

### FEBRUARY/MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER Vol. 30 No. 4

# **Community Day of Service planned for May 10**

Students, staff looking to help improve the Pardeeville community

On Friday, May 10, the Pardeeville Area School District will come together for a district-wide Community Day of Service, where students and staff members will join forces to make a positive impact on the community of Pardeeville.

This initiative aims to strengthen the bond between the school district and the local community by engaging in various community service projects throughout the day. Pardeeville Area School District Administrator Jason LeMay said the event will not only foster a sense of unity, but will also instill the values of civic responsibility and community pride in the students.



"I've talked about there being four important pieces to providing a good public education: academics, athletics, arts and service," LeMay said. "The Community Day of Service was something that came about as a way to give back to the community that has been so supportive of our schools over the years. We hope that this can become an annual event where all our students from 4K-12 can learn about the value of service and most importantly, service to our own local community."

The Pardeeville Area School District encourages community members to submit their community service project requests for consideration. Individuals interested in proposing projects can fill out the form available on page 14 in this newsletter. Forms must be turned in to the office at Pardeeville High School by March 31 in order to be considered.

For information contact Crystal Huset, Pardeeville High School Counselor, at husecr@pasdwi.org.

Join us in making a difference on May 10 as we come together, roll up our sleeves, and build a stronger, more connected Pardeeville community.

## We need your help at Community Conversations

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Students in Mrs. Saloun's 2nd grade class got to crack open eggs during a lesson on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

# Second graders get egg-celent lesson on Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The students in Mrs. Saloun's 2nd grade classroom at Pardeeville Elementary School celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 15 by learning about the civil rights leader before doing a hands-on activity that helped send home the message that people are all the same, regardless of their race or the color of their skin.

That important lesson started when Mrs. Saloun read a picture book about Martin Luther King Jr and his life growing up. After reading the book, Mrs. Saloun broke out two cartons of eggs. Each of the eggs looked different on the outside. Some of the eggs were brown, while others were white.

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Some of the eggs had spots on the shell, and others were a bit dirty.

Each student received an egg, which they then broke open inside a plastic cup. When the students gathered to compare their eggs, they saw that each egg looked the same on the inside. They learned that eggs, just like people, all look a little bit different on the outside, but are really all the same on the inside.

We thank Mrs. Saloun for continuing to teach this important lesson, and we thank 1st grade teacher Mrs. Sherrick for collecting and donating the eggs to Mrs. Saloun's classroom.

This newsletter is an official bimonthly publication of the Pardeeville • School District designed primarily to • inform parents and other district resi-• dents interested in their public school system. It is designed to supplement • the fine coverage and reporting of • • our local news media, other school publications and general or more • • personalized communications. • We are striving to develop a more • • comprehensive school/community • • system of communications.

## Parents encouraged to attend parent-teacher conferences in February

The Pardeeville Area School District is encouraging parents of students to plan on attending a parent-teacher conference that is scheduled during the month of February.

Attending parent-teacher conferences is crucial for fostering a collaborative educational environment, as it provides parents with valuable insights into their child's academic progress, enables open communication between parents and teachers, and promotes a shared commitment to supporting the student's overall development.

Pardeeville Elementary School will be holding parent-teacher conferences on Tuesday, Feb. 6 and Thursday, Feb. 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. on both days. These conferences will be by appointment only. Parents should contact their child's teacher to set up a date and time for a conference.

Pardeeville Middle School and Pardeeville High School conferences will be just one day and will take place on Thursday, Feb. 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. In the middle school, 5th grade teachers will be doing conferences by appointment only. For parents of students in grades 6-8 in the middle school and for parents of students in all high school grades, no appointment is needed. Parents can stop in and visit with any of their child's teachers during the 4-8 p.m. time period.



#### **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.

# Vasquez, Gessler advance through 4th grade spelling bee

Pardeeville Elementary School is proud to announce the successful conclusion of its 4th Grade Spelling Bee, held on Wednesday, Jan. 17. The spelling competition show-cased the exceptional skills of 15 participants who earned their spots through preliminary rounds conducted in their



Vasquez



Gessler

respective classrooms. The event, held in the school's gymnasium in front of fellow 3rd and 4th grade students, as well as family members, witnessed an enthusiastic display of spelling prowess as the par-

ticipants went head-to-head, showcasing their command over words.

After a fierce competition, emerging as the champion was Ayden Vasquez. The runner-up position was claimed by Lucas Gessler. Both Ayden and Lucas earned the opportunity to compete against some of the top spellers in the area at the Regional Spelling Bee in Portage.



The 15 participants of the Pardeeville 4th grade spelling bee were, in front, from left; Tristan Sanders, Lawson Walsh, Natalya Molnar, Ayden Vasquez and Morgan Philbrick. Middle row; Lucas Gessler, Jack Kenevan, Arthur Heaps-Chapman, Myla Peetz and Brynwen Moe. Back row; Zane Rohwer, Egan Walsh, Sierra Meixner, Izzy Mickelson and Elliana Soppe.



During the month of January, kindergarten students at Pardeeville Elementary School planted a vegetable micro-garden. Members of the Columbia County Master Gardener program came in and assisted the students with the gardens.

### **Students continue growing lessons**

The young students in the kindergarten classrooms at Pardeeville Elementary School are not the only things growing throughout the school year, as these students planted their own vegetable micro-garden during the month of January.

The micro-garden planting is part of a year-long focus on seeds and plants in the kindergarten classrooms and the project is made possible by members of the Columbia County Master Gardener program, who come in and assist the students with the microgarden. The master gardeners show the students how to fill their micro-gardens with soil and then plant the seeds in neat rows before labeling the rows with what kind of seed was planted.

After all the seeds are planted and watered, the micro-gardens were placed in a special wagon equipped with lights that provide the light and warmth needed for the plants to grow. Eventually, the students will harvest the greens from their garden and enjoy a salad snack during the school day.

Other seed and plant projects the Pardeeville kindergarteners take on during the school year include learning about apples and pumpkins in the fall. The students also learn about the growing cycle by planting bulbs outside in their "secret garden" before winter. They eagerly wait for rains to awaken the bulbs when warmer temperatures return in the spring.

In the spring, the kindergarteners will fold their own seed packets and stuff them with easy-togrow flower seeds collected from flower heads. These seed packets become gifts that the students give to the special people in their lives.

# **Conversations will help plan for future facility needs**

Public invited to participate at sessions held in February

The Pardeeville Area School District has a proud history of educational and co-curricular accomplishments, while also managing a framework of fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers. That focus has led to efficient operations and upgrades to our school buildings and facilities over the years.

However, with the passage of time, use by both students and the community and the changing needs of the District, a comprehensive facility assessment became important to examine the maintenance and educational needs of all our buildings. This was also heard during our Community Conversations held in April 2022 when discussing the future of the school district.

As has been reported before, the Pardeeville Area School District conducted a comprehensive facility assessment during the 2022-2023 school year, selecting GROTH Design Group and Findorff as partners in this process. Both firms have extensive K-12 experience.

We are in the early stages of exploring facility options to offer the best possible learning and teaching environments.

Through this assessment, a report was created and shared with the Pardeeville School Board on June 5, 2023. The final report included a detailed analysis including multiple components:

- Building systems and their useful life
- Exterior and interior maintenance needs
- ADA and accessibility requirements
- Educational capacity, adequacy, and utilization
- Overall safety of buildings and grounds
- Budget estimates for capital maintenance



Pardeeville Area School District Administrator Jason LeMay hopes the public will attend the Community Conversations being held in February to help plan for the future of the facilities in the district.

