






Purdy Elementary School

October 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Future Dates Nov. 2 Daylight Savings Time Begins—"Fall Back" at 2:00 AM or the night before @ bedtime Nov. 5 Market Day P/U 4:30-5:30 Nov. 7 Purdy Pride Day Nov. 10 No PM Early Childhood (Home Visits) Nov. 11 Veteran's Day, Open House Visits/ Turkey Luncheon Nov. 11 6:30 PM PTO Meeting—IMC Nov. 13 Parent/Teacher Conferences/PTO Book Fair Nov. 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences/PTO Book Fair			1 Market Day P/U 4:30-5:30 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Purdy Pride Day Early Release Day 11:50 Dismissal Playground Assembling Day 4	4
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12	13 No PM Early Childhood (Home Visits) Day 10	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17 4th Gr. To Aldo Leopold Nature Center-Madison 9:30 AM—2:45 PM Day 4	18 
19	20  Day 5	21 PTO Meeting 6:30 PM-IMC Day 6	22 Day 7	23 Band Recruitment for 5th Grade 9:30-10:30 AM Day 8	24 Kindergarten Field Trip to Busy Barns Adventure Farm 8:30 AM - Noon Day 9	25
26	27 Day 10	28 Day 1	29 Band Sign-Up Night Luther Band Room 3:15-7:15 Day 2	30 Monster Mash Dance 6:00—7:30 PM Gym Day 3	31 10:30 AM— School Halloween Parade 10:45 AM— Classroom Parties 11:50 AM Early Dismissal (Records Day) Day 4	



PURDY PANTHERS

PURDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2014



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Purdy Families,

I have really enjoyed my time in my new position and each day I am given the gift of working with an exceptional staff that keeps student needs and learning at the center of their focus. The school year has gotten off to a great start, so I thought I'd highlight for you some of the "happenings" at Purdy Elementary:

- Purdy Elementary welcomes several new staff members this year:

Ms. Jessica Zuniga - art
Ms. Kristin Halverson - first grade
Mrs. Jilayne Siewert - second grade
Ms. Christine Bachhuber - fourth grade
Mrs. Linda Deets - special education
Mrs. Penny Kukla - 4K Director

We are thrilled to have them join our team and share with us all of their great experience and knowledge. Please help welcome them when you visit Purdy!

- Our comprehensive literacy model instruction is in full swing. I was able to visit each classroom during this block of instruction in the day and was very impressed not only with the high quality explicit learning targets occurring, but also the structures and routines the teachers had set for all students to find success.

- Our district continues to provide additional high quality, researched based interventions for students needing extra support, specifically in reading, math and word work. Our intervention team is already busy meeting with students to help them work towards big gains in their learning and getting them back on track with Common Core pacing. We're excited to see results of all this hard work at the end of each quarter.

- We have continued to implement our safety protocols in order to keep all students and staff in the building safe. You may have noticed our hallway doors locked prior to the bell ringing in the morning. This is to ensure those safety measures are in place as teachers are *often* not in rooms supervising early arrivals; they are planning for the day and preparing materials. It's great to see so many parents enjoying these beautiful mornings on the playground with their children! Thanks for your support and understanding.

- Purdy is preparing to install new playground equipment on the 4th-5th grade side of the building on **Friday, October 3rd**. MANY thanks go to the Brandl, Mrozinski, Ready, and Maas families for helping to take down and remove the old equipment! We couldn't have done it without you!

- 65 students completed the Purdy summer reading program and were treated to a pizza and juice snack while listening to entertaining fairy tales.

- The most recent State Report Card shows our school continuing to do very well. We received an overall score of Exceeds Expectations. The following page gives you more information about the specific components.

- Lots of great moments are happening at Purdy! Please check out my blog on the Purdy homepage by visiting: <http://www.fortschools.org/> and clicking on "Principal's Page" to "My Blog"

Yours in learning,

Leigh Ann Scheuerell, Principal
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PURDY SCHOOL RATED "EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS"

The State of Wisconsin has released the most current record of School and District Report Cards. Purdy School had an overall score and rating of "Exceeds Expectations." The staff is very proud of that score which is a direct reflection of school efforts to provide a quality education for all students.

The report card is based on scores in these areas:

- **Student Achievement** – performance on the WKCE state achievement test in reading and mathematics in grades 3-5
- **Student Growth** – improvement over time on the WKCE in reading and mathematics as students move from grade three to four and four to five and five to six.
- **Closing Gaps** – progress of student subgroups in closing gaps in reading and mathematics performance as students move up each grade level.
- **On-track and Postsecondary Readiness** – performance on key indicators of readiness for graduation including the third grade reading test.
- **Absenteeism and Test Participation** – are factored in and can help increase or decrease the score. Particularly noteworthy were high scores in math achievement, reading growth, closing gaps in reading and math, and attendance rate.

Not included in the scores are achievement and enrichment areas like: science; social studies; art; PE; music including vocal, band and strings; health; technology skills, etc. all of which contribute to provide a great education and well rounded person.



VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Purdy will continue with the annual Veteran's Day Celebration and Open House program at 8:15 AM on November 11. It will be another memorable day honoring the sacrifices of our Veterans!



