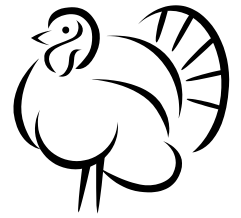


Purdy Elementary School

November 2013



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PURDY PANTHERS

PURDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 2013



Dear Parents,

November is an important month for our school after coming off an event filled October. Regardless, lots of events and learning is always going on at Purdy Elementary School.

Halloween was a really big, fun event for our school. After two days of Haunted House adventures and a great Monster Mash, I can say it is time to put away our decorations and costumes. We had over 1000 people go through the Haunted House and a full gym for our Monster Mash. With the Haunted House we raised about \$2000 towards our annual Dream Scholarship program and a nice donation to our PTO. Scholarship funds are deposited with the Fort Foundation under the Purdy Dream Scholarship. Thanks for all who volunteered for the events.

Our new Everyday Math program continues to go well. Teachers are seeing better learning rates with this new program which has more aggressive learner goals and yet we are showing good mastery of the concepts and skills.

Next up is the State of Wisconsin WKCE test for grades 3-5. We use this test to determine student progress, eligibility for intervention programs and the State uses it in large part to determine our school report card grade. Last year we were rated "Exceeds Expectations." This places a huge amount of importance on the test so we take it very seriously.

Be sure to come to school November 11 when we feature our school with an Open House in the morning starting with a Veterans Day recognition at 8:15 AM by our flagpole. This year we are recognizing Renee Simpson who is the State Commander of the VFW. I will be providing a tribute to all veterans particularly females and the role they play now alongside their male counterparts. She will be our featured speaker. You can come for a little or the whole morning and lunch. If coming for a delicious turkey hot lunch, be sure to get your reservation in by November 4th. Be sure to visit our classrooms to see how we teach. This year we plan to highlight our new Everyday Math Program. We will teach lessons and also give our visiting parents tips on the home component.

Thanks in advance to all our parents who supported our PTO Market Day Pie Sale. Our coordinators, staff members Mary Lynn Vaillancourt and Dawn Church reported that our learning community sold another 100 plus pies in addition to our regular Market Day order. This raised \$1000 for our PTO and all its programs.

Looking ahead,

Rick Brietzke, Principal
Purdy Elementary School





OPEN HOUSE—MORNING of NOVEMBER 11, 2013

Most parents took the opportunity to visit school in August at Purdy's Back-to-School Night. Now you can return during the day and see instructional lessons! This year's Open House will be held the morning of Monday, Nov. 11th. It starts with a rally with our Veterans at our flagpole recognizing Veterans Day. Our featured speaker is State VFW Commander Renee Simpson.

Family members can visit and see most lessons like math and reading. Special this year will be demonstrations and information on the new Everyday Math Program. If your child has music, physical education, art or library skills follow along to see those lessons as well.

Want to stay for lunch too? We have a great turkey luncheon planned! Reserve a hot lunch by Monday, November 4th or just join us with your own lunch. Can't make the above times? Let the Purdy staff know and come anytime.



HOMEWORK FOR ABSENTEE CHILDREN

Teachers are more than happy to help your child to keep up with their schoolwork when they have missed a few days of school. Please allow ample time for teachers to get homework together for him/her. A good time to ask is when calling in your child's absence in the morning. The office can prepare a note and pass it on to the teacher, giving the teacher the day to gather the homework. Thank you for your help.



PLANNING TO HAVE LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD?

Family members are always welcome to come and have lunch with your child(ren). If you are planning to eat hot lunch, please call the office before **8:30 AM** to reserve a meal. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

Again this year: November 11th is Purdy's Open House and Bring Your Family to Lunch Day. Please eat with us!!

Turkey and Gravy
Dinner Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Carrots
Cranberry Sauce
Thanksgiving Cookie
Choice of Cold Milk

Please make reservations and prepay by **8:30 AM on Monday, November 4th.**



GREAT GIFT IDEA!

Plan ahead to give a gift card or buy a product from our many Purdy Power Dollar merchants! You buy gift cards and get 100% of the money you pay back to you in the form of a gift card! You can decide to buy the merchandise yourself or give the card to someone. The Purdy PTO makes a profit of between 2% and 20%. Examples include: Kwik Trip 9%, Pic n Save 9%, Sentry 9%, Woodmans 9%, Culvers 10%, K-Mart 6%, Kohls 4%, Old Navy 9%, Bass Pro Shops 11%, Bath and Body Works 13%, Menards 3%, Olive Garden 9%, etc.