You can access the full report to take a deep dive into the findings of the facility by going to our school district website under the "Long-Range Facility Planning" tab which is located along the top of our page. The Long-Range Facility Planning page will be updated as we progress through this process.

Our next step is our upcoming Community Conversations in February. Details about this can be found on the next page in this newsletter. School District residents can also expect to receive mailing with dates and times for the sessions. There are numerous opportunities to attend, as well as a virtual choice. I hope you will consider participating in one of these events.

#### 4K registration and open enrollment

It doesn't seem like we should be thinking about the 2024-2025 school year, but planning is already underway. With that in mind, do you have a child who will be 4 years old before September 1, 2024? If so, it's time to think about registering for school! Information about registration for 4K can be found in this newsletter. If you live outside of the Pardeeville Area School District, you also will need to complete Open Enrollment Applications.

We continue to attract families from outside our district for many reasons which include our amazing staff and opportunities for students throughout their educational journey. Do you know someone who lives in another school district who is thinking about applying for open enrollment into the Pardeeville Area School District? The open enrollment application window will open at midnight on Feb. 5, 2024 and close at 4 p.m. on April 30, 2024. If you have any questions about open enrollment you can contact Jen Mecum at mecuje@pasdwi.org or by calling 608-429-2153 ext. 212.

Allow me to close out this newsletter by saying thank you for the opportunity to serve the children of our community. It is our privilege to do so!

Partners in the Future,

Jason Lellay

Jason LeMay District Administrator

# **YOU'RE INVITED**

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

# **JOIN US** for a Community & Staff Conversation on Facility Needs



In 2022, the Pardeeville Area School District and Board of Education held a community conversation to discuss the future of our schools. Through the work of 70+ stakeholders, a strategic plan was created that identified **Pillar #3: Facilities & Operations** as a focus area for the district.

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Since these conversations, the district hired consultants to perform a facilities assessment to better understand our facility needs. We are at the phase in our long-range facility planning process where **we need your input**. Come to a session to learn about the state of the district's facilities and grounds, financial background, and to share feedback on your priorities for the future of our schools.

# **Choose a session**

# YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS!

### **February Community & Staff Conversations on Facility Needs**

**Focus:** Current state and needs of facilities, financial overview and history, enrollment projections, and gathering community feedback on facility priorities.

Option A	Option A Option B		Option D
February 20, 2024 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	February 20, 2024 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	February 21, 2024 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	February 28, 2024 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Virtual Email mecuje@pasdwi.org to RSVP	Pardeeville Elementary School	Pardeeville Middle School	Pardeeville High School



Scan the QR code to visit the district planning page. Check our website often for more information.

**LEARN MORE** pasdwi.org/long-range-planning



# SkillsUSA students do well at District competition

Pardeeville High School students, from left; Alex Gabsch, Braden Breneman and Bodie Fitzgibbon are shown after competing at the SkillsUSA District 4 Competition held at Oregon High School during the month of December. Gabsch returned home with a first place medal in Technical Drafting. Fitzgibbon finished in second place in welding. Congratulations to all three stduents for representing Pardeeville at the District 4 Competition.



# Pardeeville receives grant to purchase drones

The Pardeeville Area School District Technology Education Department recently received a \$1,000 STEM grant through the Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative. The money from the grant will be used to purchase six new drones for the department's Power and Energy Class.

Pardeeville technology education teacher Jessee Huset said his program currently has one drone that students use in a rotation, but he can now group students up to have drone competitions where they will be asked to complete tasks around campus. The drones will be used to give students a problem-based learning experience in both seeing how the drone works and using the drone as a tool to solve math problems.

"It allows students to see the practical application of math concepts and helps make the material more meaningful and relevant to them," Huset said. "It also helps students learn how to think critically and solve problems by figuring out what data a drone has collected. I am excited to introduce this new curriculum for next year's class."

# Important dates for 2024-25 school year open enrollment

**February 5-April 30, 2024** – Parents must submit applications online (recommended) or directly to the non-resident school district.

**June 5, 2024** – Nonresident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

**June 14, 2024** – Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

**June 28, 2024** – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident school district in the 2024-2025 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.

How and when may parents apply? The open enrollment application period for the 2024-2025 school year is from February 5-April 30, 2024. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Parents may apply online at http://dpi.wi.gov/oe.

For more information about Open Enrollment, please call Mrs. Mecum at Pardeeville School's District Office at (608) 429-2153 ext. 212.



## Registration now open for 2024 Bulldog Stomp

Early online registration for the 2024 Bulldog Stomp Cancer Benefit is now open. The theme of this



year's event is "Sun, Surf, Survive!" The event will take place on Saturday, May 4. Race participants can

register online by scanning the QR code provided..

## Spanish Club selling flowers for Velentine's Day

The Pardeeville High School Spanish Club will be selling pink and red carnations for Valentine's Day. Send flowers, along with your handwritten note, to friends, staff, children and sweeties.

All flowers will be delivered to students at school on Valentine's Day. Middle and High School students may purchase flowers from Monday, Feb. 5 through Thursday, Feb. 8 during the day. The club will also be selling flowers at parentteacher conferences at Pardeeville Elementary School on Feb. 6 and 8, and in the high school atrium on Feb. 8. Flowers are \$3 each or two for \$5. Spread some Valentine love and support the Spanish Club.



Pardeeville Middle School 5th grade students Piper Beyler, left, and Olivia Breger competed at the Columbia County Land and Water Conservation Department Speaking Contest.

# Students shine at speaking contest

In January, Pardeeville Middle School 5th grade students Piper Beyler and Olivia Breger competed in the Columbia County Land and Water Conservation Department's Speaking Contest. Both students had to do a 3-5 minute speech promoting the conservation of natural resources and the protection or enhancement of environmental quality. The contest was open to all students in Columbia County.

At the competition, it was announced that Breger took first place in her division and will be advancing to the state competition, which will take place in March at the Wisconsin Land and Water Annual Conference in Green Bay.

### **Classes visit Promega**

The students currently in the Biotechnology and Medical Terminology and Healthcare Career classes at Pardeeville High School got the opportunity to spend a day at Promega Labs in Fitchburg, learning about biotechnology.

During the field trip, students inserted new DNA into a bacteria to make it glow in the dark and learned how companies test to see if proteins have been successfully made when researching diseases and potential cures. The students were able to work in a biotechnology lab for the day, conducting experiments and learning about the different ways biotechnology is used in the medical and agriculture industries.



Pardeeville High School student Brianna Stollfus works on a project during a field trip to Promega Labs in Fitchburg.

# Students gearing up for District Solo and Ensemble event

The Pardeeville Middle School and High School Music Department currently has about 50 students in grades 7-12 participating in numerous events for the District Solo and Ensemble competition being held on Feb. 17 at Deerfield High School. If you are interested in seeing any of these events, you may see when and where they will occur on the wsmamusic.org website. These schedules will not be posted until approximatley one to two weeks prior to the festival. All public is welcome.

