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## Veterans Breakfast honors those who served

Annual program at Pardeeville Elementary School held in November

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, the students and staff at Pardeeville Elementary School showed their patriotism while honoring area veterans at the school's annual Veterans Day Breakfast program.

Veterans and their families were greeted by a crew of flag-waving kindergarten students when arriving, and then enjoyed a breakfast of jumble waffles that were prepared by Taher Inc., the district's food-service partner. The breakfast was delivered to each table by members of the Pardeeville Elementary School's student council.

The program's guest speaker was

Nick Sosa of the United States Army, who along with his wife and three kids, moved to Pardeeville from Sun Prairie a few years ago. Sosa talked about some of his experiences while serving in the military. Sosa's parting message during his speech was that "every veteran is a story." Sosa encouraged all the veterans in attendance to share their stories with the younger generations.

The program included musical performances by the kindergarten class, as well as the older elementary school students. Pardeeville High School junior Chloe Kessenich played "Taps," and Veterans were also recognized by being asked to stand up during the playing of the "Armed Forces Medley."



Nick Sosa of the United States Army was the guest speaker at the Pardeeville Elementary School Veterans Breakfast held on Nov. 21 at Pardeeville Elementary School.

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# Veterans Day Program says ‘thanks’ to area veterans

Event included musical performances, turkey meal

Pardeeville area veterans were honored at the Pardeeville High School and Pardeeville Middle School Veterans Day Program held on Friday, Nov. 10 inside the gymnasium at Pardeeville High School.

The program included the Pardeeville High School Choir singing “The Star Spangled Banner,” as well as the song “We Honor You.” Following opening remarks by Pardeeville High School principal David Bell, Pardeeville National Honor Society members Isabella Hineman and Katherine Rieckmann spoke about the POW/MIA Table that was placed inside the gymnasium in honor of our prisoners of war and those missing in action from past conflicts.

The program’s guest speaker was Tamra Borune, Assistant County Veteran Service Officer Sergeant First Class Retired. Pardeeville Middle School students Leyton Haseleu and Avri Anderson also read essays that they wrote in honor of Veterans Day.

During the Pardeeville High School Band’s performance of the “Armed Forces Medley,” veterans were asked to stand and be recognized by those in attendance. The program concluded with high school junior Chloe Kessenich performing “Taps,” which was followed by a gun salute.

Following the program, veterans and their families were able to enjoy a turkey dinner, prepared by Taher Inc., the district’s food service partner. The dinner was served by members of the Pardeeville High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.



During the Pardeeville High School and Pardeeville Middle School Veterans Day Program held on Friday, Nov. 10, area veterans were asked to stand and be recognized while the Pardeeville High School Band played the “Armed Forces Medley.”

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**Mission Statement**

The Pardeeville Area School District, a caring, community-based learning organization, will provide all students an education that is a lifelong asset through active participation with family, business and community in a positive and challenging environment.

# Plenty to celebrate as another school year flies by

It has been a busy three months since we kicked off the new school year and now we are closing out 2023 and preparing to welcome 2024. You have all heard the phrase “time flies” applied in many cases, but none so perfectly as a school year. Each year, we’re surprised to look at the calendar and see that somehow the first trimester is over and it’s almost 2024! Like every school year this one has had some great things to celebrate and many things to look forward to in the new year. I know you’ll enjoy reading the many wonderful updates shared in this newsletter and I hope you’ll also take some time to attend an event or check us out on social media to see what is going on in our classrooms.



**JASON LEMAY**  
District Administrator

As we approach the end of the calendar year, there are also a few other items to share with all community members:

## State report cards

The Wisconsin Department of Education released its annual school and district report cards on Tuesday, Nov. 14, and the Pardeeville Area School District Meets Expectations. Pardeeville Elementary and High Schools each Exceeds Expectations and Pardeeville Middle Meets Expectations.

The Wisconsin school report card system measures academic achievement using student assessments like the Wisconsin Forward Exam and ACT. In addition, the report card measures growth, target group outcomes,

and the number of students who are on-track to graduate. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute (Wis. Stat. 115.385) to generate school and district report cards for every publicly-funded school and district in the state. The current school report card is primarily based on last year’s performance on the state assessments during the 2022-23 school year. The state assessments used for the Report Cards are just one snapshot of data from one point and time. Our district assessments provide us with much more meaningful information to track student progress.

More details and individual report cards can be found at <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/>. We continue to show solid academic achievement and provide well-rounded students with not only a focus on academics, but athletics, the arts and service.

## School finances and property taxes

As the tax-levy season is upon us and the levy and mill rate for the 2023–2024 school year has officially been set, it might be helpful to communicate the tax-levy information and some of its related components. We want to help our local stakeholders have a better understanding about district financing, as these items can often be very confusing or even frustrating to understand.

To briefly summarize public school funding, school districts obtain operating funds through two major sources: general aid from the State of Wisconsin and property taxes from district residents. There are a few smaller sources that provide some operational funds, however state aid and property taxes are the two largest sources of operational funding for all Wisconsin school districts. The sum of money is distributed among all school districts statewide based on several factors,

with the main factors being property values, student enrollment, and shared costs.

The simplified school funding formula is: Revenue Limit - State Aid = Local Taxes

Summarizing school finance formulas can be challenging, but there are a couple elements that can be helpful for any community members to be aware of.

To begin with, there are two terms you often hear mentioned when discussing school finance: tax levy and mill rate. The school tax levy is the amount of money that the school district needs to collect in property taxes each school year. The tax levy is determined by subtracting all known revenue that the District anticipates it will receive from the total proposed budget. Examples of school district revenue sources are State Aid, Medicaid Reimbursement, use of Fund Balance and Reserves, and other local revenue sources such as ticket sales, gifts and donations, etc. The other term, mill rate, is how much money a homeowner owes per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The Pardeeville Area School District also saw property growth of 12.50 percent during the past year. Between the decrease in property taxes and the increase in property growth the mill rate for the school district dropped from \$7.18 per thousand dollars of property value in 2022-23 to \$6.68 per thousand dollars of property value in 2023-24. This is a 7.00 percent decrease. This is the lowest mill rate the school district has had in 30 years.

What does this mean for the average property tax payer in the Pardeeville Area School District? In 2022-23 if you had a piece of property worth \$150,000 you paid \$1,251 in school taxes. This year based on the growth

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## Help us plan for future, attend Community Conversations

The Pardeeville Area School District is committed to engaging our community and staff throughout planning. In the coming months we will be inviting our stakeholders to attend February facility conversations that will both share information about our facilities and school finance and ask for feedback. We need to understand our staff and communities' priorities for facilities to develop a long-range facility plan.

Please save the dates (locations and times to be announced later) for our three Community & Staff Conversations on Facilities:

- Tuesday, February 20, 2024
- Wednesday, February 21, 2024
- Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Visit our facility planning page at <https://www.pasdwi.org/district/planning.cfm> which will be updated regularly and includes our completed facilities study.

**SAVE THE DATES**  
**Pardeeville Area School District Winter Concerts**  
**Dec. 8: Elementary School Concert, 9 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.**  
**Dec. 14: High School Band and Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Dec. 19: Middle School Band & Choir Concert**  
*Band concert at 6 p.m., Choir Concert at 7 p.m.*  
**All shows are in the Lenz Auditorium**  
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## LEMAY

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in property, that property is now worth \$225,000 and you will pay \$1,503 in school taxes, an increase of \$67 due to the large jump in property value. Please note that this is an average for the entire school district and the impact on property taxes will be different in each municipality.

One final piece of information mentioned earlier is that student enrollment is a major factor in school funding and one very positive note is that our school district enrollment has remained stable, which is great news! Many school districts across the state have seen sharp decreases in their overall enrollment which leads to less funding.

However, what we did see this year was an increase in open enrollment out. Interestingly, most of those students have never attended our school district. Instead, they have moved

within school district boundaries and have opted to stay with their current school district. All these factors play an important role, because on the third Friday every September, school districts are required to tabulate and report to the WI DPI their student counts. This third-Friday count is a major contributing factor to the funding formula for General Aid.

Again, funding in Wisconsin's public schools is complex. Unfortunately, the state's biennial budget for 2023-25 does not adequately fund public education and public schools, including Pardeeville which results in a reliance on more money from our local taxpayers. Yes, the State did increase revenue limits and provide additional per pupil funds with this biennium budget, but it does not make up for two years of zero increases to district revenues from 2021-23 and one-time funding schools received. We need to pay our bills, maintain facilities, and attract and retain staff.

As we continue through this school

year, and into the future, our administrative team and Pardeeville Board of Education will continue to work tirelessly to find ways to continually be stewards of state and local funding for our school and community to thrive.

In closing, I hope everyone will enjoy the winter break. Students will be off school from Monday, December 25 through Tuesday, January 2. School will be back in session on January 3, 2024. My own family and I wish every student, family, and community member a wonderful end to 2023 and a great start to 2024. We continue to accomplish great things for our students because of each and every #PardeevilleProud person in our community.

