






Purdy Elementary School

October 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>Future Dates</u> Nov. 2 No School—Fall Break Nov. 9 Veteran's Day/Open House Nov. 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences/PTO Book Fair Nov. 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences/PTO Book Fair Nov. 25-27 No School-Thanksgiving Break			1	2	3
				Day 2	Purdy Pride Day Wear Red and Blue Day 3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Day 4	Picture Retake Day Day 5	Day 6	Harlem Ambassadors School Assembly-1:00-2:00 Day 7	Day 8	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Day 9	Day 10	Kindergarten to Busy Barnes 8:45-Noon Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Day 4	Day 5	Grade 3 Dental Sealants/Fluoride Day Day 6	Day 7	4th Grade to Aldo Leopold Nature Center 9:00 AM-2:30 PM Day 8	Boys & Girls Club Dodgeball Tournament
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Day 9	Day 10	Grades 1-3 ELL Field Trip 8:10-1:30 Day 1	Monster Mash 6:00-7:30 PM Day 2	No School Records Day/ Professional Development	



PURDY PANTHERS

PURDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2015



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Purdy Families,

Each month you will receive this letter from me that will help us highlight the great things happening at Purdy School as well as give you an introduction on the exciting things to come!

CURRENT NEWS

* We have had an EXCELLENT start to the school year and our first few weeks in feel like the students didn't forget a moment of our routines and process. There is strong instruction and deep learning happening already. I am so proud of how hard our students are working and taking school seriously (but having fun along the way!)

* Purdy welcomes some new staff members this year including:

- ~ Ms. Samantha Brandenburg -
Special Education Aide
- ~ Ms. Jade Lins -
5th grade Teacher
- ~ Mr. Jesse Rautenberg
Special Education Teacher Grades 2-3
- ~ Ms. Kelsey Uhlman
4K Teacher

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 district continues to provide additional high quality, researched based interventions for students needing extra support, specifically in reading and math. Our intervention team is already busy meeting with students to help them work towards increased success 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.

* All classroom teachers in grades K-5 are unrolling a new literacy curriculum within our Comprehensive Literacy Program called Units of Study. These Units of Study help us organize teaching and learning around a common, real-world theme that helps our students think deeper about reading and writing to come to a stronger understanding about their learning.

All the teaching points/learning targets linked to the theme are aligned to grade-level expectations defined by the Common Core State Standards. Teachers are doing a fantastic job taking on this new structure and so far, and students are responding well!

The Quarter 1 overall theme is "Sense of Self" which focuses on exploring and developing qualities necessary for success in life. Each grade level has the following sub focus within the theme:

- ~ Kindergarten - Feelings
- ~ First Grade - Independence
- ~ Second Grade - Uniqueness
- ~ Third Grade - Courage
- ~ Fourth Grade - Responsibility
- ~ Fifth Grade - Change

As you can see, the organization of these themes allow for a more purposeful and strategic delivery of our literacy curriculum in an authentic way. It allows for students to make meaning through connecting to real-world ideas. We are excited for the growth this will bring!

* Additional safety measures have been put into place at Purdy this year!

1. Many parents are already enjoying our new sidewalk that allows students to go from the crossing guard directly to the playground in a much more safe and efficient way.
2. We added a painted bus lane in the front circle drive to create a safe place for busses to pull in for student drop off and pick up. We appreciate ALL parents correctly using this driveway and NOT parking in the bus lane.
3. Our safety patrollers are out and working to help our students cross busy areas safely. We ask all students and parents to use the designated crosswalks and/or sidewalks to ensure safety for all.

* 21 students completed the Purdy summer reading program and will be treated to a pizza and juice snack while listening to entertaining fairy tales.

- We have a very active, fun and informative Facebook Page titled "Purdy Elementary School". Please be sure to "like" us on Facebook so you can stay up-to-date on the most current information available! It's been a great communication tool for us.

COMING UP:

- ✓ Celebrations for students that completed Summer Reading Program.
- ✓ Monster Mash Dance, October 29th
- ✓ Change in Winter Concert series (see enclosed)

As you can see 2015-16 is off to a fantastic start and we look forward to our learning journey ahead!

