



Purdy Elementary School

February 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Future Dates 3/1 Orchestra Dessert Concert - H.S. (Grades 5th-12th) 3/4 Mkt Day P/U 4:30-5:30 3/6 Purdy Pride Day 3/9 No PM E/C 3/11 Big Buddy Day 3/17 PTO Meeting 3/19 School Bd. Mtg. 3/30-4/3 Spring Break	2 Day 7	3 All Day Orchestra Field Trip Day 8	4 Market Day Pick-Up 4:30-5:30 PM Day 9	5 Elementary P/T Conference Night Day 10	6 Purdy Pride Day 4th Gr. to Capitol and Historical Museum 10:00-2:45 Day 1	7
8	9 No PM Early Childhood Class Day 2	10 Elementary P/T Conference Night Purdy Science Fair Night 3:00-7:00 PM Day 3	11 5th Grade DARE Program Big Buddy Day Day 4	12 Day 5	13 Band Rehearsal @ Luther 12:00-12:45 Valentine's Day Parties-PM Day 6	14 
15	16 Day 7	17 PTO Meeting 6:30-IMC Day 8	18 Day 9	19 Band Rehearsal @ Luther 12:00-12:45 School Board Meeting-Luther Elem. 7:00 PM Day 10	20 First Grade Space Day 8:20-10:30 AM Orchestra Rehearsal @ Luther 8:30-9:15 AM Early Dismissal 11:50 AM Day 1	21
22 POPS Concert 5th/6th Grade 1:00 PM High School Grades 7-12 3:00 PM High School	23 Kindergarten to UW Whitewater 11:45 AM-2:00 PM Day 2	24 Building Interpretive Reading Judging 8:20 AM Day 3	25 Big Buddy Day Day 4	26 2nd Grade Field Trip Milw. Public Museum 8:15 AM-2:45 PM Day 5	27 Orchestra Rehearsal @ Luther 12:00-12:45 PM Day 6	28



PURDY PANTHERS

PURDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



February 2015



From the Principal's Office

Dear Parents:

We've come to the mid-way point of the school year and have much to celebrate! I am especially excited to note that our School Learning Objective (part of the new Educator Effectiveness System) has guided us in achieving tremendous growth in student academic success in reading and writing. We have been putting a pinpoint focus on tracking student progress in these areas to increase the percentage of our student population in the "advanced" and "proficient" levels in reading and writing. Teachers have worked hard to move students forward and their efforts are paying off! We now approach the second half of the year with an intensity and focus to continue our work of lifting student achievement and are looking forward to experiencing our first round of Badger Exam testing for grades 3-5. (See enclosed information.)

Highlights:

- ♦ Teachers have been working on professional literacy development, strengthening their understanding and lesson delivery of nonfiction text and close reading strategies.
- ♦ Quarter 2 grades are in and conferences are coming soon. It will be a great time to celebrate your child's work as well as build goals for semester 2.
- ♦ PBIS quarter 2 school celebration for good behavior choices: "Rock the Jammies and Read!" On January 30th, students are invited to wear their PJ's to school and bring their favorite books for 20 bonus minutes of reading!

Coming Up:

- ♦ Purdy School Interpretive Reading competition is upon us. Teachers determine their own grade level competitions and then grade level winners advance to the building level competition on Tuesday, Feb. 24th starting at 8:20 AM .
- ♦ February is Science Fair month and we look forward to our Purdy Open House Science Fair during conferences. Don't forget to also get your child registered for the Regional Science Fair by February 1st!
- ♦ School Board Spotlight: Purdy Elementary on February 19th at 7:00, Luther Board Room. We will be showcasing new technology initiatives that have enhanced our learning: Apple TV, PebbleGo, and Google Classroom. Come join our celebration!
- ♦ As you may know our School Board has two open seats for the upcoming school year. Candidates for election are Collin Maas, Cindy Ficenec and Kim Patrick. These candidates will be speaking at future Board Meetings. Please take time to learn about these candidates and remember to vote on April 7th!

Looking forward to some winter relief!

Leigh Ann Scheuerell , Principal
Purdy Elementary School



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

OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION WINDOW: The Open Enrollment Program is for families wishing to have their children attend a different school district than the one they reside in. This year, the application window is from Monday, February 2, 2015 through Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Parents can find information and an application online at <https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/Opal2012> or the District's website at www.fortschools.org. Parents are encouraged to contact the Superintendent's Office at 920-563-7807 or email Debbie Kopps at kopps@fortschools.org with any questions.