#### We need your help

Each school participating at the District Solo and Ensemble in Deerfield is required to provide room/ door monitors for this event (two in the morning and two in the afternoon). If you are a parent, grandparent, or just someone who would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Pardeeville Music Directors Mr. Spicer (608-429-2153 ext. 388, or spicma@pasdwi.org) or Mrs. Larson (608-429-2153 ext. 275, or larsta@pasdwi.org). They will definitely try to accommodate you so you can watch your child perform. People who have volunteered in the past have truly enjoyed the experience, so please help if you can, Just a note - door monitors must stay until ALL events are finished in their room, not just when Pardeeville events are complete. The day begins at 8 a.m. and finishes usually around 4 p.m.

#### New concert added this year

The Pardeeville High School Show Choir and Jazz Band will have their own concert this year on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lenz Auditorium. Also new, there will be a Pardeeville Middle School Show Choir joining them on the stage that evening. Come for a night of entertainment and fun as these hard-working students share their talents with you. The event is free and you do not need to reserve a seat ahead of time.

#### Alumni Band Night is Feb. 22

The Pardeeville High School Pep Band will be hosting an Alumni Band Night on Thursday, Feb. 22. All Pardeeville band alumni are invited to join the current Pardeeville pep band on this night to perform during the pregame and during halftime of that night's boys basketball game against Princeton/Green Lake.

If you would like to join the band for Alumni Band Night, please RSVP to band director Martin Spicer via email at spicma@pasdwi.org with your name and instrument so we can get music ready for you. If you need an instrument to borrow, let us know and we will try our best to accommodate. Band members will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the band room.

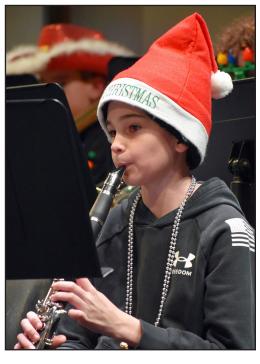
#### Music department headed to New York City in March

The Pardeeville Music Department is excited to once again be traveling to New York City to perform over Spring Break (March 23-28). The high school band and choir students will be performing at One World Observatory and the USS Intrepid.

The students will also get to do a lot of sightseeing, including Central Park, Times Square and Top of the Rock, and experience some of the great entertainment in New York City by seeing a Broadway show. Thank you to all who have contributed to this trip by purchasing fundraising products or by making donations to the students. We are busy preparing our songs for the trip, don't worry, you will get to hear these songs at our Awards Concert on May 9.



The Lenz Auditorium hosted three different winter concerts that featured Pardeeville students, including the high school concert (above), the middle school concert (below) and the elementary school concert (bottom).





# Pardeeville's CTE classes prepare students for future careers

## Courses teach skills needed to enter Wisconsin's workforce

The Pardeeville Area School District believes it is important to offer a wide variety of career and technical education classes to best prepare students for their future careers, which is why we choose to celebrate these courses during the month of February, which just happens to be National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month.

Pardeeville offers nearly 40 different courses that fall under one of four areas of CTE. These areas are; agriscience, technical education, business education and health careers.

In Wisconsin, CTE classes play an important role in getting students ready to enter the workforce in industries that need skilled workers. According to the Association of Career and Technical Education, the Wisconsin economy is currently experiencing a skills gap. Right now 55 percent of jobs in Wisconsin require a level of skills training that is more than what most students get in high school, but less than a four-year college degree, but yet only 48 percent of Wisconsin workers are trained at this level.

Pardeeville High School counselor Crystal Huset recognizes the importance of offering CTE courses to our students.

"CTE classes are important because they give students an opportunity to have hands-on learning about a variety of industries while in high school to determine if they might enjoy a career in that field after high school," Huset said. "CTE teachers are always collaborating with business and industry professionals, and post-secondary institutions to provide skill-building experiences to ensure access to careers that are in demand."

Many of Pardeeville's CTE classes offer the added bonus of technical





Pardeeville High School offers many Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes that help prepare students for their future careers, including Intro to Metals and Welding with Mr. Huset (above) and Meat and Vegetable Science with Mrs. Seichter (left).

college credits thanks to partnerships with both Madison College and Southwest Technical College in Fennimore. These credits save students time and money once they start working towards a post-secondary degree.

Pardeeville High School students get to sample what it is like to work in a variety of career fields while taking CTE classes. A few examples of our CTE courses that provide those experiences are the agri-science classes like; Food Science Trends, Forestry and Nature Resource Management, and Golf Course and Landscaping Management; or the technology classes like 21st Century Home Maintenance and Manufacturing Technologies. We also offer business and information technology classes like; Web Design, Accounting, and Sports and Entertainment Marketing, as well as health career courses like; Intro to Health Careers, and Medical Terminology.

"It is so important for students to try different things while in high school, and we have a wide range of CTE classes for students to try," Huset said. "This is a unique opportunity to try some simulated career options to see if students enjoy engineering, construction, cooking, business, healthcare, plant science, animal science or more the wide variety of options we offer."

# Hypothermia can be a real concern during Wisconsin winters



JANETTE SHEEKS School Nurse

The weather seems to be the topic of conversation. The varying temperatures are making things very interesting. The most important thing is that our students dress appropriately. Hypothermia can happen during summer as well, but winter is when it is more apt to happen. Signs of hypothermia are shivering, exhaustion, confusion and slurred speech to list a few. There may be skin color changes like bright red, very white, or blotchy.

To prevent hypothermia, dress in layers, wear a hat (30% of your body heat is lost through your head), cover exposed skin, sip warm fluids and remove wet clothing immediately. Have extra supplies in your car in case there is a problem.

To treat hypothermia, handle the affected area gently. Do not rub or put snow on it. This will cause further damage. You can put affected hands in the armpits or groin to raise the temperature. If the area is white, soak in warm water (not hot) until it turns not white and feels warm.

If a person has shallow breathing, stops shivering or becomes unresponsive, call 911.

Wisconsin's winters are very beautiful, but they can be very dangerous. Stay safe, stay warm and stay healthy!

Mrs. Sheeks RN sheeja@pasdwi.org 608-429-2153 Ext. 236 or Ext. 258



FFA sponsors blood drive



ABOVE: Pardeeville FFA members, from left; Braden Breneman, Will Edgar and Cameron McManis were on hand to help out at the blood drive held inside the Pardeeville Middle School gymnasium on Dec. 6.

LEFT: Pardeeville High School staff member Bill Yedinak was one of the people to donate blood at the blood drive, which was sponsored by the Pardeeville FFA

### Pardeeville native joins district's health team

During the month of December, the Pardeeville Area School District was excited to welcome Barb Larson to its health team.



Larson, who is a Pardeeville native and Pardeeville High School alum, comes to the district after previously working with Adult Family Homes for Traumatic Brain

Larson

Injuries, along with working at the nursing home and as an advanced EMT.

Larson attended Moraine Park Technical College. She is married, has two sons, two stepsons and six grandchildren. Her hobbies include motorcycling, snowmobiling and shopping. Larson said she was excited to be working at Pardeeville Schools. "I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know the students," she said.

# Juniors will once again do ACT testing during school day

# In-school testing saves money, time for students

Mark your calendars, this is the ninth year the state of Wisconsin is having all juniors take the ACT during the school day. Doing this eliminates many barriers for our students. Students will not have to pay for the ACT, drive to another school to take it, or spend part of a Saturday taking the test. Students will be able to use their scores for college admission and their sub scores for some placement testing. The Wisconsin Technical College System also allows students to use their ACT scores in place of the placement testing, again saving money for our students.