Partners in the Future,

Jason LeMay  
District Administrator

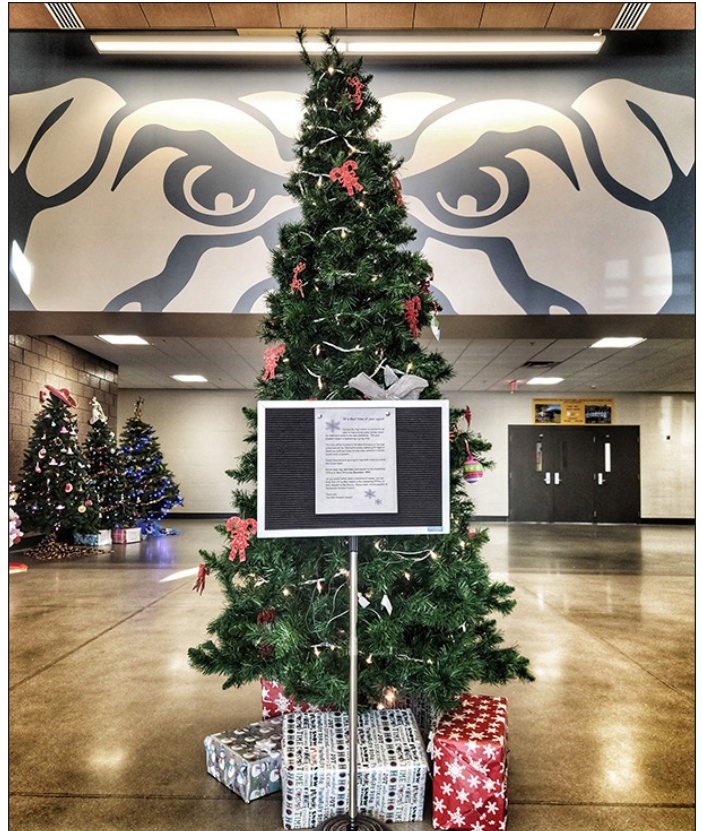
## Giving Tree needs your help to provide holiday cheer to area families

The Pardeeville Student Council is helping to make a few “holiday wishes” come true for families in need this holiday season by once again sponsoring a giving tree.

The giving tree is located at Pardeeville High School and is filled with holiday wishes (gift tags) of items community members could purchase to help make someone’s holiday season more enjoyable. All families and donors will remain anonymous. To purchase a holiday wish, stop in at the high school counseling office to pick up a tag, or tags, with items you would like to purchase. You may also call Mrs. Huset at 429-2153 ext. 367, or email at [husecr@pasdwi.org](mailto:husecr@pasdwi.org) to pick a tag over the phone or email.

Monetary donations are also being accepted. Money collected will be used to purchase items that are not donated, and food for a nice holiday dinner.

Purchased gifts and donations should be dropped off at the high school by Dec. 15. Donations will be collected in the main office or by Mrs. Huset in the counseling office. All cash donations in the form of checks should be made out to the PHS Student Council.



The Giving Tree, which is located at Pardeeville High School, is full of gift tags for items that the public can purchase to help make the holidays better for area families in need.

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## Students, staff help light up Chandler Park for holidays



Pardeeville High School students, from left, Isabella Hineman, Layla Buchholz and Bree Motsenbocker carry extension cords while helping set up light at Chandler Park on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Pardeeville High School students and staff members spent part of their Saturdays during the month of November helping set up holiday lights at Chandler Park. The students volunteered their time to join community members to get the park ready for the huge holiday light display that takes place in the park each year.

The volunteers wrapped trees and poles with lights and hung light displays on fences. They also measured distances between displays and carried the many extension cords needed to help provide power to all the lights that encircle the park. Many students got in the holiday spirit by playing Christmas music on their phones while working.

To see the final product of the many hours of work put in by our students, staff and the many community members that help put this project together each year, drive through Chandler Park during any night in the month of December.

# Students tabbed to join Wisconsin All-State Bands

The Pardeeville Middle School and High School Bands recently had four of its members selected to perform in the Wisconsin Concert Band Association's All-State Bands. Those students, who were nominated by Pardeeville Band Director, Mr. Martin Spicer, are, from the middle school, Alyvia Bell and Brandon Schaller, and from the high school, Taylor Stolinas and Katherine Rieckmann.

Wisconsin Concert Band Association All-State Bands will be performing on Saturday, Jan. 20 in Whitewater. These bands will consist of the most talented students from 35 high schools and 40 middle schools around the state.

This year's All-State High School band will be conducted by Lowell Graham. A native of Greeley, Colorado, Graham is currently the Music Director for the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra. He has held numerous conducting positions to include that of the Commander and Conductor of



Pardeeville Middle School and High School Band students who were recently nominated to perform with the Wisconsin Concert Band Association's All-State Bands, are, from left; Alyvia Bell, Brandon Schaller, Taylor Stolinas and Katherine Rieckmann.

the United States Air Force's premier musical organization in Washington, DC. As a USAF Colonel, he became the senior ranking musician in the Department of Defense.

The 2024 All-State Junior Band will be conducted by Jason Rygg, a well known and highly respected music educator from South Dakota.

After two days of rehearsals for the high school and one day for the middle school, the event will conclude with a Grand Finale Concert, which will take place on Saturday, Jan. 20, starting at 7 p.m. in the Greenhill Center of Arts at UW-Whitewater. All are welcome to attend the concert.



## Pardeeville well represented at Honors Choir concert

On Nov. 13, Pardeeville High School and the Lenz Auditorium hosted the Trailways South Conference Honors Choir. Students from all over the Conference gathered here and spent the day rehearsing for a concert that was open to the public later that evening. Representing Pardeeville in Trailways South Conference Honors Choir were, in front, from left; Ella Cerkoney, Taylor Stolinas, Alex Fay, Izebelle Hughes, Haven Schomburg and Natalie Olson, In back; Antonio Cebrero, Oswald Sanchez, Tristen Homan, Elizabeth Staupe, Acacia Netzel and Kiera Westbury. Missing from the photo is Katherine Rieckmann.

# Drama Club impresses with 'The Princess Capers'

The Pardeeville Drama Club finished up a successful fall play with three performances during the weekend of Nov. 17-20. The performance, which was the first under the leadership of new director Katlyn Dugenske, was called "The Princess Capers," which was originally a book written by Taryn Temple.

The play was a comedy based on the adventures of five fairytale princesses; Cindy (played by Katherine Rieckmann), Snow (Alex Fay), Beauty (Elaine Hepler), Briar Rose (Jocelyn Sherman) and Florine (Natalie Olson), who try to save the kingdom from a rap-obsessed supervillain Delusia, who was played by Elizabeth Staupe.



ABOVE: Princesses, standing from left; Florine (Natalie Olson), Beauty (Elaine Hepler), Cindy (Katherine Rieckmann) and Snow (Alex Fay), along with sleeping princess Briar Rose (Jocelyn Sherman) talk after arriving to speak to Rumpel Stiltskin.



LEFT: From left; Hansel (Jason Kopfhamer), Gretel (Lorelei Hepler) and Witch (Kadi McKittrick) talk during the opening scene of "The Princess Capers."

BELOW: Jason Renz, Henry Pieper and Ariel Netzel (not pictured) played the three narrators in the play.



ABOVE: Delusia (Elizabeth Staupe) and Eternity (Erika Wickus) sing a rap during one of the scenes.



# Pardeeville celebrates National School Lunch Week

During the week of Oct. 9-13, the Pardeeville Area School District celebrated National School Lunch Week by recognizing Taher, the district's food service partner, and Taher's top-notch employees who work hard to make sure our students get everything they need to be successful in the classroom.

The kitchen staff members at Pardeeville Schools work hard to make sure the kids in our schools get a good breakfast, and lunch, everyday. Research shows that children are getting their healthiest meals at school, so our kitchen staff really does play a vital role in the success of our students.

Taher staff members who work in Pardeeville Schools include; Windy Watson, Leanna Brock, Katelynn Lange, Tabby Paul, Chris Perry, Sam Hosig, Olivia Van Genderen, Lauren Bluege, Lisa Bardon, Tammie Slade and Sally Olson.



Members of Taher's food-service staff that work in the Pardeeville Area School District are, in front, from left; Leanna Brock, Katelynn Lange and Tabby Paul. In back; Chris Perry, Olivia Van Genderen, Windy Watson, Sam Hosig, Lauren Bluege and Lisa Bardon. Absent from the photo are Tammie Slade and Sally Olson.



Pardeeville Fire Department member Elliott Grasse puts on some of his gear while speaking to Pardeeville Elementary School students during Fire Prevention Week.

## Pardeeville Fire Department teaches fire-safety tips

On Friday, Oct. 13, the Pardeeville Area School District finished celebrating Fire Prevention Week by welcoming members of the Pardeeville Fire Department to Pardeeville Elementary School to speak to our students about fire safety.

