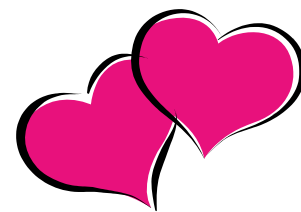




Purdy Elementary School

February 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Future Dates Mar. 2 Orchestra Dessert Concert @ H.S.—2:00 PM Mar. 5 Market Day Pick-Up—4:30-5:30 PM Mar. 7 Purdy Pride Day Mar. 7 Purdy Family Fun Night-6:00-7:15 PM March 12 PTO Fundraiser—Salamone's (Dine In or Carry Out Only) Mar. 18 PTO Meeting-6:30 PM-IMC Mar. 21 Orchestra Field Trip to Madison-9:30 AM-2:45 PM						1
2	3 Open Enrollment Applications Begins Parent Only Orientation for Incoming 6th Grade @ FAMS—6:30 PM Day 7	4 Day 8	5 Market Day P/U 4:30-5:30 PM Day 9	6 P/T Conferences Day 10	7 Purdy Pride Day Kind. To Young Audit. 9-11:30 AM 1st Gr. To Young Audit. 9:15-11:30 5th Gr. Band To Overture. Center 8:45-2:40 Day 1	8
9	10 Day 2	11 P/T Conferences Purdy Science Fair 4:00-7:00 PM Day 3	12 5th Grade DARE Program Begins Day 4	13 Valentine's Parties Early Dismissal 11:50 AM Day 5	14 No School 	15
16	17 Day 6	18 Dist. Wide Latino Family Fitness Night at Purdy 5:30—7:00 PM PTO Meeting 6:30 PM-IMC Day 7	19 Day 8	20 Board of Education Meeting @ Luther 7:00 PM Day 9	21 Regional Science Fair Set-Up Day 10	22 Regional Science Fair
23 Regional Science Fair POPS Concert High School 1:00 PM	24 Day 1	25 School Regional Science Fair Viewing Day 2	26 Purdy School Interpretive Reading Contest 8:15—11:30 AM Day 3	27 Day 4	28 3rd Gr. To UW Whitewater 9:15-11:30 AM Day 5	



PURDY PANTHERS

PURDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



February 2014



From the Principal's Office

Dear Parents:

We have hit the halfway point in the year and it seems like our school has accomplished a lot yet there is still so much more to do! I was remarking to someone recently how fast our days seem and how there is never enough time to get all our tasks done. I have never had a drag by in 35 plus years!

Much of my efforts have been devoted to keeping a sharp focus on our academics especially supporting efforts in the new Everyday Math program, our intensive Comprehensive Literacy Program and our writing program and at the same time ensuring all learners are challenged at an appropriate pace and levels of difficulty. This is all done while providing quality instruction in all other areas such as our hands-on FOSS science program. It is a balancing act made a lot easier with well trained, dedicated staff both at our school and district levels.

February is Science Fair month. We do require group projects in grade 3 and individual projects in grades 4 and 5. Thanks in advance for guiding your child on these projects and taking the time to enter them in the Fort Atkinson Area Science Fair. Your child's 3-5 projects meets all the local requirements. I would also please urge all K-3 students to also enter your own project. The projects don't need to be complicated just answer a question ex. How does salt affect snow at which temperatures? or How does adding various amounts of fertilizer affect lake or river water over time?

All these efforts takes modest levels of supplies and equipment to continue to provide quality learning for our students. Within the last two weeks purchases include art supplies, paint for the gym's climbing walls, science supplies for our FOSS science program and science fair experiments, online software, 75 books for our IMC, 175,000 sheets of copy paper, a contract for our security alarm system and just yesterday, I initiated the purchase of 25 more Chromebook laptops for our students so they can keep pace with research, drafting written content and communicating with classmates and teachers using free Googledoc products.

I am sure by now readers are aware of our School Board approving a referendum to be presented to the voters on April 1. Basically our costs continue to increase faster than the normal amounts of tax money we get from the State. Passage of the referendum will help the School District so we do not have to cut as much as we would without it. The good news for taxpayers is the referendum will not result in any increases in property taxes due to good school business practices in recent years. Please take the time to look at more information on this important referendum and remember to vote on April 1st.

Looking ahead,

Rick Brietzke, Principal
Purdy Elementary School



**DEADLINES APPROACH FOR
FAMILIES LIVING OUTSIDE THE
PURDY OR DISTRICT
ATTENDANCE AREAS**

Families that have moved out or anticipate moving outside the School District of Fort Atkinson or Purdy Elementary attendance areas need to plan ahead if they have not applied to attend school in the District or Purdy.

Know someone who lives outside the Fort Atkinson School District? Encourage them to apply before the deadline and they can still make a final decision later.

Open Enrollment Application Window is February 3 — April 30, 2014 before 4:00 P.M. We want to make sure families are aware of the open enrollment window. For families now living in our District who may be considering moving out of our District but wish for their children to remain in the Fort Schools, or for parents from other districts wanting to enroll their students in our District, you may apply on line at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctpc.html> from February 3 to April 30. The District Office also has hard copy applications available. Please contact Debbie Kopps at 563-7807 for information on open enrollment.