Students across the state will take the ACT on Wednesday, March 13. As always, if a student wants to retake the test, they have that opportunity. The upcoming Saturday dates for the ACT can be found on www.act.org. If you have any questions about these topics or other, please contact Ms. Huset at 608-429-2153, ext. 367, or by email at husecr@pasdwi.org.

#### **Planning conferences**

Pardeeville High School counselor Ms. Huset will be starting Sophomore Planning Conferences at the end of February. These conferences will include parents and discuss class selection, graduation status, post-secondary planning, upcoming testing and more. Invites will be going out soon via email.

#### Scheduling starts soon

During the months of February and March, we will begin scheduling classes for the 204-2025 school year. This is mostly done in school, but students should take their course-selection guides home and share with their parents what their plans are. Students will need a parent signature on their selections in order to register. If you have questions about your student's schedule or classes, give Ms. Huset at call at 608-429-2153, ext. 367, or contact her by email at husecr@pasdwi.org.

#### **Scholarship opportunities**

Scholarship season is right around the corner. Seniors are starting to fill out scholarships for many different organizations. Information on local scholarships will be available in the School Counseling Office in the middle of February. The Pardeeville High School website at www.pardeeville.k12.wi.us has many local scholarships listed and students are also able to pick up a listing of state and national scholarships that have been brought to our attention. These lists are updated almost daily, so continue to check back for new scholarships. Also, mark your calendars for the High School Awards Night, which will take place on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.

## Free federal student aid applications should now be available

Although its availability was initially rocky, Federal Student Aid (FSA) has confirmed that the 2024–25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is now available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. However, that doesn't mean the soft launch is over, or that some students aren't still having difficulties.

Additionally, we still haven't gotten a definitive date as to when schools will begin receiving students' FAFSA data, so we're still unable to estimate when financial aid offers will begin going out.

Here are just a few things our team has noted:

Overall, more students than not have been able to complete their 2024–25 FAFSA. This is reassuring, so continue to encourage your students to at least try. Students and contributors cannot yet make corrections. We're told access to make corrections will be available after the soft launch, so likely in early February. In some cases, if the FAFSA hasn't been processed, it may be easier to delete it and start over than wait for corrections to be available.

Although parents without a social security number can now create their FSA ID, a known issue is stopping them from contributing to the FAF-SA itself. There is currently no work around, and we're waiting for further guidance from FSA.

Many have expressed concerns about the estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) or their estimated financial aid. We're not totally sure how accurate those are during the soft launch, and we won't be able to help students with this concern until we start getting their FAFSA data, hopefully in February.

FSA will take three days to process the FAFSA in its system. From there, the FAFSA information will be sent to colleges and universities. Once that information begins to be sent to us, it will still take a few weeks before financial aid offices are able to provide financial aid offers to students.

As we mentioned before, there are a few ways you and your students and their families can get FAFSA support in the coming weeks. One is College Goal Wisconsin (https://collegegoalwi.org/) – A free Wisconsin statewide program, with both in-person and virtual events. You can also reach out to the college you are planning on attending. It will have a financial aid office and you will just need to Google it.



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# PARDEEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025 STUDENT CALENDAR

(Board Approved 1/2/24)

Aug. 1-District Registration Aug. 28-District Wide Open House

Sept. 2- No School Sept. 3- 1st Day of School For Only: K, 5th Gr. & 9th Gr. Sept. 4- All Students At School Sept. 9-13 -Homecoming

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#### P/T Conference:

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Nov. 22- End of Trimester One Nov. 25-29 -Thanksgiving Break

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Dec. 23-31- Winter Break

Jan. 1- Winter Break Jan 2.- Classes Resume P/T Conferences: Jan. 23- EL only 4PM - 8 PM Jan. 24- No School (EL ONLY) P/T Conferences: Jan. 30- EL/MS/HS 4PM - 8PM Jan. 31- No School

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#### <u>KEY</u>

N = No School T = End of Trimester GR = Graduation Day PT = Parent/Teacher Conferences





# When: Friday, May 10 Where: In and around Pardeeville

Do you have any community service projects that need to be done? We are ready to help. Please fill out the form below and return to the high school office by March 31.

If you have questions contact Crystal Huset at husecr@pasdwi.org

Name:	
Address:	
Phone number:	
Number of students needed:	

Description of work to be completed:

• Submitting form does not guarantee your service project will be selected

Scan here to submit community service request electronically



# Pardeeville High School Alumni Bonspiel



MARCH 8-9, 2024 MARK YOUR CALENDAR \*\* Maximum of 12 Teams \*\*



Teams should be Pardeeville School Alumni and Spouses Only.

# Fun ... food ... curling with old friends ... bonspieling at its best! ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

Draws are Friday evening (if enough teams) \$ all day Saturday \$120.00 per team

Money raised will be used for the Pardeeville Curling Club Scholarship

3-game guarantee... 4-end games Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks, Beverages \$ good conversation provided

Enclosed is my entr	y for the Pardeeville Alumni S	piel.
Skip		Second
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Contact Person:		Phone #
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Send entries to:	Shannon Rohrbeck 608-516-3935 bassofrune@yahoo.com	



The Four C Notes, a Frankie Valli tribute group, will be performing at the Lenz Auditorium on Friday, May 17.

# Frankie Valli tribute group coming to Lenz Auditorium

The Lenz Auditorium is excited to announce that The Four C Notes will be performing here on Friday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Pioneered by John Michael Coppola, best known for his appearance in Chicago's long-running production of the Broadway smash hit "Jersey Boys," The Four C Notes are the Midwest's only tribute dedicated to recreating the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

Tickets for this show can be purchased online at www. pasdwi.org/community/events.cfm or via phone at 608-285-2717 (M-F 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors.

#### **INSTAGRAM GIVEWAY**

The Lenz Auditorium is now on Instagram (@lenzauditorium). When it reaches 100 followers, the Lenz Auditorium will be giving one of those followers a free ticket to an upcoming show.

#### **TICKET SALE POLICY**

1. Online Ticket sales end 24 hours prior to the performance. If the show is sold out, it will be posted on the Lenz Auditorium's website and on its Instagram and Facebook pages.

2. Ticket sales are non-refundable, except in the case of a canceled performance. Refunds can take the form of a gift certificate, which can go towards a future ticket purchase, or a donation to the Lenz Auditorium's general operating fund.

3. Any questions about tickets or experiencing troubles in ordering? Contact Adam at 608-285-2717.

## Wisconsin Singers coming to Pardeeville on April 5

The Wisconsin Singers, a nationally-renowned group that performs a Broadway-style revue of popular American music, will be performing in Pardeeville at the Lenz Auditorium on Friday, April 5.

The Wisconsin Singers feature UW-Madison's top talents onstage and behind the scenes. Come see stellar songs, big band sound and stunning choreography in a family-friendly show. All proceeds from this performance will benefit the Pardeeville Music Department.

Tickets for this show go on sale starting March 11, when they can be purchased online at https://pardeevil-lelenzauditorium.ludus.com/index.php.



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### Successful vase drive



Pardeeville High School Sources of Strength members, from left; Miranda Crary, Allyson Gruenwald, Catherine Kopfhamer and Cameron McManis pose with the 191 flower vases the group collected and donated to the Garden of Angels in Portage, which is a healing garden that is run entirely on donations.

