

Luther Elementary School Newsletter



October/English-2021

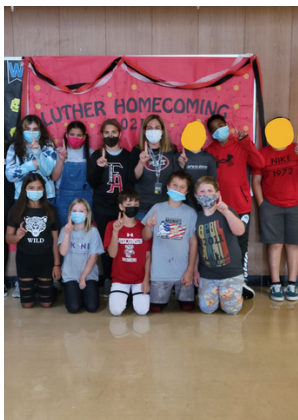


Luther Families,

September was an amazing month at Luther School! During the first two weeks there was a lot of excitement about starting a new school year. During weeks three and four the students really began to settle into classroom routines and began core learning in reading, writing and math. I have been super proud of our students! They come to school each day with a positive attitude and they are **READY TO LEARN!** Needless to say, we are off to a great start.

All Luther students can earn gold coins in their classrooms. The first goal of the year was 250 coins. All 12 classes (K-5) collectively earned the coins and the **ALL** school reward was an extra recess along with a freeze pop. The students enjoyed this on a beautiful fall day. The next goal is 1,000 gold coins. Once the students earn this collective goal they will earn another **ALL** school reward. This is part of our PBIS program as we try to implement students being respectful, responsible, safe and **READY TO LEARN!!**

Mr. Geiger



One Team, One District, One Community

Fort Atkinson High School | Fort Atkinson Middle School
Barrie Elementary | Luther Elementary | Purdy Elementary | Rockwell Elementary



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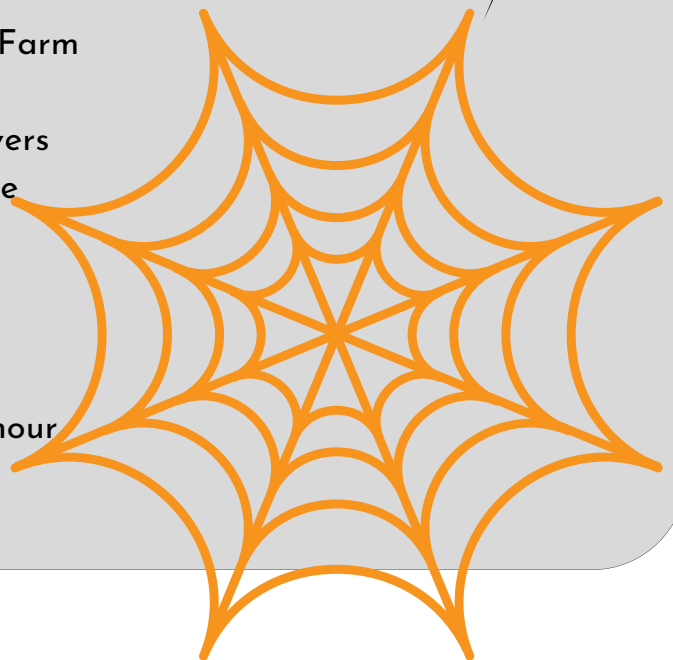


Calendar of Events: October

We hope you can join us!

October

- 10/1 Luther Loyalty Day
- 10/6 Picture Re-take Day
PTO Meeting 6:30 in the IMC
- 10/11 Seals on Wheels
- 10/15 Kindergarten Field Trip ~Hinchleys Farm
- 10/18 Early Release
- 10/22 Safety Patrol Lunch (grade 5) -Culvers
- 10/27 Halloween Classroom Parties/Parade
End of First Quarter
- 10/28 Prof. Development -NO SCHOOL
- 10/29 Fall Break -NO SCHOOL
- 10/31 Happy Halloween
Daylight Savings time -Fall Back 1 hour





TREAT TRICK OR



Fort Atkinson City Wide Trick or Treat will be on Sunday, October 31st from 1:00-4:00. Have a Happy Halloween and enjoy this fun day!



Halloween at Luther



Students will celebrate Halloween on Wednesday, October 27th. Students in grades K/1 should bring their costume in a bag and their teachers will have them put their costume over their clothes after lunch.

Students in grades 2-5 should wear their costume to school all day. Dressing up is optional for students. If they do choose to dress up the costumes need to be appropriate for school and should not have blood, weapons, etc.