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 15, 2015. Forms are available in the Purdy Office.



Market Day

MARKET DAY NEWS

Sales continue to be outstanding! The January sale brought in a profit of \$105.00 which brings our total profit for the year up to \$2800.00. Remember this money is used only for Purdy Elementary and your children. Be sure to check out the website-www.marketday.com to see all of the new products each month. Use the Purdy Elementary code of 13236 when you place our order. February pickup is on February 4th at 4:30—5:30 PM in the Purdy Multipurpose Room.

Mary Lynn Vaillancourt
Chairperson



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

This year many Purdy students including 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 21, 2015. 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 in the main hallway and in the IMC for viewing during conferences. Parents are invited to the Purdy School Science Fair Open House at 3:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 10th. Come and take a look at all the students hard work. 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.



**2015—2016
KINDERGARTEN
ORIENTATION**

Purdy's kindergarten welcome orientation date has been set for **May 15, 2015** 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

Dane Brost
Lexi Cox
Allyssia LaPorte
Ryan Messler
Hunter Rogers
Michael Schwarz
Paige Teubert

Fifth Grade

Michael Bills
Mason Brandl
Braeden Church
Lexi Hakenson
Triston Hanson
Randeep Pangli
Sawyer Voss

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



5TH GRADE BAND PARENTS

WHAT: The POPS Concert

WHEN: Sunday, February 22nd

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:

Friday, February 13
Thursday, February 19

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our elementary schools have partnered with Preferred Dentistry of Wisconsin, LLC and the Wisconsin Seal-a-Smile program to provide students with the following:

- dental screening (examining of all teeth and gums)
- teeth cleaning
- topical fluoride applied to all teeth (protective coating to prevent cavities)
- sealant placement (only **IF** deemed necessary by licensed dental hygienist during screening process- applied to molars to prevent tooth decay.)

Services are offered to **ALL** students regardless of insurance. You will soon find your student will be bringing home a yellow permission slip. Forms will be due back to school by February 19th. The first visit will be this spring.

If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact the School Nurse Office 563.7805.



PURDY PATROL OF THE MONTH

On Friday, January 16, 2015 Elle Sharp and Jessica Sharp 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 **\$3.00**.

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BADGER EXAM FOR GRADES 3-5

Purdy Elementary will be offering 20 minute informational presentations at 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 during conferences for families of students in grades 3-5 as well as any other families interested. This will help you understand what the Badger Exam is, what to expect, and how you can help your child prepare. Information about these presentations will come home in your child's report card envelope.

It will be very important to attend one of these presentations to get the most current information about this state mandated test.

More information can be found by going to www.smarterbalanced.org/pilot-test.



EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

The Fort Atkinson School District will hold screening for possible Early Entrance to Kindergarten candidates on April 17th, 2015 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:



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.

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 Mary Burke, Director of Pupil Services, at (920) 563-7804.



SPRING BOOK FAIR

"NEW DATE"
April 21st

The PTO Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be Tuesday, April 21st with the Arts Festival and Volunteer Appreciation Night. We will need volunteers to help with the book fair. More information will be in the March Parent Newsletter.

Jill Draeger & Bethany Hesselbacher
Co-Chairpersons



"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.



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.

15 Years

Janet Dickinson

Jacki Foelker

Kris Hofer

Leigh Ann Scheuerell

Susan Sullivan

20 Years

Ruth Gavin



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.



**NATIONAL SCHOOL
BREAKFAST WEEK**
MARCH 2 - 6

Parents are invited to join their students for breakfast! This week we will be highlighting how eating a healthy balanced breakfast at school helps students shine! Our **"Make the Grade with School Breakfast"** campaign will help students learn about the importance of eating healthy and being active.

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 students the necessary energy they need for a day of learning and excitement. The cost is \$1.85 for adults. A reservation form will be coming home soon.

Parents Day:

Barrie Elementary	March 3
Luther Elementary	March 4
Purdy Elementary	March 5
(Breakfast Bagel or Cereal & String Cheese)	
Rockwell Elementary	March 6

Juice, Fruit and Milk are offered with all meals, everyday.

