



LUTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Hello Luther Families,

The month of February was very busy! You can see below we had a lot of learning and some fun taking place at Luther. The month of March will go quickly as we have some time off with Spring Break. There are three weeks left in quarter #3 that we will maximize the student learning.

Once students return in April which is the start of quarter #4 we will have a lot of new learning taking place along with the Forward Exam for students in grades 3-5.

I am going to try and send some videos for families with some updates in the coming months. These videos will be brief but informative. The purpose is just trying a new format to keep you updated on Luther items. Please watch for the video link in your email.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr. Geiger



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/1 Mustache Masters
- 3/2 Girls Group
Lunch Buddies
- 3/4 Birthday Books
Luther Loyalty
School Store
- 3/7 Early Release
- 3/8 Mustache Masters
- 3/9 Band Booster mtg. 6:00 ~FAHS Music Pod
- 3/17 School Board of Education meeting at 6:30
- 3/15 Mustache Masters
Lunch Buddies
- 3/16 Girls Group
- 3/18 No School
End of 3rd Quarter
Spring Break
- 3/28 Classes Resume
- 3/29 Lunch Buddies
- 3/31 Arts Festival



DARE Program Fundraiser

On Friday, March 4th, Rock River Lanes will be donating 50% to the DARE program. This event begins at 5:30 and ends around midnight. Rock River Lanes is located at 1010 Larsen Road in Fort Atkinson. Hope to see you there!



Arts Festival

The Music and Arts programs are combining for the Luther Arts Festival on Thursday, March 31st. This will take place throughout the Luther cafe and hallways from 5:30-7:00. Items taking place include performances by students in band, orchestra, and playing the recorder. Student artwork will be displayed in the hallways. More information will be coming soon.



School Store

The Luther Loyalty Team (LLT) will open the School Store one time per month. The store will be open on the following days during lunch and after school:

Friday, March 4th

Friday, April 1st

Friday, May 6th



Forward Exam Dates/Schedule

The state of Wisconsin Forward Exam is a test for students in grade 3-5 that will be taken in April. Students in these grades take tests in Math and Reading. The students in grade 4 also take additional tests in Science and Social Studies. This data provides us with information to monitor and measure progress over time. This data is helpful in planning professional development sessions for teachers and to see where we need to focus on to help our students!

Early Release



Early Release Schedules

Students will dismiss at 1:30 on the following days:

March 7th

April 18th

May 16th

Teachers use the 1:30-4:30 time frame for professional learning.

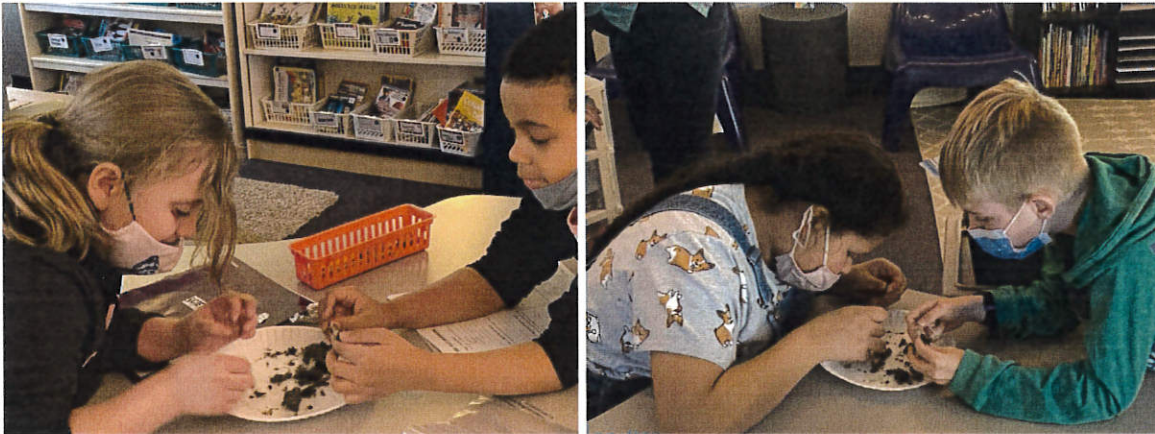
Guest Math Teacher

Eric Kanters is a Math Professional that works with local School Districts on implementing the newest/latest math resources in elementary schools. He visited Luther in February and taught some lessons to classes as teachers co-taught or observed his lessons. Immediately after his 60 minute math lessons teachers held a debrief session which you can see on the bottom left. The picture on the bottom right is Eric listening and observing some 5th grade girls as they work and talk through some mathematical concepts.



Grade 3 Owl Pelletts

Students in grade 3 Science have participated in a Human Body unit recently. At the end of the unit is a bones investigation which includes dissecting an owl pellet. Enjoy the pics below. If you have a third grader be sure to ask them about this science lesson.