Helping teach our kids what to do in case of a fire were Pardeeville Fire Department members Don Johnson, Elliott Grasse, Beau Zeihen and Noah Manthey. The students also got to a special visit from Smokey the Bear during the presentation.

During the program, the kids learned the following fire safety tips:

- Stop, drop and roll.
- Know two ways out of a room.
- Get low and get on the go.
- Don't hide, call out for help.
- Have a designated meeting place.
- Have parents check the smoke detector.





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## Food Service Update

For Parents & Students at  
Pardeeville Area Schools



### WHAT'S NEW FOR PARDEEVILLE'S FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR...

#### FOR THE MIDDLE AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are excited to start something **NEW!** Beginning in December, Pardeeville's elementary and middle school students will have a choice of two hot entrees on the menu. Please have patience with the food service team as we figure out what choices are the students' favorites.

#### FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL

We began a new program for the high school this year called LTO (Limited Time Offerings) menus. These items are featured throughout the month, and then they disappear from the menu. September, students enjoyed Turkey Piegga, in October, Kung Pao Chicken, and we just had Philly Cheesesteaks in November. We look forward to serving Pulled Pork Poutine in December.

#### ONGOING MENU HIGHLIGHTS:

##### BREAKFAST

- Complete breakfast with whole grains, fruit and juice

##### LUNCH

- More Made from Scratch Entrée Selections
- Unlimited fresh fruit and veggie bar with each meal
- Kid-Friendly Favorites
- Fresh Made Pizzas, Diner Station Entrees, Wraps and Salads at the high school
- Chef Display Meals, customized with your favorite toppings
- Assortment of A la Carte items available for individual purchase

#### CHECK OUT OUR MENUS ON THE FOOD4LIFE APP

Download our Food4Life App on your phone to have access to our menus and nutritional information for each school your children attend.



The Food4Life app is accessible through Alexa so you can ask for the daily menu.

#### HARVEST OF THE MONTH AND "HEALTHY TO A T" NEWSLETTER

We promote our Harvest of the Month Program to expose students to fresh, healthy foods and try something they may not normally try at home. We use "On Display" chef demonstrations or give out samples to try! Weekly educational fact flyers are prominently displayed in the café with fun facts aimed to garner interest and attention to the food.

Each month, our "Healthy to a T" newsletter, which is posted on the School's food service website, incorporates tips on a healthy lifestyle, and features interesting facts and a recipe for you to try at home for either the featured fruit, vegetable, spice or herb.



We strive to provide a dedicated and trained staff that serve the quality and variety of meals the students and parents of Pardeeville are pleased with. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please let us know how we can serve you better!



The 14 new members to be inducted into the Pardeeville Chapter of the National Honor Society during a special ceremony on Oct. 5 are, in front, from left; Alexis Bryan, Olivia Bue, Kayla Buzzell, Macy Cross, Emma Gentz, Chloe Kessenich, Lauren Schaller and Aubrey Maass. In the back; Preston Jenkins, Alexander Gabsch, Caleb Gard, Cameron Koepp, Elizabeth Staupe and Erika Wickus.

## National Honor Society inducts 14 new members

Students recognized for academics, service to their community

The Pardeeville Chapter of the National Honor Society proudly inducted 14 students into its prestigious ranks during a special ceremony held on Thursday, Oct. 5 inside the Lenz Auditorium.

In a celebration of academic excellence, leadership, service, and character, these exceptional students were formally recognized for their outstanding achievements and contributions to both the school and the community.

The National Honor Society, known for its commitment to recognizing and promoting excellence in the four pillars of scholarship, leadership, service and character, welcomed the following students into its esteemed fold: Alexis Bryan, Preston Jenkins, Olivia Bue, Alexander Gabsch, Kayla Buzzell, Caleb Gard, Macy Cross, Cameron Koepp, Emma Gentz, Elizabeth Staupe, Chloe Kessenich, Erika Wickus, Lauren Schaller and Aubrey Maass.

The induction ceremony was a culmination of the tireless efforts and dedication these students have demonstrated in their pursuit of academic excellence and their commitment to serving their community. Families, friends, faculty, and fellow students gathered to witness this momentous occasion, celebrating the achievements of these outstanding individuals.

During the ceremony, Pardeeville NHS advisor, Mr. Chad Hineman, along with Pardeeville High School Prin-



Mr. Chad Hineman, advisor for the Pardeeville Chapter of the National Honor Society, speaks during the group's induction ceremony held on Oct. 5 inside the Lenz Auditorium.

icipal, Mr. David Bell, addressed the attendees, emphasizing the importance of the values upheld by the National Honor Society and the role these students play as ambassadors of scholarship, leadership, service, and character within the Pardeeville community.

As the newest members of the Pardeeville Chapter of the National Honor Society, these students will continue to uphold the high standards set by the organization, contributing to the betterment of both their school and the community at large.

# Clemmons recongized for years of service

At the Pardeeville Board of Education Meeting, held on Monday, Oct. 2, Jane Clemmons was recognized for her many years of service to the district. Jane’s last day as the executive assistant to the district administrator before retiring was Friday, Sept. 29. During her time with the district, Jane also served as secretary to the board.

Both Pardeeville District Administrator Jason LeMay and Board of Education President Margo Pufahl spoke in recognition of Jane and all she has done for the district at the meeting.



Pictured at the meeting on Oct. 2 are in front, from left; Karla Walker, Becky Levzow, Jane Clemmons and Margo Pufahl. In back; Ilyana McGuire, Chad Bellis, Bret Achterberg, Paul Hees, Justin Nickel and Jason LeMay.



# Students make time for highway cleanup projects

ABOVE: Pardeeville High School Key Club members gather for a group photo before starting out on their highway cleanup project held in October. The club members found and picked up trash along the highway just outside of Pardeeville.

LEFT: Pardeeville FFA members Will Edgar, Taylor Luedtke and Madilynn Holland also volunteered time to help do highway cleanup in October.

## Seventh graders get outdoors lesson at Upham Woods facility

In October, Pardeeville Middle School 7th grade students spent a day at Upham Woods Outdoor Education Facility in Wisconsin Dells.

The students got to spend the day exploring the outdoors and learning about the local ecosystems. Students were able to cross the river to hike at Blackhawk Island and explore a small cave. They also got to canoe the backwaters of the Wisconsin River and participate in outdoor survival skills.

In the outdoor survival skills sessions, students practiced building a fire and creating a shelter by using the materials found in nature. It was an amazing day enjoying the beautiful outdoors and learning some new skills.



The seventh grade students at Pardeeville Elementary School spent a day at the Upham Woods Outdoor Education Facility in Wisconsin Dells learning about the outdoors.



Terrence Lee Talley speaks to Pardeeville students on Oct. 19.

### Talley delivers powerful message

On Thursday, Oct. 19, the Pardeeville Area School District had Terrence Lee Talley along with the music group 10 Talents in Pardeeville to speak and perform for the students of Pardeeville Middle School and Pardeeville High School.

Terrence delivered a powerful message to the kids about never giving up and making sure that everyone knows that there are always people who care for them. We thank both Terrence and the 10 Talents for coming to visit us speaking to our students.

## Many enjoy Family Night

Pardeeville Elementary School hosted its Family Fun Night on Tuesday, Nov. 14. The event followed a camping theme. Families were able to get a family photo around the campfire, play card games and board games, read a book together on a blanket, sing songs with Mrs. Chapman around the campfire, make a campfire craft and enjoy a picnic lunch in the cafeteria.



Pardeeville Elementary School 4K teacher, Mrs. Lindert, helps a youngster make a campfire craft during the school's Family Fun Night on Nov. 14.

## Remember to think about others during holidays



**JANETTE SHEEKS**  
School Nurse

**H**appy holidays! This is the time of year when we are reminded to help out those less fortunate. Sometimes, it is as simple as spending time with someone who is lonely. Sending out cards or a note, just to let someone know you are thinking of them.

Another issue families face is not enough food. Food pantries are in desperate need of food or funding. The holidays can be a tough time for some, so do all that you can to help out. Giving really does make you feel better.

The holidays are a time when larger gatherings occur. Remember that many people

in a close space helps promote the spread of viruses like influenza, pneumonia, Covid, or respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Large open spaces, good ventilation, good hand washing and we now have immunizations to help us decrease the spread of such viruses. We do not just get immunized for our own protection, but also for those around us. So if you are not feeling well, it is okay to stay home.

Happy & Safe Holidays to All.

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## Field trips show students need for healthcare careers

The students in Mrs. Sheeks' Intro to Healthcare Careers class at Pardeeville High School have been very busy learning about the different careers that could be available to them after high school.

During the first trimester, the class has visited many healthcare facilities, businesses and schools as they learn more about the healthcare industry. Some of the places the classes visited included Aspirus Divine Savior Hospital in Portage, the Columbia County Healthcare Center in Wyocena, Madison College, Prairie Ridge Health in Columbus and the Columbia County Health and Human Services building in Portage.