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 10, 2015. 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

Student Name

Grade

Student Name

Grade

Graciela Cortez
Nydia Cortez

First Grade
Second Grade

Troy Hippert
Maximus Salazar

Third Grade
Third Grade

The above students are 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,

Leigh Ann Scheuerell
Principal



NO KINDERGARTEN CLASS ON FRIDAY, MAY 15TH

There will not be classes for 2014-2015 Kindergarten students due to Kindergarten Orientation for 2015 — 2016.



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 \$50.00 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 (\$5.00).



KEEP SAVING

Please keep on saving General Mills box tops. The next competition is February 2nd—12th.



CAREER CAFÉ **JoEllen Arnett** **School Counselor**

Fourth and fifth grade Purdy students participated in their first Career Café this month. Students were given the opportunity to attend a presentation during their lunch and recess periods. JoEllen Arnett, Purdy's school counselor is bringing in different community members each month to showcase their career to our students in hopes of teaching them a bit about that career path and give them a vision for the future. Debra Hall-Kind from MATC was our first guest and came to educate the students about the nursing program and what types of skills and education are needed in this medical field. Coming up in the following months we will have speakers that will be presenting on being a Chef and a Veterinarian.



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.



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 fourth 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 to Bennett's Greenhouse in Fort Atkinson to pick out your own flower basket. Watch for some new selections this year along with favorites like the geranium baskets, dahlia pots and petunia and impatiens flats. 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, Ext. 3318.

Order forms and a letter will go out before Spring Break. Orders will be due around April 10th. Delivery to Purdy School around May 5th, 6th (week before Mother's Day).



PLAN AHEAD FOR EARLY **DISMISSALS & RECORDS DAY**

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

February 20, 2015
March 27, 2015 (Records Day)
May 1, 2015

On February 20, and May 1 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.



2015-2016 4K REGISTRATION

Registration for the School District of Fort Atkinson 4 Year Old Kindergarten **(4K)** opened on Tuesday, January 6th, 2015. Children that will be 4 years old before September 1, 2015 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 6, 2015.

The next step in the enrollment process will be the Fort 4K Registration Day. This will take place **Wednesday, April 8th 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 at 920-563-7817 or email to: kleinc@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
- ✓ Maker Kids
- ✓ Yoga for Kids
- ✓ Play Chess!
- ✓ Lego Club
- ✓ Spring Break Scavenger Hunt
- ✓ 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 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, February 13, 2015

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

Please go to www.fortschools.org and click on the **Early Childhood Screening** link to register for this event. If you have questions you can call the EC/4K Coordinator, Penny Bright-Kukla, at 920.691.6228



Professionals assisting in the process include:

- Director of Pupil Services/Special Education
- Speech and Language Pathologists
- School Psychologist
- School Health Professionals (for hearing and vision concerns)



Purdy Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes
Instructional Materials Center (IMC)
Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Present at Meeting: Leigh Ann Scheuerell, Beth Hesselbacher, Mary Lynn Vaillancourt, Rachel Broadhead, Maggie Messler

Additions/Corrections to October Minutes: Rachel pointed out that the date of Breakfast with Santa was incorrectly listed and should be December 6, 2014.

Treasurer's Report: A report was submitted in anticipation of tonight's meeting by treasurer, Heather Hartwig. Checking Account balance currently stands at \$2,789.21 and Saving Account is at \$1,220.00.