NAUGHTY OR NICE? BREAKFAST WITH SANTA WILL BE DECEMBER 6, 2014

Please plan for a morning of Christmas fun! Details of this event will be sent home in November with your children. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please call Rachel Broadhead at 920-568-3858.



PTO BIRTHDAY BOOKS DISTRIBUTED FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

The PTO sponsors a birthday books reading program for our students. Birthday books will be distributed by classroom teachers in the month of your child's birthday.



THANKS PTO FOR FIELD TRIP SUPPORT

Students will once again be attending a number of field trips this year. Due to school budget constraints, your school's PTO is picking up a major portion of school field trips thereby saving parents additional contributions or eliminating some valuable learning experiences.



**PARENT-TEACHER
ACTIVITIES
COMMUNICATION IS
IMPORTANT!**

♦ **Purdy PTO** meets once a month with the next meeting scheduled for **October 21** at 6:30 PM. The meeting features PTO business and is concluded with an open forum (Principal's Advisory Meeting) with Leigh Ann Scheuerell, Principal, and PTO Advisor. Our PTO Officers include: Maggie Messler (President), Katie McIntyre (Vice President), Pam Gustin (Secretary) and Heather Hartwig (Treasurer). Both are very excited about the year. These meetings last about an hour and fifteen minutes and enable parents to become informed about school events and decide on ways to support and add to school educational efforts.

♦ **Purdy's Annual Open House** is scheduled for Nov. 11th (Veterans Day). This is a date when parents, grandparents and other visitors can watch what we do best—teach—and also watch what our students do best—learn. Visitors are expected to participate! We also have a special turkey lunch planned for all including our visitors.

♦ Easy access to office and teaching staff is expected to be normal for our parents. For your best chances of meeting with a staff member for the desired amount of time, phone ahead. Further, all our classrooms are equipped with phones for easy contact or you may wish to use each teacher's e-mail. E-mail addresses are easy to find on our webpage.

♦ As one can see, communication is a cornerstone to your community school's operation and is crucial in helping your child succeed.



MONSTER MASH DANCE

The Monster Mash Dance will be Thursday, October 30th from 6:00—7:30 PM.

More information will be coming out to parents.

(Because of the time the haunted house took from Instruction, staff has collaboratively decided to focus on a dance alone this year.)



**HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES
OCTOBER 31st**

10:30—10:45 AM School Halloween Parade

10:45—11:45 AM Classroom Parties

11:50—Early Dismissal (Early Release Day)



**OCTOBER 7th,
PICTURE RETAKE DAY**

Didn't get a picture taken? Don't like the one that came home? Then plan to attend retake day on October 7th. If doing a retake, please bring back the dissatisfactory picture proofs to school to turn in to the photographer. Preschool children again will have an opportunity for a photo. The latter should stop by before school. Remember a class composite photo is included in all picture packages. Also, new students and absentees from the regular photo day will have their photos taken. All students have their photos taken for the yearbook, which will be ordered separately at a later date.



PBIS CONTINUES BEHAVIOR SUCCESS

By now, you have received information about your child's "color" at the end of each day. At the beginning of each day, all students begin on green and then move up or down the color clip chart as they demonstrate behaviors throughout the day. This is a great communication between home and school to let you know how your child did at school that day. Remember, "green" is GREAT! It means your student was doing what they should have been during the day. If you would like more information on our PBIS program, please visit the district website at: www.fortschools.org and clicking on the "Pupil Services" tab to the "PBIS" link.



Market Day MARKET DAY NEWS

We are off to an amazing start supporting Purdy Elementary. 260 boxes of cookie dough were sold from parents, students and staff. That brings directly to Purdy Elementary \$1,270.00! Wow, what an amazing amount! Along with our regular grocer orders, we will be receiving \$1,364.00 in total profit. Look for information regarding the dessert sale the first and second week in October. Our goal is 500 desserts. Help us reach our goal by selling at least 2 desserts. Check out Market Day online at www.marketday.com.

Mary Lynn Vaillancourt and Dawn Church
Co-Chairpersons



SCHOOL OFF TO A SUCCESSFUL START TOTAL ENROLLMENT REMAINS ABOUT THE SAME

Purdy Elementary School opened its doors to 354 students compared with 343 students last year. Class sizes range between 19 to 25.

Grades 1-5 Students New to Purdy Elementary

Kindergarten

Kiera Nelson

First Grade

Devin Garica

Kylie Luebke

Aiyannah Morris-Dailey

Collier Ryan

Phoenix Severin

Third Grade

James Enright

Will Gessler

Shyan Lesperance

Ethan Toeller

Fourth Grade

Ryan Fjelstad

Hana Grossman

Onyx Severin

Lily Zimdars

Second Grade

Lydia Courtier

Treyce Lesperance

Logan Menzel

Willow Severin

Fifth Grade

Zackary Grossman

Mason Marowsky



FALL FUNDRAISER UPDATE

The Purdy Elementary School PTO is once again not planning a fall fundraiser. Instead the PTO and our parents will continue to focus on our Purdy Power Dollar Program (you buy gift cards at cost—ex. A \$50 grocery card costs you \$50 and the PTO gets a small percentage through a special program). It costs you nothing additional! ☺ Also please continue to support Market Day and Market Day special promotions like the annual pie sale and cookie sale.