Appreciatively,

Leigh Ann Scheuerell, Principal
Purdy Elementary School
scheuerell@fortschools.org
920-563-7822

FORT ATKINSON REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Create the 2016 Science Fair T-Shirt design!!
Win a free t-shirt with the winning design
and a \$20 Nasco Gift Certificate.

Here's how:

1. Create a science themed design that (a) is vertically oriented on an 8x10 sheet of paper, (b) includes "Fort Atkinson Science Fair" and "2016" in the design, (c) includes your initials (not full name) in the design, (d) is drawn in black ink on white paper.
2. Write your name, address, phone number and age on the BACK of the entry.
3. Turn it in to the **Nasco Outlet store** (not the art store) by **November 1, 2015**.
4. One design will be chosen for next year's science fair t-shirts.

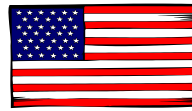
TIP: Simple designs generally look better and are easier to print. Use bold lines in your design—thin lines do not transfer to a t-shirt well.

To see winning designs, visit our website at www.fasciencefair.org.



OCTOBER 6th, 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 6th. 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.



VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Purdy will continue with the annual Veteran's Day Celebration and Open House program at 8:15 AM on November 9. It will be another memorable day honoring the sacrifices of our Veterans! Watch for more information to come about recognizing family members during this special event!



NAUGHTY OR NICE? BREAKFAST WITH SANTA WILL BE DECEMBER 5, 2015

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). 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. 9th (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 29th from 6:00—7:30 PM.

More information will be coming out to parents.



**HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES
OCTOBER 29th**

2:00-2:20 PM	School Halloween Parade
2:20-3:00 PM	Classroom Parties
3:00 PM	Dismissal



**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





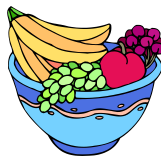
HEALTHY CLASSROOM TREATS

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!



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!



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INFORMATION

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

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.



FORT ATKINSON LUNCH PRICES TO INCREASE

Elementary school lunches will cost \$2.55 per meal for 2015-2016 and breakfast cost \$1.50 per meal. (Middle School and High School lunches will cost \$2.80 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.



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



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.



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.



PURDY PATROLS **OF THE MONTH**

Jack Opperman and Melia Schueller were selected as Purdy Patrol Members of the Month and were treated to lunch at Culver's along with the other Safety Patrol Members from Fort Atkinson on Friday, September 25, 2015.

Lexi Cox, Loudon Goutcher, Bailey King, Ryan Messler, Jack Opperman and Gavin Wegner 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.

Thirty eager fifth graders have signed up for 2015-2016 Safety Patrol.



5th GRADE BAND!!!

On October 22, 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 28
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.

Hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Mrs. Gary at
920-563-7828 or at garyj@fortschools.org



ORCHESTRA STUDENTS

5th Grade Orchestra is well underway! Please continue to bring 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!

The Bucky Book Sale END\$ October 9,
please turn in all orders by then.

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

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

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. We also work towards quarterly all-school goals through a class coin system. We have a lot of fun working together for our school rewards. 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.



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! ☺ We want to focus on family centered activities to raise additional funds. Watch for other fundraising opportunities to come including a Rollerblading Night, Culvers Scoopie Night, Sal's Dinner Night, and NEW "Sponsor your Child" fun run!

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



NEWS FROM SCHOOL

October 2015

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.



We also do not recycle batteries any longer.



BOX TOPS CONTEST

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



NEWS FROM THE IMC

October 2015

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!

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 12 and Tuesday, November 17. 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.





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 10, 2015 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 6:50 PM

Grades 4-5—No Concert

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



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

Purdy Elementary School opened its doors to 353 students compared with 354 students last year. Class sizes range between 18 to 25.