When the students visited Aspirus Divine Savior Hospital in Portage, they visited the EMS department, as well as the radiology and physical therapy departments. During stops in the EMS and physical therapy departments they got to try some life-saving techniques on a dummy and practiced applying athletic tape to their classmates.



**ABOVE:** Aspirus Divine Savior Hospital Athletic Trainer Bridget Davidson, left, watches as Pardeeville High School student Bree Motsenbocker applies athletic tape to one of her classmates during a field trip to the hospital on Nov. 8.



**LEFT:** Students also got to visit the radiology department at Aspirus Divine Savior Hospital.

# Bulldogs run at state championships again

## Led by senior Colin Smith, team finishes 8th at state meet

The Pardeeville boys cross country team enjoyed another stellar season under the direction of head coach Wes Babcock, not only winning a third straight Trailways Conference championship, but qualifying to run at the WIAA State Cross Country Championships for the second year in a row and the fifth time in program history.

At the state championships, which were run on Saturday, Oct. 28 in Wisconsin Rapids, the Pardeeville boys finished in eighth place out of 16 teams in Division 3. The Bulldogs finished with 172 points, and were just five points behind seventh-place Stevens Point Pacelli, and eight points back of sixth-place Phillips.

Leading the way for Pardeeville in the final cross country race of his prep career was senior Colin Smith. Smith finished in 12th place overall with a school record time of 16 minutes, 46.3 seconds. Other finishers for Pardeeville included junior Will Becker in 23rd (17:00.5), junior Brody Motsenbocker in 50th (17:34.2), junior Nicholai Undraitis in 100th (18:44.2), sophomore Mason Muscanero in 103rd (18:48.3), junior Brecken Helm in 140th (20:19.5) and junior Walker Wheeler in 142nd (20:21.8).

Pardeeville qualified for the state meet by finishing in second place at the WIAA Division 3 Poynette Sectional run on Friday, Oct. 20. The Bulldogs nearly knocked off Fennimore at the sectional, finishing just seven points back of the sectional champions. Pardeeville's 60 points were 72 points better than third-place Boscobel. Smith once again led the way at the sectional, finishing second in 17:10.83. Motsenbocker wasn't far



Members of the Pardeeville boys cross country team pose for a photo after finishing in second place at the Division 3 Poynette Sectional, qualifying them for the WIAA State Championships for the second year in a row. They are, from left; Brecken Helm, Walker Wheeler, Brody Motsenbocker, Will Becker, Colin Smith, Mason Muscanero, Nicholai Undraitis and coach Wes Babcock.



**NATE BEIER / CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Pardeeville senior Colin Smith runs at the WIAA State Cross Country Championship in Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday, Oct. 28.

behind, finishing third, while Becker was seventh.

At the Trailways Conference Meet, which was held on Thursday, Oct. 12 in Princeton, Pardeeville beat runner-up Dodgeand by 20 points to take the top spot. Smith was the individual conference champion, winning the

race in 16:53.73. Joining him on the All-Trailways Conference First Team were Motsenbocker, who finished second, and Becker, who placed third. Muscanero ended up on the second team after finishing 10th, while Undraitis earned honorable mention for his 15th place finish.

# ALL-TRAILWAYS CONFERENCE FOOTBALL



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The Pardeeville football team finished the season with a 4-5 overall record and ended up tied for fifth in the Trailways Conference. The team had 10 players earn all-league honors in the Trailways Conference.

## Bulldogs have 10 players earn all-league recognition

Shortly after the completion of the football season, the Pardeeville varsity football team had an impressive 10 players selected to be on the All-Trailways Conference Team for 2023. Leading the postseason honors for the Bulldogs were juniors Jamison Wickersham and Logan Young, who were both All-Trailways Conference First Team selections.

Wickersham was selected as a wide receiver after catching 27 passes for 568 yards and seven touchdowns this season. Young, who was Pardeeville quarterback this season, was selected at the offensive flex position. Young threw for 1,025 yards and 12 touchdowns, while serving as Pardeeville's leading rusher on the season, running

for 947 yards and 17 touchdowns.

Landing on the All-Trailways Conference Second Team for Pardeeville were senior Logan Schmidtke along with juniors Caleb Gard, Ashton Whitehorse and Young. Schmidtke was selected as an offensive lineman. He helped pave the way for an offense that averaged 28.3 points and 214.4 rushing yards per game this season. Gard was selected at the defensive flex position. He led Pardeeville in tackles with 85, and also recorded two sacks and an interception. Whitehorse was selected at inside linebacker. He recorded 74 tackles and recovered a fumble. Young was on the second team as a punter after averaging 31.8 yards per punt.

Earning honorable mention on the

All-Trailways Conference list for Pardeeville were offensive linemen Cameron McManis, James Morgan and Carter Ploessl, along with defensive back Caleb Mackey, defensive end Brayden Bezzi and Wickersham as a special teams player.

Pardeeville finished the season with a 4-5 overall record and was tied for fifth in the conference with a 2-5 league record. After winning just one game a year ago, Pardeeville will look to continue its climb next season – the second under head coach Bobby Harry – when it will return eight of the 10 players who earned all-conference honors this season.



To access the Pardeeville Schools YouTube channel to livestream home sporting events scan the QR Code or go to <https://www.youtube.com/@pardeevilleschools7252>

# Hulberg, Buchholz earn honorable mention for Bulldogs

The Pardeeville High School volleyball team saw its season come to an end with a 25-5, 25-12, 25-19 loss to Randolph in a Division 3 regional quarterfinal match on Oct. 17. The Bulldogs finished the season in seventh place in the Trailways West Conference with a 1-6 league record and a 5-17 overall record.

While Pardeeville's season didn't go as hoped, the team finished strong, picking up wins over Waupun Central Wisconsin Christian and Mauston at the Baraboo Invite on Sept. 30 before beating Beaver Dam Wayland Academy and Princeton/Green Lake on Oct. 7.

When the Trailways West Conference coaches met to select postseason award winners, Pardeeville sophomores Bronte Hulberg and Ivy Buchholz both received honorable mention for their play this season. Hulberg led the Bulldogs in kills with 62 and blocks with 17. Buchholz was Pardeeville's top setter, finishing with a team-high 130 assists. She also had a team-high 18 service aces.

Other team leaders on offense for



Members of the 2023 Pardeeville volleyball team are, in front, from left; Sophia Jerome, Kylie Dechert and Alexis Bryan. Middle; Bronte Hulberg and Ivy Buchholz. Back; Abigail Jacobson, Chloe Kessenich, Ava Wagner, Anna Trahms, Aubry Buchholz, Chloe Lukowski and coach Heather Thomas.

Pardeeville included sophomore Ava Wagner with 52 kills, junior Anna Trahms with 46 kills and senior Kylie Dechert with 33 kills. Junior Chloe Kessenich helped out with 81 assists,

while juniors Chloe Lukowski and Alexis Bryan both had 14 service aces. Lukowski led Pardeeville in digs with 63, while Dechert had 58 and junior Sophia Jerome had 54.



Pardeeville members of the Rio/Pardeeville trap-shooting team to earn awards during the fall season are, from left; Will Edgar, Alex Gabsch, Will Becker, Logan Young and Eli Achterberg. Not pictured are Hayden Moulis and Ella Griepentrog.

## Rio-Pardeeville trap has successful fall season

The Rio-Pardeeville trap-shooting team, which includes students in grades 7-12 in the Rio and Pardeeville school districts, recently wrapped up its eighth competitive year.

This fall, the team welcomed eight new shooters, as well as two new volunteers, and had 32 total team members, making it one of the largest teams in Wisconsin. This season, 15 students shot well enough to earn a varsity letter. In the state conference, nine of the Rio-Pardeeville team members placed in the top 25. They included Pardeeville students Logan Young, William Becker, Eli Achterberg, Alex Gabsch, Will Edgar, Hayden Moulis and Ella Griepentrog, as well as Rio students Autumn McDonald and Addison McDonald.

Team shooting awards this season went to Logan Young

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for top shot, William Becker and Alex Gabsch for first place shooters, Achterberg for second place and Edgar for third place. Most improved this season was a tie between Addison McDonald and Jonathan Ebert, both from Rio, while Hayden Moulis and Ella Grie-

pentrog were also recognized for their improvement this season.

Each season the coaching staff nominates several students for the sportsmanship award, which is voted on and decided by team members. The students nominated are those who are most respectful, coachable, even-tempered, have a positive attitude and are helpful. For the fall 2023 season,

Will Edgar was chosen by his team to receive the sportsmanship award. His name will be added to an honorary plaque displayed at the Rio Conservation Club.

The team will break for winter, but will start again with its spring season in March. The team is open to students in good academic standing who have completed hunter safety.



Members of the Pardeeville girls cross country team pose for a photo prior to the start of their race at Division 3 Poynette Sectional on Friday, Oct. 20. They are, from left; Kiana Berry, Emma Gentz, Aubrey Maass, Bree Motsenbocker, Natalie Peissig, Kaliegh Klein and Khloe Helm.