**BREAKFAST WITH
SANTA
SATURDAY, DEC. 7th
8:00 – 10:00 AM**

Breakfast with Santa is just around the corner. December 7th will be the morning you won't want to miss! Santa will arrive and the festivities will begin. There will be games and lots of time to visit with Santa. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras for the event.

Registration forms will be sent home after November 1st. It is very important to get forms back to us as quickly as possible. We need to let Santa and the Elves know how many children, parents and grandparents will be there.

If you have any interest to help out at this event, please contact Rachel Broadhead at 920-568-3858. We will see you there!!!



**MARKET DAY NEWS
PIE ORDER UPDATE**



We are off to a wonderful start of reaching our goal of \$3000.00 in profits. This last month we earned another \$124.55. We are almost at \$300.00—which is 10% of our goal. This past month was Dessert Bonus Days and this coming month will be Cookie Dough Bonus Days. It is perfect time to purchase your Holiday cut our shapes cookie dough. Thank you again for purchasing Market Day and supporting Purdy Elementary School.

Dawn Church & Mary Lynn Vaillancourt
Co-Chairpersons



SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

Each school in our District has procedures in place for handling various situations that may occur. We want to be as prepared as possible for any given situation. We have plans in place that allow us to deal with medical emergencies, armed intruders, hazardous leaks, fires and tornados. Schools in the state practice these situations by having drills throughout the year.

The recent events in schools across the country remind us of the importance of also being prepared in the event of an intruder entering our building during school hours. The District wants to assure all families that Purdy School has an established plan for dealing with this type of situation. All staff members will be notified of the situation via the PA and will respond accordingly. During this drill students are kept in their classrooms and away from windows and doors. In addition, all open areas will be evacuated to more secure areas. We would remain in a "lockdown mode" until the situation is resolved. A decision would be then made to resume classes or evacuate as needed. Should students be evacuated to a location in our school neighborhood (Luther, Middle School or the grocery store) they would then be transported to the High School to meet with parents.

The intent of these drills is not to scare students but to ensure that we are prepared in case of an emergency. Teachers talk through the situation ahead of time with students as to prepare for the drill....sort of like "we lock our doors at home and we lock our classroom doors at school sometimes." Purdy teachers know their students well and will discuss the drill at a level that is appropriate for the age group.



Ms. Kosak and the students of
Purdy School are happy to
announce the

Purdy Winter Concerts

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Fort Atkinson High School

KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE

6:00 PM
TBA

SECOND AND THIRD GRADES

6:35 PM

"My Marvelous Magical Sleigh"

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES

7:20 P.M.
"Dear Santa"

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Since this a co-curricular project, every student is expected to perform unless there is a family emergency that night. Your children work very hard to give their best for you at this program; please try to schedule other events around this opportunity to see the results of their efforts.

We can't wait to see you there!



EVERYDAY MATH UPDATE

With the hard work and leadership efforts of Mary Lynn Vaillancourt and Katie Stahl, Purdy Elementary is shifting from FASTMath to the Everyday Math Facts program. Both programs offer significant opportunities for students to increase "math fact fluency" but EM offers more opportunities for integrated usage in the core classroom program, the EM home component and extra usage with before and afterschool CLC and even Boys and Girls Club.

Teachers in grades 1-5, please print out a copy of student EM log in cards to put in the library in a binder that can be accessed by all including CLC and BGC. Most teachers probably already have a copy, so it should be easy to print out another copy from the website.



**SOUTHERN LAKES
ANTHOLOGY CONTEST—
ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR
SLA ARE DUE TO THE
SCHOOL LIBRARY BY
NOVEMBER 26TH**

SLA is a contest for 3rd—5th grade students. The theme for 2013-2014 is "Figure It Out". Students submit poetry, prose, illustrated writing, cartoons or black/white art. For rules and information, contact your Library Media Specialist, Ms. Daly!!



JEFFERSON COUNTY CHRISTMAS NEIGHBORS

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Since 1952, the Jefferson County Christmas Neighbors Program has tried to reach the low-income families so that their children might enjoy gifts and food for the Christmas holidays.

This year, again, we are asking schools to help us find these families. This letter gives you the opportunity to take advantage of the generosity of our community who provide us with money, gifts and food. Please call our office at 920-674-4499, after

November 1st, and our volunteers will answer your questions and mail you a form to complete and return to us before **December 6th**. This year we ask that you do not leave a message on the answering machine, other than a phone number. We prefer that you speak to a volunteer in order to get the correct information.