Living outside the Purdy attendance area example; Rockwell, Luther, Barrie? If you have not filled out a form or been approved for such a transfer in the past, the deadline for applying is March 14, 2014. Forms are available in the Purdy Office.



**ATTEND THE
FORT ATKINSON
SCIENCE FAIR AT THE
HOARD MUSEUM
OR PURDY ELEMENTARY**

This year many Purdy students including all third, fourth and fifth graders are doing a science fair project and all are encouraged to enter the Fort Atkinson Science Fair at the Hoard Museum. All parents and students are invited to attend the Fort Atkinson Science Fair on Saturday, February 22, 2014. It's an excellent opportunity to see our students' talent and get ideas for next year's Fair.

Prior to the Fort Atkinson Science Fair Purdy will hold its own fair. Displays will be set up at school from February 5th in the main hallway and in the IMC. Parents are invited to the Purdy School Science Fair Open House at 3:00 to 7:30 PM on Tuesday, February 11th. Come anytime and view the projects. Teachers grade the projects based on classroom criteria and the District Science Curriculum. All entries will receive a participation ribbon.

Note: Purdy classroom projects meet all the requirements in the Fort Atkinson Science fair. Please enter the Fort Atkinson Science Fair.



**2014—2015
KINDERGARTEN
ORIENTATION**

Purdy's kindergarten welcome orientation date has been set for **May 16, 2014** in order to better accommodate current 4K students' schedule (no 4K on Fridays). The orientation will feature four shortened sessions, an introduction to staff and tours of the classrooms. Please make a note of this date.



GEOGRAPHY BEE

Purdy School's Geography Bee was a great success again. Geography skills continue to rise and this was evident during the school competition.

Geography Bee participants are listed below.

Fourth Grade

Mason Brandl
Braeden Church
Triston Hanson
Tristin Pete
Sawyer Voss

Fifth Grade

Matthew Betanski
Tyler Betanski
Haley Clavey
Carlee Dittbenner
Zoie Hammer
Maddie Hansen
Camryn Jorgensen
Lewis Luciano
Sydney Maas
Emma Mitchell
Noah Rados

The winner for the Geography Bee is **Matthew Betanski** and the runner-up is **Sawyer Voss**. Congratulations to all participants.



PLAN AHEAD FOR EARLY DISMISSALS & RECORDS DAY

There are three early dismissal days left this school year. They are:

February 13, 2014

April 4, 2014 (Records Day)

May 4, 2014

On February 13, and May 4 teachers will be collaborating with other staff on effective teaching methods.

Students are dismissed at 11:50 PM on these days. Notes for early dismissal bag lunches will be arriving soon. Thanks for your cooperation.



MARKET DAY NEWS

February pickup is the 5th; you have until February 1st to order online. Look for the Dessert Bonus Days coming in February. Be sure to check out the new Strawberry Patch Cake for \$14.00. Once again we can earn extra profit from the sales with that money going directly to Purdy Elementary. This is a great time to purchase for your Easter and spring gatherings. Pickup for desserts will be March 5th. Thanks again for supporting Market Day!

Dawn Church & Mary Lynn Vaillancourt
Co-Chairpersons



PURDY PATROL OF THE MONTH

On Friday, January 31, 2014 Lewis Luciano and Alice Van Haaften were treated to lunch at Culver's. These two students were Patrol Members of the Month for January. Thanks go to these and many other students who make sure our students cross safely to and from school and help ensure student safety within our school.



SCIENCE FAIR DISPLAY BOARDS AVAILABLE

Purdy School still has a good supply of 32" x 48" Science Fair display boards available. These are tri-fold, white on one side and corrugated on the other side. Purchase from the office for **\$5.00**.



COLD WEATHER REMINDER DRESS WARMLY

BUNDLE UP! As the weather continues to be cold it is important to dress your child(ren) appropriately. Students will be expected to participate in outdoor recess on most days except when the temperature or wind-chill falls below zero. Outdoor activity provides a very healthy and needed break for our students. Once it snows, children who do not wear boots or snow pants will only be able to play on the blacktop area. So have your child(ren) bundle up.

REMINDERS!

- ♦ Make sure your child(ren) wear warm clothes and the proper winter footwear.
- ♦ **Check for lost clothing items – it seems our Lost & Found (located at Exit # 5) grows considerably during the winter months.**
- ♦ Drive safely in the school zone if you are bringing children to school or picking up children at school. Slippery conditions and poor visibility are frequently present.



EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

The Fort Atkinson School District will hold screening for possible Early Entrance to Kindergarten candidates on April 17th, 2014 at Luther Elementary School.

To be considered for early entrance, your child must reside within the School District of Fort Atkinson boundaries, be intellectually and academically advanced, and not turn five years old by September 1st of that year. School Board Policy requires parents to submit a written request for early entrance consideration **on or before March 1st**. Reasons for the request and descriptions of advanced intellectual and academic abilities should be included in the letter. The request for early entrance consideration should be mailed to Dr. Jeff Zaspel, Superintendent of the Schools, at the following address:

School District of Fort Atkinson
Attn: Dr. Jeff Zaspel
201 Park Street
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

If you have questions or concerns regarding early entrance to Kindergarten, please contact John Peterson, Director of Pupil Services, at (920) 563-7804 or Susan Henn, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, at (920) 568-4478.



