

MAY/JUNE 2022

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Dear Purdy Families,** 

It's hard to believe this is the FINAL family newsletter of the year! It has been quite the journey this year and when I think back to all that's been accomplished I can't help but feel an overwhelming sense of pride in our students, staff and families. It has truly taken this whole team to pull together during this year and we look forward to that continued collaboration and partnerships in years to come!

#### **RECENT NEWS:**

Purdy students in grades 3-5 are officially done with Forward Exam Testing. They put their hearts and hard work into "showing off" and proving what they knew. I was so very proud of each and every one of them to really give their BEST! The rest of the school was so supporting in making sure they were using their most quiet voices in the hallways to create the best testing environment for our students. We also had the K-2 students make a "hallway tunnel" for the 3-5 graders to walk through and get lots of encouraging words and high-fives. It was a cool moment to see all that Purdy Family support!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

We are excited to host our annual Purdy Palooza Event coming up on May 20th! This event is organized by our PTO and in the past, has been our biggest school-wide fundraiser. The funds help us meet our mission of providing quality, engaging activities for students in lieu of selling items to raise needed funding. The students will participate in a rotation of healthy and active stations in an afternoon of building community together. This is one of the most favorite memories of the year! We are honored to have several community sponsors for this event this year, including: Aropa Design, Badger Basement, Bait Box on the Rock, Planet Chaos, Creamery, Crimson, Culvers, Duners Blackhawk Club, Festival, Fort Healthcare, Fort Atkinson Family Restaurant, Festival, FCCU, Hoards Dairyman, Hometown Pharmacy, Island Bar & Grill, JM Carpet, Lake Country Heating and Cooling, Mink Farm, Piper Mae, Rock River Lanes, Scotties Eat More, Serenity Concepts, Ten Pin, Wayne Hayes and Whitewater Walmart. A special thank you to our planning team: Rachel Broadhead, Lisa Dunham, Sara Jones, Kaci Evenson, Cheryl Rowland, Christina VanderMause and Cassie Werner for working collaboratively on this event!

Also on May 20th will be our annual PTO Family Movie Night! We will be setting up a large screen in the grassy area on the playground. Bring a blanket, some chairs and come relax as we do movie night together. We will be selling some light concessions and collecting donations for our PTO. Watch for more info to come!

Summer School information went home already and priority registration has closed, but IT'S NOT TOO LATE! We will be reopening Summer School Registration on Wednesday, April 27th if you still want to sign up. You can access the link at

https://www.fortschools.org/domain/4610 As a reminder, Summer School generally runs from June 20 - July 22, with students being off July 4th and 5th. We are looking forward to a GREAT Summer School program.

5th Grade Breakfast - On Wednesday, June 8th we will be honoring our 5th graders with a well-deserved breakfast and transition celebration. These families have received information about this event and more details will continue to come as we get closer, but we look forward to celebrating and promoting our 5th graders on to their next new adventure at Fort Atkinson Middle School!

Thank you so much for sharing your amazing and beautiful children with us. It is truly our honor to be part of their educational journey and we take on that role with great importance! Looking forward to more adventures ahead!

Mrs. Leigh Ann Scheuerell, Principal





#### One Team, One District, One Community

Fort Atkinson High School Fort Atkinson Middle School

Barrie Elementary | Luther Elementary | Purdy Elementary | Rockwell Elementary



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## **Event Calendar**



## Calendar of Events: May/June

#### We hope you can join us!

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- May 5 Fourth Grade Orchestra Recruitment @FAHS
- May 6 Purdy Pride Day
- May 12- 4th Grade Poetry Night @ Hoard Museum 5:00-7:00PM
- May 12 Elementary Combined Choir Concert @ Luther 6:30PM
- May 16 Early Release Day 1:30PM
- May 18 PTO Meeting 6:30PM
- May 19 Fourth Grade to Overture Center (Madison)
- May 20 Purdy Palooza 12:30-3:00
- May 20 End of the Year Movie Night
- May 24 Purdy Family Literacy Night (Dwight Foster Public Library)
- May 26 Grade 4/5 Track Meet
- May 27 Purdy Palooza Rain Date
- May 30 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- June 1 District 5th Grade Safety Patrol Trip to Lake Geneva
- June 3 End of the Year Movie Night Rain Date
- June 3 Purdy Pride Day
- June 8 Fifth Grade Breakfast
- June 8 Purdy Recognition Assembly 10:00AM
- June 8 11:50 Dismissal Last Day of School/End of 4th Quarter
- June 20 First Day of Summer School (runs through July 22)