You may choose between the Toy Program, which will take place on Tuesday, December 17th at the Jeff. County Activity Center, or the Adopt-a-Family Program where a sponsor is matched with your family.

We hope that you will call us soon after November 1 so that your child or children may have a wonderful Christmas. We must remind you, however, that this program is only for Jefferson County residents and you must have a referral or the name of your caseworker to qualify.

THE CHRISTMAS NEIGHBORS BOARD

WE WILL NOT FORGET

Lyrics for the Veteran's Day Program Song to be sung by students:

(K-1)

We pay respect to our brave defenders.
You paid a price so that we could live.
Now hear the voice of a grateful nation,
Always faithful.

We will not forget...our veterans.

(2-3)

We won't forget how you served our country.
We won't forget how you kept us safe.
We give you thanks, for we still have
freedom, honor, courage.

We will not forget...our veterans.

(4-5)

You changed the world with
your selfless actions;
Your sacrifice for the stars and stripes.
Now, be received with a hero's welcome.
Called to serve, and we will not forget.

We will not forget...our veterans.

EVERYDAY MATHEMATICS

The publisher of Everyday Mathematics, McGraw-Hill is once again offering five of its ten EM game Apps for free on the following dates: November 4—8, 2013

The following apps will be free and available via the iTunes App Store:

Addition Top-It
Monster Squeeze
Equivalent Fractions
Beat the Computer
Divisibility Dash

To learn more about the game apps go to:
MHEonline.com/apps

Ms. Daly, IMC Director



GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK COMING SOON

Knowledge of geography concepts and skills can create a solid information base for a number of other subject areas including reading comprehension, current events, science, social studies, (geography is one of the social studies areas), etc.

Parents should ask children what the geography questions of the day were during each of the days of Geography Awareness Week (Nov. 11-15).

Parents should note that the School District has geography map proficiency tests for grades 2-5. The test measures how well students know the following geography places: states, major cities, countries, key lines of latitude and longitude, continents and oceans, key landform names, i.e. mountains, rivers, etc. As students proceed through the grades they are expected to learn greater amounts of geography knowledge. Advanced students may take succeeding grade's tests i.e., students in third grade may take a fourth grade test if mastery is demonstrated at the third grade level first. Look for this information to be graded on this year's report card. The test maps are also on the District's webpage for student study at home.

Purdy will also have a Geography Bee in January for interested students. Students in grades 4 and 5 are eligible.



PATROL OF THE MONTH

On Friday, October 25, 2013 Bailey Behm and Elly Scheuerell were treated to lunch at McDonald's as they were chosen to be Patrol of the Month. Thanks for being responsible patrollers. We have terrific students!



VETERAN'S DAY RECOGNIZED

Every year Purdy Staff recognizes the contributions of veterans on this important day. This year is no exception. If you'd like to attend our special flag ceremony it will be held at 8:15 AM on November 11th, around the flagpole. With help from the VFW, Vietnam Veterans of America and American Legion Purdy students and staff will be honoring all Veterans. Our special guest will be Wisconsin VFW Commander Renee Simpson. In addition, the color guard will perform their traditional ceremony and a high school student will play taps. In times like these it is so important to remember the sacrifices of the thousands of servicemen and women who are currently serving and their families. Afterwards we continue with our Open House activities.



WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

The following students are new to Purdy School. Welcome to a great place to learn.

Liliana Zuniga-Manzano Early Childhood

Dean Michigan
Cloe Michigan

Kindergarten
First Grade



HOT LUNCH AND MILK MONEY

Just a reminder for parents to please put lunch money in an envelope with child's name, grade, homeroom teacher and amount enclosed. Thank you for your help.



SCHOOL CANCELLATION START/DISMISS CHANGE

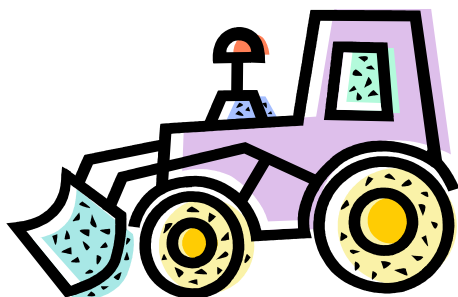
In case of inclement weather and we need to call off school, you will get an AlertNow message to any phone numbers or email accounts registered to this program. In addition we notify these stations in this order. Parents are encouraged to tune in.