SCHOOL CLOSINGS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Parents, please go over with your child(ren) the “plan” for these days. Students get anxious when the weather turns bad. It is helpful to everyone if we can have a clear understanding of what to do in these situations. Below is a list of radio and television stations to turn to for information regarding school closings. Please try to avoid calling school with last minute instructions for your child(ren). In addition the District will continue calling parents with its AlertNow Phone System. A number of calls have been made already. Not getting them? Call the office for an update.

WFAW/WSJY/WKCH
WSLD
WISC-TV-Ch. 3
WMTV-CH. 15
WIBA/WTSO/WMLI/WZEE/WMAD
Today's TMJ4/WKTI/WTMJ
The Weather Channel

SUMMER SCHOOL 2014

We are beginning to prepare for Summer School 2014. Dates are posted on the district website (www.fortschools.org) under the Parents & Students tab and then click on Summer School link. More information about registration dates and details will be sent home closer to that date. For those planning ahead, there will be no school July 3rd & 4th for the holiday. If you have any questions, please call the Summer School Office at 920-563-7801 and Cindy Fairfield can assist you.



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Each year the School District of Fort Atkinson recognizes employees who have worked in the District for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years. Congratulations and thanks to the following staff who have dedicated 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years to our quality education.

10 Years

Patty Brain
Suzanne Deuster
Kathy Kutz

25 Years

Michelle Eames

15 Years

Dawn Church
Debra Marchiafava

35 Years

Bradley Schroedl



CARS AND BUSES DO NOT MIX



Busses, cars and pedestrians don't mix. The police department and school are taking steps to keep cars out of the **bus** drive through from 7:30-8:00 AM and from 2:45 to 3:15 PM. This eliminates the following problems:

- ♦ It is dangerous for students. Presently some parents are telling their children to walk between or in front of parked cars and buses. Also anyone walking between cars is at risk for injury or death.
- ♦ It is dangerous for occupants of cars and buses. When cars are parked in front of the building, buses must squeeze between them or wait on the street until they can enter the drive-through.
- ♦ It is aggravating to cooperative parents that follow the rules and use the parking lot or side streets. When one car parks or uses the drive through others will follow. This a rule by which all can live.



SPRING BOOK FAIR

"NEW DATES"
April 21st—23rd

You will notice something is missing this February during conferences. Because we were unable to locate a person willing to chair the Book Fair in time to get things arranged with Scholastic, we had to make a decision to move the Book Fair to April 21st—23rd, which coincides with our Spring Arts Festival. Hours to shop will be available before and after school each day, as well as the entirety of the Arts Festival. We have had one person step-up and offer to be a co-chair for the Spring Book Fair and would love someone to step-up and help her. This would then be shared with our Fall Book Fair Chairperson, Jill Draeger. If you would be interested in hearing more about this fantastic opportunity, please contact Maggie Messler or Jill Draeger through the main office. Many hands make light work!!



GET CONNECTED!!

Purdy PTO is now on Facebook. "Like" our page to be kept up to date on all of the exciting opportunities happening at our school. Look for us under Purdy Elementary PTO.

DISTRICT WIDE LATINO FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT

PURDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014
5:30—7:00 PM

Jeff Jensen and Pattie Brain will assist the gym fitness stations/games. Jamie Hahn will run Zumba in the Multi-Purpose Room. ELL staff and volunteers will be split up to help out in both areas.

Schedule:

5:30 PM	Welcome Families
5:30—6:00 PM	Half the Families Participates in Zumba and other half In Gym Activities.
6:00—6:30 PM	Health Snack and Nutrition Discussion
6:30—7:00 PM	Families Switch Activities

If you would like to help with this fun event, please call Megan Lazare, ELL at 920-563-7822 or lazarem@fortschools.org



DO YOU SHOP AT TARGET?

If you do, there's an easy way to help raise money for our school and it doesn't involve door-to-door selling, raffles or bake sales! If you have a Target Guest Card, Target will donate 1% of your Target store and target.com purchases made on the Target Guest Card to our school through their School Fundraising program.

It's easy to participate. Just call the Target School Fundraising hotline at 1-800-316-6142 and give them your Target Guest Card account number and school name. Let your friends and family know. Anyone in the country who shops at Target can designate our school.

If you don't have a Target Guest Card but would like to participate, you can pick up an application at the check out lanes at any Target store, or apply online at www.target.com.



ATTENTION ALL 5TH GRADE BAND PARENTS

WHAT: The POPS Concert

WHEN: Sunday, February 23rd

TIME: 1:00 pm

WHERE: High School Auditorium

WHO: ALL BAND Students in Grades **5 & 6**

The 7-12 grade POPS Concert will begin at 3:00 PM .

This is your child's first "official" concert, so bring yourself, grandparents, aunts/uncles, your cameras and be prepared to hear some great music! See you all there!!

This concert is our only "fundraiser" concert; there is a small admission fee of \$3.00 per person to attend. We also have a basket raffle and desserts for sale! This fundraiser provides invaluable funds to our band programs.

(All remaining concerts are free to attend).

There will be several **EXTRA** rehearsals for all students in preparation of this concert. Students will **NEED** their instruments on the following days:

Wednesday, February 12

Wednesday, February 19



PTO FLOWER SALE

Love Flowers? Want to help your child's school?