**Thank you for your support to keep
our school activities funded!**



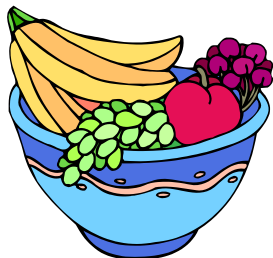
HEALTHY CLASSROOM TREATS

Kids love to snack, and the good news is that snacking is important to a child's well being. Purdy would like to involve the entire student body and their families in helping us create not only healthy minds, but also healthy bodies through good nutrition.

Parents, when providing classroom treats for birthdays, holiday parties and other special occasions, please consider sending a nutritious treat.

Some great choices include:

- String Cheese
- Cheese and Fruit Kabobs
- Yogurt Cups or "Gogurts"
- Veggies and Dip or Peanut Butter
- Pretzels
- Fruit Wedges
- Trail Mix or Gorp
- Chex Mix
- Teddy Grahams
- Tortillas and Salsa
- Granola Bars
- Fruit Juice Popsicles
- Fruit Roll Ups
- Chex Mix
- Others? Be Creative and Healthy
- Healthy Habits Start at Home and School!



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INFORMATION

Breakfast is served daily from 7:30 AM to 7:55 AM.

Cost of Breakfast:

\$1.40 Full Price
.30 Reduced

Cost for Lunch:

\$2.50 Full Price
.40 Reduced

Parents are always welcome to eat breakfast or lunch with their child(ren). Parents may purchase a school meal or you may bring along a meal for you and/or your child(ren).

Lunch Schedule

Kindergarten:	11:00
First Grade:	11:10
Second Grade:	11:20
Third Grade:	11:30
4-K	11:40
Fourth Grade:	11:45
Fifth Grade:	11:50

Recess/Lunch periods are 45 minutes long. Children have 15 minutes for recess and then they come in to have their lunch.

School Board Policy directs that a child may not charge more than two lunches.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION INFORMATION

All students Kindergarten through Fifth Grade must wear tennis shoes for physical education class. We need to keep our students safe. No flip-flops, sandals or boots. Thank you for your help.

Mrs. Brain and Mr. Jensen

P.E. Teachers



OFFICE HOURS **ABSENCES, LATE ARRIVALS**

The school office hours are 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Monday to Friday. If your child will be absent or late, please call or e-mail the school office. (Parents can leave a voice message any time.) If we do not hear from you, we will phone to find out why your child is not in school. This is for attendance and safety reasons. It saves everyone a great deal of time if you call us. The office phone is 563-7822 or e-mail Mrs. Hetts at: hettsk@fortschools.org.

Attendance...

At the end of the school year, student attendance records are reviewed for attendance awards. The criteria for receiving an attendance award is as follows:

Perfect Attendance – 0 Days Absent; 3 or less Tardies

Good Attendance – 2 or less Days Absent; 3 or less Tardies



PURDY PATROLS **OF THE MONTH**

Brooke Midtlien and Stephanie Ramirez were selected as Purdy Patrol Members of the Month. Brooke, Stephanie, Mason Brandl and Princes Zuniga have been selected and have agreed to serve as Patrol Captains. Each don't mind missing recesses, like to plan and enjoy working with other students. Brooke and Stephanie were treated to lunch at Culver's along with the other Safety Patrol Captains from Fort Atkinson on Friday, September 26, 2014. Mason and Princess will be Purdy Patrol Members of the Month in October and treated to lunch at McDonald's.



AN ORDERLY **PLAYGROUND** **IS A SAFE ONE**

Parents can help Purdy's playground be a safer place by reminding students of playground rules including BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE SAFE AND READY TO LEARN! Those which are most commonly violated or in need of the most reminders at this time of year include:

- ♦ Take your coat outside and wear your coat. As a matter of fact children are required to wear a coat if it is below 50 degrees.
- ♦ Enter the building quietly.
- ♦ Slide down the slides properly on one's seat - don't walk up the slide.
- ♦ Foul language, hurting others and disrespect will not be tolerated. No warnings— only consequences with a disciplinary write up is sent home. These are all rules for a safer, more enjoyable school environment.



FORT ATKINSON LUNCH **PRICES TO INCREASE**

Due to an error on the calculations of lunch prices established by federal guidelines, the School District of Fort Atkinson's lunch prices were incorrectly stated in registration packets. Elementary school lunches will cost \$2.50 per meal for 2014-2015, and the Middle School and High School lunches will be \$2.75 each. Please check out the District's lunch menus along with updated pricing on the District website at www.fortschools.org. If your family has difficulty affording the breakfast or lunch program offered by the District, applications for free or reduced priced lunches may also be found on the School Nutrition section of the website.

Questions may be directed to Barbara Waara, Student Nutrition Director, at 920-563-7811, Ext. 1161.



**EVENING PARENT
TEACHER CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED---AGAIN
REPORT CARDS TO BE SHARED**

This year all parents will once again get their child's quarterly progress reported to them in the report card. Parents are expected to attend fall **Parent-Teacher Conferences** which will be held on Thursday, November 13 and Tuesday, November 18. Parents are expected to meet with their child's homeroom teacher and are invited to meet with other teaching staff as well. This is an excellent opportunity to sit down with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and get objective data on behavioral and academic progress. Find out what goals your children have set and how well they are doing in reaching them. All teachers are available to conference with you, not just your child's homeroom teacher. Please make a note on the conference form that comes home and those teachers will be available.