Grades 1-5 Students New to
Purdy Elementary

First Grade

Carter Bell
Brian Martinez
Vincent Sitkiewitz

Second Grade

Zoe Andrews
Logan Basler
Veronica Salazar
Auden Schaller
Ayden Schaller
Treysan Barnes

Third Grade

Conner Bell
Kayva Beinema
Amelia Belzer
Melanie Belzer
Kylie Frey

Connor Smith
Hailey Zaverl

Fourth Grade

Hailee Andrews
Te'Kail Barnes

Fifth Grade

Corbin Bell	Latavia Hardwick
Karys Beinema	Jayro Julian
Abigail Frame	Jackson Sitkiewitz
Stevie Garrick-Clark	Gavin Wegner



IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are happy to announce a change in our winter program schedule. This year, winter concerts will be as follows:

Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the High School

K-1 at 6:00 PM

2-3 at 6:50 PM

4-5 NO CONCERT

Instead of a winter concert this year, the 4th and 5th grades will present a program on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

There are many reasons for doing this including that in order to avoid the crowd/space problems from last year, we would have had to schedule the 4-5 show much later and families would not have been getting home until after 8:30—too late for younger ones on a school night! In addition, this gives the older students a chance to delve more deeply into music projects including composition creation, both on the computer and using the many classroom instruments we have. This new format also gives us an opportunity to present something that is co-curricular between Music and Social Studies and/or Language Arts.

We are looking forward to this change and hope you find it as exciting as we do.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!





PURDY PTO OFFICERS **2015-2016**

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
Bkfast. w/Santa Rachel Broadhead
5th Grade Bkfast Rachel Broadhead, Heather Hartwig and Maggie Messler
Teacher Apprec. Jackie Flack
Box Tops Sally Schwarz
Flower Fundraiser Michelle De Mott
Purdy Power \$: Justin Luebke & **Open (2 Positions)**
Artist in Res.: Leigh Ann Scheuerell, Andrea Kratz & Heidi Kosak
Birthday Books: Leigh Ann Scheuerell



PURDY PTO BUDGET **2015-2016**

REVENUE

2013-2014 Carryover \$ 4,000.00
Purdy Power Dollars \$ 2,100.00
Addt. Fundraising \$ 3,500.00
Book Fair \$ 500.00
School Photos \$ 800.00
Box Top Competition \$ 2,500.00
Target \$ 100.00
Breakfast with Santa \$ 700.00
Best Seat in House \$ 150.00
Flower Sale \$ 900.00
Roller Blading Night \$ 250.00
Scoopie Night-Culvers \$ 100.00
Sal's Night Out \$ 250.00
Spirit Wear \$ 300.00
Total: \$ 16,150.00
(Scrip Inventory \$10,000.00)

EXPENSES

Fifth Grade Breakfast \$ 400.00
Homeroom Supplies \$ 450.00
Staff Appreciation/Luncheon \$ 250.00
Field Trips \$ 5,000.00
Artist-In-Residence \$ 3,000.00
Track Meet \$ 100.00
PBIS Incentives \$ 500.00
Arts Festival \$ 100.00
Purdy Patrol \$ 600.00
Small Playground Supplies \$ 500.00
Playground Equipment \$ 5,000.00
Student Testing Snacks \$ 250.00
Total: \$16,150.00



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
Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

Present at meeting: Leigh Ann Scheuerell, Maggie Messler, Pam Gustin, Katie McIntyre, Heather Hartwig, Jolyn Baldry, Melissa Enger, Jody Mack, Katelyn Fredrick, Beth Hesselbacher, Rachel Broadhead, Jackie Flack

Additions/Corections to May Minutes: None

Treasurer's Report: Checking Balance: \$ 1,925.20; Savings Balance \$ 1,372.25

OLD BUSINESS

- School Board Meeting Update- New staff at Purdy are Jade Lins in 5th grade, Jesse Rautenburg in Special Ed., Heather Fjelstad Bunce in Special Ed., and Kelsey Uhlman in 4K.
- Registration/Back to School Night- Online registration went fairly well for the first year. Back to school night had a great turnout.
- Playground Report- See budget
- Spiritwear Update- Jessica Mirek is our Spiritwear chairperson. There was \$955 in sales this fall. We will need to increase the price of the kid's t-shirt. Orders should be in the first part of October.