It's that time again. Think Spring

We will need lots of help the day the flowers come in to organize and pull orders. This is our third year of the flower sale. We will be selling flower baskets, potted plants and flats of flowers. Also, back by popular demand is the famous Purdy Panther flower coupon where you purchase a basket and go to Bennett's Green House in For Atkinson and pick out your own flower basket. Patty Brain will be working with Michelle De Mott on this fundraiser.

If you have questions, comments or ideas please contact Patty Brain at brainp@fortschools.org or 920-563-7822.

Order forms and a letter will go out before Spring Break. Orders will be due around April 11th. Delivery to Purdy around May 7th (week before Mother's Day).



"RECYCLE THOSE T-SHIRTS"

Our kids do keep growing bigger and pretty soon that nice t-shirt doesn't fit! If you have a Purdy Panther shirt or perhaps a PBIS "Ready to Learn" shirt which is too small for a family member, why not recycle it by donating it back to Purdy? Purdy will in turn give it to students who don't have a spirit wear shirt.

Interested? Just send any school related clothing in good, clean condition to school and the office will pass it along to another student.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK
MARCH 3 - 7

"It's National School Breakfast Week"—and the theme is "Take Time for School Breakfast". Save time in the mornings by sending your kids off to school for a healthy breakfast! "Kids who eat school breakfast have higher attendance and perform better in math than those who don't", according to Share Our Strength.

In honor of National School Breakfast Week, we are serving some new items—and we want your opinions on them! Here is our menu: Monday-Chicken Sausage Biscuit; Tuesday-Build Your Own Yogurt Parfait; **Wednesday -Hot or Cold Cereal with Muffins;** Thursday-Bacon, Egg & Cheese Muffin; Friday-Mini Pancake Sausage Wraps. Join us for games, coloring contests and prizes!

Parents—come and enjoy breakfast with your child! Each school will have one parent day as listed below. See and taste our breakfast foods that will give your student the necessary energy they need for a day of learning and excitement. The cost is \$1.85 for adults.

Parents Day:

Barrie Elementary	March 4
Purdy Elementary	March 5
Rockwell Elementary	March 6
Luther Elementary	March 7

Barbara Waara, School Nutrition Director



THE WILDERMUTH
AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN
EDUCATION

The WILDERMUTH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION was created to reward an educator in the School District of Fort Atkinson for exemplary work in the area of education. The recipient of the award may be a teacher, media specialist, guidance counselor, school social worker, school psychologist, or other certified staff member.

The Wildermuth Family, The School District of Fort Atkinson, and the Fort Atkinson Education Association sponsor this award that is given in memory of Ron Wildermuth, former Director of Instruction. This annual award is presented each fall at the teacher orientation program. Ron's family requested this particular occasion because Ron was very involved with the orientation program every year.

Teachers, administrators, community members, parents, and students can make nominations which will be accepted through April 11, 2014. If you wish to nominate an educator for this award, please return your nomination paper to Paul Christiansen at Fort Atkinson Middle School by the April 11th deadline. Nomination forms are available in each school office and on the SDFA website.

Also see attached form.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Alyssa Damm	Early Childhood

The above student is new to Purdy Elementary. Welcome!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We still have a ways to go before we officially recognize our volunteers in April, but I would like to say thanks at the halfway point in the school year. Volunteers provide so many positive additions to our school above what is offered by our staff many of who volunteer extra hours too. Below is a list of ways volunteer efforts are featured just in this Parent Newsletter:

- ✓ Volunteer Tutoring in Classrooms
- ✓ Book Fair
- ✓ Band Boosters
- ✓ Collecting & Organizing Box Tops, Labels and Cap Drives
- ✓ Fifth Grade Breakfast
- ✓ PTO Flower Sale
- ✓ Scrip Orders
- ✓ Target Credit Card Donors
- ✓ Mini-Grant Sponsors
- ✓ Room Parents for Parties
- ✓ Autism Spectrum Family Network
- ✓ Supporting PTO Funding to Provide Money for Extra Play Equipment and Supplies

Wow! That's a lot! You Make a Difference for our boys and girls.

Appreciatively,

Rick Brietzke,
Principal



**NO KINDERGARTEN
CLASS ON
FRIDAY, MAY 16TH**

There will not be classes for 2013-2014 Kindergarten students due to Kindergarten Orientation for 2014 — 2015.



HOT LUNCH REMINDER

Thanks for remembering to replace your child's hot lunch money before it runs out. Remind your child(ren) that the designated time to turn in their lunch money is at 8:05 to their homeroom teacher. Below is a list of ways to help you remember that your child needs to deposit money.

- ✓ Mark it on your calendar at home. Visual reminders are a great help.
- ✓ Deposit \$47.00 at the beginning of the month. This lasts for 20 days – which should cover most of the month.
- ✓ Place money in an envelope with his/her name, grade and homeroom teacher.
- ✓ Mark it on the calendar at work.
- ✓ If your child eats occasionally, hang the hot lunch menu on the fridge and mark off ten days. Make a note on the menu when your child will need to add money to his/her account.
- ✓ Check your child's backpack, younger students should bring home a lunch account notice.

School Board Policy directs that a child may not charge more than two lunches (\$4.70).



KEEP SAVING

Please keep on saving General Mills box tops. The next competition will be starting soon.