VISITING PURDY

Visitors are always welcome at our school! Lunch is probably the most popular time. Please enter through our main entrances at the front of the building and main parking lot either Doors 1 or 2. The School District requires all visitors to stop in each school's office. We ask that you sign the visitor registration book in the main office anytime you visit our building. Near dismissal time parents are asked to not wait directly outside your child(ren's) door. This can at times cause problems when larger numbers of parents and small children make noise. Waiting areas are available near the front of the school. Thank-you.



ORCHESTRA STUDENTS

5th Grade Orchestra is well underway! Please continue to remember your instrument every week, turn in a practice log, and keep on working hard at home!

Thank you to those of you that attended the Orchestra Parent Night!

Remember, if you ever have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Gary!

garyj@fortschools.org
920-563-7828, ext. 6101



5th GRADE BAND!!!

On October 23, all fifth grade students will be traveling to the high school to see and hear the high school band perform.

You then have the opportunity to decide if you would like to participate in BAND or not. Interested students also have the opportunity to try playing any/all of the band instruments with the help of Mrs. Gary.

After the band demo day, all interested students need to come to the **Band Sign-Up Night!**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29
at Luther Elementary school
from 3:15 – 7:15 (open house!)**

There will be two brief informational meetings at 3:30 or at 6:00 for parents that can attend.

A Spanish-speaking interpreter will be present from 5:30 until 6:30.



NEWS FROM SCHOOL

October 2014

School Fundraising:

Want to help the school raise money for books and other materials used by the students and teachers? Well, it is an easy thing to do. Just save the following items and then have your child bring them to school once a month.

- ♦ General Mills Box Tops, each one is worth 10 cents. A list of products is included with this newsletter.
- ♦ Kwik Trip Milk Moola milk caps and plastic bag tops. Each one is worth 5 cents.
- ♦ Nickels for School, Kemp's milk caps. Each one is worth 5 cents.
- ♦ Kids, Cash and Caps milk caps. Each one is worth 5 cents.

Thank you for all of your help and support in the past and with your help, we hope to have another successful fundraising year.



Note: We will no longer be collecting Campbell's labels. At less than one cent each they are not worth collecting anymore.



BOX TOPS CONTEST

Keep collecting those box tops! We will be starting our first class competition soon!



NEWS FROM THE IMC

October 2014

If you have a computer and Internet access at home, be sure to check out the Purdy IMC web page. The web address is: <http://www.fortschools.org>. It has great links for extension learning your child can do at home!



SAVE THE DATE

They're coming!!

The annual Purdy Winter Programs will be here before we know it. Please mark your calendars now so you won't miss them! All shows will be performed on Thursday, December 11, 2014 in the Fort High School Auditorium. Approximate times are as follows:

Grades K-1 will present their show at 6:00 PM

The program with Grades 2-3 will be at 6:35 PM

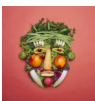
Grades 4-5 will begin their presentation at 7:20 PM.

We hope to see all of our students and parents there!





PLANNING FOR THAT HALLOWEEN PARTY



So, what's the big deal about eating healthy foods lately? Don't I have the right to eat what I want?

Well, Congress passed the Child Nutrition Act of 2004 which required that all school districts adopt a local school wellness policy that addresses physical activity and healthy eating. The intent behind this law was to curb the increasing rate of obesity among school children. This is a good thing! Obesity can increase the risk of Type 2 Diabetes, heart disease risk factors, poor bone development, and the psychological and emotional problems because of being overweight. Obesity rates have doubled among children and tripled among teens in the last 20 years. This means that nearly 9 million youth are overweight. In Wisconsin, 24 percent of high school students are overweight. That's right one in four!

So does eating healthy mean that we can only have carrot sticks? Absolutely not. Our diets can be full of a wide array of healthy meals and snacks. We can start by looking at how to reduce the amount of sugar we and our children eat. The key word here is reduce not eliminate.

- ♦ We can start by providing healthy snacks and treats for student celebrations and other events. In this newsletter you will see how you can order healthy birthday treats through our nutrition department. Yes, cookies are even offered but they are low fat cookies with applesauce in them to replace the fat. They taste great! All treats are delivered to our school in the morning, the day of your child's birthday.

- ♦ Halloween parties should have a good assortment of foods. It is important in planning parties to remember that, as adults we would not have an assortment of only sweets served to us at a party. Adult parties include a variety of food such as vegetables and dip, meat, cheese and crackers plus a sweet. So a variety of foods is key to nutritious food consumption.

- ♦ Students are not to bring soda to drink with lunch. Adults can set a good example by not drinking soda when they come to have lunch with their child.

Poor nutrition and lack of physical activity are not only root causes of overweight and obesity, they are also factors contributing to lower academic achievement. As children we heard, "Eat fish, it is good brain food". That wasn't too far off the mark, because not only is fish good brain food, but also fruits, vegetables, eggs, etc. are all good for brain and body development. We can help our children develop a healthy life style to ensure good health and a long life.



PRACTICING GOOD NUTRITION

Parents can help the school promote good nutrition habits by not sending soda pop with students for lunch. Milk is available or parents may wish to send a juice pack. No pop in the lunchroom means little or no peer pressure to drink soda pop as well. Good nutrition is the norm. Thanks!