OLD BUSINESS

- **School Board Meeting Update:** Leigh Ann Scheuerell presented an update on the testing schedule for the district and how that specifically effects our students at Purdy. November's spotlight is on Safety Patrol and a presentation on the program was given to the board.
 - **Purdy Powers Dollars (Scrip Gift Card Program):** The program was discussed in response to the status of our budget. It was suggested that efforts be made to get an order form out in time for Black Friday sales. Maggie will get the flyer out and coordinate efforts with the office. A discussion was held on ways to increase education for the program to families and ease of use. A suggestion was made to sell Power Dollars during high traffic times at the school (conferences, programs, etc.).
 - **Market Day Update:** Mary Lynn advised that 237 pies were sold with an approximate profit of \$1,169 for the sale. Market Day is making good progress towards the goal. Mary Lynn discusses some potential spring bonus day opportunities. More information will be given as spring approaches.
 - **Spirit Wear Update:** Maggie relayed information from Spirit Wear Chairperson Jessica Mirek that the order will be arriving within the next week and delivered as soon as possible to the students. The initial order was very large which contributed to the delay. A second spirit wear order may be sent home after the Holidays.
 - **Halloween Activities:** Feedback for the activities has been very positive. Over \$1,100 was raised from the dance to go towards the Scholarship Fund. Overall consensus was that families enjoyed the social opportunity to connect with peers and adults.
 - **Liability Insurance:** Maggie is continuing conversations with the school's insurance agent to seek clarification as to whether PTO is covered under the school's liability coverage for their events.
- 501(c)3 Status: The group is continuing to gather more information on the process and explore this possibility.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Book Fair:** A very large supply of books was delivered which will proved a diverse selection to families. There were no sales during the Veteran's Day Open House. Volunteers have been found to cover most shifts.
- **Teacher Appreciation Supper/Conferences:** Chili has been purchased from the Boy Scouts' Chili sale and frozen to save for the dinner. Donations of food and desserts are being accepted from parents to complete the meal. The meal will be provided on Tuesday, November 18, 2014.
- **Breakfast with Santa:** Whitewater and FAHS students are being sought to help with volunteer duties. Rachel has gone through our stock of crafts and came up with enough to provide a variety of options. Flyers are due back November 19 for reservations. Still looking for a volunteer to head up decorations. Donations are coming in and the kitchen staff has been secured to meet the districts requirement.
- **Best Seat in the House:** Raffle tickets will go home right before Thanksgiving Break and be due back the Thursday before Breakfast with Santa.
- **Scoopie Night:** Will coordinate with Culvers to arrange for night of Holiday Program on December 11, 2014.
- **Artist in Residence:** The program this year will have a music focus. Will incorporate music creation and composition. Program cost is above what is budgeted. Group discussed option of raising additional funds to cover the cost.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 20, 2015
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

Purdy Power Dollars

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Childs Name _____ Phone Number _____ Teacher _____

Delivery options (please check one) ☐ pick up in office ☐ send home w/ my child Email address _____

Please make checks payable to Purdy PTO (Return order form by Thurs.,2/12/2015) Purdy PTO is not responsible for lost cards. ?s call Justin 920-723-4013

Retailer	Card Value	% Profit	Card Qty	Total	Retailer	Card Value	% Profit	Card Qty	Total
					Dining - On the Go				
Pick N Save	\$25	5%			Burger King	\$10	4%		
Pick N Save	\$100	5%			Domino's Pizza	\$5	5%		
					Culvers	\$10	10%		
					KFC	\$5	8%		
Gas / Auto					Subway	\$10	3%		
BP Amoco	\$50	1.5%			Pizza Hut	\$10	8%		
Kwik Trip	\$25/\$50	4%			Papa Murphys	\$5	20%		
Kwik Trip	\$100	4%			Domino's Pizza	\$10	8%		
Shell	\$25	2.5%			Brick House	\$20	10%		
Shell	\$100	2.5%			Arby's	\$10	8%		
Mobil	\$50	1.5%			Dining - Casual				
Discount Store					Chuck E Cheese	\$10	8%		
WalMart/Sams Club	\$25	2%			Salamone's Pizza	\$20	10%		
	\$100				Texas Roadhouse	\$25	8%		
					Noodles & Company	\$10	8%		
Shopko	\$25	3%			Applebees	\$25	10%		
Target	\$25	4%			Red Robin	\$25	11%		
Walgreens	\$25	2%			Olive Garden	\$25	9%		
Department Store					Home Decor				
Kohls	\$25	4%			Bed, Bath Beyond	\$25	7%		
Sears	\$25	6%			Pottery Barn	\$25	8%		
JC Penney's	\$25	6%			Pier 1 Imports	\$25	9%		
	\$100				Home Improvements				
Boston Store	\$25	8%			Ace Hardware	\$25	4%		
	\$100				Menards	\$25	3%		
Farm & Fleet	\$50-100	5%			Home Depot	\$25	6%		
Electronics					Pro-Build		5%		
Best Buy	\$25	2%			Specialty Retailer				
Radio Shack	\$25	4%			Nike	\$25	12%		
Apparel					Michaels	\$25	4%		
Under Armour	\$25	11%			Theaters of Whitewater	\$10	5%		
Old Navy	\$25	9%			Bath & Body Works	\$10	13%		
Gap	\$25	9%				\$25	13%		
The Children's Place	\$25	12%			Hallmark	\$25	5%		
Lands End	\$25	17%			Toys R Us	\$20	1.5%		
Gymboree	\$25	13%			I Tunes	\$15	7%		
Buckle	\$25	8%			Amazon.com	\$25	4%		
Sporting Goods					Build A Bear	\$25	10%		
Bass Pro Shops	\$25	11%			Star bucks	\$10	9%		
Cabela's	\$25	11%			Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10	10%		
Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25	8%			Rock River lanes	\$25	20%		
Gander Mountain	\$25	8%			Rock River Lanes	\$5	4 freegames 4buy 1get 1 2free sodas		
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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?