## Led by Motsenbocker, Pardeeville girls finish 4th at conference meet

The Pardeeville girls cross country team had its season come to an end at the WIAA Division 3 Poynette Sectional on Friday, Oct. 20 when it finished in seventh place out of 17 teams with 251 points.

Leading the Pardeeville girls at the sectional was Bree Motsenbocker, who finished a stellar freshman season by finishing in 11th place with a time of 20 minutes, 51.36 seconds. The finish had her narrowly missing out on qualifying for the WIAA State Championships. Pardeeville's other top finish at the sectional came from junior Natalie Peissig, who finished 23rd in 22:24.21.

At the Trailways Conference

Meet in Princeton, held Oct. 12, the Pardeeville girls finished in fourth place with 105 points. Motsenbocker led Pardeeville at the conference meet and landed on the All-Trailways Conference First Team by finishing fifth overall in 20:40.56. Peissig landed on the second team after finishing 14th in 22:06.56.

Other results from the conference meet for Pardeeville included senior Aubrey Maass in 30th (24:07.06), freshman Khloe Helm in 34th (24:29.60), freshman Kiana Berry in 39th (25:00.34), freshman Kaliegh Klein in 44th (25:17.72) and junior Emma Gentz in 66th (28:06.32).

## Coaches needed for spring season

The Pardeeville Area School District has openings for many spring coaching positions. The district is currently looking for a high school head track coach, middle school head track coach, The job descriptions for these positions is to create and maintain a program that develops athletes that follow school and program philosophy; Give all eligible athletes opportunities to participate; Make sure skills and methods are achieving the desired end results; Maintain a high level of moral and ethical character to help demonstrate positive leadership to the players; Follow the outlined responsibilities in the Pardeeville Coaches Handbook.

Qualifications include; good planning, communication, problem-solving, strong leadership, and organizational skills are essential. Responsibilities include organizing/running practices, attendance at all competitions, and the ability to maintain equipment and uniform inventories. Previous teaching/coaching experience is a plus.

To apply send a letter of interest in writing and contact information of three references to Alex Hammerschmidt, Activities Director, Pardeeville High School, 120 Oak Street, Pardeeville, WI 53954, or email to [hammal@pasdwi.org](mailto:hammal@pasdwi.org). Application deadline is Dec. 22.

# 2023-2024 Pardeeville Winter Sports Schedules

## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Dec. 7	Randolph, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 11	Cambria-Friesland, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 15	at Markesan, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Wisconsin Dells, 7 p.m.
Dec. 21	Rio, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 29-30	at JustAGame Tournament, TBA
Jan. 5	at Princeton/Green Lake, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 9	St. Ambrose Academy, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Jan. 19/20	Winter Crossover at Beaver Dam, TBA
Jan. 23	Horicon, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 25	at Montello, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 30	Fall River, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Randolph, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Cambria-Friesland, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 13	Markesan, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Rio, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Poynette, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	Princeton/Green Lake, 7:15 p.m.

\*JV games will start at 5:45 p.m.

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec. 5	at Randolph, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 7	at Waupun CWC, 5:45 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Cambria-Friesland, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 12	Markesan, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 15	Poynette, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 18	at Rio, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Waterloo, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	Princeton/Green Lake, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 5	Hustisford, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Berlin, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 12 or 13	Winter Crossover at Johnson Creek, TBA
Jan. 15	at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Jan. 16	Horicon, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 18	Montello, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Fall River, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 26	Randolph, 7:15 p.m.
Jan. 29	Wisconsin Heights, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 1	Cambria-Friesland, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Markesan, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 9	Rio, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 12	Lodi, 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 15	at Princeton/Green Lake, 7:15 p.m.

\*JV games will start at 5:45 p.m.

## HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Dec. 5	Pardeeville Quad, 5 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Waunakee Invite, 9:45 a.m.
Dec. 19	Pardeeville Quad, 5 p.m.
Dec. 28	Ripon Invite, 9 a.m.
Jan. 4	at Rio Quad, 5 p.m.

Jan. 6	at Sauk Prairie Invite, 9 a.m.
Jan. 11	at Johnson Creek Quad, 5 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Valders Invite, 9 a.m.
Jan. 18	at Montello Quad, 5 p.m.
Jan. 25	Pardeeville Quad, 5 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Wisconsin Dells Invite, 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 3	Trailways Conference at Deerfield, 8 a.m.
Feb. 5	at Columbus JV Invite, 4 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Poynette Regional
Feb. 13	at Waterloo Team Sectional
Feb. 17	at Dodgeland Sectional
Feb. 22-24	Individual State Tournament at Madison

## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS CURLING

Dec. 5	at Poynette, 3:45 p.m. (Girls home/Boys away)
Dec. 12	Portage, 3:45 p.m. (Boys home/Girls away)
Dec. 14	Monona Grove, 3:45 p.m. (Boys only)
Jan. 5-6	Tietge Bonspiel at Wausau
Jan. 9	Poynette, 3:45 p.m. (Boys home/Girls away)
Jan. 11	Monona Grove, 3:45 p.m. (Boys only)
Jan. 16	at Portage, 3:45 p.m. (Varsity home/JV away)
Jan. 23	Lodi, 3:45 p.m. (Girls only)
Jan. 23	at Monona Grove, 3:45 p.m. (Boys only)
Jan. 25	at Lodi, 3:45 p.m. (Boys only)
Jan. 27	Southern Bonspiel at Portage
Jan. 30	Lodi, 3:45 p.m. (Boys home/Girls away)
Feb. 1	Poynette, 3:45 p.m. (Girls home/Boys away)
Feb. 6	at Portage, 3:45 p.m. (Boys and Girls away)
Feb. 16-17	State Bonspiel at Wausau

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Dec. 4	Dodgeland, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	Randolph, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	at Fall River, 4:30 p.m.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan. 9	Waupun CWC, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Cambria-Friesland, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Fall River, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	Dodgeland, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Markesan, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Horicon, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	at Princeton/Green Lake, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Montello, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	Randolph, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Rio, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	Waupun CWC, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	at Dodgeland, 4:30 p.m.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

Dec. 5	Pardeeville Quad, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	at Wisconsin Dells Quad, 4:15 p.m.

**Dates and times are subject to change,  
check online calendar for up-to-date information**



Mike Haynes shows 3rd grade students the old mill stone that sits near the fountain outside the Angie W. Cox Library.

## Students get hometown history lesson from Mr. Haynes

Walking field trip included stops at Pardeeville's historic places and buildings

The 3rd grade students at Pardeeville Elementary School took advantage of a nice fall day in early October when they went on a walking field trip to downtown Pardeeville. Serving as the tour guide for the trip was Pardeeville Village President Mike Haynes, who before retiring, worked in the Pardeeville Area School District as a guidance counselor at the middle school, as well as our varsity football and high school curling coach.

The group made a number of stops while walking through town, with Mr. Haynes showing the kids some of the historic buildings and places in Pardeeville. One of the first stops was the First Presbyterian Church, which was founded in 1857. Mr. Haynes then showed the students where the railroad tracks used to go through Pardeeville. The students then headed to the Angie W. Cox Public Library, where they learned about the history of that building, as well as the old Belmont Hotel, which is across the street next to the Kwik Trip.

The students also got to check out the old mill stone that currently sits near the fountain outside the library. That mill stone was found in the water near the spillway between Park Lake and Spring Lake near the current Carol's Cones. The students walked down to the spillway, where Mr. Haynes talked about the old mill that was built there when settlers arrived along the Fox River here in Pardeeville.

## Art students use fire barrel to create ceramic pottery

Mr. Lynch's 3D Art and Advanced 3D Art classes at Pardeeville High School recently created some beautiful ceramic pottery using an unconventional process that saw them firing their pots outdoors with a fire barrel.

Pots were hand built using coil construction and then made smooth and shiny, burnishing the pots with coats of "terra sigillata," a very smooth, lustrous coating of clay which resembles a glaze and is virtually waterproof. Once complete, the pots were dried and placed in the burn barrel. Sawdust, wood, leaves and other organic materials were added until the barrel was full, and then set on fire. Salt, baking soda and other minerals can be added to promote more color variations on the surface of the pots.

Once all the materials burned and cooled, the pots were removed and inspected. Occasionally pots will crack, or break, as they are fired, so students learned to use an ancient Japanese technique called Kintsugi "golden joinery." Kintsugi is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery by mending the areas of breakage with urushi lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold, silver or platinum. As a philosophy, it treats breakage and repair as part of the history of an object, rather than something to disguise or discard. Mr. Lynch and students were very pleased with the results.



The students in Mr. Lynch's 3D Art Classes recently created ceramic pots using a barrel-firing process. The students used wood and other materials to build a fire inside a barrel that burned outside during the school day.

# Dual County Community Band holiday show up next

The Lenz Auditorium at Pardeeville High School opened its 2023-24 season with an exciting performance by the band Best Practice on Saturday, Sept. 16 and had it continue with a performance by Fun Pianos on Friday, Nov. 3. There are still plenty of opportunities to be entertained at the Lenz Auditorium in the coming months.