1. WFAW/WSJY/LITE PM
2. WSLD
3. WISC—TV—Ch. 3
4. WMTV—NBC—Ch. 15
5. WIBA/WTSO/WMLI/WZEE/
WMAD
6. WKOW 27
7. Weather Watch 12
8. WITI/WTMJ/Today's TMJ 4
9. Milwaukee Fox 6
10. WOLX, Triple M
11. WBEV, WXRO, WTTN
12. Milwaukee CBS 58

If school is going to be cancelled or delayed, the announcement is on the radio/TV shortly after 6:00 AM and is repeated every 10—15 minutes. **Please do**

not call the school.

Make sure a plan is made in advance for your child should school be dismissed early and listen or watch the above stations for news. The safety of our children is our main concern.



COLD WEATHER REMINDERS

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

- Make sure your child wears warm clothes and the proper winter footwear.
- Check for lost clothing items—it seems our Lost & Found grows considerably during the winter months.
- Drive safely in the school zone if you are bringing children to school or picking up children at school. Slippery conditions and poor visibility are frequently present and 15 MPH is the speed limit whenever children are present.

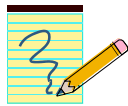


CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR THE OFFICE

The Purdy School Office is looking for gently used clothing items to be used for those occasional mishaps that occur. Items that would be most useful are:

- sweatpants (boy & girls)
- underwear (boys & girls)
- clean hats
- mittens/gloves
- any school spirit wear

We need all sizes for both boys and girls. Our storage space is limited. Please don't clean your closets, but a few items will be greatly appreciated.



HOW PARENTS CAN HELP THEIR CHILD(REN)'S WRITING

Parents can help too. Below are a number of tips that more or less mirror some of the philosophies and techniques used at Purdy.

- **Share your own writing.** Show your child personal, business, and consumer letters you write as well as receive.
- **Organize a chalkboard or bulletin board for written messages for all family members.**
- **Involve your child in family writing activities,** such as making shopping lists, instructions for babysitters, directions for visitors to your house, plans for birthday parties, and notes for school.
- **Have your child write thank-you letters for gifts.**
- **Encourage your child to write and draw cards to send to relatives and friends for birthday and holidays.**
- **Promote letter writing of all kinds,** such as notes to the tooth fairy or pen pals.
- **Suggest special writing projects.** Your child can make yard sale signs, posters for his or her room; or keep a diary, journal, or a vacation notebook.
- **Use the school's writing process when helping your child.** Prewriting activities include brainstorming and webbing ideas. This is followed by a rough draft and lastly by a final copy.

- **Point out a writing error now and then.** Let your child correct it. Be sure not to over criticize. Writing is very developmental and improves gradually.
- **Remember that good writing means more than "correctness."** Focus on the meaning more than the mechanics. Don't overcorrect but do enough to gradually build writing skills and confidence.
- **Be patient.** Writing develops slowly with practice.



REQUIRED TESTING

In November Purdy students will receive a large number of tests that are required by the state and federal government. Below is a list: Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE). This is given to third, fourth and fifth graders and measures achievement in the areas of reading, writing and math. The fourth grade test also includes social studies and science. In all, the revised fourth grade test is over 150 pages long and is contained in one booklet! Students that perform poorly on the fourth grade test are subject to possible retention in fourth grade.

The District and school also tests students in the following areas:

- Quarterly assessments in math. Teachers are shooting for a class average of 85% with all students at the proficient or advanced level.
- OLSAT School Ability Test. This will be given to all second grade students in mid February.
- Regular assessments in Geography grades 2-5. These will be graded on the report card. (See these on our website.)
- Unit assessments in Social studies. These tests measure knowledge gain at each of our elementary schools.



UP-TO-DATE WITH ORCHESTRA

5th grade orchestra students should be turning in **weekly practice logs**. Please check the back of the log to make sure your child is meeting the minimum practice requirements. Our holiday concert will be here before you know it! (Monday, Dec. 9)

Reminder to Parents:

If you want to participate in the **orchestra booster meetings**, the next meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 18, at 6:00 pm, in the High School Music Pod.



PRESIDENTIAL FITNESS AWARDS TO FITNESS GRAMS

In an effort to provide PE students with a more balanced approach to being fit for life, the School District of Fort Atkinson has joined a large number of other schools and school districts who have launched a new program called Fitnessgram. Twice a year through a series of measures, students and their parents receive a rating from "Needs Improvement" to "Healthy Fitness Zone." Rating areas include:

- Aerobic Capacity: A ratio of endurance level and BMI (see below)
- Muscle Strength, Endurance and Flexibility including:
 - Abdominal
 - Trunk Extension and Trunk Lift
 - Upper Body/ Push Up
 - Flexibility including reach and sit ups
 - Body Mass Index (BMI) including weight and height. This area will be measured by office staff and parents will have the option to opt out if desired.

