



## LUTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

This school year has been simply AMAZING!! It has been great to have students and staff back in the school building for an entire year. We have done some really great work this year.

Please be sure to review this newsletter when you have time. It includes important information for the end of the year which can get very busy for everyone. Some items to look for include:

Field Trips

Summer School Update

End of Year Testing

Report Cards

And much more

Students in action:



The above picture on the left is a group of 5th grade boys fishing in "Luther Lake". There is an area on the playground that does not drain well. The boys decided to get creative and use jump ropes as fishing poles. By the way, this drainage issue will be taken care of over the summer. The picture on

the right includes students from grade 5 that participated in the annual egg drop. This is a fun activity that Mrs. Westby, IMC Director, leads students through during their STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) classes.

New this year, there will be a Grade 5 Breakfast on Wednesday, June 8th from 8:15 – 9:00 with an assembly to follow. This program will last until about 10:00. All families of a fifth grader are welcome and encouraged to attend. The End Of Year Awards Assembly will be on Wednesday, June 8th. This will be for students in grades Kindergarten through Fourth grade from 10:30–11:30 in the Luther Cafe. Families are welcome to attend.

Thanks for your continued support!

Mr. Geiger



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 5/4 4th grade Field trip to Kutz Farm  
Kinder-Garden music program 11:30  
Girls Group
- 5/5 4th grade to FAHS for Orchestra  
5th grade Field Trip ~Brewer Game
- 5/6 Luther Loyalty Day  
Birthday Books  
School Store is open
- 5/10 Orchestra sign up night~Luther Band/Orchestra Room
- 5/11 FAHS Lunch Buddies  
All band rehearsal
- 5/13 All orchestra rehearsal
- 5/16 Early Dismissal 1:30
- 5/17 Band & Orchestra students to FAHS  
Band & Orchestra concert ~FAHS students arrive at 5:30 concert at 6:00
- 5/18 Girls Group
- 5/19 4th grade Field Trip to the Overture Center and Zoo  
BOE mtg.
- 5/20 1st grade Field Trip to Green Meadows Farm

- 5/24 FAHS Lunch Buddies
- 5/25 2nd grade Field Trip to Dwight Foster Public Library
- 5/26 4th & 5th grade Track & Field day to FAHS  
2nd grade Field Trip to Rock River Bowling Alley
- 5/27 4th grade Field Trip to the Fort Atkinson Rendezvous  
Safety Patrol-McDonalds  
Yearbooks get sent home with students
- 5/30 Memorial Day ~NO SCHOOL



### **Students of the Month**



The picture above is students that were selected as Student of the Month in their class for April.

Grade K – Beck Glasenapp and Griffin Yavuzcetin

Grade 1 – Evren Thiess and Mason Wiese

Grade 2 – Zoey Leetzow and Zayden Bannister

Grade 3 – Gage Brock and Dylan Knox

Grade 4 – Orlando Armenta and Elaine Dunham

Grade 5 – Kaden Bruce and Emilio Quintana Gonzalez





### **Forward Exam 2022**

The students in grades 3-5 finished taking the Forward Exam in April. They all worked extremely hard and took the exam seriously. We will receive the results from the State at some point in the Fall of 2022.

Early Release



### **Early Release Schedules**

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

May 16th

June 8th (last day of school with an 11:55 dismissal)



### **Track Meet**

The Elementary School Track Meet for students in grades 4 and 5 will take place on Thursday, May 26th at the Fort Atkinson High School Track. Students in grade 4 will compete in the morning and students in grade 5 will compete in the afternoon. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend to cheer on their child. More information will be sent home in May.



### **Summer School 2022**

I hope all families have signed their child(ren) up for summer school. You will receive information in the next few weeks with your child's schedule and more summer school information.



### **End of Year Testing**

Students in grades 2-5 took the Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) in the fall and winter in the areas of math and reading. This test will be taken again in May. The purpose of this assessment is to monitor student growth in these academic areas over the course of the school year. Parents will receive results of the MAP test in the report card at the end of the year.

Students in Kindergarten and First Grades will take the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screener (PALS) in May. The purpose of this assessment is to compare to their PALS assessment from Fall to monitor the growth of the children over the school year.

### **FIELD TRIPS**



### **Field Trips**

Below is a chart that includes field trips that have been scheduled so far. Teachers have already communicated this to families so please make sure you have this marked on your calendars.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	
4/22	5th-Band	Kohl Center	5:45-9:45 pm	
5/4	4th	Kutz Farm	11:30-2:30	
5/5	4th-Orchestra	FAHS	12:50-1:40	
5/5	5th	Brewer Game	10:15-5:30	
5/19	4th	Overture Center	8:45-2:30	
5/20	1st	Green Meadows Farm	8:30-1:30	
5/25	2nd	Walking to Dwight Foster Public Library	TBD	
5/26	4th & 5th	FAHS - Track & Field	8:10-11:30 (gr 4) and 11:30-2:30 (gr 5)	
5/26	2nd	Rock River Bowling Alley	11:40-2:40	
5/27	4th	Fort Rendezvous	TBD	
6/1	5th-Safety Patrol	Timber Ridge	8:00-2:30	
6/1	3rd	International Crane Foundation	9:15-2:45	
6/7	All School	Field Day	K-2 = 9:30-11:00 3-5 = 12:30-2:00	



### **Securely**

All families of students that use SDFA devices have a system installed on them called Securely. This program monitors the websites that children go on while using a District device. Family members receive weekly emails (usually on Sunday) sharing the information that your child(ren) were on that week. If there are ever concerning items you will be shared with that information immediately. This is a nice safety feature to help keep children safe while working online.