## **School Updates & Reminders**



#### **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 ONLY!
  - 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, the teacher'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 the temperature is under 50 degrees

#### **Handy Links**

<u>Purdy's Website</u> - News Updated Regularly

<u>District Home Page</u> - District News

<u>School Nutrition Page</u> - School Breakfast/Lunch Menus ( **Please check daily**)

<u>Purdy's Facebook</u> - Purdy "Happenings"





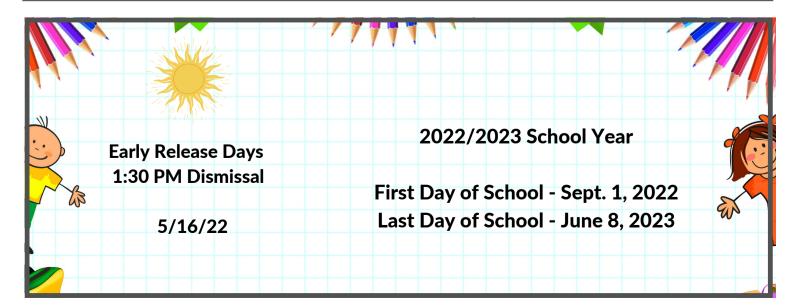














#### **LOST AND FOUND**

Parents are encouraged to check the Lost and Found area before the end of the school year. (located by Door #13) As in previous years, remaining lost and found items will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul store just prior to Summer School beginning.

#### **BASE Summer Program 2022**

BASE is excited to again provide a wrap around program beginning June 13 and running through August 26, 2022. BASE will be open 7:30am-5:30pm when summer school is not in session and 7:30am-8:00am and 12:00 noon-5:30pm when summer school is in session. Please visit <a href="https://www.basefortatkinson.org/summerprogram">www.basefortatkinson.org/summerprogram</a> for dates, fees, and additional information and registration links. All members must attend Summer School through the Fort Atkinson School District from June 20-July 22. The BASE Summer Program includes staff-led enrichment programs centered around the arts, diversity, STEM, healthy lifestyles, nature, cooking, reading, and more. We anticipate that members will enjoy trips to the pool and field trips. All meals are included.



#### **MEDICATION REMINDER**

All medication must be picked by Wednesday, June 8th.

Any medication left at school after that date will be discarded. If your student will be attending summer school and requires medication, please contact the school nurse office at 920-563-7805



#### **ALL FEES AND BOOKS ARE DUE**

Students and parents are reminded that all books are due by the end of school. Any outstanding fees or fines will result in carryovers into next year including on to the Middle School and High School. Anyone feeling there is an error or cannot afford a total payment should contact either the main office or library desk.

## News from the Office



## Purdy Elementary



P: 920.563.7822 F: 920.563.7837

Hello Purdy Families,

It's hard to believe we are already thinking about next year, but we wanted to let you know in advance that as COVID relief programs end, it is looking like we will go into regular meal operations for the 2022-2023 school year - meaning we will no longer be able to offer free breakfast and lunch for all students.

If you feel that your family may qualify for free or reduced meals, we highly encourage you to sign up now so that at the start of next year, you will not have to worry about this!

Please check out the link below for more information and how you can sign up! There are MANY great benefits to this program and as always, this information remains highly confidential.

https://www.fortschools.org/Page/8198

Please contact the main office for any questions you may have: 920-563-7822

## Safety Patroller of the Month/ School Nutrition



Each month, we select 2 safety patrollers that demonstrate their work as leaders above and beyond what is expected in this duty. We recognized **Dominik Nowak** and **Tayven Marshall** this month on Friday, April 27th. We will also be recognizing **Ava Krahn** and **Maggie Fredrick** on Friday, May 27th. We are also recognizing **Lupe Perez** and **Lilian Zuniga Manzano**. They were and/or will be treated to McDonald's/Culver's with other 5th grade students from FASD.

#### Reminder!!!

Please check your child's lunch account balance!