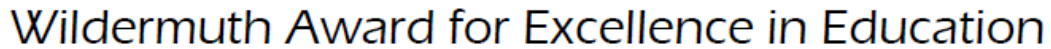
Providing students their choice of milk, fruits and vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins, school meals are a great value and a huge convenience for busy parents. School cafeterias offer students a variety of healthy choices and help children learn how to assemble a well-balanced meal. Parents can 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.



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BACKPACK News

Take Care of Your Ticker! [Heart.org/Getting Healthy](http://Heart.org/GettingHealthy)

The New Year is in full swing! January was establishing the resolution to get healthier; February reminds why it's important to stay healthy for the rest of the year. Read the Q and As for tips on making heart health a priority in your and your family's life!

February is...

American Heart Month
Heart.org

National Cancer Prevention Month
Cancer.org

Railyard Sundays
802 W Water St
Cambridge, WI
Feb 1,8,15,22 3-5p
FortHealthCare.com/Railyard

National Wear Red Day
Feb 6

Happy Valentine's Day!
Feb 14

Family & Friends CPR
Feb 14
FortHealthCare.com/Classes

On My Own at Home
Feb 21
FortHealthCare.com/Classes

What's the big deal?

Our hearts need to be protected! No matter what age, gender, or race, the choices we make everyday determine the health of our heart. Heart disease accounts for over 600,000 deaths per year in the U.S. and half of Americans have at least one major heart disease risk factor, that includes high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and smoking.

How do I know if my heart is healthy?

You are smoke and tobacco-free.

You are active often.

You eat a healthfully.

You aim for a healthy weight.

You keep track of blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar levels.

Unhealthy diet, smoking, prolonged sitting – It may taste, feel, look, seem good on the outside, but take a second to think about what it's doing on the inside!

Kids need at least one hour of physical activity each day!

How else can I protect my heart?

Be smoke and tobacco-free.

Get your heart rate up every day with activities you enjoy!

Eat healthful foods and practice moderation.

Try heart-healthy recipes – roasted cauliflower, yum!

Stay calm – avoid stressful situations and have a good attitude.

Be a role model! Show others how you live healthy!

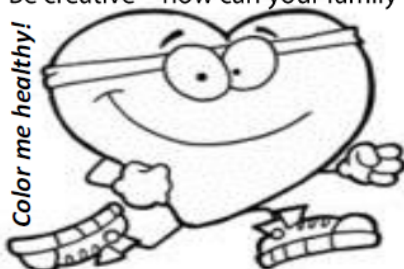
See your doctor and stay on top of medications, if needed.

Seek support – get your friends and family involved!

Change up your routine – replace the couch with your tennis shoes after school/work.

Change up your environment – advocate for less sugary treats at home/school/work.

Be creative – how can your family incorporate more health throughout the day?



Five Ways Play Can Change Your Day

1. Sleep – Play will improve your sleep.
2. Mood – More energy and better attitude.
3. Fuel for your brain – A little physical activity will prep you to concentrate better on your homework.
4. Friends – Bond with old ones and meet new ones.
5. Stretch it out – Stretching can relieve stress, improve balance, and enhance coordination.

Try a Heart-Healthy Recipe – Heart.org/HealthyRecipes

1 ½ cups cauliflower florets (6 oz) | 2 tsp. grated, reduced fat Parmesan cheese | 1 tsp. chopped, fresh parsley leaves | ¼ tsp. garlic powder | ¼ tsp. ground black pepper | 1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil

Preheat oven to 425°F. In a medium bowl, combine cauliflower, cheese, parsley, garlic powder, and pepper. Season with salt. Toss to mix. Drizzle on the oil and toss again. Transfer the mixture to a small nonstick baking dish. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes, tossing once, or until lightly browned and crisp-tender. Serve and enjoy.