PURDY PTO OFFICERS **2014-2015**

Presidents: Maggie Messler
Vice President: Katie McIntyre
Secretary: Pam Gustin
Treasurer: Heather Hartwig
Advisor: Leigh Ann Scheuerell

PURDY PTO COMMITTEE **CHAIRPERSONS**

Spiritwear Jessica Mirek
Bookfair Jill Draeger & Beth Hasselbacher
Bkfst. w/Santa Rachel Broadhead
5th Grade Bkfst. **Open—2 Needed**
Teacher Apprec. **Open**
Box Tops Rebecca Hakenson & Sally Schwarz
Flower Fundraiser Michelle De Mott
Market Day: Dawn Church
Mary Lynn Vaillancourt
Purdy Power \$: Justin Luebke & **Open**
(2 Positions)
Artist in Res.: Leigh Ann Scheuerell
Birthday Books: Dawn Church

PURDY PTO BUDGET 2014-2015

REVENUE

2013-2014 Carryover	\$ 6,000.00
Purdy Power Dollars	\$ 3,000.00
Market Day	\$ 3,500.00
Book Fair	\$ 500.00
School Photos	\$ 800.00
Box Top Competition	\$ 2,500.00
Target	\$ 100.00
Breakfast with Santa	\$ 600.00
Best Seat in House	\$ 150.00
Flower Sale	\$ 900.00
Haunted House Donation	\$ 500.00
Mobil Grant	\$ 500.00
Sal's Night Out	\$ 250.00
Total:	\$19,300.00
(Scrip Inventory \$10,000.00)	

EXPENSES

Fifth Grade Breakfast	\$ 400.00
Homeroom Supplies	\$ 450.00
Skate Replacements	\$1,000.00
Staff Appreciation/Luncheon	\$ 250.00
Field Trips	\$ 5,000.00
Artist-In-Residence	\$3,000.00
Science Fair Assembly	\$ 350.00
Track Meet	\$ 100.00
PBIS Incentives	\$ 500.00
Arts Festival	\$ 100.00
Purdy Patrol	\$ 400.00
Small Playground Supplies	\$ 500.00
Playground Equipment	\$ 7,000.00
Student Testing Snacks	\$ 250.00

Total: \$19,300.00



POSITIVE MORNINGS

Great mornings begin the night before for both parents and their children. Kids should finish homework and pack library books, etc. In the evening, sign permission slips, make lunches, and hand out lunch money. Kids who eat a healthy breakfast (providing 25 percent of their daily nutrition) do better on mental performance tests than those who don't! Don't forget to use Purdy Elementary School's breakfast program when your child does not eat a breakfast at home. Parents are always welcome to eat breakfast with us!



PHONE MESSAGES

The office is always willing to take messages for students and teachers. Occasionally a message is missed, particularly at the end of the day when volumes are high or there is little time to locate the child and deliver the message. **One can help reduce the number of messages by writing a note and sending it with your child.** This will help eliminate any missed messages. When necessary, call early.

**PTO Meeting
IMC
Tuesday, September 16th, 2014**

Present at Meeting: Leigh Ann Scheuerell, Maggie Messler, Pam Gustin, Katie McIntyre, Heather Hartwig, Rachel Broadhead, Steven and Deb Ehrhardt, Michelle De Mott, Kerri Damm, Pete Ready, Jessica and Dave Mirek, Marcia and Josh Pempek, Jeff Scheuerell

Additions/Corrections to May Minutes: None

Treasurer's Report: Checking Balance \$1,614.92, Savings \$1,220.00 (see attached)

OLD BUSINESS

- Back to School Night—Everything went smoothly at back to School Night. Photographers were here at an earlier time, which helped with staff and student pictures. There were some problems and confusion about accessing the online pictures. Also, the yearbook was a separate cost and many families were not aware of this.
- Market Day—Cookie Dough orders are due September 24th. Right now there are only 30 orders turned in. Our goal is 100 orders to reach a 30% profit of about \$500.00. Next month is the pie/dessert fundraiser.

NEW BUSINESS

- Playground Report—New equipment has been ordered. Old equipment will be disassembled this Saturday, September 20th. Parent Colin Mass has volunteered to lead this. The install will be on October 3rd, which is an early release day. We will need volunteers to help on this day.
- Spiritwear Update— We are going with a new company, Aropa out of Whitewater. There won't be as many choices, but the prices are more reasonable. We have a new logo created by Wendy Haagensen, a parent. Order forms will be out by next week (September 22-27).
- Book Fair—Jill Draeger is the chairperson and Beth Hesselbacher is her co-chair. The Fall Fair will take place during Parent Teacher Conferences, November 13th and 18th. The Spring Fair will be during the Arts Festival as it was last year.
- Halloween Activities—This year there will not be a haunted house. There was discussion about when to hold the Monster Mash dance. Parties and parade will be during the day on Friday, October 31st which is an early release day. We will look at other options to help raise money for the scholarship fund without the haunted house.
- Power Dollars—We are looking for parents to help with ideas to increase sales. In the past, we have made a lot of money from this, but sales have dropped. Please contact Maggie Messler or Leigh Ann Scheuerell if you are interested in being part of this committee.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 2014

FORT ATKINSON REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Create the 2015 Science Fair T-shirt design! Win a free t-shirt and a \$20 Nasco gift certificate!