If your child is purchasing milk at meal time, and NOT a full meal, those milks are not free, and funds are withdrawn from your account to cover that purchase.

Also, based on current legislation, starting in September, meals will go back to "normal" and will no longer be free for all families. Since we have not regularly used these accounts since March 2020, you may have funds available to start the 2022-23 school year...but, many of you may be carrying a negative balance, from meals purchased prior to March 2020. Now is a good time to check them, and see where you stand, so you are ready to go come fall!

If you have any questions, please contact Nutrition Services at oswaldc@fortschools.org or 920-563-7811 ext.1159.

## **PTO News**



#### **2021-2022 PTO Officers**

**President - Christina Vander Mause** 

**Vice President - Sarah Jones** 

**Secretary - Kaci Evenson** 

Treasurer - Sherri Siglinsky



## PTO Meeting Next Meeting May 18th @ 6:30 PM Purdy IMC

Hello Purdy Families,

As you are planning for your Mother's Day and Father's Day events, and your Highschool and College Graduations, Baby showers and Weddings this summer please remember that SCRIP cards can be the perfect answer to your gift giving dilemmas.

Scrip cards are always the right size, the right style and the right color!

Your purchase of SCRIP cards also benefits the school and ultimately your child!

Please consider giving SCRIP cards a try!

We know you'll love the ease and convenience and there is a lot less postage and no schlepping heavy packages to the post office!

Did you know that you can order airline bucks through SCRIP??

## **Purdy Volunteers**



Purdy had 121 volunteers this year, who were recognized last month during the Purdy Arts Festival We are so appreciative of the tremendous amount of support we get each year from our Purdy families. Thank you for all you do!

Greg Albert
Anna Alberts
Isabel Alvarez-Cruz
Miroslava Ayala
Mary Baldwin
Hannah Behling
Terry Blankenship
Haley Bottiger
Lauren Bretl
Penny Bright
Brock Broadhead
Jack Broadhead
Monica Broadhead
Rachel Broadhead
Olivia Brock
Jenna Broege
Brayden Brown
Michelle Brown
Chrystabe Butler
Tessa Byrnes
Joselyn Calleja
Meladee Carey
Josh Carter
Valeria Cazanove Pena
Madalynn Cramlet
Evelyn Cruz
Cathy Daly
Mary Davisson
Sue Deuster
Janet Dickinson
Olivia Dieter
Holly Dow
Amber Dresang
Bryanna Duddeck
Emily Dunlap

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Courtney Edwards
Sarah Elsner
Brian Enger
Megan Eske
Kaci Evenson
Jesenia Flores
Jacki Foelker
Katie Fox
David Frederick
Katelyn Frederick
Maggie Frederick
Mariana Gamez Garza
Kendall Garant
Ruth Gavin
Stephanie Goodearle
Mya Helmick
Josh Hertzfeldt
Riley Hertzfeldt
Keri Hill
Kris Hofer
Abbey Hoffman
Ashlynn Holloway
Samuel Horvatin
Annette Hoye
Jeff Jensen
Allie Jonas
Sarah Jones
Matthew Ketterhagen
Tracey Koeppen
Ava Krahn
Melissa Krahn
Julie Kusel
Sam LaMuro
Minetta Lippert

Shawna Loniello

Courtney Majeres				
Samantha Mallin				
Jenny Mares				
Taylor Marshall				
Tiffany Marshall				
Tiffany Marshall Olivia Martin				
Addison Maxfield				
Cynthia Maxwell				
Nicole Mayans				
Judy McDonald				
Lindsey Meyers				
Beth Nelson				
Kim Nielsen				
Kelly Opperman				
Lisa Perkins				
Clinton Poston				
Melissa Punzel				
Jasmin Quezada				
Sabrina Radke				
Adriana Reyes Ehrke				
Amy Reynolds				
Garrett Root				
Kayla Rowe				
Diana Sampayo				
Jack Schave				
Eli Scheuerell				
Leigh Ann Scheuerell				
Dan Schneider				
Heather Schneider				
DJ Scullin				
Nick Siglinsky				
Sherrie Siglinsky				
Jennifer Smith				
Heather Stachel				