Teachers will have classroom parties in the afternoon. These will be about 30-45 minutes in length. Students will enjoy some games and snacks.

Seals-On-Wheels



On Monday, October 11th, Seals-On-Wheels Oral Health Program will be providing children with dental screenings, cleanings, and oral hygiene instructions, sealants, and fluoride treatments. It is free for all students in any grade. Permissions slips were sent home in your child's folder and were due by September 27 however there is still a chance for you so sign up. We have extra permission slips in the office or you can register online <https://sealasmile.wisconsin.gov/consent>.



Band News

5th grade BAND has begun! Lessons started the first week of October and the students are making beautiful music! You are ALL INVITED to attend the Parent Band Night on Monday November 1st, 6:00 pm at the HIGH SCHOOL. It will be their first opportunity to come together with all of the 5th graders in the district! Come and listen to what your child has been learning! Contact Mrs. Haffelder at haffeldera@fortschools.org or 563-7833 ext. 7504 with any questions.



Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home with students on Friday, November 5th. Parents can keep the report cards for your records and discard the envelope.

Parent/Teacher Conferences



These will be held on Tuesday, November 9th and Thursday, November 11th after school and in the evenings. There will be a sign up for shared with parents at some point in October.

We hope you will consider signing up to meet with your child's teachers. It is important that Luther Educators have an opportunity to talk with parents about the great things their child is doing at school.



Do you know a Veteran?

Each year Luther Students and Staff celebrate Veterans Day. Please let Mr. Geiger know of any Luther Parents, Grandparents, or Relatives that may be a Veteran. We would like to recognize them at an all-school assembly on Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11th. You can call him at 920-563-7828 or email at geigerd@fortschools.org



A Few Reminders

- School begins at 7:55
- Please check your child's folder each night
- Parents of children in grades 3-5 please check and sign their assignment notebook each night
- We serve breakfast at Luther from 7:30-7:55 each day

Early Release Days



Almost Every Month we will have an Early Release at 1:30 pm. These days are built in to our district calendar for professional development. Please save the following dates.

10/18

11/15

1/24

2/14

3/7

4/18

5/16



Luther PTO

The next PTO meeting will be on Wednesday, October 6th at 6:30 in the Luther IMC. We hope you can join us.

The PTO is currently looking for more family involvement including parents willing to take the lead on a committee or who are interested in being on the board next year.

It takes ALL of us to work together to make Luther a great place!
Please join us!



How Much Does Your Child Read?

Students work extremely hard while at school! There is very little homework in the evenings as we feel it is important for them to be a kid and get some rest. We do highly recommend that students read at least 4 nights per week. Please take a look at the chart on the right which demonstrates the importance of students reading on a regular basis. Students receive 90 minutes of reading instruction per day and 60 minutes of writing instruction daily!!



End of October

The First Quarter will end on Wednesday, October 27th. Students do not have school on Thursday, October 28th or Friday, October 29th. The teachers will be working on report cards and attending professional development on that Thursday. The Second Quarter will begin on Monday, November 1st.



Girls Group

We are excited to announce that Girls Group is back this year! Girls group is an after school club for girls in grades 3-5. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Anyone who would like more information about Girls Group can contact Ms. Sullivan at sullivank@fortschools.org.



What's Happening in our Library Classes?

Each class has a library class with Mrs. Westby two times out of the ten day cycle. Each class meets for 30 minutes with time for book checkout. Here is what they have been learning in that class during the month of

September:

Kindergarten: Introduction of our library, discussed how to check out books and how to take care of a book that goes home, read several picture books and learned about Mo Willems, the author.

1st 2nd Grade: Reviewed behavior in the library and checkout procedures, read several picture books, logged into their chromebook computers, 1st grade logged into Epic books and listened to books and 2nd grade began working on keyboarding skills.

3rd-5th Grade: Reviewed behavior in the library and checkout procedures, discussed chromebook care, revisited putting books on cart for returning to library, used chromebooks to try Nitro Type, work on keyboarding skills and find books using Destiny Catalog, and talked about ways to find books that are just right for their reading and with 5th grade introduced SORA, an online book reading program like Overdrive.

NEW District Strategic Plan!

Thank you to the hundreds of stakeholders who helped inform our new vision and mission for the School District of Fort Atkinson. The vision is our 'some day' and the mission is what we are doing 'every day' to work towards achieving that vision.