Here's how: Create a science themed design that (1) is vertically orientated on a 8 x 10 " sheet of paper; (2) includes "Fort Atkinson Science Fair" and "2015" in the design; (3) includes your initials in design (not your full name); (4) is drawn in black ink on white paper.

Write your name, address, phone number and age on the BACK of the entry. Turn it in to the Nasco Outlet store (not the art store) by November 1, 2014. One design will be chosen for next year's science fair t-shirts.

Flyers with more specific information can be picked up in the Purdy Office.

Academic Extensions and GATE Programming 2014-2015

What do all the academic extension acronyms mean? In addition to the amazing differentiation that happens in the classroom, there are several academic extension opportunities offered through GATE (Gifted and Talented Education).

The **SLA (Southern Lakes Anthology) contest** is for grades 3-5. Students submit original writing, art, or cartoons on a different theme each year. The SLA contest is open to all students. Information about the SLA contest is provided by the Library Media Specialists (Elementary GATE Liaisons) in the fall.

The **Mini-Grant Program** is for grades 3-5. Students apply their creative ideas and task commitment to finding a solution to a need in their school or community. Students, individually or in small groups, apply to receive grant money that has been provided by area businesses and groups. Students use the grant money as seed money to raise additional funds for a specific need, or to purchase materials to solve a local need.

GATE Interventions are part of the RtI (Response to Intervention) model of meeting student needs. In these interventions, Library Media Specialists and/or GATE staff work on specific learning goals with individuals or small groups for a pre-determined amount of time.

An additional program is available based on student interest and parent volunteers. **FPS (Future Problem Solving)** is for grades 4-5. The FPS program allows teams of four students to learn the FPS process and use it to solve potential future problems while competing with other teams around the state. FPS is open to students who are good readers and strong critical thinkers. Parent volunteers coach FPS teams.

Parents often ask – If my child is invited to participate in a GATE Exploration Class or partake in a GATE Intervention, does that mean my child is gifted? The answer is mixed. On one hand, most people believe that all students are gifted with special skills and talents. On the other hand, the educational and psychological definition of giftedness applies to only a small percentage of people. Giftedness has more to do with how a person learns than whether a person does well in school. The academic extensions listed above are designed to meet the different learning needs of gifted students as well as the academic extension needs of bright and able learners.

If you have any questions about any of the GATE programs, please contact:
Stacci Barganz, GATE & AP Coordinator 568-4478 or barganzs@fortschools.org



Southern Lakes Anthology Contest

All submissions for SLA are due at the IMC by Nov. 25^h

What is the Southern Lakes Anthology Contest? The Southern Lakes Anthology (SLA) Contest is sponsored by the Whitewater TAG Network. The purpose of SLA is to provide an opportunity for talented writers, artists, and cartoonists to publish their work. Students submit pieces in five areas: poetry, prose, art, cartoon, and illustrated writing. During the month of October, Library Media Specialists will present information on the anthology contest to students in 3rd - 5th grade. Specific guidelines for each area will be available in the school library along with templates for art and cartoon pieces. The theme for 2014-15 is **"Expressions"**.

Who can submit work? Fort Atkinson students in gr. 3 – 8 may submit a piece for judging. Information and illustration templates may be picked up in the school library.

Why should students consider submitting a piece for the SLA? The SLA provides an authentic audience for young writers and artists. The twenty-four top entries from Fort Atkinson are published in a local anthology which is distributed to local businesses for their waiting rooms. The twenty-four local winners are also sent to the regional judging. If selected at the regional level, the pieces are published in a book along with other winners from southeastern Wisconsin. Winning students are invited to a recognition ceremony in May where they receive a free copy of the book.

How are the pieces chosen? Pieces need to communicate a message based on the year's theme. Art, cartoons, and the illustrations in illustrated writing pieces are also judged on originality, neatness, space and composition. Artwork needs to have strong black and white contrast (black pens or markers carefully used over very light pencil works great!). In addition to relevance to the theme, stories and poetry are judged on the clarity of ideas, organization, sentence fluency, word choice, conventions, and voice.

Poetry is limited to one page (12 to 15 font). Poems do not need to rhyme or follow a prescribed format. Poetry should use concise, deliberate words and contain creative imagery. Prose is limited to two pages (double spaced 12 to 15 font). All writing, artwork, and cartoons must have a minimum of 1 inch margins. No clip art or copyrighted images (nor the word "expressions" or any of its variants) are allowed in art, cartoon or illustrated writing pieces. All work must be a student's original work. Parents / teachers may provide editing assistance.

Who should I contact if I have questions? If you have questions, please contact your school's Library-Media Specialist.

Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search

Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS) provides the opportunity for qualified 4th – 5th grade academically advanced students to take the 8th grade EXPLORE test. For most students, being tested on material they have never encountered is not a fun experience. However, some students find the challenge exhilarating. Above-level testing allows students to demonstrate knowledge beyond their current grade level.

Interested 4th and 5th grade students qualify to participate in NUMATS in three ways: WKCE scores; participation in one or more of last year's GATE Exploration groups; or by parent or teacher nomination.