**Character Counts:
Honesty/ Integrity
JoEllen Arnett
School Counselor**

***"The fastest way to lose our good character is to lose our honesty."
~Aesop***

One of the most important character traits a person can develop is integrity. Integrity is a core quality necessary for leading a successful life. It means being honest and truthful in whatever you do. Oprah Winfrey once said, "Real integrity is doing the right thing, *knowing* that no one is going to know whether you did or not."

At this time of year, we make New Year's resolutions, promising ourselves to make a change for the better. Integrity, honesty, self-trust - these are what New Year's resolutions are really about. Will you fulfill your promises ... even to yourself?

By demonstrating integrity and trustworthiness, we set a high standard of character for ourselves and our children.

A great book that is found at the Luther Elementary School Library to read to your child is *The Empty Pot* by Demi. It is the story of an Emperor in China who needed to select a successor to his throne. Since he loved flowers, he decided to call the children in the kingdom together and give each a seed. After one year the children were to return with their plant and the new Emperor would be chosen. The child Ping tries many methods to grow his seed but nothing happens so his father tells him to take the empty pot since he had done his best. When the Emperor sees the empty pot he selects Ping as the successor since all of the seeds were boiled and none should have grown. Ping was the only child honest enough to return with an empty pot.

After reading the story you can ask your child:

- Why is it important to be honest?
- Do you want friends to be honest with you?
- When does it take courage to be honest?



FIFTH GRADE BREAKFAST

Dear Fifth Grade Parents and Guardians,

We are starting to put together the 5th Grade Breakfast. The 5th Grade Breakfast will take place the last day of school. There is a breakfast for **the 5th grade students** and a celebration for parents and teachers. More information will come home as we get closer to the actual date.

We are asking for each student to bring in 5-6 photos that they would like to share. These can be anything from their days at Purdy including group photo. **Please try to refrain from baby pictures.** We are hoping to capture special moments from their elementary school days.

Please put names on the back of the photos and place them in an envelope addressed to 5th grade breakfast. This will make it much easier to return photos. You can also send the photos digitally to Pam Gustin at gustinp@fortschools.org.

If you would like to have photos included in the slide show they **NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY MARCH 14TH.**

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the 5th Grade Breakfast. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pam Gustin at gustinp@fortschools.org

Although June seems far away, it will be here before you know it! If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

Fifth Grade Breakfast Chair-Persons
Pam Gustin & Leigh Ann Scheuerell



2014-2015 4K REGISTRATION

Registration for the School District of Fort Atkinson 4 Year Old Kindergarten **(4K)** opened on Tuesday, January 7th, 2014. Children that will be 4 years old before September 1, 2014 are eligible for 4K.

The 4K Registration Forms are available in all of the Elementary School Offices, the Dwight Foster Public Library, and all of the 4K sites; Beautiful Beginnings, Kids Konnection, Fort Atkinson Preschool and Day Care, Parents Cooperative Preschool, St. Joseph's Catholic School, Head Start at Purdy and Hebron Locations. The registration form can also be downloaded at www.fortschools.org/4k.

Forms should be completely filled out and returned to:
 Barrie Elementary School
 Attn: 4K
 1000 Harriette Street
 Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

The Deadline to return 4K Registration Form is Friday, March 7, 2014.

The next step in the enrollment process will be the Fort 4K Registration Day. This will take place **Wednesday, April 9th from 10:30 am - 6:00 pm at Luther Elementary School located at 205 Park Street.** There will be a \$15.00 registration fee, cash, or check made payable to **School District of Fort Atkinson**. No appointment is needed, but it is important that you attend. The process should take no longer than 15 minutes.

Please direct any questions to 4K Secretary, Carol Klein or 4K Administrator, Brent Torrenga at 920-563-7817 or email to: kleinc@fortschools.org, torrengab@fortschools.org.

DWIGHT FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Dwight Foster Public Library is offering fun programs for students and families.

- ✓ Baby Time
- ✓ Toddler Time
- ✓ Preschool Story Time
- ✓ Lego Club
- ✓ Play Chess!
- ✓ Ticket to Ride Tournament
- ✓ Paper Model Group
- ✓ Bookmaking Workshop
- ✓ Club Pokemon
- ✓ READ Dogs

Information sheets are available in the Purdy IMC.





Early Childhood Screening

This screening is for children between the ages of 3 and 5 years that you may suspect may have a delay in speech, fine motor, gross motor, pre-academics, social, or cognitive skills.



Location: Purdy Elementary School
719 South Main Street

Date: Friday, March 7, 2014

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Please contact the Secretary to the Director of Pupil Services at (920) 563-7804 to make an appointment.

We look forward to speaking with you!