## DUAL COUNTY COMMUNITY BAND

The Dual County Community Band will once again be offering its holiday concert, starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. The Dual County Community Band is a non-profit instrumental band comprised of more than 50 dedicated musicians from the area. This a free concert that is guaranteed to get you into the holiday spirit.

## ANTHONY SHORE AND THE ALL-STAR BAND

Starting at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, Anthony Shore and the All-Star Band will be playing their show, "Valentine's with Elvis." Shore is an Elvis tribute artist. Originally from the UK, the lifelong Elvis fan now resides in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors.

## WISCONSIN SINGERS

The Wisconsin Singers, which features top talent from the University of Wisconsin, is coming to the Lenz Auditorium for a show on Friday, April 5, starting at 7 p.m. This group performs brand new shows each year since it started touring the country in 1967. Wisconsin Singers is recognized as the first collegiate pop music ensemble

that features song, dance and live instruments. Check the Lenz Auditorium website at a later date for ticket information for this show.

## WISCONSIN NIGHT

The University of Wisconsin Varsity Band is scheduled to perform at the Lenz Auditorium on Friday, May 17, 2024. The band will be joined by the cheer squad and Bucky Badger, as they entertain the public. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors.

## MORE INFORMATION

To order tickets or for more information on the Lenz Auditorium, including additional shows for the upcoming season, go to [pasdwi.org](http://pasdwi.org) and find the Lenz Auditorium page under the Community tab.

# Bulldog Stomp is May 4, will have Hawaiian theme

Sun, Surf, Survive is motto of upcoming event

Preparations for the 16th Annual Bulldog Stomp are underway. This year's event will take place on Saturday, May 4, 2024 and will follow a Hawaiian theme with the motto: Sun, Surf, Survive.

The Bulldog Stomp is run/walk that has been held since 2009 and raises money for the UW Carbone Cancer Center. Last year's event raised \$40,000.



## Fall cheer awards

The Pardeeville High School football cheerleading team celebrated the end of its season with a fun awards night. All team members earned a varsity letter. Also earning awards were Raelyn Holtan (Best Cheer Teammate) and Merissa San Emeterio (Most Improved). Team members are, in front, from left; Cleo Meier, Josephine Bue and Isabel Bue. In back; Catherine Wendt, Raelyn Holtan, Ari Bouchard, Olivia Bue and Merrisa San Emeterio.

## Middle School students shine at math competition

Pardeeville Middle School sent 20 students from the 7th and 8th grades to the Math Matters Competition held at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells in November. Each student completed a 30-minute timed individual test, as well as a 30-minute team test where they got to work collaboratively with four classmates. Many of the concepts on the tests were very challenging and really stretched the students' thinking.

Nearly 500 students from area schools in grades 5-8 took part in the competition and awards were given to the top two teams in each grade level, as well as the top three individuals per grade. Earning awards from Pardeeville were; Ronin Holly (3rd place in 7th grade), Kinleyh Anderson (2nd place in 7th grade) and Avri Anderson (2nd place in 8th grade).

Representing Pardeeville from the 7th grade were; Hudson Achterberg, Lane Cross, London Sosa, Quinnlyn Lusk, Kinleyh Anderson, Sawyer Salmon, Riley Angell, Jack O'Brien, Maddie Soppe, Mirabella Belton and Ronin Holly.

Representing Pardeeville from the 8th grade were; Avri Anderson, Noah Black, Aurora Homan, Leyton Haseleu, Aili Majocka, Alannah Nicol, Brandon Schaller, Macey Young and Allison Wickus.

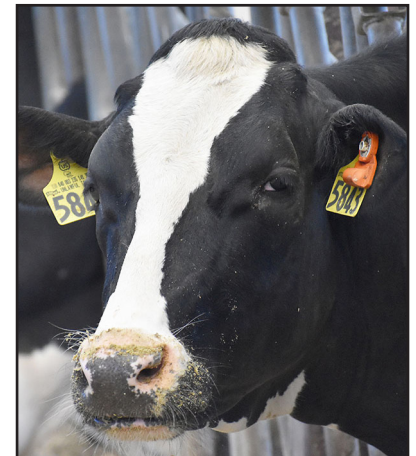


Students in Mrs. Seichter's Dairy Food Science class listen to their tour guide while visiting the Baerwolf Family Farm in Columbus on Nov. 13. Students got to feed, pet and take photos of the cows in the barn during the trip.

## Students tour Sassy Cow, dairy farm

The students in Mrs. Seichter's Dairy Food Science class at Pardeeville High School got to spend the morning of Monday, Nov. 13 touring the Baerwolf Family Farm and Sassy Cow Creamery in Columbus.

The students got to see the farm's state-of-the-art rotary milking parlor that was built in 2017 before visiting the cows in their freestall barn. After the tour, the students headed to the creamery, where they got to enjoy a free bowl of ice cream, which is made right there at the creamery from the milk produced at the Baerwolf Family Farm.





## Teaming up for a good cause

Members of the Pardeeville High School football team, cheer team and Spanish Club are shown on the high school football field, along with the pink ribbon that was painted on the field for the school's Pink Out football game that was played on Friday, Oct. 13. The football team and Spanish Club teamed up to hold the event, which raised money for breast health awareness. The event included basket raffles, a bake sale and photo booth.

## Pardeeville sends 13 to National FFA Convention

The Pardeeville Chapter of the FFA sent 13 high school students to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis recently.

One of the highlights of the trip was Pardeeville FFA being recognized as a 2 Star Gold-Rated National Chapter. Pardeeville students Isabella Hineman and Jason Renz both got to go on the big stage to accept the award.

The Pardeeville FFA students participated in a number of activities and heard from a number of speakers covering a vast array of topics in the agriculture industry, including colleges and careers and new technologies in farming. The group also found some time for entertainment, seeing the Cinch World's Toughest Rodeo before returning home.

On the way out to Indianapolis, the Pardeeville FFA students stopped



Members of the Pardeeville FFA Chapter pose for a photo while visiting Fair Oaks Farms in Fair Oak, Indiana on their way to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. They are, in front, from left; Angel Alves, Macy Cross, Kiera Westbury and Madilynn Holland. Middle row; Celia Kopfhamer, Isabella Hineman, Ava Wagner, Taylor Luedtke and Braden Breneman. Back row; Jason Renz, Hunter Manthey, Cody Noyons and Will Edgar.

for an educational tour of Fair Oaks Farms in Fair Oaks, Indiana. The students took a bus tour of the dairy farm and got to see cows being milked in a rotary parlor that can milk 72 cows at

a time. They also got to visit the pig barns, where they saw the pigs being cared for. Other stops included the birthing barn, pig adventure building and interactive grain exhibit.



Students in Mr. Noyons 4th grade class at Pardeeville Elementary School worked together to dissect an owl pellet, finding the bones and fur from whatever the owl ate, likely a rat.

## Students give a hoot about owl pellet project

Did you know that when an owl eats a small animal, it digests the meat and regurgitates a small oval pellet that contains bones, fur and feathers? That pellet had the students in Mrs. Noyons' 4th grade class at Pardeeville Elementary School Owlfully excited in October.

The students were not just winging it, they were diving deep into owl pellets to unravel the mysteries of the nocturnal hunters. They worked in groups, with each group getting an owl pellet. The students dissected the pellet, sorting out the bones by type (skulls, ribs, vertebrae and leg bones). Then, using a skeletal diagram, the students glued the bones to a piece of black paper, forming a skeleton of the animal that was eaten by the owl.



Members of the Pardeeville High School Spanish Club attended the International Folk Fair in West Allis on Friday, Nov. 17.

## Spanish Club attends International Folk Fair

Pardeeville High School Spanish Club students got the opportunity to attend the International Folk Fair in West Allis on Friday, Nov. 17. The students tasted food from around the globe and learned about how rice is used in different cuisines world-wide.

The Spanish Club members also shopped and talked with vendors selling typical items from their

home countries. The students also got to see many dances performed and the traditional clothing worn by fair participants was beautiful.

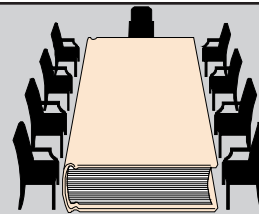
Many of the students made crafts and played games. It was an exceptional opportunity for the students to engage with the many ethnicities and cultures within our state, and to embrace the world beyond our borders.

## Builder's Club collects Treats for Troops



Pardeeville Middle School Builder's Club members, from left; Sofia Bell, Kenna Jenkins, Quinnlyn Lusk and Kayleigh Kath weigh some of the candy that was collected in the middle school during November. The candy collection was part of the Treats for Troops project that had students bring in candy, which was then sent to troops that are away from home serving our country.

