



LUTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Luther Families,

We are in the 3rd quarter of the 2021-22 school year!! Time sure does fly when you are having fun. The students and staff at Luther do have fun but we also get a lot of learning done each and every day. The staff is super proud of the students for working hard on their learning. The children follow the 4 Bs each day: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be Ready to Learn!!

Family Conferences are fast approaching! You will hear many great things about your child. The purpose of conferences is for teachers and family members of each student to interact about the growth and areas that need improvement. The focus is on academics, behavior, work ethic, etc. During conferences there are also many other items taking place at school: Book Fair, parents can meet with other teachers, Math Talk with Mrs. Schuenke (see below for more information).

The third quarter is a great quarter to maximize learning for our students since there are very few disruptions to the school calendar. Your child will take on a lot of new learning in quarter #3. They will really begin to make academic advances in reading, writing and math in the next few months. This will be even greater if they continue to read at home in the evenings. Practicing math facts is always a helpful task for children as well.

Thank you for your support of the Luther students and staff! We hope your family continues to stay healthy.

Mr. Geiger



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2/1 Mustache Masters
- 2/2 Girls Group
HS Lunch Buddies
- 2/4 Luther Loyalty Day
Birthday Books
School Store 7:30-7:55 & 3:00-3:20
Glenn's Market & Catering Fundraiser Orders Due
- 2/8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 2/10 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 2/14 Happy Valentines Day
Classroom Parties
Early Dismissal
- 2/15 HS Lunch Buddies
Mustache Masters
- 2/16 Girls Group
- 2/17 BOE mtg.
- 21-25 - National Love Public Education Week Celebrations - Stay tuned for more info from the District!
- 2/22 Glenn's Market & Catering Order Pickup
Mustache Masters
- 2/24 Snowflake Dance
- 2/25 Safety Patrol ~Culvers

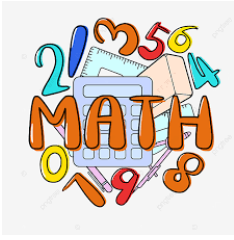


Southern Lakes Anthology

Congratulations to the following Luther students whose work was accepted for publication in the local Southern Lakes Anthology Unstoppable and will now go on to regional judging in January!:

Hannah Hesselbacher and Lerissa Reu for their Illustrated Writing piece, "Risky Lives of the Military"

Andrew Snethen for his Poetry piece, "How to Become 34"



Math Talk with Mrs. Schuenke

Family Math Night:

Luther Elementary Boardroom

February 8 & 10

5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Hosted by: Mrs. Schuenke, Math Interventionist

Come and experience a variety of hands-on math activities with your child!



Valentines Parties

Students will celebrate Valentine's Day with classroom parties on Monday, February 14th. Students should plan to bring a Valentine for each of their classmates. Classroom teachers will communicate with families about specific details. This is also an early release day and students will be dismissed at 1:30



Family Conferences

Classroom teachers have scheduled conferences with families on Tuesday, February 8th or Thursday, February 10th.



Scholastic Book Fair

The PTO will once again be setting up the Book Fair the week of February 7th. It will be open at lunch, after school and until 7:00 PM on family conference nights (2-8-22 & 2-10-22).



Snowflake Dance

Students and families are invited to the Snowflake Dance on Thursday, February 24th from 5:30-7:00 in the Luther cafe. There will be a DJ playing music!! The PTO will be selling pizza and water along with some other fun items. We hope to see you on the dance floor!



Arts Festival

The Music and Arts programs are combining for the Luther Arts Festival on Thursday, March 17th. 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, February 4th

Friday, March 4th

Friday, April 1st

Friday, May 6th



MAP Testing

Students in grades 2-5 recently took the MAP exam in the areas of reading and math. MAP stands for Measurement of Academic Progress. The children take this exam in September, January and May. The purpose is for the Luther Educators to monitor growth over time. It also allows use of the data to track specific learning skills that students may need more support in to help them be successful. Families will receive a copy of their child's results.



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!



PTO Glenn's Pizza Fundraiser

- Glenn's Pizza Fundraiser - Look for information in your child's take home folder.
- Order forms are due to Luther School before Friday, February 4th
- Pizza Pick up will be at Luther on Tuesday, February 22nd

Early Release



Early Release Schedules

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

February 14th

March 7th

April 18th

May 16th

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



Activity Picture Day

Visual Image Photography (VIP) will be at Luther on Thursday, February 17th.

The purpose of this visit is to take candid photos of students in action during the school day. The photographer will also take class group photos and group pictures of students involved in extracurricular activities including band, safety patrol, orchestra, Mustache Masters, Blackhawk Running Club, Girls Group, and Luther Loyalty Team (LLT).