Activity Level: includes self-reported physical activity, exercising and stretching. This area is for older students and will start second semester.

Parents will get a very detailed report with benchmarks, references and recommendations.



PURDY SCIENCE FAIR UPDATE

February 6 & 11, 2014

All students in grades 3-5 are required to enter the Purdy Science Fair. Students in grades 4-5 do individual projects. Students in grade 3 do team projects. Each grade level has a set of requirements that generally follow the Regional rules. Participation in the Fair helps teach District Science Curriculum.

All other students in grades K-2 are encouraged to enter the Purdy Science Fair using Regional Science Fair requirements. Entries can be dropped off at the Regional Fair for judging.

Note: The Purdy Fair is an exhibition showing class projects and not judged as a contest. Participations ribbons are awarded.



FORT ATKINSON REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR AT THE HOARD HISTORICAL MUSEUM

February 21-23, 2014

All K-5 students are encouraged to enter their school projects in the Regional Science Fair. A separate set of rules will be coming soon. It is a great community-wide activity. Students in grades 3-5 are especially encouraged since they have already done a project that has met the requirements of the Regional Fair. Thank you for your cooperation.





BOXTOPS COMPETITION

Boxtop coordinator Lori Partoll reported collecting \$1,084.30 for Purdy PTO through our recent Boxtops Competition. Ms. Stevens's fourth grade classroom was the winner.

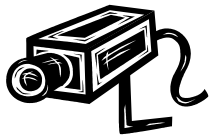
Watch for details coming soon for another Boxtops competition in late November, ending in early December. This is a good time to ask family members you may be seeing over the Thanksgiving holiday to save their Boxtops for our school too.

The Boxtops do not have to be placed on the collection sheets we send home. They can be sorted into ziplock bags; 50 per bag. Please be sure to check the expiration dates.

A big thank you to Rebecca Hakenson for counting and checking the box tops.

THANK-YOU to all who contributed!

Lori Partoll, Chairperson



SAFE AND SECURE

The safety and security of students, staff and visitors is an ongoing priority. In recent years Purdy Elementary School has locked all unmonitored exterior doors during the school day, added internal security doors and has also added 24/7 security cameras to the school and playground. Sign notifications have been added to major entrances indicating security cameras are in use and permission to enter is needed once the school day starts.



FALL BOOK FAIR **NOVEMBER 13—19**

It's Book Fair Time Again!

It's perfect weather to curl up with a new book! You can find a new book at the PTO sponsored Scholastic Book Fair held during conferences. This fall conferences will fall over 2 weeks. The book fair will be November 13—November 19.

Please stop before or after your conferences. We will be open Thursday, the 14th and Tuesday, the 19th before and after conferences. We will have shorter hours on Friday, the November 15th and Monday, November 18th after school. Wednesday, November 13 is Teacher/Student Preview Day from 8:00 AM—3:00 PM. Classes are invited to come and shop or pick-out their favorites. Look for information coming home before the book fair with more details.

The Book Fair will have specially priced books, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, adult books, and current best sellers. A flyer with a listing of some of the books that will be available at the book fair will be sent home before the fair.

We will have teacher Classroom Wish List books that were chosen by your child's teacher in bins on the Wish List table for anyone interested in helping your teacher add more books to your child's classroom library.

Hope to see you there!

Jill Draeger
Chairperson



From the Nurse Office

Head lice happen, especially on kids. They are not a sign of poor hygiene or how clean your home is. Anyone can get them—doesn't matter how long your hair is or how much you shower.

Fortunately, they don't spread disease and can't live more than two days off our heads. Head lice eggs won't hatch unless they are on hair and they won't infest pets. They spread when kids touch their heads together and sometimes from sharing hair accessories.

Does your kid have head lice? Not everyone gets itchy. Use a nit comb on wet hair and look for bugs the size of a sesame seed or tiny eggs glued to the hair. Check everyone in your household. If you do catch a bug, bring it to the school nurse or compare it with this picture:



If you find head lice:

Use either an over-the-counter OR prescription medication intended for treatment of head lice. *Follow the label directions exactly.*

Wash pillowcases and anything else that had contact with the child's head in the past 48 hrs. *Use a hot dryer. If you can't wash it, leave it in a bag for 2 weeks.*

Re-treat the hair after 7-9 days or according to label directions. *No lice product kills 100% of the eggs, so you have to kill the newly hatched bugs.*