# Pardeeville Board of Education



## MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING Sept. 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Margo Pufahl, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Paul Hees, Ms. Becky Lezvow, Mr. Justin Nickel and Ms. Margo Pufahl and Ms. Ilyana McGuire. Also present were Mr. Jason LeMay, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Robert Koehler, Janet Pautzke and Erika Freeman. Ms. Karla Walker and Mr. Chad Bellis arrived at 7:02pm, Mr. David Bell arrived at 7:12 p.m. and Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 8:15pm.

### Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow / seconded by Mr. Paul Hees to approve the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

### Open Forum

No one for an open forum.

### Welcome of Student Representative

Ms. Ilyana McGuire was welcomed back as the student representative for the board meetings.

### District Facility Options Next Steps Presentation

Ms. Erika Freeman and Mr. Robert Koehler presented to the board a presentation in regards to upcoming steps for talks about a possible referendum.

### Approval of Facility Project Timeline

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow / seconded by Mr. Paul Hees to approve the facility project timeline of the April 2025 referendum. Roll Call Vote taken: Mr. Bellis- Yes, Mr. Hees- Yes, Ms. Lezvow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Ms. Pufahl- Yes, Ms. McGuire- Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

### Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School- Talked about the success of Goodies for Grans. They had a big turn out and there were great pictures featured online.

Middle School- Congratulations on the mentorship grant. Ms. Denure explained the advantages of getting the grant.

High School- Discussed this week being homecoming week.

Athletics- Discussed about schools not showing up for contracted games and asked about repercussions of not coming. Also discussed the awards cabinet/ Hall of Fame cabinets.

Building and Grounds- They had a busy summer. They were thanked for helping to clean up the early toilet papering of the grounds.

Tech Department- Lots accomplished in a

small amount of time.

### Student Representative Report

Discussions of the weighted GPA process were talked about.

### Committee Reports

Building and Grounds talked about their meeting with Findorff and other projects that had happened.

### Presentation of Summer Projects and Work by Building & Grounds

Showed the board a slideshow of things that were updated/fixd over the summer. They talked about their summer workers, students that were hired, that did an amazing job of doing the work and getting them ahead enough to work on extra projects.

### Annual Report on Seclusion and Restraint

Mr. LeMay talked about the report that the Director of Special Education, Annette LaVia had submitted.

### Update on Usage of Elevate K12 for High School Math

Mr. Bell gave an update on the Elevate K12 online math program.

### Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Justin Nickel asked about getting a report on equipment status in the Fitness Center. Mr. Justin Nickel would like to continue to see the beautiful facility with working equipment for all to use and appreciate. Mr. Paul Hees suggested that if equipment is broken and waiting for parts to put a notice on it so community members and students know that a repair is needed and coming. Ms. Becky Lezvow thanked Mr. LeMay for doing the tour for the Class of 1973 on Friday, September 15,2023. Mr. Paul Hees discussed possible exit interview options for staff. Mr. Justin Nickel suggested maybe doing an exit survey versus an actual exit interview.

### Approval of Minutes Dated 9/5/2023

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow / seconded by Mr. Justin Nickel to approve minutes dated 9/5/23. Motion passed 6-0-1.

### Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker / seconded by Ms. Becky Lezvow to approve the receipts and expenditures. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Overnight Field Trip for SKILLSUSA

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow / seconded by Mr. Justin Nickel to approve an overnight field trip for SKILLSUSA. Motion passed 8-0.

### Approval Advisor Positions and Co-Curricular Advisors, Trainers, and Mentors for 2023-2024

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker / seconded by Mr. Bret Achterberg to approve the advisors, trainers and mentors for 23-24. Motion passed 8-0.

### Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Justin Nickel / seconded by Mr. Paul Hees to approve the donations of clothing to the Elementary School and a monetary donation for Ms. Saloun's Scholastic Books. Motion passed 8-0.

### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Items for next board meeting on October 2, 2023 are as follows: Recognition of retiree, Carol Wirth financial borrowing presentation, approval of winter coaches, 3rd Friday pupil count update, update on Elevate K12 and Policy Meeting 1st reading of policies.

### Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to approve closed session minutes dated 9/5/2023 and discuss personnel matters, and under 19.85(1)(f) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to update the Board on an investigatory matter.

### Return to Open Session

### Approval of Resignation of JV Volleyball Coach

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow / seconded by Mr. Bret Achterberg to approve the resignation of the JV volleyball coach. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Interim JV Volleyball Coach

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow / seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve the hiring of an interim JV volleyball coach. Motion passed 7-0.

### Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow / seconded by Mr. Bret Achterberg to approve the adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:57pm.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

## MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING Oct. 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Ms. Margo Pufahl, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Paul Hees, Ms. Becky Lezvow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Margo Pufahl, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Ilyana McGuire. Also present were Mr. Jason LeMay, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Carol Wirth, Ms. Jane Clemmons & Mr. Scott Clemmons. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:04 pm. Mr. Chad Bellis arrived at 7:06 pm. and Mr. David Bell arrived at 7:10 pm.

### Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker / seconded by Ms. Becky Lezvow to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

### Recognition of School Board Appreciation



## Week

Mr. LeMay read a statement and thanked the board members for all of their hard work and their support for the school district.

### Recognition of Retirement of Jane Clemmons as District Executive Administrative Assistant

Mr. LeMay and the board members congratulated Ms. Jane Clemmons on her 29-year career at the Pardeeville School District and wished her well on her retirement.

### WASB Fall Regional meeting- Finalize School board Member Attendance

Discussion was held to ensure board members were going to the Fall regional WASB meeting at Trappers Turn and coordinating transportation.

### Report of Third Friday Count

Mr. LeMay went over The Third Friday in September pupil count numbers.

### Update on Elevate K12

Mr. Bell talked about the online math program through Elevate K12. The company is working on switching out one of the teachers, but all other aspects of the program are doing well. Mr. Bell also wanted to thank Mr. Scott Duffy for helping students out who had questions from those classes.

### Presentation of Temporary Borrowing Rates and Budget Information for 2023-2024

Ms. Carol Wirth talked about the process of the temporary borrowing rates and went over the end results with the board members. Ms. Carol Wirth also went over the tax levy and explained how the tax rates work for all involved.

### Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Chad Bellis let Mr. Andy Kohn know that he was excited to see the elementary students work with Veterans on flag etiquette. He had also been approached by a person that said that Pardeeville is the most patriotic town, in regards to the 4th of July parade. Ms. Karla Walker said how she was very excited to see Mr. Bruce Brey and four of his students were doing community service in one of our cemeteries. Ms. Margo Pufahl commented about the activity on the Facebook page and that Mr. Travis Houslet is doing a great job getting pictures and information on there.

### Approval of Minutes Dated 9/18/2023

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow / seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve minutes dated 9/18/23. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,800,000 Pursuant to Section 67.12(8)(a)1, Wis. Stats.

Motion by Mr. Justin Nickel / seconded by Mr. Paul Hees to approve the resolution authorizing temporary borrowing through Piper Sandler & Co. in New York, New York, in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000 pursuant to Section 67.12(8)(a)1, Wis. Stats. Roll Call was asked for with results of Mr. Bret Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Chad Bellis- Yes, Mr. Paul Hees- Yes, Ms. Becky Lezvow- Yes, Mr. Justin Nickel- Yes, Ms. Karla Walker- Yes, Ms. Margo Pufahl- Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Additional Co-Curricular Advisors

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow / seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve the additional Co-Curricular Advisors. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Winter Coaches

Motion by Mr. Justin Nickel / seconded by Mr. Chad Bellis to approve the winter coaches. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow / seconded by Mr. Justin Nickel to approve the donations from Carol's Cones and Culver's. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of First Reading of NEOLA Policies listed 1-36

Motion by Mr. Paul Hees / seconded by Mr. Chad Bellis to approve the first reading of NEOLA Policies listed 1-36. Motion passed 7-0.

### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

First student spotlight will do a presentation, Early College and Start Now applications to be approved, 2nd reading of the Neola Policies 1-36, Mrs. Huset to talk about the two counseling interns, there will be a brief report of the WASB Fall Regional Meeting and another Elevate K12 update.

### Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow / seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve the adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

## **MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING Oct. 16, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Margo Pufahl, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Paul Hees, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Margo Pufahl, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Ilyana McGuire. Ms. Becky Lezvow was absent. Also present were Mr. Jason LeMay, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Michelle Ernst, Ms. Crystal Huset, Ms. Bronte Hulberg, Ms. Bailey Grissom and Mr. Chris Lindert.

### Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

### Open Forum

Nobody signed up for open forum.

### Student Spotlight: High School Educators Rising Program

Ms. Crystal Huset, Ms. Bronte Hulberg and Ms. Bailey Grissom gave a presentation explaining what the Educators Rising Program means to them. The students discussed going to UW Stevens Point last spring to the State Conference and also going to UW Oshkosh for a conference. The students enjoyed the lectures and the activities. They had a great experience and look forward to upcoming opportunities. They also stated that they are

happy to see the club grow with participation.