Nutritional Analysis	Per serving
Calories Per Serving	104
Total Fat	6 g
Saturated Fat	<1 g
Cholesterol	5 mg
Sodium	121 mg
Carbohydrates	11 g
Fiber	4 g
Protein	4 g

2015 FEBRERO



Noticias para la MOCHILA

Cuidar de su corazón

Heart.org/GettingHealthy

El Año Nuevo está aquí. Enero fue el establecimiento de la resolución para obtener más saludable; Febrero recuerda por qué es importante para mantenerse saludable durante el resto del año. Lea las preguntas y respuestas para consejos sobre cómo hacer la salud del corazón una prioridad en su vida y las vidas de su familia.

Febrero es...

Mes americana del corazón

Heart.org

Mes nacional de la prevención del cáncer

Cancer.org

Domingos de Railyard

802 W Water St

Cambridge, WI

Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 3-5p

FortHealthCare.com/Railyard

[Railyard](http://FortHealthCare.com/Railyard)

Día nacional de vestirse de rojo

Feb 6

Feliz día de San Valentín

Feb 14

Familia y amigos CPR

Feb 14

FortHealthCare.com/Classes

[Classes](http://FortHealthCare.com/Classes)

Clase de 'Por mi cuenta en casa'

Feb 21

FortHealthCare.com/Classes

[Classes](http://FortHealthCare.com/Classes)

¿Por qué es importante el corazón?

Nuestros corazones deben ser protegidos. No importa la edad, el sexo o la raza, las decisiones que tomamos todos los días determinar la salud de nuestro corazón. La enfermedad del corazón causa más de 600,000 muertes por año en los EE.UU. y la mitad de los estadounidenses tienen al menos un factor de riesgo de enfermedad cardíaca, que incluye la presión arterial alta, el colesterol alto y de fumar.

¿Cómo puedo saber si el corazón está sano?

No fume.

Sé activo a menudo.

Come alimentos saludables.

Ten un peso saludable.

Mantiene un registro de la presión arterial, el colesterol y el azúcar en la sangre.

¿Qué más puedo proteger el corazón?

No use tabaco.

Haz ejercicio y juegue regularmente.

Come sano – frutas, vegetales, granos.

Pruebe recetas saludables para el corazón.

Sé tranquilo – evitar las situaciones estresantes y tener buena actitud.

Sé un modelo a seguir para la salud.

Consulta a su médico y toma los medicamentos, si es necesario.

Busca apoyo – amigos, familia pueden ser saludables también.

Cambia su rutina – caminar después de la escuela o trabajo en lugar de los videojuegos.

Cambia el entorno – no más dulces en la escuela o trabajo.

Sé creativo - ¿cómo puede su familia incorporar la salud durante el día?



me colorear

Los niños necesitan por lo menos una hora de ejercicio cada día.



me colorear

Cinco maneras que juego puede cambiar el día

1. Sueño – Actividad física mejorará el sueño.
2. Humor – Más energía y mejor actitud después de actividad.
3. Energía para el cerebro – Mejorar la concentración.
4. Amigos – Pasar tiempo con amigos y conocer nuevos amigos.
5. Estirar – Aliviar el estrés, mejorar equilibrio y coordinación.

Pruebe recetas saludables para el corazón - Heart.org/HealthyRecipes

1 ½ tazas de coliflor (6 oz) | 2 cucharaditas. rallado, queso parmesano grasa reducida | 1 cdta. picado, hojas de perejil fresco | ¼ cdta. ajo en polvo | ¼ cdta. pimienta negra | 1 cdta. aceite de oliva virgen extra




Precaliente el horno a 425°F. En un tazón mediano, combinar la coliflor, el queso, el perejil, el ajo en polvo y la pimienta. Sazonar con sal. Revolver para mezclar. Rociar con el aceite y mezclar de nuevo. Transferir la mezcla a un pequeño plato para hornear antiadherente. Hornear durante 15 a 17 minutos, tirando una vez, o hasta que estén ligeramente doradas y crujientes. Servir y disfrutar.