Continue to use the nit comb on wet hair to remove old evidence and check for new head lice-DAILY for at least 2 weeks

It will be important for you to clean all areas of your home where the child has been for the 2 days prior to finding the lice including washing bedding and stuffed animals in hot water, vacuuming car seats, carpets, furniture, etc.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/index.html or call the nurse office at 920.563.7805



Character Counts
RESPECT
JoEllen Arnett-School Counselor



This past month I have been speaking with students about being respectful when addressing bullying in school. It is wonderful to see that even the littlest people know the “Golden Rule” Do unto to others as you would have them do unto you. Although sometimes we all need a reminder of **What is Respect? How do we show it?**

Respect is treating others as you would like to be treated, being considerate of other people’s feelings and recognizing the value of people, property, the environment, and yourself.

Respecting Others-When you respect other people, you show them that you value their feelings. As an example for your student you can explain that they can do this by playing fair, listening, and asking before borrowing something. When he/she uses kind words such as “please” and “thank you”, they are showing respect.

Respecting Differences- A respectful student is someone who knows that no two people are alike and accepts the differences between him/herself and others. If someone looks different, talks different, walks different, or believes something different from him/her, he/she shows respect by accepting the person and treating them the way he/she would want to be treated.

Respecting Self- It is also important that students respect themselves with healthy habits. By taking care of their body by eating good foods, brushing teeth, and exercising and getting enough sleep. They can take care of their mind by reading, doing homework and learning new things.

Respecting the Environment- Animals, the environment and natural resources also deserve respect. By helping to keep the outdoors clean, students learn that they are respecting the homes of wild animals. If we can avoid wasting resources, we are showing respect for the environment and for others who may need those resources.

7 Ways Your Student Can Show Respect

Reach out to others and learn about their beliefs and customs.

Enjoy the differences among people-they make life more interesting!

Show respect for rules and laws by obeying them.

Put on your best manners. Speak politely, help people, and use kind words.

Eat right, get plenty of sleep and exercise, learn healthy habits, and respect yourself.

Care about plants and animals and the air and water that living things need.

Treat property that belongs to you and other people carefully.

Purdy Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes
Instructional Materials Center (IMC)
Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Present at Meeting: Maggie Messler, Rick Brietzke, Pam Gustin, Karen Behm, Katie McIntyre, Mary Lynn Vaillancourt, Heather Hartwig, Tricia Tippelt, Jolyn Baldry, Rachel Broadhead

Additions/Corrections to September Minutes: None

Treasurer's Report: Balance checking account \$1309.87, Savings account \$5287.17

Purdy Power Dollar Report:

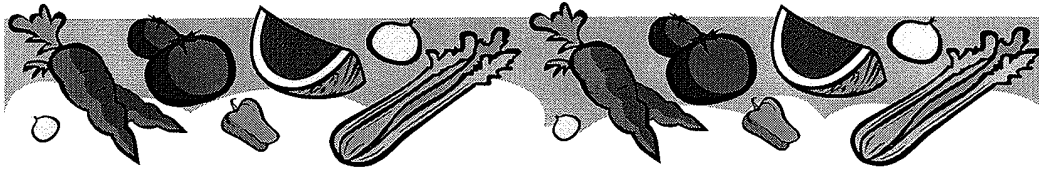
OLD BUSINESS

- School Board Meeting Update- Mr. Brietzke reported on the PBIS cooperative games our students have been learning for recess. This has helped reduce the number of conflicts on the playground. He also informed the board about our new lunch set up of recess first, then eating. Purdy's enrollment is up a little bit, the district's enrollment went down. Our enrollment affects the funding we receive from the state. Dr. Zaspel will be attending one of our PTO meetings.
- Market Day Update- \$124 profit for last month, up from normal. Pie orders need to be turned in by the end of the month. Some volunteers may be needed to help unpack on November 6th.
- Box Tops- Almost \$1200 was earned from our last Box Top drive, which only lasted 1 week.
- Spirit Wear Update- Marilyn Lovejoy has resigned. We are in need of a new chairperson. 68 items were ordered this Fall. Some parents were wondering why the long turn around. Also, some ideas were brought up about other styles and the possibility of having some available for purchase at registration.