### Update on Wisconsin Well Be's Consortium

Ms. Crystal Huset went over the grant that we had received with the other school districts involved. We currently have two interns working in our district and the students and staff are appreciating them being here. Currently a manual is being created for the consortium to help in how to train the interns and future counselors. They are also starting to work on the process for recruitment for next year's interns.

### Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School safety day went well. Middle School has a field trip coming up to Treinen's Farms. Ms. Pufahl discussed NHS inductees and it was nice to see the numbers of students getting inducted is increasing. For the athletic department, Mr. Hees asked if the Cross Country team was getting any recognition for their accolades thus far. It was mentioned that it was disheartening to see that no school could host the volleyball conference tournament so it had been canceled. Mr. Hees asked if there had been any further discussion of awards cabinets. Building and Grounds was asked by Mr. Hees about the robot software update. Mr. Bellis followed up asking how the robot was working out. The board members loved the pink ribbon on the field. For the technology department, nothing was brought up to go over. For the library report Ms. Pufahl indicated that the book vending machine is great and everyone should go over and check it out if they have not done so already. Mr. Hees asked about the Scholastic Book Fair versus Literati Book Fair. Mr. LeMay addressed why the change.

### Student Representative Report

No conversation about Ms. McGuire's report.

### Committee Reports- Curriculum

Mr. Hees asked about the science based literacy curriculum and Mr. LeMay explained what it was geared to and about the new state legislation, Act 20, leading the way in this change and going to a more phonics-based method.

### Comments from Attendees of WASB Fall Regional Meeting

Mr. Nickel said the regional meeting was very fulfilling, good networking and good questions were posed. Ms. Pufahl and Ms. Walker both enjoyed the legislative update section. Ms. Walker enjoyed the activities at this meeting. Mr. Bellis said that Ms. Pufahl did a great job talking on behalf of the school district.

### Elevate K12 Update

Mr. Bell talked about Elevate K12 and how a new online instructor was put into place for the classes that were having issues. It is going much better with this new instructor. The 1st test has been done with these classes and the students are improving. Mr. Hees confirmed that he is hearing better things for the class with the new teacher.

Mr. Bell is meeting with the representative from the company monthly as of right now.

Mr. Bellis asked for confirmation that the tests that are being done are to the school's expectations; same as an in person teacher.

Board Comments & Questions

Ms. Pufahl celebrated the principals for National Principal month. Mr. Hees asked about Taher and how they are adjusting with meal preps/menus for all of the schools. Mr. LeMay stated that he meets with the Taher Regional Manager soon to go over numbers and to make any adjustments as needed. Mr. Hees asked about any equipment updates. Mr. LeMay said they are looking at kitchen updates in the building updates as part of a possible future referendum. Repairs are being made as they come up by Building and Grounds.

Approval of Minutes Dated 10/2/2023

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve minutes dated 10/2/2023. Mr. Hees discussed the clarification of the hiring process for coaches. Discussion was had to add a line to clarify winter coaches approved on 10/2/23 to reflect past practices previously approved and in good standing precedence of unpaid advisor/coach to a paid advisor/coach. Motion to amend Minutes dated 10/02/2023 to add the additional line approved to reflect past practices previously approved and in good standing precedence of unpaid advisor/coach to a paid advisor/coach by Mr. Hees / second by Mr. Bellis. Amended motion passed 6-0. Resumed approval of 10/2/2023 minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the receipts and expenditures. A discussion was had in regards to a few entries, and clarification was given by Building and Grounds. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Additional Winter Coaches

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the additional winter coaches. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Early College Credit/Start College Now Applications

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the Early College Credit and Start College Now applications that have been submitted. Discussion was had to clarify the need for these applications as well as the board is impressed with the number of students choosing this option to get early college credits. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Sunday Boys Varsity Basketball Game at Fiserv Forum

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the Sunday, December 17, 2023 Varsity Boys Basketball Game at the Fiserv Forum. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the donations of outside balls for the Elementary School from the PTO. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Second Reading of Neola Policies Listed 1-36

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the second reading of the

Neola Policies listed 1-36. Motion passed 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Update on facilities planning.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the adjourn. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

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Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
Oct. 23, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ms. Margo Pufahl, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Paul Hees, Ms. Becky Lezvow, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Margo Pufahl Also present were Mr. Jason LeMay and Ms. Jen Mecum. Mr. Chad Bellis arrived at 6:02pm, Mr. Justin Nickel arrived at 6:03 pm and Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 6:04 pm.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Lezvow to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Fund 10 Budget of \$13,723,865 for 2023-2024

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Lezvow to approve the Fund 10 budget of \$13,723,865 for 2023-2024. Roll Call: Bellis- Yes, Hees- Yes, Lezvow- Yes, Nickel- Yes, Walker- Yes, Achterberg- Yes, Pufahl- Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2023-2024 Tax Levy in the amount of \$5,697,044

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the 2023-2024 Tax Levy in the amount of \$5,697,044. Roll Call: Hees- Yes, Lezvow- Yes, Nickel- Yes, Walker- Yes, Achterberg- Yes, Bellis- Yes, Pufahl- Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Lezvow / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.

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Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Nov. 6, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Ms. Margo Pufahl, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Paul Hees, Ms. Becky Lezvow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Margo Pufahl. Also present were Mr. Jason LeMay, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Mr. Tim Kath, Mr. Nikolai Undraitis, Mr. Brody Motsenbocker, Mr. Walker Wheeler, Mr. William Becker, Mr. Brecken Helm, Mr. Wes Babcock and Mr. Brian Wheeler.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Lezvow / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the agenda. Motion

passed 6-0.

Recognition of State Boys Cross Country Participants

Mr. Wes Babcock talked about the journey of the boys Cross Country team on getting to State. The board congratulated the team on their accomplishments and look forward to next year's team adventure to State as they will have five returning members of the team that will be participating in their Senior year.

Presentation by Hall of Fame Committee

Mr. Tim Kath went over the contract that had been approved and explained the Hall of Fame Committee's wishes to have a 75" screen installed. The board is needed for the screen size approval so they can continue on with their next steps. Ms. Lezvow clarified who is responsible for some of the costs that were listed on the proposal and Mr. Kath stated their committee is in charge of all costs and will be doing fundraisers to support it. Ms. Lezvow asked about cyber security for the WiFi access of the screen. Mr. Walker will be checking into any security measures associated with the Hall of Fame screen internet access.

Approval of Hall of Fame 75" Screen

Motion by Ms. Lezvow / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the Hall of Fame 75" Screen. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion of Facility Planning Progress

Mr. LeMay went over the planning progress timeline and the current meetings he has had with Findorff, Groth and Mr. Housner. They are planning on doing short videos for the community and putting them online for easy access. Mr. LeMay is looking for options to do the enrollment study/survey for the school district. In January there will be a workshop for the board members to go over next steps. Mr. LeMay and Mr. Housner went over items listed on the facility study that could get done and categorized them in different groups to indicate if part of a possible referendum, items that the school district will take care of and items not a priority. Mr. LeMay did indicate that costs for repairs and maintenance are still going up and have to think long term.

Board Member Attending the State Education Convention (January 17-18, 2024)

Board members indicated their continued support of going to the convention and the registration for this will be submitted.

Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Hees thanked the schools for setting up the Youth Alive presentation to the students and public. It was a great event for all who attended and showed that the staff are there for the students for whatever situation happens. Mr. Bell wanted to recognize Jesse Kath who also helped in setting up these events. Ms. Pufahl stated that the Lions Club screened around 473 students for the elementary school and middle school for eyesight. The gentleman running it said he had not seen better behavior than what our students were exhibiting and the staff members helping out were very organized and helpful, and he is taking some of their best

practices to other businesses. Mr. Achterberg talked about the Trap Co-Op team asking for better communication to them and relaying their information out to the students and school district. Ms. Levzow talked about FFA going to the National Convention and receiving a 2 gold star award which is a huge accomplishment. There were over 79,000 FFA members who attended the convention.

Approval of Minutes Dated 10/16/2023

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve minutes dated 10/16/23. Motion passed 5-0-1.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated 10/23/2023

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve special meeting minutes dated 10/23/23. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Winter Sports Volunteers/Coaches

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the additional winter sport volunteers and Middle School Curling coach. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the donations to the elementary school. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of First Reading of NEOLA Policies as presented 1-22

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve first reading of NEOLA policies 1-22 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Middle School student spotlight will be about their Devils Lake field trip, FFA will do a presentation on their National Convention Award, there will be a 1st reading of job descriptions and the 2nd reading of policies to be approved. Will also be reviewing the school report card.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk



# PUMPKIN ARTISTS

Members of the Pardeeville High School and Elementary School Art Clubs showed off their pumpkin-painting skills during the month of October



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## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 4 ..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 8 ..... Elementary Winter Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14 ..... High School Winter Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16 ..... Dual County Community Band Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 18 ..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 19 ..... Middle School Concert, Lenz Auditorium, Band at 6 p.m., Choir at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 23-Jan. 2 ..... Winter break, no school
- Jan. 2 ..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 15 ..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.