Lorine Niedecker

Lorine was a famous poet that was born and raised in Fort Atkinson!! You may have seen some of her poems around town on local buildings. Jeremy Pinc, local artist, did the art work on these buildings using Ms. Niedecker's poems. We are fortunate to have Mr. Pinc and his wife, Ms. Holt, working at Luther with Ms. Zuniga to design and select a Niedecker poem to decorate the Luther walls with inside of the school. On February 18th we held an assembly where the two artists were able to kick off this project with teaching students the history of Ms. Niedecker. Students even began the beginning stages of some art sketches. Stay tuned for more information!!





Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as Student of the Month for February:

Aubrey Keller, Jocelyn Velazquez, Shelby Johnson, Giselle Sanchez, Riley Carson, Ena Schiro, Lydia Bouvier, Sofia Vega, Marjorie Bernardino, and Eisley Storlazzi. Maci Kopss and Graycee Smith (not pictured).



Snowflake Dance

The students in Luther Loyalty Team (LLT) helped Mrs. Reu, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Wendt plan the Snowflake Dance. The PTO sold water/pizza and the LLT sold glow sticks and freeze pops. We had a great turnout and the students had a ton of fun!!



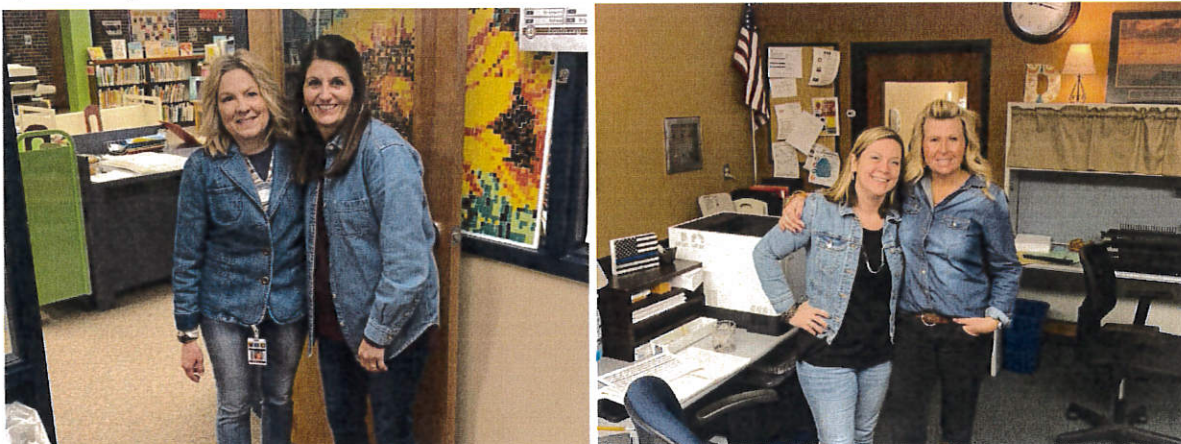
PBIS Dress-Up Days:

All students and staff are encouraged to participate in spirit week the week of March 14th. See below for more details.



Love National Public Schools Week

The week of February 21st all 6 Public Schools in the SDFA celebrated Public Schools week. We had themed dress up days. Below on the left we have Mrs. Stewart, IMC Aide, and Mrs. Westby, IMC Director in denim. On the bottom right we have Mrs. Rottman, School Counselor, and Mrs. Dunkleberger, Secretary sporting their denim! We LOVE our Public Schools!!



POPS Concert

The 5th grade band students performed in their POPS concert on Sunday, February 20th at FAHS. They sounded great! Keep up the fantastic work kids!



BAND BOOSTER MEETING

All parents of students participating in the band are automatically considered "Band Booster" members, and are welcome at all Booster Meetings! Our next meeting is: Wednesday, March 9th at 6:00 PM High School Music Pod. We hope to have parents representing students from all grade levels, and would love to have you there!



Summer School

Preparations for the 2022 summer school session are in full gear.

The summer school session will begin on Monday, June 20th, and end on Friday, July 22nd. There will be no summer school on Monday, July 4th and Tuesday, July 5th to recognize the 4th of July holiday.

The District is excited to again offer a wide variety of great classes and camps for your family to consider!

The District will again use a PRIORITY REGISTRATION system. During PRIORITY REGISTRATION, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to indicate which courses or camps their children wish to take this summer using the online registration system (similar to last year). Using this information, the District will then determine the number of sections to run for each class in an effort to ensure that kids get the classes that they desire this summer.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION will be open Friday, April 1st and run through Monday, April 11th. Please mark your calendar and share with your friends.

