia sale! Your purchase will benefit the Luther music program! Thanks in part to those who participated last year, our students will be standing on new and much safer risers this year. With just a little more help, we'll be adding the safety railings next year. Send your child back to school with the flier below and your check and we'll get the orders in. We are so excited that the holiday season has begun! Get your cameras ready - and we'll see you all very soon!



Be Prepared for the Changing Weather

Students should have a coat to wear during recess. As the temperature drops, please help your child remain comfortable while at recess by having a hat and gloves. Once the snow starts to come this way then students will need snow pants and boots.

We have many donated items for winter gear. IF you need an item or two please contact the Luther office at 563-7828.



Dear Families & Friends:

That festive time of the year is almost upon us. What better way to brighten your holidays than with a gorgeous poinsettia plant. We are selling poinsettias to raise money to buy instruments, risers and other musical materials for our school. **Your support last year was so much appreciated!!**

The plants will be delivered from Humphrey Floral to Luther Elementary the day of the concert (Dec 8th for K-2 and Dec 13 for 3-5). **Last year's plants were large and gorgeous!** At the conclusion of the concert, you may select the plant(s) you ordered, take them home, and enjoy or give them as gifts to your neighbors or family. If you have any questions, contact Donna Berg @ bergd@fortschools.org

Poinsettia Order Form

Due to Mrs. Berg by Friday, November 22nd, 2022 (last day before Thanksgiving break)

Child's Name _____ Classroom Teacher _____

Red _____

Pink _____

White _____

Number of plant(s) you would like to purchase _____ @ \$20 each = _____

If you are not interested in a plant but would still like to make a donation to our music program please list the dollar amount here : _____

Grand Total _____

*****Checks made out to "Luther Elementary School". All checks/ money must be attached to this completed order form*****



Technology Safety

In an effort to protect the digital safety of our students, we will be disabling the ability for elementary kids from sending and receiving emails to or from addresses not affiliated with the School District of Fort Atkinson. After an audit by our tech department, and best practices for our younger learners, district email is not the preferred method of communication with outside entities. Parents who utilize student's fortschools email addresses for communication should call the office to relay important information. Thank you!

Southern Lakes Anthology Project

Mark your calendars!

All submissions are due by November 30!

What is the Southern Lakes Anthology Project?

The Southern Lakes Anthology Project is sponsored by the Southern Lakes Advanced Learners Network. The purpose of the Anthology is to provide an opportunity for talented writers, artists, and cartoonists to publish their work. During the months of October and November, students will receive more information about the project and this year's theme, "One in a Million."

Who can submit work?

School District of Fort Atkinson students in Grades 3 through 8 may submit pieces for judging.

Why should students consider submitting their work?

Southern Lakes Anthology provides an authentic audience for young writers and artists. The top entries from Fort Atkinson are published in a local anthology and also sent to regional judging. If selected at the regional level, the pieces are published in a book along with works by other students in southeastern Wisconsin. Published students are invited to a recognition ceremony in May where they receive a free copy of the book.

How are the pieces chosen?

Pieces must communicate a message based on the year's theme. Art, cartoons, and illustrations (in illustrated writing) are also judged on originality, neatness, space, and composition. Artwork should have strong black and white contrast-black pen or marker carefully used

over very light pencil works great! Writing pieces are judged on relevance to the theme, clarity of ideas, organization, sentence fluency, word choice, conventions, and voice.

All work must be a student's original work. Parents and teachers may provide editing assistance. Specific rules and guidelines regarding page limits, font size and margin widths, as well as templates for art/illustration pieces, will be available.

If you have questions, please contact Nancy Leisgang, GT Program Assistant, at leisgangn@fortschools.org.

District Updates & Reminders



Join our 1Fort Team!

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.

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 with any questions you may have.




November 2022 Referendum


The Needs:

- Operational - Funding needed to continue current programming and services due to the expiration of the 2020 referendum
- Capital - Building secure entrances, addressing urgent maintenance needs at all six District schools, and improving traffic flow at the high school site

The Solution: Operational Referendum (Question 1 on Ballot)

	Recurring
	\$3 million beginning in 2023
	Non-recurring
	\$4 million non-recurring in 2023-24 and 2024-25
	\$5 million non-recurring in 2025-26

The Solution: Capital Referendum (Question 2 on Ballot)

	\$22 million in general obligation bonds to include:
	Build secure entries at all six schools
	Address urgent maintenance needs at all six schools
	Improve traffic flow at the high school

   = Stable Public School Tax Rate

The Board of Education consistently considers the fiscal impact on taxpayers within the budget process. As a result, **the proposed referendum keeps the public school tax rate stable.**



[Check out this summary video from Board of Education Member, Amy Reynolds](#)

Interested in Learning More?