# Young Bulldog curlers gaining experience, finding success

### Pardeeville gearing up for state championship bonspiel in February

The Pardeeville boys and girls curling teams are once again rocking it this season, as both squads have notched some big wins once the calendar turned to January.

The Pardeeville girls curling team has used its depth to find success this winter. Coach Amanda Seichter said she has eight girls that are all varsitycaliber curlers. That group of eight girls includes; Ilyana McGuire, Avery VonRuden, Madelyn Harvey, Taylor Luedtke, Paige Mick, Autumn Fischer, Allie Gawel and Kiana Berry.

The results for the Pardeeville girls have been good this season. The squad recently picked up a win over the always-challenging Portage team, and was also impressive in a victory over Lodi. Pardeeville also did well at the Tietge Bonspiel in Wausau right after the Christmas break, with one team reaching the semifinals of the first event and another team making the semifinals of the second event.

With eight strong curlers on the team, Seichter has been spending much of the early part of the season using different lineups to find the best team. Having eight capable curlers has also allowed the Pardeeville girls curling program to qualify two girls teams for the Wisconsin State High School Curling Championships, which will be held Feb. 16-17 at the Wausau Curling Club. Seichter said this is the first time Pardeeville will be sending two girls teams to the state championships since she has been coaching the program.

And while the Pardeeville boys



GALLEY STUDIOS PHOTO

Members of the Pardeeville High School curling teams are, in front, from left; Paige Mick, Molly Hardwick, Madelyn Harvey, Michaela Crittendon and Sawyer Salmon. Middle row; Alex Gabsch, Avery VonRuden, Taylor Luedtke, Ilyana McGuire, Allie Gawel and Braden Breneman. Back row; Josh Brodie, Joe Keichinger, Autumn Fischer, Jason Kopfhamer and Noah Manthe.

don't have the depth that the girls squad has, it has found success this season. The Bulldog boys recently had an impressive win over Portage and then picked up a victory over Monona Grove with a point in the final end.

The Pardeeville boys are a young squad this season, with most of the athletes having just 1 or 2 years of curling experience. Seichter has five boys she has been playing on the varsity rink, a group that includes Alex Gabsch, Josh Brodie, Noah Manthe, Joe Keichinger and Preston Nicoll.

Seichter said the way the team is coming together, despite not having a ton of experience, has been most impressive. The team was rewarded for its work at the Tietge Bonspiel in Wausau, which is considered the largest high school bonspiel in the country. At the Tietge Bonspiel, the Pardeeville boys finished as the runner up in the fourth event.



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

# Pardeeville wrestlers grappling with plenty of success

# Many Bulldogs ranked high entering postseason

The Pardeeville High School wrestling team once again looks poised for some postseason success, as it enters the month of February with four wrestlers ranked among the top 10 in their weight division in Division 3 by Wisconsin-Grappler.com.

Leading the charge for the Pardeeville wrestlers is junior Will Becker. The twotime state qualifier improved to 42-0 on the season by winning an individual championship at the Wisconsin Dells Invitational on Jan. 27. Becker, who picked up his 100th career victory earlier this season, was ranked fourth in Division 3 at 175 pounds in the Wisconsin-Grapler.com rankings that were released on Jan. 24.

Pardeeville freshman Dominic Garcia was Pardeeville's highest-ranked individual, as he was ranked third at 150

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GALLEY STUDIOS PHOTO

Members of the Pardeeville High School wrestling team are, in front, from left; manager Aspen Fox, Julius Klingensmith, Mykael Mickelson, Kayden Miller, Anthony Stolinas, Onan Casteel and manager Miranda Crary. Middle row; manager Tamber Corning, Brecken Helm, Kingston Galetka, Seth Bronson, Dominic Garica, Caleb Mackey, coach Judd Becker and coach Jesse Huset. Back row; coach Dustin Bussan, Ashton Whitehorse, Will Becker, Howard Boyle, Jack Maier and Cameron McManis.

# Girls basketball squad continues its winning ways



Members of the Pardeeville High School varsity girls basketball team are, in front, from left; assistant coach Steve Peissig, Isabella Hineman, Sophia Jerome, Natalie Peissig, Lexi Hughes and head coach Joe Guenther. Back row; Lauren Weisensel, Emma Gentz, Ava Wagner, Bronte Hulberg and Alexis Bryan.

### Maass, Wagner have led the way for Bulldogs during successful season

The Pardeeville girls basketball team is once again piling up victories, as the Bulldogs entered the final week of January with an 11-5 overall record, and were alone in second place in Trailways West Conference with an 8-2 league mark.

Pardeeville had a chance to vault into a tie for first place in the conference when it hosted league-leading Randolph on Jan. 26, but the Rockets proved to be too powerful, leaving town with a 40-26 victory that improved them to 10-0 in the conference, and likely clinched another league championship for Randolph.

Pardeeville's season has been led by

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## 2024 Pardeeville Spring Sports Schedules

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL

April 8, at Westfield, 4:30 p.m. April 13, at Princeton/Green Lake (DH), 11 a.m. April 15, at Markesan (DH), 4:30 p.m. April 18, vs. Montello (DH), 4:30 p.m. April 26, vs. Westfield (DH), 4:30 p.m. May 9, at Oakfield (DH), 4:30 p.m. May 14, vs. Waupun CWC (DH), 4:30 p.m. May 16, vs. Markesan (DH), 4:30 p.m. May 23, at Fall River (DH), 4:30 p.m.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL

April 11, at Cambria-Friesland (DH), 4:30 p.m. April 15, vs. Cambria-Friesland (DH), 4:30 p.m. April 18, at Princeton/Green Lake (DH), 4:30 p.m. April 22, at Baraboo (DH), 4:30 p.m. April 25, vs. Princeton/Green Lake (DH), 4:30 p.m. April 26, vs. Westfield (DH), 4:30 p.m. May 7, vs. Oakfield (DH), 4:30 p.m. May 9, vs. Baraboo (DH), 4:30 p.m. May 14, vs. Markesan (DH), 4:30 p.m. May 16, at Fall River (DH), 4:30 p.m.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

April 9, Pardeeville Invite, 4:30 p.m. April 16, at Fall River Invite, 4 p.m. April 23, at Westfield Invite, 4:30 p.m. April 25, at Markesan Invite, 4 p.m. April 30, at Princeton Invite, 4 p.m. May 2, at Rio Invite, 4 p.m. May 7, at Wild Rose Invite, 4 p.m.

#### JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

April 1, vs. Westfield, 5 p.m. April 16, vs. Portage, 5 p.m. April 20, vs. Parkview (DH), 10 a.m. April 22, at Poynette, 5 p.m. April 29, at Waterloo, 5 p.m. May 7, vs. Lodi, 5 p.m. May 21, at Portage, 5 p.m.