**Shannon Statz** 

**Ashley Stewart Justin Stewart** Kayla Telfer **Quinn Teubert** Allie Thompson Citlalli Torres Jenny Tumbarello Peter Valasquez Christina Vander Mause Stephanie VanTreeck Jerry Walls Stephanie Walls Cassie Werner Ryan Werner Kiara Wolfram Ariana Zastrow Lindsey Zeisler

## **Purdy Elementary Library Night**



# Purdy Elementary LIBRARY NIGHT

at Dwight Foster Public Library
200 Merchants Ave. Fort Athinson

WIN A DOOR PRIZE

JOIN A SCAVENGER HUNT

DECORATE A BOOKMARK

FIND A GOOD BOOK WITH A TEACHER

SIGN UP FOR A LIBRARY CARD

JOIN THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

READ WITH YOUR FAMILY

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 4:00-6:00 pm



## PALOOZA is Coming!



Purdy Elementary School 719 South Main Street Fort Atkinson, WI 53538 920-563-7822 | 920-563-7837 fax Mrs. Leigh Ann Scheuerell, Principal

Purdy PTO is once again seeking community sponsors and support through our 6th Annual Purdy Palooza event. This event will take place on Friday, May 13th, 2022 and will include all our students and staff K-5 for approximately 300+ participants. The afternoon will be filled with activities that promote healthy lifestyles and physical fitness. It will be both educational and fun for all our students, staff and volunteers.

Our goal is to raise \$7,500 through the support of parents, friends, staff and the community. The Purdy PTO uses this money to help fund scholarships, field trips, equipment, and enrichment opportunities (like our Artist in Residency Program for our students, while maintaining low/attainable costs for parents. These activities enhance the quality of education for our children. In order to continue to support these events we need your support!

Corporate sponsorship is essential to helping us meet our goals. Support levels are:

Platinum - \$250+ donation Includes company logo on:

- Back of t-shirts worn by all volunteers as well as students
- All paper materials sent to Purdy families as well as inclusion in all local media communications
- Signage of all sponsors hung in prominent places during Palooza

Gold - \$100 donation Includes company name on:

- Back of t-shirts worn by all volunteers as well as students
- All paper materials sent to Purdy families as well as inclusion in all local media communications
- Signage of all sponsors hung in prominent places during Palooza

**NEW THIS YEAR: Family Sponsorship! - \$100 donation** 

Families can take advantage of the "Gold Level" sponsorship with benefits listed above, including YOUR FAMILY NAMI
ON THE T-SHIRT! (ex. The Smith Family)

Please make the check payable to Purdy PTO. Sponsorship and logos need to be submitted by 4/14/22 with all logos needed for production to be submitted on 4/15/22. Please email logos and/or exact company names or family names to purdypalooza@gmail.com.

With your help we are positive we can reach our goals. Thank you in advance for your careful consideration and for the time and energy that ensures the continued success of programming for our Purdy Elementary students.

Sincerely,

Your Purdy Palooza Event Coordinators
Kaci Evenson and Christina Vander Mause
purdypalooza@gmail.com | 920-723-6167 Kaci's Cell

## **Band & Orchestra News**



#### **Band and Orchestra Concert**

5th grade band and orchestra will perform on Tuesday, May 17 at Fort Atkinson High School.

Students need to arrive by 5:30 and the concert will begin at 6:00.

In order to practice for this concert, band and orchestra students will have all school rehearsals during the day on the following days.

Wednesday, May 11 - All Band Students Friday, May 13 - All Orchestra Students Tuesday, May 17 - ALL Band and Orchestra students

#### **Orchestra Festival Concert**

Thursday, June 2 is the last orchestra concert. This will be at Fort Atkinson High School at 7:00pm. This will feature all orchestras grades 5-12.

#### Orchestra Sign up Night 4th into 5th

Attention all 4th Grade families! Tuesday, May 10 is the orchestra sign up night for orchestra next year. This will be held from 3:30-5:30 at Luther Elementary.

There will be parent information meetings at 3:30 and 5:30.

There will be a representative from Breber Music to sign students up for instrument rental.

All students saw a demonstration of the orchestra instruments on May 5 and got to try out instruments that were interesting to them. Ask your child about what they liked!





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

- A student may return to school after being fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medicine if he/she is feeling better
- A student may return 24 hours after last episode of vomiting/diarrhea if he/she is feeling better
- A student 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.



#### IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

Wisconsin Student Immunization Law requires a dose of Tdap vaccine for students entering the 6th grade. Parents are required to have their children vaccinated or claim a waiver.

For the 2022-2023 school year the following is required:

Students entering Vaccine

Grades 6 through 12 Tdap (1 dose)

Tdap is the adolescent combination vaccine that protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Only one dose is required.

#### Tdap Fact Sheet

We encourage you to make plans now to have your child vaccinated well in advance of school starting next fall to avoid the late summer rush at doctor's offices and immunization clinics. Please provide the school with the dates of your child's vaccination updates.

#### Student immunization Record

Please contact your child's medical provider to review your child's immunization record and make your summer appointment. If you do not have insurance that covers the cost of vaccines, please call the Jefferson County Health Department at 920-674-7275 and schedule an appointment.

You may contact the School Nurse office with any questions at 920-563-7805 or email at schoolnurse@fortschool.org.



Love them, Protect them, Immunize them!

## **News from the School Nurse**



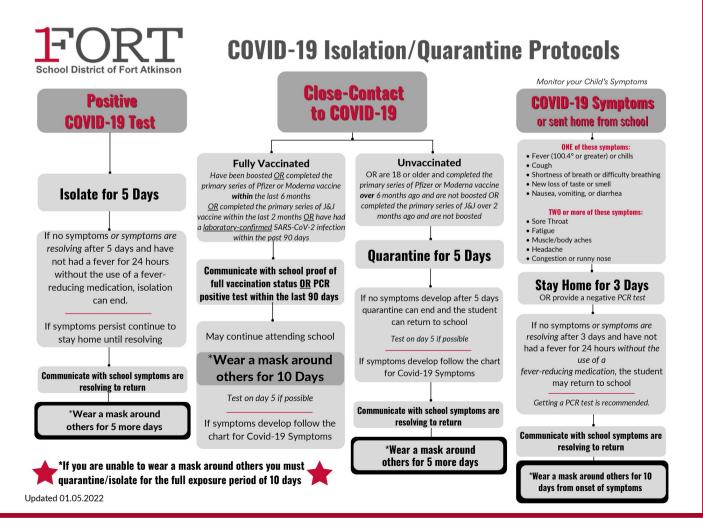
## NEW COVID-19/QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS Effective 1-6-22

In alignment with the CDC and the Jefferson County Health Department, the School District of Fort Atkinson will reduce its required isolation period for students and staff who have a confirmed case to 5 days from a positive test or symptom onset date.

This means individuals who test positive for COVID-19 may return to school after 5 days of isolation IF they have not had symptoms for 24 hours.

Individuals returning from isolation must wear a mask when around others for an additional five days after their return to school. If a student or staff member cannot wear a mask, they will be required to isolate for the full 10 days.

The same quarantine measures will be taken for those exposed to COVID-19 who are unvaccinated (along with those who completed the primary series of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted OR completed the primary series of Johnson & Johnson over 2 months ago and are not boosted). Fully vaccinated individuals exposed to COVID-19 should wear a mask for 10 days after the date of exposure and get tested on day 5 if possible but may remain in school. Any individual that develops symptoms should get a test and stay home.



## **News from the School Nurse**



## NEW COVID-19/QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS Effective 1-6-22



### **COVID-19 Isolation/Quarantine Protocols FAQ:**

#### **□** What does it mean to be a "close contact" to someone who tested positive for COVID-19?

"Close contact" is with someone who has tested positive with COVID-19. Close contact is defined as:

- Contact within 3 feet for more than 15 minutes total in a day with a positive tested person. Exception: Students who were within 3-6 feet of the infected st if both students were engaged in the consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks.
- Physical contact with a positive tested person.
- Direct contact with respiratory secretions (i.e., coughing, sneezing, dirty tissue, shared utensils, shared food, or other personal items) of a positive tested per
- Living with or staying overnight for at least one night in a household with a positive tested person.
- The above criteria apply regardless of face-covering use, face shields, or physical barriers, such as Plexiglas or plastic barriers.

\*A school district notification of exposure in a school/grade/classroom does not necessarily mean close contact exposure has occurred. See

#### 2. How will I know if my child has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19?

Notifications will be sent to parents when there has been a possible exposure at school.