To learn more about our process and our overall district goals for the next 5 years, please visit our website under "District," then "[Strategic Plan - 1Fort Forward.](#)"

— VISION —

Achieving distinction in all we do

— MISSION —

Cultivate an inclusive high-performing culture of growth and community

School Menu Updates

"Menu subject to change" - I'm sure you have noticed this phrase on many menus around town. This year, it really takes on a new meaning. Each week we are experiencing unprecedented supply issues with items we use every day: Everything from pizza and tortillas to baby carrots and tater tots!

Therefore, we are only able to publish menus about a week in advance based on what food we are able to get delivered. For updated menu information, visit **MySchoolMenus**, which is updated at the beginning of each week.

As soon as the market corrects itself, we will resume publishing monthly menus.



[View all district-wide communications here!](#)

Helpful Phone Numbers:

Building & Grounds: 920-563-7808

Business Office: 920-563-7800

Communications & Community Engagement: 920-563-7851

Curriculum & Instruction/Summer School Office: 920-563-7802

Human Resources Office: 920-563-7801

Nutrition Services: 920-563-7811 ext. 1159

Pupil Services Office: 920-563-7804

Registration Office: 920-563-7820

Technology Department: 920-563-7813

Questions regarding communicable disease protocols? [Click here.](#)



Badgerland After School Enrichment (BASE) Registration

Badgerland After School Enrichment Program (BASE) offers critical after-school care during the hours of 3-6 pm, Monday through Friday at all four public elementary schools in Fort Atkinson. BASE also offers a full summer wrap-around program from 7:30 am-6 pm.

Their mission is to provide quality, out-of-school care that will inspire our local youth to be contributing, productive and responsible community members through intentional programming that supports positive character development and unique opportunities to grow as individuals.

General Inquiries, Donations & Events
alicia@basefortatkinson.org

Membership, Programs & Operations
melissa@basefortatkinson.org

United Way of Jefferson and North Walworth Counties

The United Way's Season of Caring kicked off on Monday, September 27th - don't worry! You can join at any point in time!

Each week, for seven weeks, they are asking participants to complete an act of caring related to that week's theme.

This is a great way to remind community members that small, simple acts of kindness & caring can truly shift and change our communities for the better!

2021 CAMPAIGN SEASON OF CARING

"United For All" in sending caring power across our communities!
September 27th - November 14th

1 WEEK 1: SEPT 27 - OCT 3RD JOIN OUR MISSION Simply commit to participating. Sign up to receive our newsletter on our website, follow & share our Facebook page, and post about your participation!	5 WEEK 5: OCT 25 - 31ST BE A LOCAL CHAMPION Research topics affecting your community, learn more about the impact & needs of local nonprofits, or sign-up for an advocacy opportunity. Stand up for your community!
2 WEEK 2: OCT 4 - 10TH PRAISE A COMMUNITY WORKER Send a thank you, write a positive post, drop off a gift - anything to thank a community member who works hard to positively impact our communities!	6 WEEK 6: NOV 1 - 7TH LEND YOUR SUPPORT Donate to an organization, mow your neighbor's lawn, deliver food to a neighbor, or donate blood. Simply choose a task that lends support and creates joy!
3 WEEK 3: OCT 11 - 17TH THANK A BUSINESS Send a thank you, make a purchase, write a positive review - anything to thank a local business for their presence in and support for our communities!	7 WEEK 7: NOV 8 - 14TH PRACTICE SELF-CARE Go for a quiet walk, start a new hobby, dance, take a nap, read a book... end your acts of caring by prioritizing taking care of YOURSELF!
4 WEEK 4: OCT 18 - 24TH COMMIT TO VOLUNTEERING Register on our volunteer site, contact a local group to help them, establish a monthly volunteer goal - anything to become an active community volunteer!	For full details visit www.uwjnwc.com Share your participation by posting on Facebook and using the hashtags: #unitedforall #seasonofcaring #2021campaign #uwjnwc

THANK YOU for caring for your communities!



Fort HealthCare is sharing some Backpack News for our families, which includes tips such as how to stay healthy as the winter weather approaches, tips for families, flu shots, and more!



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