Qualifying WKCE scores:		Grade (when tested)	Reading	Math
Wisconsin	WKCE (percentile)	3	≥ 92nd	≥ 92nd
		4	≥ 90th	≥ 90th
	WKCE (scale score)	3	≥ 507	≥ 493
		4	≥ 527	≥ 523

The test may be taken Nov. 8th, Jan. 24th or Feb. 21st. The cost of the testing is \$71. There are partial fee waivers (reducing the cost by \$38) for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Application for the program is online at www.ctd.northwestern.edu. Instructions concerning fee waivers are on the website under financial aid. Please include Fort Atkinson's ID number **8701089** and Fort Atkinson's Coordinator - Stacci Barganz barganzs@fortschools.org on the online application form.. Visit the online site for more information or call NUMATS at 847-491-3782 ext.3, or the GATE office at 568-4478.

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
is offering FREE FLU CLINIC

Who: All school age students: including families with private health insurance, BadgerCare/Medical Assistance, or no health insurance

When: Friday, October 3rd from noon to 3:30 PM (early dismissal)

Where: Fort Atkinson Middle School, Room 19

Jefferson County Public Health Nurses will provide FREE flu vaccinations for all school age students.

Vaccines will be FREE to all students regardless of health insurance coverage.

A parent must accompany their child to the clinic.

Other available free vaccines:

Tdap: required vaccine for all students entering 6th grade

HPV: recommended for students age 11 and over (boys and girls). It is a series of 3 doses, with one dose given at this clinic.

Meningococcal: recommended for students 11-18 years.

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BACKPACK News

Fort HealthCare in your Community
FortHealthCare.com/Wellness

Fort HealthCare is dedicated to the individuals that not only come through our doors, but also live, work, and play in our service area and surrounding communities. Fort HealthCare is challenging you and your family to be active, fuel your body with essential nutrients, and spend quality time with loved ones this month.

November is...

Diabetes Month

Child Mental Health Month

Healthy Skin Month

Frosty Rock Nov. 15th

Great American Smokeout Nov. 20th

Happy Thanksgiving! Nov. 27th

Diabetes Lunch&Learns

Registered Pediatric Nurses regularly visit the schools to have lunch with kids with diabetes to provide the opportunity ask questions and reduce the stigma associated with the diagnosis.

Celebrate the smokeout

A day marked to quit smoking and pledge never to start. Smoking is the #1 preventable cause of death. Learn more at cancer.org and about the new policy on e-cigarettes by the American Heart Association at heart.org.

Give Thanks

Take a moment to reflect and be truly thankful for each item and person you have in your life. Have a fulfilling Thanksgiving!



Family-Friendly Programming
FortHealthCare.com/Classes | Health365Events.com

Frosty Rock Challenge

12K trail route, 5K run/walk, and 1-mile Kids Run on November 15th will benefit the Jefferson County Cancer Coalition. Learn more and register at FortHealthCare.com/FrostyRock.

Railyard Fitness

Provided to you by Fort Memorial Hospital Foundation to promote family fitness and pediatric wellness. Check out Railyard in your community: FortHealthCare.com/Railyard.

American Heart CPR, AED, and First Aid classes are ongoing and inexpensive at Fort HealthCare. A student manual and certification card are included. View all classes at FortHealthCare.com/Classes.



Sign up for Fort HealthCare's monthly email newsletter!
FortHealthCare.com/eNews

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Noticias para la MOCHILA

Fort HealthCare en su comunidad
FortHealthCare.com/Wellness

Fort HealthCare está dedicado a los individuales que no sólo entran por nuestras puertas, pero también viven, trabajen, y juegan en nuestro área de servicio y en comunidades alrededor. Fort HealthCare se desafía tú y su familia para ser activo, alimentar su cuerpo con nutrientes esenciales, y pasar tiempo de calidad con sus queridos este mes.

Noviembre es...

Mes de diabetes

Mes del niño con salud mental

Mes del salud piel

Evento de Frosty Rock 15 de nov

Gran Americano "Smokeout" 20 de nov

Día de gracias 27 de nov

Aprende sobre el diabetes

Y come almuerzo
Las enfermeras pediátricas regularmente visitan las escuelas para comer almuerzo con niños con diabetes para dar la oportunidad a preguntar sus propias preguntas y reducir el estigma asociado con el diagnóstico.

Celebra el "smokeout"

Un día marcado a dejar de fumar y prometer de no empezar. Fumando es el primer evitable causa de fatalidad. Aprende más en cancer.org y sobre la nueva póliza sobre cigarrillos electrónicos por el American Heart Association en heart.org.



Dar gracias
Da un momento a reflejar y ser verdaderamente agradecido por cada cosa y persona que tengas en su vida. Tenga un día de gracia satisfactoria.

Unas programas amables para las familias
FortHealthCare.com/Classes | Health365Events.com

Evento de Frosty Rock

12K ruta sendero. 5K correr/caminar, y 1-milla corre para los niños. 15 de noviembre va a beneficiar la coalición de Jefferson County Cancer. Aprende más y regístrate en FortHealthCare.com/FrostyRock.

Railyard para los niños

Proporcionado a ti por la Fundación del Hospital de Fort Memorial a promocionar la aptitud física de la familia y el bienestar pediátrico. Ver al Railyard en su comunidad: FortHealthCare.com/Railyard.