#### 3. If my child was exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, must other students in my child's household stay home?

No, not unless the other student(s) in the household have symptoms (as outlined on the flowchart) or they were also exposed.

#### 1. When does the clock start on the 5 days of isolation/quarantine?

**Exposures**- Day 0 starts the day you had close contact with confirmed COVID-19, and day 1 is the first full day following the last close contact. **Symptomatic positive cases**- Day 0 is the day of symptom onset, regardless of test date, and day 1 is the first full day following the day your symptoms starte **Asymptomatic positive cases**- Day 0 is the day you were tested (not the day you received your positive test result), and day 1 is the first full day following the day were tested. If you develop symptoms within the 5 days, the clock restarts at day 0 on the day of symptom onset.

#### Who does NOT need to Quarantine after a close contact exposure?

- · Individuals ages 18 or older who have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters within the last 6 months
- Individuals ages 5-17 who have completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 with a viral test within the previous 90 days who have recovered and remain without COVID
  symptoms

#### 5. Where can I get a COVID-19 PCR test for my child or their household members?

Jefferson County also offers a variety of testing options which can be found on the <u>JCHD</u> website.

#### 7. Who can I contact with other questions?

You can contact the school district nurse at schoolnurse@fortschools.org or call Elementary questions 920-563-7805 ext. 885 Middle & High School questions call 920-563-7805 ext. 8853

## **District Updates & Reminders**



## Community Survey - Closes May 16th

In November of 2021, the School District of Fort Atkinson asked voters to participate in a community survey to **evaluate the district's financial and facility needs, consider possible solutions.** and offer their feedback.

Understanding that much has changed over the past several months, we are asking residents to **complete a follow-up survey** to provide additional input.

Paper copies are available at the Municipal Building, Dwight Foster Public Library, Chamber, Senior Center, and each SDFA school office.

If you have questions, please contact Marissa Weidenfeller, SDFA Director of Communications, at info@fortschools.org or 920-563-7851.





## **Summer School Registration - OPEN!**

Have you registered for summer school yet? Registration is now open. There are plenty of available courses/camps to choose from.

Registration is completed online. Visit <a href="https://www.fortschools.org/summer">www.fortschools.org/summer</a> for more information.

If you have any questions, please call 920-563-7802 during business hours or email <a href="mailto:summerschool@fortschools.org">summerschool@fortschools.org</a>.



## **ESSER Dashboard - LIVE**

Between March of 2020 and 2021, Congress passed three stimulus bills that provided over \$2.3 billion under the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Education Relief Fund (ESSER or ESSERF) to local educational agencies (LEAs) in Wisconsin. These funds provide emergency financial assistance to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools.



**CLICK HERE!** 

In an effort to provide transparent communication with stakeholders, SDFA created an interactive dashboard. What you will find on this dashboard are links to information about these funds, as well as sub-pages dedicated to outlining each of the three waves of funding and how the School District of Fort Atkinson leveraged these one-time funds. Stakeholders provided feedback to direct the District where to invest these one-time funds.

## Community Events & Reminders



## **Badgerland After School Enrichment (BASE) Registration**

Currently accepting membership applications for the 2022 summer program!

The 2022 summer program will run from June 13th-August 26th. We will be open from 7:30 am-5:30 pm and offer a fun-filled day with activities, field trips, and friends.

Summer fees range from \$40-\$90/week per child with discounted fees for additional children, and additional financial support may be available for qualifying families. Click here to start the registration process!

Affordable fees and scholarships available for those who qualify and select early release and no school days

AFTER SCHOOL

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Open to children ages 7+

For more information and to register: www.basefortatkinson.org/registration

BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES

General Inquiries, Donations & Events alicia@basefortatkinson.org

Membership, Programs & Operations melissa@basefortatkinson.org

### **Upcoming Events**

- American Legion Post 166 7th Annual Fishing Derby
- Fort Boys Basketball
   Association Summer
   Basketball Camp





for more information and to purchase tickets visit
WWW.BASEFORTATKINSON.ORG

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!





### **Community Connections:**

Parks & Recreation

**Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce** 

City of Fort Atkinson - News & City Council

Fort Atkinson Community Foundation - Projects