NEW BUSINESS

- Market Day Report- Market Day has been bought out by World's Finest Chocolate. The grocery products are no longer available. Pie sales and cookie dough sales could still be an option for fundraising. We could also look to some local businesses for sale options.
- Budget/New Fundraising Opportunities/Events/Power Dollars- *See attached budget- With the loss of Market Day profits, we would really like to expand the Purdy Power Dollars (Scrip) program. We need someone to step up to help with marketing and advertising. If we can't increase that profit or find another fundraiser, we will have to reduce expenses (playground). Other fundraising possibilities are a talent show or bowling night. Rollerblading night will be in November after the rollerblading unit, possibly the 19th or 20th.
- Officers and Chairpersons- We will be needing a new treasurer next year as Heather Hartwig will no longer have a student at Purdy. We are always looking for new people to help in many capacities.
- Book Fair- Beth Hesselbacher and Jill Draeger are the chairs again. The book fair will be the nights of conferences November 12 and 17 as well as after school the 12th, 16th and 17th. Set up will be November 9th. Preview day is the 10th for teachers and their classes. We may be setting it up in the hallway like we did last spring.
- Halloween Activities- The dance will be Thursday, October 29th from 6:00 to 7:30. Kona Ice will be coming for that like they did for Back to School Night.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 21st 6:30 pm

Academic Extensions and GATE Programming 2015 - 2016

What do all the academic extension and GATE 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 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.

Challenge Classes are part of the RtI (Response to Intervention) model of meeting student needs. In these interventions, Library Media Specialists and/or other personnel work on challenge math or other specific learning goals with small groups for a pre-determined amount of time (often 2-5 sessions).

An additional program is available based on student interest and parent volunteers. The 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 Challenge 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

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, taking an above-grade-level test may be the most difficult test they have taken. They will be tested on material they have never encountered. 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 one of several ways: **2013-14** WKCE scores (see chart below-current 5th graders only); by receiving an **Advanced** Badger Test Level on the 2014-15 exam; 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 (2013-14)	WKCE (percentile)	3	≥ 92nd	≥ 92nd
	WKCE (scale score)	3	≥ 504	≥ 495

The test may be taken Nov. 7th, Jan. 23rd or Feb. 20th, with registration deadlines one month or more prior to the test. The cost of the testing is \$74. There are partial fee waivers for students who qualify for free or reduced-price 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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Southern Lakes Anthology Contest

Mark your calendars!

All submissions for SLA are due to the school library by Nov. 24th

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, and at that time will announce this year's theme. Specific guidelines for each area will be available in the school library along with templates for art and cartoon pieces.

Who can submit work?

Fort Atkinson students in gr. 3 – 8 may submit pieces 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. 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 pen or marker 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 are allowed in art, cartoon or illustrated writing pieces. All work must be a student's original work. Parents / teachers may provide editing assistance.

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

Free Influenza Vaccine for School-Age Children



The Jefferson County Health Department will be providing free influenza vaccine to school-age children at special clinics to be held at Jefferson County Schools.

Fort Atkinson Middle School

November 10, 2015
4:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.



**Intranasal and injectable vaccine will be available
for healthy school-age children.**

The vaccine will be FREE* at these special clinics!

**Regular fees and rules apply for influenza vaccine given to children outside of the special clinics.*

**Don't miss the chance to get influenza vaccine
to help your child stay healthy!**

**The single best way to protect against the flu
is to get vaccinated each year.**

Vaccine will be available for adults as well for a \$30 fee. We are unable to bill insurance companies.

For more information about influenza or the influenza vaccine,
contact the Jefferson County Health Department at 920-674-7275.

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A special clinic will be held at Fort Atkinson Middle School on November 10th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. during parent/teacher conferences.

Intranasal and injectable vaccine will be available for healthy school-age children. The vaccine will be **FREE** at these special clinics! Regular fees and rules apply for influenza vaccine given to children outside of the special clinics. Don't miss the chance to get influenza vaccine to help your child stay healthy! The single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each year. (Flu Vaccine will be available for adults as well for a \$30 fee)



Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Every flu season is different, and influenza infection can affect people differently. Even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others.

During this time, flu viruses are circulating in the population. An annual seasonal flu vaccine (either the flu shot or the nasal-spray flu vaccine) is the best way to reduce the chances that you will get seasonal flu and spread it to others. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through that community.

Everyone who is at least 6 months of age should get a flu vaccine this season. It's especially important for some people to get vaccinated including people who are at high risk of developing serious complications (like pneumonia) if they get sick with the flu, people who have certain medical conditions including asthma, diabetes, and chronic lung disease, pregnant women, people younger than 5 years (and especially those younger than 2) and people 65 years and older.