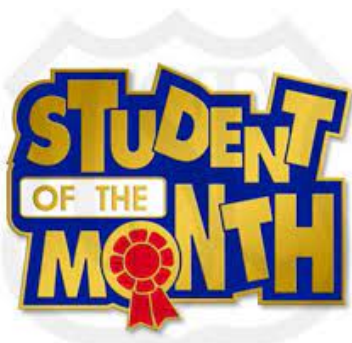
The Mini Grant Project What is the Mini Grant Project? The School District of Fort Atkinson's Gifted and Talented Education department provides a leadership opportunity for all students in grades 3-12: The Mini Grant Project. The intent of the Mini Grant Project is for students to become aware of needs in their school and community and then to apply their knowledge, creativity, and task commitment in working to fill those needs. Mini Grants (of up to \$50 each) are funded entirely by donations from local organizations and businesses. In 2021, grant recipients provided "wish list" baskets and fleece blankets to the Jefferson County Humane Society; raised money for the American Heart Association; and created "birthday boxes" for the Fort Atkinson Food Pantry. Who should apply? Students (including individuals, partners, or groups) in grades 3-12 may apply for a Mini Grant. Applications may be picked up from your elementary school's librarian beginning February 1. Applications are due by March 4, 2022. Why should students consider applying for a Mini Grant? Mini Grants are designed to increase awareness, encourage creative thinking, and provide an opportunity to demonstrate task commitment by developing a self-selected project that benefits the school or community. Students practice problem-solving and leadership skills when working on Mini Grant Projects. Mini Grants provide the resources that enable students to give back to their schools or community. Who oversees the projects? Although Mini Grants are coordinated by the Gifted and Talented Education department, each student or group of students who receives a grant must have a mentor. Parents, supervisors, specialists, teachers, or older students may serve as mentors to provide consultation and support to the grant recipients. How are the projects chosen? Project selection is based on originality of thought, development of the project idea, understanding of school or community need, evidence of commitment by student(s), and budget completeness. Students will be notified before spring break if their project has been selected to receive a grant. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Leisgang, GT Program Assistant, at leisgangn@fortschools.org. Mini Grant applications are due to your elementary school's librarian by March 4, 2022.

PBIS

PBIS Rewards

Every few weeks the students have a goal to reach a designated amount of coins that they earn in their classrooms. Once they earn this goal then they get an all school reward. The most recent reward was PJ day. Enjoy some pics below!!





Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being awarded student of the month in January.



Kindergarten - Daleyza Gamillo Lira and Abby Baker

First Grade - Samuel Johnson and Peyton Nuehring

Second Grade - Lucas Miller and Loran Neziri

Third Grade - Oliver Eilert and Sofia Perez

Fourth Grade - Ian Kuecker and Kinsley Wollin

Fifth Grade - Zuri Tomas and Dontae Samuels

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.

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.

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.

Middle School Tours

- Tuesday, February 8th from 6:30-7:30 pm
- Make-up date February 9th
- Saturday, March 12th, 10-11 am

Coffee & Conversations

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

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4K & KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION

Is your child going to be 4 or 5-years-old by September 1st this year? Make sure you get the registration process started to save their spot in Fort Schools' 4-year-old Kindergarten or 5-year-old kindergarten class for this Fall!

[Watch 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Interviews HERE](#)

[Watch 5-Year-Old Kindergarten Interviews HERE](#)

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2022 4-Year-Old Kindergarten
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Affordable Connectivity Program
Helping Households Get
Access to Broadband



FC The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that Congress created to help ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more.
Learn if you qualify and apply at: [ACPBenefit.org](https://www.acpbenefit.org)

With the increased need of technology at home for educational efforts, the FCC has created a benefits program to assist households struggling to afford internet at home.

As part of the free/reduced meals program, in addition to other benefits, elementary school-aged students who qualify also receive free Snack Milk throughout the school year.

Thanks to the USDA nationwide waiver, all school meals for students 18 years of age and under will be provided at no cost for the 2021-2022 school year. However, we encourage families to apply for free/reduced meals to see if they are eligible for any additional support.

→ <https://www.fortschools.org/Page/8198>

Free / Reduced Meals Why Apply?



Semester Milk

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Helpful Phone Numbers:

Building & Grounds: 920-563-7808

Business Office: 920-563-7800

Communications & Community Engagement: 920-563-3751

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

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

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

Community Events & Reminders



Badgerland After School Enrichment (BASE) Registration

Early Release Days - No School Days! Where do your kids go?



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. From visits from the FAHS Baseball Team, to STEAM activities, your child will have a great time! Reach out to BASE today!

General Inquiries, Donations & Events

alicia@basefortatkinson.org

Membership, Programs & Operations

melissa@basefortatkinson.org

JCHD has COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5-11 Available NOW

- Available for kids ages 5-11
- COVID-19, especially the Delta variant, can have serious impact on your child's health
- Visit our parent/guardian resource page to learn more

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT of HEALTH SERVICES

YOU STOP. SPREAD.

The Jefferson County Health Department has appointments available NOW, Monday through Friday. Call 920-674-7275 to schedule your child's vaccination.

Find a vaccine location near you:

- Search <http://vaccines.gov>
- Text your ZIP code to 438829
- Call 1-800-232-0233 or your local pharmacy

Hometown Pharmacy (previously Tuttle's) currently has pediatric COVID vaccines as well!




[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 - Fall & Winter Guide](#)

[Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce](#)

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

[Fort Atkinson Community Foundation - Projects](#)