By using PRIORITY REGISTRATION, you are giving your child the best chance to get the class(es) he/she wants this summer. There are three registration help sessions planned:

- Monday, April 4 from 8:00 to 9:30 AM and 3:15 to 6:00 PM at the Luther Elementary IMC.
- Wednesday, April 6 from 3:15 to 6:00 PM at the Purdy Elementary IMC.
- An interpreter will be available to help.

Registration information, including student logins and class lists, will be sent home in student folders on Thursday, March 31st. If you have any questions throughout the process, please call the summer school office at 920-563-7802 or email summerschool@fortschools.org.

We're always looking for great summer school teachers! If you know a certified teacher that might be interested in joining our summer school team, please have them email summerschool@fortschools.org or call 920-563-7802.

District Updates & Reminders



Wildermuth Award & Support Staff Award Nominations Needed!

Is there a teacher or support staff team member that has made a positive impact on your child's life? Now is the time to recognize those who have gone above and beyond for your child! The School District of Fort Atkinson is looking for nominations for the following awards:

Wildermuth Award For Excellence In Education - [Click HERE To Nominate](#)

This award was created to reward an educator in the School District of Fort Atkinson for exemplary work in the area of education. The recipient of the award may be a teacher, media specialist, guidance counselor, school social worker, school psychologist, or other certified staff member. **Due April 7th.**

Support Staff Of The Year Award - [Click HERE To Nominate](#)

Every team member plays a role in teaching and learning and is valued here at the School District of Fort Atkinson. The Support Staff Award For Excellence in Education was created to reward a non-certified staff member for their outstanding work in our schools. **Due April 30th.**

Engagement Opportunities Ahead - Sign up today!

The first step in the engagement process began in 2019 with a group of close to 30 community members conducting a full strategic facilities planning assessment and recommendation to the Board. The community survey was the second step in the engagement process. Through the Spring, the District will be holding a number of community engagement sessions to dive into these topics deeper.

[Sign-up HERE](#) for engagement sessions you would like to attend. This is to help us plan on how many materials are needed. If you are unable to attend but want to share your thoughts, please complete the survey on the webpage.

Middle School Tours

- Saturday, March 12th, 10-11 am

Discussions & Dine-In

- Thursday, March 31st, 6:30-8:30 pm @ Fort 88 Smokehouse

Coffee & Conversations

- Saturday, April 9th from 8-10 am @ Beauty & the Bean

Calling Those Interested in Orchestra, or The Band 'Cheap Trick!'

To encourage students to learn more about music and orchestra, the Booster Club will bring JOE 2.0 to the Fort Atkinson High School for a night of toe-tapping



"Rockestra." JOE 2.0 was founded in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 2011, by violinist, Joseph Ketchum and is comprised of an electrified string quartet (2 Violins, Viola, and Cello), plus drums and the inimitable vocals of original "Cheap Trick" lead singer, Xeno. This family-friendly event will take place on Sunday, March 6th at 1 pm.

Ticket Prices:

- \$8 for adults
- \$6 for seniors (65 and older)
- \$5 for 18 and under

Reserve your tickets here: <https://www.fortatkinsonmusic.org/sdfa-orchestra-dessert-concert.html>

Community Events & Reminders



Badgerland After School Enrichment (BASE) Registration

Currently accepting membership applications for the 2022 summer program!

The 2022 summer program will run from June 13th-August 26th. We will be open from 7:30 am-5:30 pm and offer a fun-filled day with activities, field trips, and friends. Summer fees range from \$40-\$90/week per child with discounted fees for additional children, and additional financial support may be available for qualifying families. **[Click here to start the registration process!](#)**



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Lemonade Day!™

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WHAT'S LEMONADE DAY?

Lemonade Day is a fun, experiential program that teaches youth how to start, own and operate their very own business - a lemonade stand.

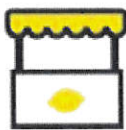
WHEN IS LEMONADE DAY?

SATURDAY

MAY 7TH

2022

WHAT DO YOUTH LEARN BY PARTICIPATING?



business



responsibility



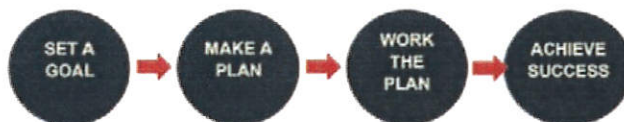
financial literacy



goal setting



teamwork



READY TO GET STARTED?

Register at LEMONADEDAY.ORG/fort-atkinson

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[Click here for the PDF in English](#)

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!

Community Connections

[Parks & Recreation](#)

[Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce](#)

[City of Fort Atkinson - News & City Council](#)

[Fort Atkinson Community Foundation - Project](#)