Clases para el corazón
Clases de resucitación cardiopulmonar (CPR) y primeros auxilios están continuando y baratos en Fort HealthCare. Los materiales y la carta de certificación están incluidos. Mirar todas las clases en FortHealthCare.com/Classes.



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FortHealthCare.com/eNews



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FA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
* - May contain pork + - May contain peanuts Skim and 2% Milk served daily Menu Subject to Change Student Nutrition Department 920-563-7811 x1161	MEAL PRICES K-5-\$1.40 6-12 - \$1.45 Adults-\$1.80 USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER & EMPLOYER	1 Breakfast Quesadilla OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	2 French Toast Sticks OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	3 Build Your Own Yogurt Parfait OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk EARLY DISMISSAL
6 Mini Cinnis OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	7 Egg & Cheese Sandwich OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	8 Hot Cereal with Muffin OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	9 Bagel & Cream Cheese OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	10 Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk
13 WG Poptarts OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	14 Muffin & Yogurt Cup OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	15 Warm Oatmeal Round w/Icing OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	16 Maple Mini Pancakes OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	17 French Toast Sticks OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk
20 Mini Cinnis OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	21 Pancake Sausage Wrap OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	22 Eggo Mini Waffles OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	23 Breakfast Bagel OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	24 Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk
27 WG Poptarts OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	28 Egg & Cheese Sandwich OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	29 Breakfast Quesadilla OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	30 French Toast Sticks OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk	31 Build Your Own Yogurt Parfait OR Cereal and String Cheese All meals include juice fruit and milk EARLY DISMISSAL

FORT ATKINSON STUDENT NUTRITION -- PART OF A BALANCED EDUCATION!

OCTOBER 2014 FA ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>All grain products are now whole grain!</p> <p>* - May contain pork + - May contain peanuts</p> <p>Skim and 2% Milk served daily</p> <p>Menu Subject to Change</p> <p>USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</p>	<p>MEAL PRICES</p> <p>K-5-\$2.50 daily, \$12.75 wkly 6-12 -\$2.75 daily, \$13.75 wkly Adults-\$3.25 daily</p> <p>Milk - \$0.35</p> <p>Grab & Go lunches are available on early release days - check with your school office.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Football Chicken Nuggets OR Tuna Salad on Goldfish KousKous Garden Fresh Salad Tasty Red Pepper Strips Sliced Peas</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs OR Turkey Wrap Yummy Seasoned Peas Fresh Broccoli Trees LOCAL APPLES</p>	<p>3</p> <p>EARLY RELEASE</p> 
<p>6</p> <p>Hot Dog on WG Bun OR PBJ Uncrustable Baked French Fries Baked Beans Chilled Applesauce</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs French Toast Sticks and Syrup OR Ham Sandwich Sweet Potato Tots Saucy Strawberries 100% Dragon Juice Cup</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Shredded Cheese, Breadstick OR Turkey Wrap Garden Fresh Salad Red Pepper Strips Grapes</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets OR Tuna Salad on WG Bun Rice Pilaf Green Giant Green Beans Colorful Fruit Cocktail Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Cheesy Pizza OR PBJ Uncrustable Fresh Veggies & Dip Golden Pineapple Frozen Fruit Slushy</p>
<p>13</p> <p>National Mac & Cheese Week</p> <p>Mac & Cheese Soft Breadstick OR PBJ Uncrustable Steamed Broccoli Sliced Peas Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>14</p> <p>School Lunch</p> <p>Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll OR Ham Sandwich Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Super Hero CA Blend Vegetables 100% Juice Cup</p>	<p>15</p> <p>*Soft Shell Tacos OR Turkey Wrap Refried Beans Steamy Golden Corn Fresh Apple Slices</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Week</p> <p>Cheese Lasagna Roll Up Soft Breadstick OR Tuna Salad on WG Bun Garden Fresh Salad Yummy Red Pepper Strips Sliced Peaches</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10/13-10/17</p> <p>Choice of Turkey or Ham Sub OR PBJ Uncrustable Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Veggies & Dip Chilled Pineapple</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Grilled Cheese OR PBJ Uncrustable Carrots & Hummus Seasoned Green Beans 100% Juice Cup</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Cheeseburger on WG Bun OR Ham Sandwich French Fries Baked Beans Yummy Yellow Banana</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Turkey & Gravy Dinner Roll OR Turkey Wrap Mashed Potatoes X-Ray Eyes Steamed Carrots Cranberry Sauce</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Teriyaki Chicken OR Tuna Salad on WG Bun Rice Pilaf Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie</p>	<p>24</p> <p>*Nachos with Meat & Cheese OR PBJ Uncrustable Refried Beans Golden Corn Sweet Pineapple Fresh Fruit</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Stuffed Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce OR PBJ Uncrustable Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans Colorful Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Cheese Quesadilla OR Ham Sandwich Refried Beans Spiderman's Favorite Corn Chunky Pineapple</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs OR Turkey Wrap Seasoned Peas Fresh Broccoli Trees LOCAL APPLES</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Spooky Chicken Nuggets OR Tuna Salad on WG Bun KousKous Garden Fresh Salad Tasty Red Pepper Strips Sliced Peas</p>	<p>31</p> <p>EARLY DISMISSAL</p> 

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