Professionals assisting in the process are:

- Speech and Language Pathologists
- School Psychologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Physical Therapists
- School Health Professionals (for hearing and vision concerns)



Purdy Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes
Instructional Materials Center (IMC)
Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Present at Meeting: Rick Brietzke, Maggie Messler, Pam Gustin, Karen Behm, Mary Lynn Vaillancourt, Tricia Tippelt, Beth Hesselbacher, Rachel Broadhead, Heather Hartwig, Michelle De Mott, Justin Luebke

Additions/Corrections to March Minutes: None

Treasurer's Report: \$5,529.42 Balance in Checking, \$6,329.14 Savings

OLD BUSINESS

- **School Board Meeting Update:** The board voted for \$1.79 million dollar referendum to be put before the taxpayers. This will be no tax increase for taxpayers from the last referendum if it passes. The referendum will be April 1, 2014.
 - **Market Day Update:** We have met our budget goal of \$3000.00 already. March is a dessert bonus days.
 - **Breakfast with Santa/Concerts/Raffle/Scoopie Night:** Everything went smoothly at Breakfast with Santa. 291 people attended. We had 16 local business sponsors and Kiwanis helping out. We had some UWWhitewater volunteers, 5 high school volunteers, and several Purdy families. For next year we will work on ways to increase attendance. We do not have the totals for Scoopie Night, but many Purdy families were there after our Holiday Concert.
- ✓ **Others:**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Book Fair:** The Spring Book Fair has been moved to the Art Festival on April 21, 22, 23. There will be before and after school hours all days with Tuesday being the late night with the Art Festival. Information will go home in the February newsletter.
 - **Teacher Appreciation Supper/Conferences:** Toni Jorgenson is in charge of this. We will be getting out information about donations.
 - **Sal's Fundraiser:** Wednesday, March 12th will be Purdy night at Sal's. Purdy PTO earns 10% of total sales that night. It is dine in and carry out, not delivery.
 - **Artists in Residence:** We are looking at a couple different options, one of which is a local chef to work with students teaching about cooking and nutrition. Mrs. Gomez may do a smaller grade level experience with an artist.
 - **Spring Fling:** The dance will be held Friday, March 7th from 6:00 to 7:15.
 - **Purdy Power Dollars:** We are hoping to get a committee to help with this program so that it does not all fall on one person. Cards will be kept in the office so families can pick them up. We are also talking about having a volunteer to sell in the office certain days.
- ✓ **Flower Sale:** Order forms will go out by March 14th and will be due April 11th. Flowers will be delivered for pickup on May 7th which is before Mother's Day May 11th.

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 18, 2014
6:30 PM IN THE IMC

What is the *easiest* way to earn money for Purdy Elementary?



Purdy Power Dollars (our Scrip program)!

What Is Scrip?

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our organization.

How scrip generates revenue for you

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our organization buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more - is our organization's revenue.

Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising"

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don't have to sell anything. Organization members produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.

Ordering Gift Cards

You can use an order form send home with your child or available at the office and return it to school with payment, or you can order online.

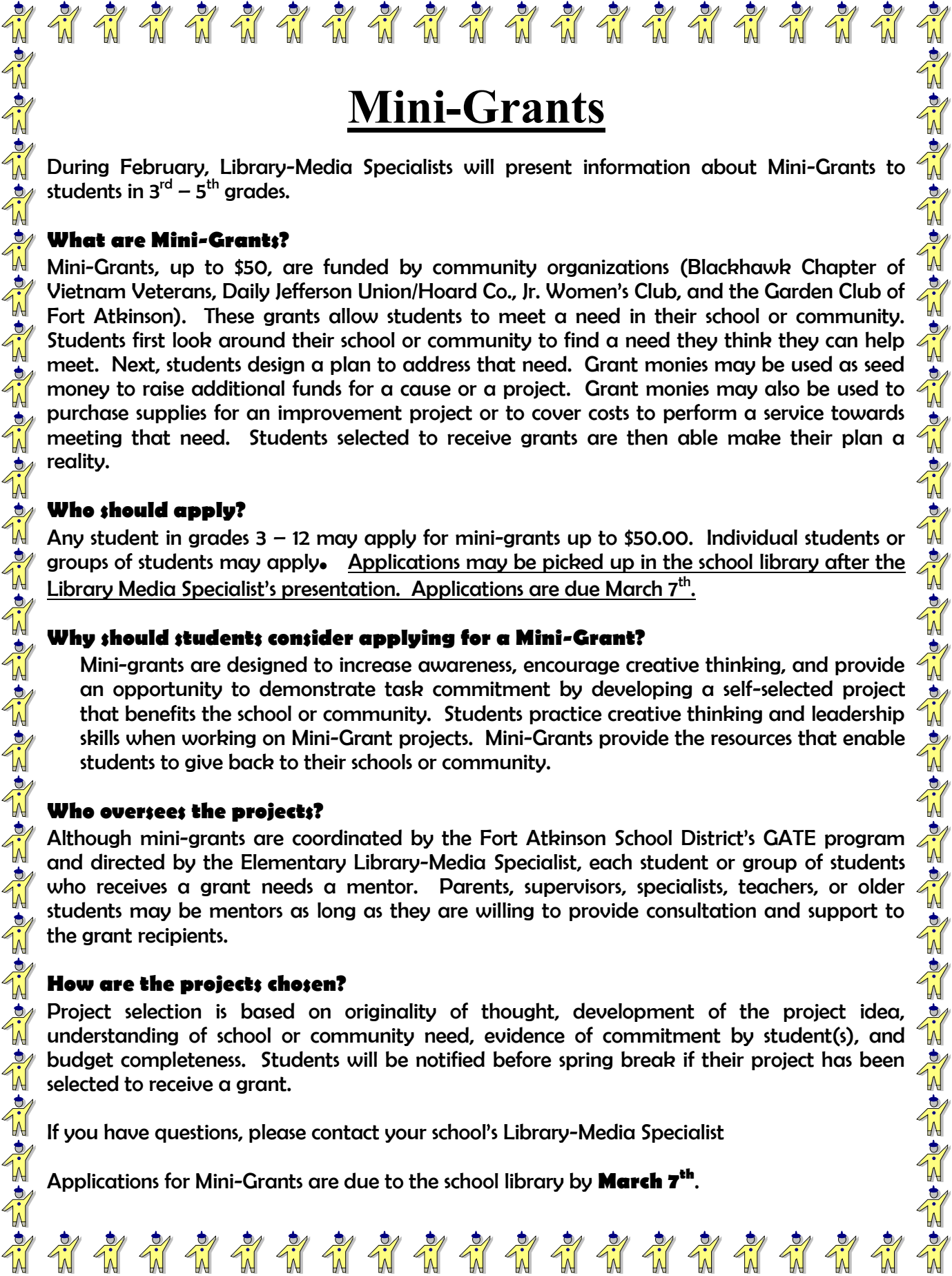
To order online as simple as 1 - 2 - 3 www.shopwithscrip.com