Influenza vaccine is not approved for children younger than 6 months of age. People who have had a severe allergic reaction to influenza vaccine should generally not be vaccinated.

For more information about influenza or the influenza vaccine, contact the Jefferson County Health Department at 920-674-7275.

Vacunación Contra la Influenza Sin Costo para los Niños de la Edad Escolar



El Departamento de Salud del Condado de Jefferson proveerá sin costo la vacunación contra la influenza a los niños de la edad escolar en clínicas especiales del Condado de Jefferson.

Segundaria en Fort Atkinson



20 de noviembre, 2015

4:30 p.m. a 7:30 p.m.



Estarán disponibles la vacunación nasal y la vacunación inyectable para niños saludables de la edad escolar. Será SIN COSTO* la vacuna en estas clínicas especiales!

¡No pierdan esta oportunidad para que sus hijos reciban la vacuna contra la influenza y estén saludables!

La mejor manera de protegerlos de la influenza es vacunarlos anualmente.

*A los niños que reciban la vacuna fuera de estas clínicas especiales, se aplicarán los costos normales.

Para mayor información acerca de la influenza o la vacuna contra la influenza, comuníquese con el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Jefferson al 920-674-7275.

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As the leaves change, so can your habits. This month's issue of Backpack News will provide tips on how to stick to healthy living as the seasons change.

FITNESS FANATIC

Beat that Halloween candy craving and sign up for one of the many fitness classes Fort HealthCare provides. This month push yourself and try something new and a little more challenging like Insanitz or something fun to keep your body moving like Zumba.

Register at FortHealthCare.com/Classes.



FOOD OF THE MONTH:

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Child Health Month

PUMPKINS! Pumpkins aren't just for pumpkin pie. October screams pumpkins so try a new spin on some of your favorite recipes by trying these 17 healthy pumpkin recipes provided by www.health.com.

KIDS HEALTH

With October focusing on the health of children. Here are 5 simple ways to keep your kiddos healthy and active!

1. Make sure they get enough sleep. (Children need about 10 hours a day)
2. Show them healthy habits such as eating good and drinking water everyday.
3. Plenty of exercise. (enroll them in sports or encourage them to play outside.)
4. Set a time limit of electronic devices/TV
5. Be a role model. Your kids look up to you and if you practice healthy habits, chances are they will want to too.

OCTOBER IS ...

- Oct 5: Child Health Day
- Oct 7: International Walk-to-School Day
- Oct 10: World Mental Health Day
- Oct 19-25: Health Education Week
- Oct 31: Happy Halloween!

Sara Noeske is a Registered Nurse providing school health services to the School District of Fort Atkinson through a contract with Fort HealthCare. This school year will be her fourth year. She has been a nurse for over 10 years! Sara graduated from UW-Milwaukee with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing and became a Certified Pediatric Nurse in 2009. She started her nursing career in a hospital setting, then a clinic, and now the schools. She loves working in the schools as she gets to see the students daily and enjoys watching them grow throughout the years. Sara missed the end of this past school year as she welcomed her third child, a daughter named Hazel, in April. Hazel has two older brothers, Jackson and Jacob. They like to play at the park and the pool. Sara can't wait to get this school year started!



2015 de octubre

A medida que cambian las hojas, por lo que puede sus hábitos. Este edición de Noticias de la Mochila proporcionará consejos sobre como vivir una vida sana durante el cambio de las estaciones.



AFICIONADO DE APTITUD

Inscribirse en una clase de ejercicio que Fort HealthCare ofrece. Este mes, probar algo nuevo y un poco más difícil como Zumba.

Registrarse para las clases en FortHealthCare.com/Classes.

Salud de los niños

Aquí están cinco formas sencillas para mantener su niños sanos y activos.

1. Asegúrese de que ellos duermen suficiente. Los niños necesitan 10 horas a noche.
2. Enséñeles hábitos saludables como comer bien y beber agua todos los días.
3. Ejercicio. Inscribirlas en los deportes o animarlos a jugar afuera.
4. Establezca un límite de tiempo con los dispositivos electrónicos y televisión.
5. Sea un modelo a seguir. Sus hijos aprenden sus hábitos y si usted practica hábitos saludables, es probable que ellos practicarán también.