NEW BUSINESS

- Social Media Chairperson- Katie McIntyre volunteered to establish a page on Facebook for dispensing information.
- Book Fair- Set up is Tuesday, November 12th. We have volunteers for set up and the preview day, but need volunteers for Thursday the 14th, Monday the 18th and Tuesday the 19th. Contact Jill Draeger to volunteer. We still need someone to be the chairperson for the Spring Book Fair, February 6-11th.
- Halloween Activities- We are in need of MANY volunteers for the Haunted House nights, October 25th and 26th. We will look into the possibility of using high school volunteers. Contact Patty Brain if you can help either evening.
- Birthday Books- Our book selection is low. Could we put aside a set amount for books? Some books were purchased with Book Fair dollars.
- Teacher Appreciation Supper/Conferences- Maggie Messler will check with boy scouts about buying their chili like we did last year. We will then ask parents to bring toppings.
- Breakfast with Santa- UW-Whitewater has some volunteers who are willing to help with Breakfast with Santa this year. We will also work with the high school to get volunteers. Rachel Broadhead is working to get everything donated this year. Beauty and the Bean will donate coffee. Subway will do napkins and cups. Kwik Trip will donate bananas. Nasco will donate items for crafts. She is still checking with other vendors.
- Best Seat in the House- This year we will also be offering the Best Spot in the Lot for the Holiday Concert at the High School. Raffle tickets will be sold at Breakfast with Santa.
- Artist in Residence—Mr. Brietzke spoke with the chef from the Black Sheep Restaurant in Whitewater about coming and working with the students learning about cooking and nutrition.

NEXT PTO MEETING: NOVEMBER 12, 2013



Healthy Snacks for Classrooms

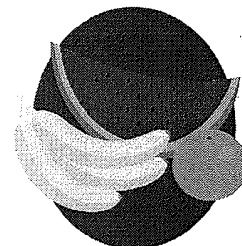
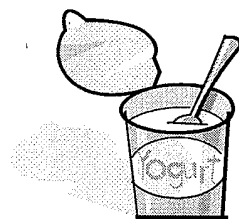
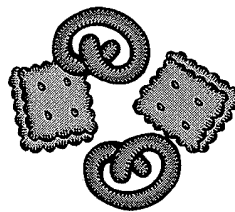
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who sent healthy snacks last year for their child's classroom. We have seen fresh fruit, vegetables and dip, cheese trays, and trail mixes! The kids love these healthy snacks (along with the teachers). :)

It is preferable that you keep the cookies, doughnuts, cake, cupcakes, candy etc. at home. By supporting and promoting proper dietary habits, you contribute to your child/children's health and academic performance; plus help them develop a life long pattern of healthy eating.

Stuck and can't think of an idea for a healthy snack or birthday treat? Check out a few of the items listed below:

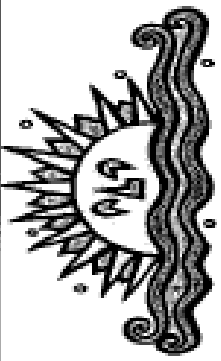
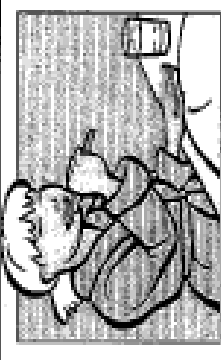


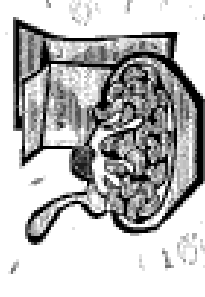
Bread Sticks	Snackwell Cookies/Crackers	String Cheese
Celery with Peanut Butter	Peanut Butter & Crackers	Low-Fat Yogurt Frozen Yogurt
Nuts & Bolts/Trail Mix	Nuts/Sun Flower Seeds	Low-Fat Ice Cream
Tortillas	Granola Bars	Low-Fat Pudding
Breakfast Cereals – Low Sugar	Pretzels	Fresh fruits/Vegetables with Dip
Cereal Bars	Animal Crackers	Frozen Fruit
Rice Krispies Bars	Chex Mix	Strawberries
Granola	Graham Crackers	Mangoes
Nutrigrain Bars	Goldfish Crackers	Melon Ball
Popcorn/Cheese Popcorn	Wheat Thins	Applesauce
Baked Tortilla Chips	Triscuits	Fruit Cups/Kabobs
Baked Lays	Low-Fat Muffins	Dried Fruit
Baked Bugles	Popcorn Balls	Raisins/Cranberries
Combo's Pretzels	Banana Bread	All Natural Fruit Rollups
Gardetto's Reduced Fat Snack	Zucchini Bread	Fruit Salad
Fig Newton's	Raisin Bread	Fruit Sorbet
Gingersnaps	English Muffin Pizzas	Fruit Juice Popsicles

A reminder that the Student Nutrition Program provides health classroom snacks at a very reasonable cost...they even deliver! Please contact Barbara Waara at 563-7811 – Ext. 1161 or visit the school district's web page www.fortschools.org under Nutrition Services.