Join Us!

Community Q&A Session
Tuesday, November 1st
6:30-7:30 pm
Luther Elementary

Digital Safety



Check out our website to learn more!

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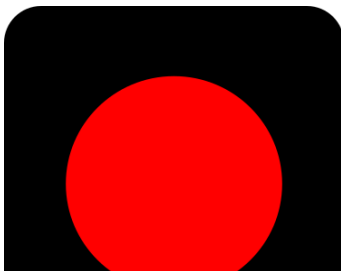
Thanks for your help in keeping our student's digital experience focused and safe.

Warmly,

The District Technology Department

Attendance Matters!

Many of us are familiar with the traffic light. When we think about attendance we can use this to help picture how we are doing. How has your child's attendance been for the first quarter? You can use Powerschool to see how many days they have attended—there were 39 days in the first quarter.



Red—Out of school for 10% or more of the time—means missing 18 or more days during the school year.

- Both excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom. It also means missed opportunities to learn and may put your child behind their peers.
 - For the first quarter it means being absent from school for 4 or more days.
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Yellow–Out of school for 6 to 9% of the time--means missing between 10-17 days during the school year.

- Students who average 15 days of absences each year miss about 1 full year of school by the time they are in 12th grade.
 - For the first quarter it means being absent 2 - 3 days.
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Green–Out of school for 5% or less of the time–means missing fewer than 9 days during the school year.

- Students in this category generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- For the first quarter it means being absent fewer than 2 days

We recognize there are times when students are not able to attend because they are ill or showing symptoms of illness and it is best for them to stay home. If that is the case, please be sure to contact the attendance office.

But as long as your child is healthy, we believe it is important for them to be at school all day, every day.

Thanks for helping reinforce positive school attendance.

Community Events & Reminders

Parks & Recreation Fall/Winter Guide - New Programming!

The new guide is interactive allowing residents to register for their activities while viewing the guide digitally. A few fun elementary programs to mention are:

- Bantam Volleyball (grades 4-6) – Mon., Nov 14-Dec 12 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Gym – Deadline to sign up: Nov 11
- Skate Park Scare: Sat., Oct 29 at 4:00-6:00 p.m. free for all ages located at the Wheels Park (Ralph Park) – costume contest, skating demos, and music!
- Deck the House: Start planning your holiday light displays now and enter your home in a contest to win in one of the new categories: Most Elegant, Best Holiday Spirit, or Clark Griswold! Submit a picture of your home between Nov. 21-Dec 4. to <https://bit.ly/jcdeckthehouse22>. Start a new family tradition and tour the map and vote for your favorites in December. Join “Deck the House – Jefferson County, WI” on Facebook for updates!

View the guide here

FORT ATKINSON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**26th Annual
Holiday Light
Parade**

FORT BAND BOOSTERS

Sat., Nov. 5th
7:30 AM - 11:00 AM

MIDDLE SCHOOL Commons
4th St. entrance

\$7 age seven & up
(\$8 at the door)

\$4 age six & younger
(\$5 at the door)

LIVE MUSIC!!

8:00 FAMS Jazz
8:30 FAHS Jazz Messengers
9:10 Mr. Steger, Mr. Fettig & Guests
9:30 FAHS Jazz Ambassadors

Menu
Pancakes
Applesauce
Jones Sausage
Coffee
Orange Juice
Milk

JOIN US ON THE MORNING OF

SATURDAY NOV. 12, 2022

FORT ATKINSON HIGH SCHOOL

5K - 12K - VIRTUAL COMMUNITY EVENT

#FrostyRock2022

Learn more & register here!
(or visit: FortHealthCare.com/FrostyRock)

5K Walk/Run, 12K & Virtual Run = \$10
T-Shirts Available w/Race = \$15
VETERANS & CHILDREN WALK FOR FREE

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City of Fort Atkinson News

Stay up to date on what's happening at the Fort Atkinson City Council meetings. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at the Fort Atkinson Municipal Building, 101 N. Main St. Agendas and information can be found at www.fortatkinsonwi.gov/council.

Community Connections:

- [Parks & Recreation](#)
- [City of Fort Atkinson - News & City Council](#)
- [Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Fort Atkinson Community Foundation](#)