MES NACIONAL

Plense de color rosa, porque octubre es el mes nacional de concientización sobre el cáncer de mama. Participar en una carrera local o caminar para ayudar a crear conciencia - Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Visita nationalbreastcancer.org para más información.

Mes Nacional del Cancer de Mama

Mes de Salud de Nino

5 de oct: Dia de Salud de Nino

7 de oct: Dia Internacional de Camina a la Escuela

10 de oct: Dia de Salud Mental del Mundo

19-25 de oct: Semana de Educacion de Salud

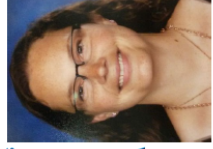
Comida del mes

CALABAZAS Octubre es perfecto para estas 'frutas'. Probar una nueva receta de www.health.com.

Todo esto y mucho más se puede encontrar en FortHealthCare.com.


Sara Noeske es enfermera registrada la prestación de servicios de salud escolar en el Distrito Escolar de Fort Atkinson a través de un contrato con Fort HealthCare. Este año escolar será su cuarto año. Ella ha sido una enfermera por más de 10 años. Sara se graduó de UW-Milwaukee con una Licenciatura en Enfermería y se convirtió en una enfermera pediátrica certificada en 2009. Inició su carrera de enfermería en un hospital, a continuación, una clínica, y ahora las escuelas. Le encanta trabajar en las escuelas mientras se llega a ver a los estudiantes a diario y le gusta verlos crecer a lo largo de los años.

Sara se perdió la final de este año escolar pasado cuando ella dio la bienvenida a su tercer hijo, una hija Hazel, en abril. Hazel tiene dos hermanos mayores, Jackson y Jacob. A ellos les gusta jugar en el parque y la piscina. Sara no puede esperar para este año escolar comenzó.



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ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MEAL PRICES K-5-\$1.50 6-12 -\$1.55 Adults-\$2.00 Milk - \$0.35 (included with meal) Skim and 1% Milk served daily.	Menu subject to change *May contain pork We know mornings are hectic. Have your kids eat breakfast at school.	If your family qualifies for free or reduced lunch, they also qualify for free or reduced breakfast! USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER & EMPLOYER	1 Mini Pancakes OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	2 Banana Bread OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk
5 Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	6 Hot Oatmeal & Muffin OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	7 Mini Bagels & Cream Cheese OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	8 Mini Cinnis OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	9 Egg & Cheese Sandwich OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk
12 Build Your Own Yogurt Parfait OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	13 Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	14 Banana Bread OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	15 Mini Pancakes OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	16 Oatmeal Round OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk
19 Hot Oatmeal & Muffin OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	20 Mini Cinnis OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	21 Pancake on a Stick OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	22 Mini Bagels & Cream Cheese OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	23 Z Breakfast Bread OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk
26 WG Poptarts OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	27 Mini Chocolate Chip Loaf OR Cereal Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	28 Mini Pancakes OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	29 Build Your Own Yogurt Parfait OR Cereal & Cheese Stick All meals come with fruit juice and milk	30 No School 