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FEBRUARY 2015




FA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MEAL PRICES K-5-\$1.40 6-12 - \$1.45 Adults-\$1.80 USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER & EMPLOYER	* - May contain pork + - May contain peanuts Skim and 2% Milk served daily Menu Subject to Change Student Nutrition Department 920-563-7811 x1161			
2 WG Poptarts OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	3 Egg & Cheese Sandwich OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	4 Hot Cereal with Muffin OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	5 Bagel & Cream Cheese OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	6 Mini Cinnis OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk
9 Mini Bagel Bites OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	10 Muffin & Yogurt Cup OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	11 Warm Oatmeal Round OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	12 Maple Mini Pancakes OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	13 French Toast Sticks OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk
16 Mini Cinnis OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	17 Breakfast on a Stick OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	18 Eggo Mini Waffles OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	19 Breakfast Bagel OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	20 EARLY RELEASE Cheese Stuffed Pretzel Stick OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk
23 Build Your Own Yogurt Parfait OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	24 Bacon Scramble OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	25 Omelet and Bagelette OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	26 Banana Bread OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	27 Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk

WE THINK BREAKFAST BECAUSE YOUR KIDS CAN'T THINK WITHOUT IT!

February 2015

ELEMENTARY LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>* - May contain pork + - May contain peanuts Skim and 1% Milk served daily Menu Subject to Change</p> <p>THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER & EMPLOYER</p>				<p>MEAL PRICES K-5-\$2.50 daily, \$11.75 wkly 6-12 -\$2.75 daily, \$12.75 wkly Adults-\$3.25 daily Milk - \$0.35</p> <p>Did you know ... If your family qualifies for free or reduced lunches, they also qualify for free or reduced breakfast!</p>
<p>2 Orange Chicken OR +PBJ & Cheese Stick Oriental Rice Pilaf Steamed Peas & Carrots Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie</p>	<p>3 Chicken Sandwich OR Ham Sandwich Tossed Salad Red Pepper Slices 100% Juice Cup</p>	<p>4 *Soft Shell Tacos OR Turkey Wrap Refried Beans Steamy Golden Corn Chilled Applesauce</p>	<p>5 Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll OR Warm Cheese Melt Tater Tots CA Blend Vegetables Orange Slices</p>	<p>6 Cheese Pizza OR +PBJ & Cheese Stick Fresh Veggies & Dip Sliced Pears Fruit Juice Slushey</p>
<p>9 BRUNCH FOR LUNCH Scrambled Eggs Blueberry Muffin OR +PBJ & Cheese Stick Sweet Potato Puffs 100% Vampire Red Juice Chilled Peaches</p>	<p>10 *Hot Dog on WG Bun OR Ham Sandwich Baked French Fries Saucy Baked Beans CRAISINS</p>	<p>11 Mini Ravioli Warm Breadstick OR Turkey Wrap Green Beans Fresh Carrot Sticks Sliced Apples</p>	<p>12 Chicken Nuggets OR Warm Cheese Melt Cheesy Rice Pilaf Garden Fresh Salad with Grape Tomatoes Fresh Banana</p>	<p>13 *Nachos with Meat & Cheese OR +PBJ & Cheese Stick Refried Beans Steamed Corn 100% Juice Cup</p>
<p>16 Heart Shaped Chicken Nuggets OR +PBJ & Cheese Stick Romantic Rice Pilaf Lovely Blend of WI Vegetable Heart Healthy Broccoli Sweet Strawberries</p>	<p>17 Flame Broiled Cheeseburger OR Ham Sandwich Baked Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans 100% Juice Cup</p>	<p>18 Cheese Pizza Boat OR Turkey Wrap Fresh Veggies & Dip Green Beans Orange Slices</p>	<p>21 Popcorn Chicken Dinner Roll OR Warm Cheese Melt Mashed Potatoes Steamed Corn Applesauce</p>	<p>20 EARLY RELEASE</p>
<p>23 Mini Corn Dogs OR Ham Sandwich Sweet Potato Criss Cut Fries Baked Beans CRAISINS</p>	<p>24 Stuffed Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce OR +PBJ & Cheese Stick Steamed Broccoli Tossed Salad 100% Juice Cup</p>	<p>25 Cheese Quesadilla OR +PBJ & Cheese Stick Fresh Veggies & Dip Steamed Corn Banana</p>	<p>26 Chicken Sandwich OR Ham Sandwich Tossed Salad Red Pepper Slices 100% Juice Cup</p>	<p>27 *Soft Shell Tacos OR Turkey Wrap Refried Beans Steamy Golden Corn Chilled Applesauce</p>

FORT ATKINSON STUDENT NUTRITION – PART OF A BALANCED EDUCATION!