#### VARSITY BASEBALL

April 2, at Markesan, 5 p.m. April 4, vs. Markesan, 5 p.m. April 5, vs. Whitehall, 5 p.m. April 8, at Waterloo, 5 p.m. April 9, at Montello, 5 p.m. April 11, vs. Montello, 5 p.m. April 12, vs. Oakfield, 5 p.m. April 15, at Cambria-Friesland, 4 p.m. April 18, vs. Cambria-Friesland, 5 p.m. April 19, at Rio, 5 p.m. April 22, at Poynette, 5 p.m. April 23, vs. Randolph, 5 p.m. April 25, at Randolph, 5 p.m. April 27, vs. Oakfield, 10 a.m. April 30, at Beaver Dam Wayland, 5 p.m. \*May 1, vs. Portage, 5 p.m. May 2, vs. Beaver Dam Wayland, 5 p.m. May 3, vs. Westfield, 5 p.m. May 6, at Waupun CWC (DH), 4 p.m. May 10, at Princeton/Green Lake, 5 p.m. May 13, vs. Oshkosh Lourdes, 5 p.m. May 16, at Oshkosh Lourdes, 5 p.m.

May 17, vs. Princeton/Green Lake, 5 p.m. \*Game is at American Family Field in Milwaukee.

#### JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

April 8, vs. Wisconsin Dells (DH), 5 p.m. April 27, at Parkview (DH), 10 a.m. May 3, at Lodi, 5 p.m.

#### VARSITY SOFTBALL

March 21, at Deerfield, 5 p.m. March 25, vs. Westfield, 5 p.m. March 26, at Markesan, 5 p.m. April 2, at Oakfield, 5 p.m. April 4, vs. Montello, 5 p.m. April 5, vs. Princeton/Green Lake, 5 p.m. April 11, vs. Beaver Dam Wayland, 5 p.m. April 12, vs. Rio, 5 p.m. April 15, at Randolph, 5 p.m. April 18, at Cambria-Friesland, 5 p.m. April 19, vs. Markesan, 5 p.m. April 23, at Oshkosh Lourdes, 5 p.m. April 25, vs. Oakfield, 5 p.m. April 29, vs. Oshkosh Lourdes, 5 p.m. April 30, at Montello, 5 p.m. May 2, at Princeton/Green Lake, 5 p.m. May 6, vs. Randolph, 5 p.m. May 7, at Beaver Dam Wayland, 5 p.m. May 10, vs. Cambria-Friesland, 5 p.m. May 14, at Wisconsin Heights, 5 p.m.

#### HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

April 8, JV at Lake Wisconsin, 9 a.m. April 11, at Lake Breeze G.C., 10 a.m. April 12, JV at Lake Breeze G.C., 10 a.m. April 15, Pardeeville mini meet, 3 p.m. April 18, at Williams Bay mini meet, 3 p.m. April 22, at Horicon mini meet, 3 p.m. April 24, at Oakfield Best Ball, 9 a.m. April 25, at Palmyra-Eagle mini meet, 3 p.m. April 29, at Parkview mini meet, 3 p.m. May 3, at Portage Invite, 9 a.m. May 6, at Madison co-op mini meet, 3 p.m. May 6, JV at Devil's Head Resort, 10 a.m. May 10, Pardeeville JV Invite, 9:15 a.m.

#### HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

March 16, at Ripon Indoor Invite, 9:30 a.m. March 22, at Beaver Dam Indoor Invite, 4 p.m. March 23, at Beaver Dam Indoor Invite, 4 p.m. April 2, at Portage Invite, 4 p.m. April 11, at Markesan Invite, 4:30 p.m. April 15, at Rio, 4:30 p.m. April 18, at Princeton Invite, 4 p.m. April 26, Pardeeville Invite, 4:30 p.m. April 30, at Markesan, 4:30 p.m. May 2, at Waterloo Invite, 4:15 p.m. May 3, at Deerfield Classic, 4 p.m. May 6, Division Meet at Fall River, 3:30 p.m. May 10, Conference Meet at Princeton, 3 p.m. May 20, Division 3 Regional at Pardeeville, 3 p.m.

Dates and times subject to change. Check online athletic calendar for up-to-date info.

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pounds. Garcia improved his record to 35-2 after winning the individual title at the Wisconsin Dells Invite.

Pardeeville sophomore Kingston Galetka is ranked sixth at 144 pounds, was 33-1 on the season following his title at the Dells Invite on Jan. 27. Pardeeville's fourth ranked wrestler was junior Caleb Mackey, who was ranked 9th at 157 pounds. Mackey improved to 40-3 on the year and also picked up his 100th career victory at the Wisconsin Dells Invite, where he finished in third place.

As a team, the Bulldogs completed the dual portion of the Trailways North Conference season with a 4-2 record, good for third place in the seven-team league. Pardeeville has also done well as a team at a number of tournaments this winter, finishing 6th out of 20 teams at the Sauk Prairie Invite on Jan. 6 and 8th out of 24 teams at the Waunakee Invite on Dec. 9. Pardeeville also opened the season by finishing third out of 21 teams at the Black River Falls Invite on Dec. 2.

Pardeeville begins postseason action at the Trailways Conference Tournament held at Deerfield on Feb. 3. The Bulldogs will wrestled at the Division 3 Poynette Regional on Feb. 10, with the top individuals moving on from there to compete at the Division 3 Dodgeland Sectional on Feb. 17. The WIAA Individual State Wrestling Tournament will be held Feb. 22-24 at the Kohl Center in Madison.

# GIRLS

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the duo of senior Aubrey Maass and sophomore Ava Wagner. Maass leads the Bulldogs in scoring with 18.3 points per game. The season for Maass includes a 33-point effort in a victory at Cambria-Friesland that saw her make nine 3-pointers in the contest. Wagner is averaging a double-double for Pardeeville, averaging 14.6 points and 12.2 rebounds per game.

Pardeeville is also getting some major contributions from sophomores Bronte Hulberg and Lexi Hughes. Hulberg is averaging 8.1 points, 5.6 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game, while Hughes leads the team in assists with 3.4 per game.



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Members of the Pardeeville High School boys basketball team are, in front, from left; coach Jesse Kath, coach Tyler Lindert, James Morgan, Brenden Krueger, Owen Kirk, head coach Chris Lindert, Austin Hohn, Nick Sween, Logan Neary, coach Mike Craig and coach Al Nickel. Back row; Devin Jerome, Logan Schmidtke, Thomas Gawel, Hunter Manthey, Eli Achterberg, Jamison Wickersham and Caleb Gard.

# Bulldog boys battling for first conference crown since 2018

Coach Lindert picked up career victory No. 250 earlier this season

The Pardeeville boys basketball team was in position to win the program's first conference championship since 2018, as the Bulldogs sat in a tie for first place with Randolph in the Trailways West Conference with an 8-1 conference record following an 80-67 victory over Fall River on Jan. 30.

Pardeeville, who was 15-3 overall following the win over Fall River, has been led by senior Austin Hohn, who is averaging 18 points per game this season. Hohn is once again having a stellar shooting season, having made 52 of 116 shots from beyond the 3-point arc this season.

Junior Jamison Wickersham has also emerged as a major contributor for the Bulldogs this season, averaging 12.7 points and a team-best 5.8 rebounds per game, while junior Eli Actherberg is averaging 12.5 points to go with a team-leading 3.7 assists per game.

Senior Caleb Gard is also averaging double figures in scoring for Pardeeville with 10.5 points per game. Gard is also averaging 5.7 rebounds and 3.1 assists per contest.

The win over Fall River set up a huge game against Randolph on Friday, Feb. 2. Both Randolph and Pardeeville entered that game tied for first place in the conference, meaning the winner of that game has an excellent chance to win the conference championship. In the previous meeting between Pardeeville and Randolph, the Bulldogs pulled out a 74-63 victory in overtime.