NOVEMBER 2013

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * - May contain pork + - May contain peanuts Skin and 2% Milk served daily Menu Subject to Change This institute is an equal opportunity employer	MEAL PRICES K-5-\$1.40 6-12 -\$1.45 Adults-\$1.80 Milk - \$0.35 (included with meal)			1 NO SCHOOL
4 Kellogg's Jump Start Express Kit Whole Grain Cereal Pastry or Grahams Juice & Milk	5 Cheese Omelet English Muffin, Jelly Juice, Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	6 *Sausage & Pancake Wraps Fresh Fruit Juice & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	7 Scrambled Eggs & Bagel Juice, Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	8 Pillsbury Mini Muffins Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk
11 Kellogg's Jump Start Express Kit Whole Grain Cereal Pastry or Grahams Juice & Milk	12 Muffin & Yogurt Cup Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	13 Breakfast Round Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	14 Maple Mini Pancakes Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	15 French Toast Sticks Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk
18 Kellogg's Jump Start Express Kit Whole Grain Cereal Pastry or Grahams Juice & Milk	19 Breakfast Quesadilla Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	20 Eggo Mini Waffles Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	21 Scrambled Eggs & Bagel Juice, Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	22 Breakfast Pizza Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk
25 Kellogg's Jump Start Express Kit Whole Grain Cereal Pastry or Grahams Juice & Milk	26 *Breakfast Bacon Scramble Juice or Fruit & Milk OR Juice, Cereal, Snack, Milk	27 NO SCHOOL 	28 NO SCHOOL 	29 NO SCHOOL 

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NOVEMBER 2013 PURDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>All grain products are now whole grain!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May contain pork + - May contain peanuts <p>Skim and 2% Milk served daily</p> <p>Menu Subject to Change</p>	<p>MEAL PRICES K-5-\$2.45 daily, \$12.25 wkly 6-12 -\$2.65 daily, \$13.25 wkly Adults-\$3.25 daily Milk - \$0.35</p>			<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Early release lunches are available for students to take home. Sign up with your school office.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs & Pancakes OR +PBJ Uncrustable Hash Brown Potato Sweet Strawberries 100% Juice Cup</p>	<p>5</p> <p>*Hot Dog on WG Bun OR Ham Sandwich Baked French Fries Bieber Baked Beans Chilled Applesauce</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Shredded Cheese, Breadstick OR Turkey Wrap Garden Fresh Salad Red Pepper Strips Grapes</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets OR Tuna Salad on Goldfish Rice Pilaf Green Giant Green Beans Colorful Fruit Cocktail Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Grilled Cheese OR +PBJ Uncrustable Hot Tomato Soup Seasoned Green Beans 100% Apple Juice Cup</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Family Dinner @ Purdy Turkey & Gravy Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Steamed Carrots Cranberry Sauce Thanksgiving Cookie</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll OR Ham Sandwich Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Super Hero CA Blend Vegetables 100% Orange Juice Cup</p>	<p>13</p> <p>*Soft Shell Tacos OR Turkey Wrap Refried Beans Steamy Golden Corn Fresh Apple Slices</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Cheese Lasagna Roll Up Soft Breadstick OR Tuna Salad on Goldfish Garden Fresh Salad Yummy Red Pepper Strips Sliced Peaches</p>	<p>15</p> <p>DOMINOS CHEESE PIZZA OR +PBJ Uncrustable Fresh Veggies & Dip Golden Pineapple Frozen Fruit Slushy</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Grilled Cheese OR +PBJ Uncrustable Hot Tomato Soup Seasoned Green Beans 100% Apple Juice Cup</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Beef Sliders on WG Bun OR Ham Sandwich Baked French Fries Bieber Baked Beans Fresh Banana</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Choice of Turkey or Ham Sub OR +PBJ Uncrustable Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Veggies & Dip Red Strawberries</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Teriyaki Chicken OR Tuna Salad on Goldfish Rice Pilaf Steamed Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Nachos with Meat & Cheese OR +PBJ Uncrustable Refried Beans Golden Corn Sweet Pineapple Fresh Fruit</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Cheese Quesadilla OR +PBJ Uncrustable Refried Beans Spiderman's Favorite Corn Chunky Pineapple</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Cheeseburger on WG Bun OR Ham Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Bieber Beans Colorful Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>27</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>  <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</p>	<p>29</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> 

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