### **Earth Day**

Students celebrated Earth Day by wearing green and blue to school. They also read books about the Earth and did some writing projects. All classes were scheduled to clean up the school grounds and Jones Park but it rained all day so many of them did this on the following Monday. Below are some pictures of students in Mrs. Hesselbacher's second grade classroom.



### **Grade 4 and 5 Choir Concert**

On Thursday, May 12, the elementary choirs of Barrie, Luther, Purdy and Rockwell will be presenting the first ever combined concert with all 4 choirs performing together as well as for one another.

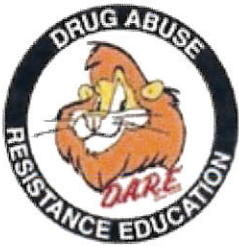


Parents will be treated to a 30 minute concert featuring a combined piece followed by 2 selections from each of the choirs and finishing with one more combined piece with all 50 voices. Students and music teachers are very excited that the 4th Street Singers from Fort Atkinson Middle School will be attending and performing for everyone that night at the close of the program. The concert starts at 6:30 at Luther Elementary and will conclude by 7:15. All families of choir students from any and all of these schools listed are invited to attend. Elementary choir members should be dropped off at Luther at 5 for rehearsal and pizza dinner. Families return at 6:30 for the show! Don't miss it!



### **Report Cards**

The classroom teachers will finish report cards for quarter #4 in early June. These are sent to families in the US mail. You can expect them around mid June.



### **DARE**

The 5th graders at Luther participated in the DARE program for 10 weeks with Officer Enger. The DARE graduation was held on Tuesday, April 26th at the FAHS in the Auditorium. Coach Pat Miller from UW-Whitewater Men's basketball team was the guest speaker. Congratulations to Aubrey Keller. She was the overall DARE essay winner!! Congratulations to all of our DARE Graduates!!



The picture on the left is of DARE Officer Enger congratulating Aubrey on being the winner of the essay contest. The picture on the right is Coach Miller during his speaking engagement.



### **Tractor Tour**

The Ag Department at FAHS is holding a tractor tour on the afternoon of May 19th. They plan to drive the tractors passed each elementary school that afternoon. All students will go outside to watch the tractor parade.



### **Band and Orchestra concert:**

5th grade band and orchestra will perform on **Tuesday, May 17** at Fort Atkinson High School.

Students need to arrive by 5:30 and the concert will begin at 6:00.

In order to practice for this concert, band and orchestra students will have all school rehearsals during the day on the following days.

**Wednesday, May 11** - All Band Students

**Friday, May 13** - All Orchestra Students

**Tuesday, May 17** - ALL Band and Orchestra students

### **Orchestra Festival Concert**

Thursday, June 2 is the last orchestra concert. This will be at Fort Atkinson High School at 7:00pm.

This will feature all orchestras grades 5-12.

### **Orchestra Sign up Night 4th into 5th:**

Attention all 4th Grade families! Tuesday, May 10 is the orchestra sign up night for next year. This will be held from 3:30-5:30 at Luther Elementary. There will be parent information meetings at 3:30 and 5:30. There will be a representative from Breber Music to sign students up for instrument rental.

All students saw a demonstration of the orchestra instruments on May 5 and got to try out instruments that were interesting to them. Ask your child about what they liked!



## District Updates & Reminders



### Community Survey - Closes May 16th

In November of 2021, the School District of Fort Atkinson asked voters to participate in a community survey to **evaluate the district's financial and facility needs, consider possible solutions, and offer their feedback.**

Understanding that much has changed over the past several months, we are asking residents to **complete a follow-up survey** to provide additional input. [CLICK HERE to take the survey!](#)

Paper copies are available at the Municipal Building, Dwight Foster Public Library, Chamber, Senior Center, and each SDFA school office.

If you have questions, please contact Marissa Weidenfeller, SDFA Director of Communications, at [info@fortschools.org](mailto:info@fortschools.org) or 920-563-7851.



### Summer School Registration - OPEN!

Have you registered for summer school yet? Registration is now open. There are plenty of available courses/camps to choose from.

Registration is completed online. Visit [www.fortschools.org/summer](http://www.fortschools.org/summer) for more information.

If you have any questions, please call 920-563-7802 during business hours or email [summerschool@fortschools.org](mailto:summerschool@fortschools.org).



### ESSER Dashboard - LIVE

Between March of 2020 and 2021, Congress passed three stimulus bills that provided over \$2.3 billion under the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Education Relief Fund (ESSER or ESSERF) to local educational agencies (LEAs) in Wisconsin. These funds provide emergency financial assistance to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools.



In an effort to provide transparent communication with stakeholders, SDFA created an interactive dashboard. What you will find on this dashboard are links to information about these funds, as well as sub-pages dedicated to outlining each of the three waves of funding and how the School District of Fort Atkinson leveraged these one-time funds. Stakeholders provided feedback to direct the District where to invest these one-time funds. [CLICK HERE to view the ESSER dashboard.](#)

## 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!](#)



### **Membership, Programs & Operations**

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### **General Inquiries, Donations & Events**

### **Upcoming Events**

- [American Legion Post 166 7th Annual Fishing Derby](#)
- [Fort Boys Basketball Association Summer Basketball Camp](#)
- [Lemonade Day](#)



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!

- [CLICK HERE for the PDF in English](#)
- [CLICK HERE for the PDF in Spanish](#)

## **Community Connections:**

- Parks & Recreation
- City of Fort Atkinson - News & City Council
- Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce
- Fort Atkinson Community Foundation