Another highlight to the season for Pardeeville came when head coach Chris Lindert picked up his 250th career coaching victory with a 61-36 victory over Cambria-Friesland on Dec. 11.



Senior Austin Hohn drives to the basket during Pardeeville's 63-46 victory over Westfield in a game played at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee on Dec. 17.

# Pardeeville cheer squad



Members of the Pardeeville High School Cheer Team are, in front, from left: Catherine Wendt, Isabel Bue, Josephine Bue, **Cleo Meier and Merissa** San Emeterio. Back row; Nadia Ballweg, RaeLyn Holtan, Kylie Dechert, Arianna Bouchard, Rosanna Vaglio, Makensey Miller and Sydney Sween. The team can be seen in action during home basketball games and wrestling meets this season.

GALLEY STUDIOS PHOTO

## Pardeeville's ice anglers



Members of the Pardeeville High School Cheer Team are, kneeling, from left; coach Chris Sherick, Walker Wheeler, Carson Dolgner, Jackson Paul and Trenton Halder. Standing; Cole Engelhart, Nickolas Sween, Wade Breneman, Logan Young, Joe Dosemagen, Hunter Manthey, Ivan Nordness, Logan Melter, Dane Overland. Gibson Nelson, Cole Harvey, Max Swanson, Parker Dobson, Harrison Breneman, Michelle Johnson and coach Richard Solis. The team qualified for the WIFA State Championships by catching a combined 359.25 inches of fish during a qualifying event on Saturday, Jan. 27. Due to expected poor ice conditions, this year's state championship, which was scheduled to take place in La Crosse, has become a virtual event, which means teams can fish on any public lake in the state of Wisconsin.

## Pardeeville baseball to take on Portage at American Family Field

### Bulldog selling Brewers tickets to earn chance to play in Milwaukee

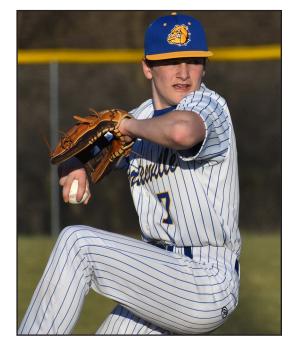
American Family Field in Milwaukee – the home of the Milwaukee Brewers – will be where the Pardeeville Bulldogs baseball team will be playing on Wednesday, May 1 when they take on the Portage Warriors in a non-conference tilt.

The game will start approximately one hour after the conclusion of the Tampa Bay Rays vs. Brewers game, which begins at 12:10 p.m.

To get the opportunity to play at American Family Field, members of the Pardeeville baseball team have to sell tickets to Brewers games this season. To help the Bulldogs out by purchasing tickets, there are three options for you to choose. **Option one:** Tickets can be purchased for the group outing on May 1st for the game against the Tampa Bay Rays. Tickets for this option are \$22. To purchase tickets contact Pardeeville baseball coach Elliott Snow at snowel@pasdwi. org.

**Option two:** You can choose to purchase single game voucher tickets. These vouchers can be redeemed for any of the 62 games available during the 2024 season. Vouchers can be purchased at www.brewers.com/amateurbaseball using the voucher code 24AB-PARDEEVILL. Those vouchers can be redeemed on Feb. 15th.

**Option 3:** If you would rather experience a Brewers game with a group of people, group outing tickets can be purchased. Group outings require a minimum of 25 tickets. If this is an option you are interested in, contact coach Snow at snowel@pasdwi.org.





To purchase vouchers to a Milwaukee Brewers game scan the QR code provided and use the voucher code "24ABPARDEEVILL" to help the Pardeeville baseball team play at American Family Field.

Members of the Pardeeville High School powerlifting team are, sitting, from left; Elizabeth Keeling and Lorelei Hepler. Standing; coach Sara Murray, Chloe Kessenich, Macy Cross, Landon Wolff, Erika Wickus, Braydon Wolff, Joe Dosemagen and coach Kaye Dosemagen. Absent from the photo is Jakob Kok, Hayden Moulis and Anna Trahms. Some of the team members have attend weekend competitions. One of those competitions was the **Adams-Friendship Regional** held in December. It was at this meet where Pardeeville junior Chloe Kessenich qualified for the WHSPA State Meet. Congratulations Chloe!

## **Kessenich leads Powerlifters**



### Middle school students recognized for first trimester honors

We are proud to announce that the following Pardeeville Middle School students have made the honor roll for the first trimester. In middle school, students can make the Life Skills Honor Roll and the Academic Honor Roll. Those who make the Life Skills Honor Roll are students who meet expectations in life skills. For the Academic Honor Roll, a student can make the Principal's List, the High Honor Roll or the Honor Roll. The Principal's List is for students who are getting 3s or 4s in five core classes and no 2s in any class. The High Honor Roll is for students getting all 3s and 4s in four core classes. The Honor Roll is for students getting 3s and 4s in three core classes.

#### 5TH GRADE LIFE SKILLS HONOR ROLL

Ashlynn Aski, Ellie Baker, Emma Baker, Charlie Ballweg, Jezzy Bardon, Sofia Bell, Piper Beyler, Rayden Boyle, Olivia Breger, Avery Brockman, Finley Chatman, Destany Cole, Aubrey Cross, Avery Davis, Ava Endreas, Maurice Georgeson, Austin Haggerty ,Franklin Harvey, Peytenn Hoffman, Ryker Hoffmann, Roland Houslet, Bristol Jahn, Skylie Jenkins, Tucker Kast, Monica Lerch, Lila Linde, Aaron Ludwig, Oliver Lynch, Camden Mattke, Meika Meinholdt, Natalee Moll, Connor Neumann, Layla Nickel, Nadia Overland, Lyla O'Brien, Colten Penland, Jocelyn Pitzen, Sydney Renner, Mia Rothenburger, Brynlee Sanwick, Madisyn Schraufnagel, Clayton Smedema, Jackson Smith, Micah Steinblock, Isabella Stekelberg, Olivia VandenHoven, Matthew Vandermoon, Bruchs Wegner, Carrick Wylesky, Carson Young.

#### **5TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST**

Matthew Ammann, Ellie Baker, Emma Baker, Sofia Bell, Olivia Breger, Finley Chatman, Avery Davis, Austin Haggerty, Roland Houslet, Bristol Jahn, Skylie Jenkins, Natalee Moll, Nadia Overland, Lyla O'Brien, Mia Rothenburger, Madisyn Schraufnagel, Matthew Vandermoon, Morgan Welch.

#### **5TH GRADE HIGH HONORS**

Ashlynn Aski, Charlie Ballweg, Piper Beyler, Connor Blader, Rayden Boyle, Avery Brockman, Destany Cole, Ava Endreas, Maurice Georgeson, Dexter Glanzer, Bentlee Hinz, Ryker Hoffmann, Dean Kast, Tucker Kast, Monica Lerch, Aaron Ludwig, Oliver Lynch, Ashlin McCauley, Connor Neumann, Layla Nickel, Matthew Paul, Colten Penland, Jocelyn Pitzen, Sydney Renner, Brynlee Sanwick, Caleb Scheele, Ryder Sherman, Jackson

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# FIRST TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

# High school students earn spots on first trimester honor roll

We are proud to announce that the following Pardeeville High School students have made the honor roll for the first trimester. Congratulations students.