1. Set up online account using enrollment code: **E1A9L2732869L**
2. Shop Retailers - can search by category or retailer name then add to cart with denomination of choice
3. Select Payment - By check: payable to Purdy Elementary and deliver to the school office or your child's classroom. OR By card: sign up for PrestoPay + will electronically debit your card. Please note a \$0.15 service fee added to your order.

For questions or additional information contact:

Justin Luebke, SCRIP Coordinator

(920) 723-4013



Mini-Grants

During February, Library-Media Specialists will present information about Mini-Grants to students in 3rd – 5th grades.

What are Mini-Grants?

Mini-Grants, up to \$50, are funded by community organizations (Blackhawk Chapter of Vietnam Veterans, Daily Jefferson Union/Hoard Co., Jr. Women's Club, and the Garden Club of Fort Atkinson). These grants allow students to meet a need in their school or community. Students first look around their school or community to find a need they think they can help meet. Next, students design a plan to address that need. Grant monies may be used as seed money to raise additional funds for a cause or a project. Grant monies may also be used to purchase supplies for an improvement project or to cover costs to perform a service towards meeting that need. Students selected to receive grants are then able make their plan a reality.

Who should apply?

Any student in grades 3 – 12 may apply for mini-grants up to \$50.00. Individual students or groups of students may apply. Applications may be picked up in the school library after the Library Media Specialist's presentation. Applications are due March 7th.

Why should students consider applying for a Mini-Grant?

Mini-grants are designed to increase awareness, encourage creative thinking, and provide an opportunity to demonstrate task commitment by developing a self-selected project that benefits the school or community. Students practice creative thinking and leadership skills when working on Mini-Grant projects. Mini-Grants provide the resources that enable students to give back to their schools or community.

Who oversees the projects?

Although mini-grants are coordinated by the Fort Atkinson School District's GATE program and directed by the Elementary Library-Media Specialist, each student or group of students who receives a grant needs a mentor. Parents, supervisors, specialists, teachers, or older students may be mentors as long as they are willing to provide consultation and support to the grant recipients.

How are the projects chosen?

Project selection is based on originality of thought, development of the project idea, understanding of school or community need, evidence of commitment by student(s), and budget completeness. Students will be notified before spring break if their project has been selected to receive a grant.

If you have questions, please contact your school's Library-Media Specialist

Applications for Mini-Grants are due to the school library by **March 7th**.



STUDENT NUTRITION NEWS

STUDENT NUTRITION NEWS – Many parents have questions about the new school lunches and what it means for their students. Here are some answers to those questions.

Are school meals nutritious?

School meals are healthy meals that are required to meet science-based, federal nutrition standards limiting unhealthy fat and portion size and requiring that schools offer the right balance of fruits, vegetables, milk, grains and protein with every meal.

On July 1, 2012, new federal nutrition standards for school meals went into effect. Under these standards:

- No more than 10 percent of calories can come from saturated fat and schools must eliminate added trans-fat.
- School meals must meet age-appropriate calorie minimums and maximums.
- Schools must gradually reduce sodium levels in school meals.
- Cafeterias must offer larger servings of vegetables and fruit with every school lunch, and children must take at least one serving.
- Schools must offer a wide variety of vegetables, including at least a weekly serving of legumes, dark green and red or orange vegetables.
- Milk must be fat-free or 1% (flavored milk must be fat-free).
- Within two years, all grains offered must be whole-grain rich.

Are school meals safe?

School nutrition professionals care for the children they serve, and through strict food safety procedures and staff training, school nutrition professionals maintain a superior safety record while providing nutritious meals to millions of children each day. Some of the steps schools take to ensure their meals are safe include:

- Taking at least two internal temperatures from each batch of food being cooked
- Maintaining records of cooking, cooling, and reheating temperatures in the food preparation process – the basis for periodic reviews of the overall food safety program
- Prechilling all salad ingredients to help maintain cold food temperatures
- Preheating transfer carts before food is transported

Why should I encourage my children to eat school meals?

Providing students their choice of milk, fruits and vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins, school meals are a great value and a huge convenience for busy parents. School cafeterias offer students a variety of healthy choices and help children learn how to assemble a well-balanced meal. Parents can rest assured that there's no super-sizing in school cafeterias because federal regulations require schools to serve age-appropriate portions.