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

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FA ELEMENTARY LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>All grain products are now whole grain!</p> <p>* - May contain pork</p> <p>+ - May contain peanuts</p> <p>Skim and 2% Milk served daily</p> <p>Mmm Subject to Change</p> <p>USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</p>	<p>MEAL PRICES</p> <p>K-5-\$2.55 daily; \$12.75 wkly</p> <p>6-12-\$2.80 daily; \$14.00 wkly</p> <p>Adults-\$3.75 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>Cheese Lasagna Roll Up</p> <p>Soft Breadstick</p> <p>OR Warm Cheese Melt</p> <p>Country Blend Vegetables</p> <p>Fresh Broccoli Trees</p> <p>Sliced Peaches</p>	<p>2</p> <p>HOMECOMING!</p> <p>Football Chicken Nuggets</p> <p>OR Touchdown Turkey Wrap</p> <p>Kick Off Couscous</p> <p>Goal Line Garden Salad</p> <p>Fightin' Red Pepper Strips</p> <p>Fort Fruit Cocktail</p> <p>Blackhawk Cookie</p>
<p>5</p> <p>*Hot Dog on WG Bun</p> <p>OR +PBJ & String Cheese</p> <p>Baked French Fries</p> <p>Baked Beans</p> <p>Chilled Applesauce</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Turkey & Gravy</p> <p>Dinner Roll</p> <p>OR Turkey Wrap</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes</p> <p>X-Ray Eyes Steamed Carrots</p> <p>Cranberry Sauce, 100% Juice Cup</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pasta with Meat Sauce</p> <p>Shredded Cheese, Breadstick</p> <p>OR Turkey Wrap</p> <p>Garden Fresh Salad Bar</p> <p>Red Pepper Strips</p> <p>Fresh Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Chicken Patty on a WG Bun</p> <p>OR *Deli Sandwich</p> <p>Seasoned Green Beans</p> <p>Red Cherry Tomatoes</p> <p>Sliced Pears</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Cheesy Pizza</p> <p>OR Yogurt, String Cheese & Goldfish Crackers</p> <p>Fresh Veggies & Dip</p> <p>Golden Pineapple</p> <p>Frozen Fruit Slusly</p>
<p>12</p> <p>National</p> <p>Corn Dog</p> <p>OR +PBJ & String Cheese</p> <p>Sweet Potato Fries</p> <p>Seasoned Peas</p> <p>Sliced Pears</p>	<p>13</p> <p>School</p> <p>Taco Tuesday</p> <p>*Soft Shell Tacos</p> <p>OR Warm Cheese Melt</p> <p>Refried Beans</p> <p>Steamy Golden Corn</p> <p>Sweet Pineapple Chunks</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Sack Lunch Day (without the sack)</p> <p>Blueberry Muffin, Yogurt Cup, String Cheese</p> <p>OR *Deli Sandwich</p> <p>Carrots & Celery Sticks w/Dip</p> <p>Fresh Apple Slices</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Week</p> <p>Chicken Tenders & Roll</p> <p>OR Ham Sandwich</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes with Gravy</p> <p>WI Blend Vegetables</p> <p>100% Juice Cup</p> <p>Rice Krispie Treat</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10/12-10/17</p> <p>Baked Potato w/*Ham & Cheese</p> <p>Warm Dinner Roll</p> <p>OR +PBJ & String Cheese</p> <p>Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce</p> <p>Romaine & Spinach Salad</p> <p>Fresh Kiwi</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup</p> <p>OR +PBJ & String Cheese</p> <p>Honey Glazed Carrots</p> <p>Seasoned Green Beans</p> <p>100% Grape Juice Cup</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Blackhawk Cheeseburger</p> <p>OR Warm Cheese Melt</p> <p>French Fries</p> <p>Baked Beans</p> <p>Craisins</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pancakes and Syrup</p> <p>*Jones Sausage Links</p> <p>OR Warm Cheese Melt</p> <p>Sweet Potato Tots</p> <p>Saucy Strawberries</p> <p>100% Dragon Juice</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Orange Chicken & Rice</p> <p>OR *Deli Sandwich</p> <p>Garden Fresh Salad</p> <p>Steamed Broccoli</p> <p>Mandarin Oranges</p> <p>Fortune Cookie</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Great Apple Crunch Day!</p> <p>*Nachos with Meat & Cheese</p> <p>OR Yogurt, String Cheese & Goldfish Crackers</p> <p>Golden Corn, Veggies & Dip</p> <p>Fresh Local Apples</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Stuffed Cheese Sticks</p> <p>Marinara Sauce</p> <p>OR +PBJ & String Cheese</p> <p>Seasoned Peas</p> <p>Baked Beans</p> <p>Peaches</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Cheese Quesadilla</p> <p>OR Warm Cheese Melt</p> <p>Refried Beans</p> <p>Spiderman's Favorite Corn</p> <p>100% Apple Juice Cup</p> <p>Cupcake</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs</p> <p>OR Turkey Wrap</p> <p>Sweet Potato Fries</p> <p>Fresh Broccoli Trees</p> <p>Fresh Mixed Fruit Cup</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pizza Hut Pizza</p> <p>OR Ham Sandwich</p> <p>Garden Fresh Salad Bar</p> <p>Yummy Red Pepper Strips</p> <p>Bright Yellow Banana</p>	<p>30</p> <p>No school</p> 

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