Don't school meals contain processed foods?

What have become known as "processed foods" are increasingly being prepared with healthier ingredients, as well as less fat, sodium and sugar.

- Pizzas are increasingly made with whole grain crusts, low-sodium sauce and reduced fat cheese.
- Chicken nuggets regularly use whole grain breading and are baked rather than fried.
- French fries are often without trans fat and baked instead of fried – and many schools are now serving baked sweet potato fries.

If you have more questions, please call the Student Nutrition Department at 920-563-7811 x1161 and speak with the Director, Barb Waara.



Nomination forms can also be emailed to christiansenp@fortschools.org

School _____

Professional Area _____

(You may wish to include information about the following: Academic Achievements, Outside Activities, Leadership Qualities, Special Projects Completed, Co-Curricular Involvement, Professional Association Involvement or Achievements and Special Communication Skills with Parents, Students, or Colleagues.) One additional page may be added.

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Printed Name of Nominator _____

FEBRUARY 2014

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
* - May contain pork + - May contain peanuts Skim and 2% Milk served daily Menu Subject to Change THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER & EMPLOYER	<u>MEAL PRICES</u> K-5-\$1.40 6-12 -\$1.45 Adults-\$1.80 Milk - \$0.35 (included with meal)	If your family qualifies for free or reduced lunch, they also qualify for free or reduced breakfast! SEND 'EM TO SCHOOL FOR BREAKFAST!		
3 Kellogg's Jump Start Express Kit Whole Grain Cereal Pastry or Grahams Juice & Milk	4 Super Bakery Z Bread Juice, Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	5 *Sausage & Pancake Wraps Fresh Fruit Juice & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	6 J&J Breakfast Bar Juice, Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	7 French Toast Sticks Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk
10 WG Strawberry Poptarts (2) Juice or Fruit Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	11 Mini Muffins Cheese Stick Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	12 Breakfast Round Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	13 EARLY RELEASE Pillsbury Mini Pancakes Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	14 NO SCHOOL 
17 Kellogg's Jump Start Express Kit Whole Grain Cereal Pastry or Grahams Juice & Milk	18 WG Cereal Bar Upstate Farms Yogurt Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	19 Pillsbury Mini Waffles Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	20 Super Bakery Banana Bread Juice, Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	21 Breakfast Pizza Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk
24 WG Strawberry Poptarts (2) Juice or Fruit Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	25 Mini Muffins Cheese Stick Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	26 *Breakfast Bacon Scramble Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, MILK	27 Pillsbury Mini Pancakes Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	28 Breakfast Round Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk

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February 2014

ELEMENTARY LUNCH

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3 Mac & Cheese Soft Breadstick OR +PBJ Uncrustable Steamed Broccoli Sliced Peaches	4 Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll OR Ham Sandwich Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Mixed Vegetables 100% Orange Juice Cup	5 *Soft Shell Tacos OR Turkey Wrap Refried Beans Cheesy Mexican Rice Fresh Apple Slices	6 Cheese Lasagna Roll Up Soft Breadstick OR Tuna Salad on WG Bun Garden Fresh Salad Yummy Red Pepper Strips Pineapple Tidbits	7 Cheese Pizza Wedges +PBJ Uncrustable Fresh Veggies & Dip Cold Applesauce Frozen Fruit Slushy
10 Toasted Cheese Sandwich OR PBJ Uncrustable Chicken Noodle Soup Vibrant Green Beans Sliced Peas	11 All American Sliders OR Turkey Ham Sandwich Baked French Fries Beiber Baked Beans Banana	12 Roasted Turkey w/Gravy WW Dinner Roll OR Sliced Turkey Wrap Mashed Potatoes Steamed Carrots Cranberry Sauce	13 EARLY RELEASE Early release lunches are available for students to take home. Sign up with your school office.	14 NO SCHOOL 
17 Heart Shaped Chicken Nuggets OR +PBJ Uncrustable Romantic Rice Pilaf Lovely Blend of WI Vegetables Sweet Strawberries	18 French Toast Sticks *Jones Sausage Patty OR Turkey Ham Sandwich Roasted Potatoes Chilled Applesauce Dragon Punch	19 Chicken Patty Sandwich OR Sliced Turkey Wrap Beiber Baked Beans Crisp Veggie Dippers w/Ranch Sliced Peaches	20 Mini Ravioli Breadstick OR Tuna Salad on WG Bun Garden Fresh Salad Yummy Red Pepper Strips Grapes	21 Crispy Fish Sticks OR +PBJ Uncrustable French Fries Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Frozen Fruit Slushy
24 Cheese Quesadilla OR +PBJ Uncrustable Refried Beans Steamed Corn Chilled Pineapple	25 Flame Broiled Cheeseburger OR Turkey Ham Sandwich Baked Sweet Potato Fries Celery Sticks w/Peanut Butter Apple Juice Cup	26 Mini Corn Puppies OR Sliced Turkey Wrap Broccoli Trees w/Ranch Seasoned Green Peas Fresh Orange Wedges	27 Popcorn Chicken OR Tuna Salad on WG Bun KousKous Garden Fresh Salad Sliced Peas	28 Stuffed Cheese Sticks with Marinara Sauce OR +PBJ Uncrustable Fresh Veggies & Dip Chilled Peaches

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