#### **SENIOR HIGH HONORS**

Arianna Bouchard, Seth Bronson, Ella Cerkoney, Kylie Dechert, Brianna Fisher, James Gray, Abigail Harvey, Elaine Hepler, Mason Hinkley, Raelynn Holsten, Izebelle Hughes, Owen Kirk, Grace Krueger, Abigail Kuhn, Aubrey Maass, Theran Mithchell, Ariel Netzel, Natalie Olson, Fineley Ramirez, Jason Renz, Katherine Rieckmann, Haven Schomburg, Brianna Stollfus, Lauren Vilstrup, Lauren Weisensel, Ava Wohlfert.

#### **SENIOR HONORS**

Bradyn Bezzi, Jaxon Christensen, Tyler Farber, Alexandra Fay, Isabella Hineman, Austin Hohn, Jackson Honold, Ilyana Mc-Guire, Logan Neary, Cheyenne Paul, Bryce Pulvermacher, Logan Schmidtke, Rosanna Vaglio, Katelyn Wills.

#### JUNIOR HIGH HONORS

Elijah Achterberg, Tyler Becker, Kayla Buzzell, Macy Cross, Katelyn DeLapp, Alexander Gabsch, Caleb Gard, Karter Jerome, Sophia Jerome, Keithen Jerome-Berg, Chloe Lukowski, James Morgan, Cody Noyons, Lauren Schaller, Audra Stark, Elizabeth Staupe, Hailey Vasquez.

#### JUNIOR HONORS

Hudson Ballweg, Joshua Brodie, Alexis Bryan, Olivia Bue, Lucas Cunzenheim, Cole Engelhart, Emma Gentz, Trenton Halder, Madelyn Harvey, Preston Jenkins, Joseph Keichinger, Celia Kopfhamer, Caleb Mackey, Brody Motsenbocker, Ivan Nordness, Natalie Peissig, Christopher Perry, Zoe Soleimani, Nickolas Sween, Anna Trahms, Nicholai Undraitis, Ashton Whitehorse, Jamison Wickersham, Erika Wickus, Logan Young.

#### SOPHOMORE HIGH HONORS

Aubriana Agnew, Howard Boyle, Isabel Bue, Josephine Bue, Kiana Cook, Miranda Crary, Brady Dlogner, Joseph Dosemagen, Kingston Galetka, Allyson Gruenwald, Zachary Hineman, RaeLyn Holtan, Lexi Hughes, Bronte Hulberg, Abigail Jacobson, Catherine Kopfhamer, Taylor Luedtke, Briar Otwaska, Chayse Pulvermacher, Brook Schomburg, Isabella Taylor, Avery Von-Ruden, Ava Wagner.

#### SOPHOMORE HONORS

Isaac Buchholz, Brennen Carlson, Jaxon Daugherty, Austin Dechert, Jazzmyn Ferguson, Brodi Hagan, Molly Hardwick, Madilynn Holland, Bodie Johansen, Michelle Johnson, Jarrett Killoran, Jason Kopfhamer, Noah Manthey, Paige Mick, Evan Miller, Makensey Miller, Acacia Netzel, Carter Ploessl, Merissa San Emeterio, Oswald Sanchez, Cameron Scheehle, Collin Tollard, Joseph Waydick, Andrew Welch, Arianna Wendlandt, Jayden Wylesky.

#### FRESHMAN HIGH HONORS

Hayden Ballweg, Nadia Ballewg, Caitlyn Bellis, Layla Buchholz, Onon Casteel, Tamber Corning, Dominic Garcia, Haley Gard, Cody Gentz, Elle Hardwick, Lorelei Hepler, Tristen Homan, Elizabeth Keeling, Eyan Kirk, Kaliegh Klein, Lydia Kleist, Jade Koepp, Cleo Meier, Chance Millard, Bree Motsenbocker, Gibson Nelson, Dane Overland, Corrah Storts, Sydney Sween, Catherine Wendt.

#### **FRESHMAN HONORS**

Mariah Bruflat, Addisyn Crawford, Chloe DeFord, Carson Dolgner, Louis Fink, Easton Fischer, Devin Jerome, Julius Klingensmith, Mallory Kolkovich, Kyla Lorenz, Hayden Moulis, Nathan Renz, Emerson Sadlon, Xander Sosa, Rowen Vierck, Julian Wells.

# HONORS

Smith, Micah Steinblock, Isabella Stekelberg, Olivia VandenHoven, Bruchs Wegner, Carrick Wylesky.

#### **5TH GRADE HONORS**

Jezzy Bardon, Gavin Birdsill, Colton Chronister, Aubrey Cross, Franklin Harvey, Norah Harvey, Branton Peterson, Clayton Smedema, Joaquin Veintimilla, Carson Young.

#### 6TH GRADE LIFE SKILLS HONOR ROLL

Bailey Ammann, AJ Bender, Caleb Bronson, Jenyla Day, Andrew Douglas, Hunter Gitzlaff, Parker Gruenwald, MaKinley Helm, Cassie Kaminski-Traver, Kimora Kindschy, McKenzie Kolkovich, Harrison Laper, Wolfgang Mueller, Violet Neuhauser, Jayce Parker, Desmond Parpart, Lena Reichenbach, Rocky Reinecke, Adelle Sanders, Brielle Schultz, Ellye Schultz, Brogan Sherrick, Hailey Slinger, Nash Teuber, Brody Wade, Josiah Wendt.

#### 6TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Bailey Ammann, AJ Bender, McKenzie Kolkovich, Adelle Sanders, Ellye Schultz, Josiah Wendt.

#### **6TH GRADE HIGH HONORS**

Wolfgang Mueller, Desmond Parpart, Brady Rademacher, Rocky Reinecke, Brielle Schultz, Brody Wade.

#### **6TH GRADE HONOR ROLL**

lan Black, Jenyla Day, Pandora Harris, MaKinley Helm, Sunni Johnson, Violet Neuhauser, Nash Teuber, Brogan Sherrick.

#### 7TH GRADE LIFE SKILLS HONOR ROLL

Hudson Achterberg, Kinleyh Anderson, Riley Angell, Annamarie Bader, Alyvia Bell, Alek Bellis, Mirabella Belton, Belle Beyler, Kylie Buzzell, Brooke Cole, Lane Cross, Jaxon Dahle, Kenadie Halder, Levi Hanko, Lilley Hanko, Bryce Hardwick, Xander Helm, Ronin Holly, Cade Jacobs, Hoyt Kessenich, Fynnlei Laybourn, Natalie Lonski, Quinnlyn Lusk, Shane Millard, Jackson Oelke, Jackson O'Brien, Chelsea Philbrick-Boeder, Lily Renner, Sawyer Salmon, MaKenzie Schmidtke, Madelynn Soppe, Finn Swenson, Jaycey Thornton, Braylon Wendlandt, Chesney Wickersham.

#### 7TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Hudson Achterberg, Kinleyh Anderson, Alyvia Bell, Mirabella Belton, Kylie Buzzell, Ronin Holly, Quinnlyn Lusk, Jackson Oelke, Jackson O'Brien, Lily Renner, Sawyer Salmon, Madelynn Soppe, Finn Swenson, Braylon Wendlandt.

#### **7TH GRADE HIGH HONORS**

Riley Angell, Alek Bellis, Belle Beyler, Ellie Carpenter, Jenna Cross, Lane Cross, Lilley Hanko, Landon Kleist, London Sosa, Chesney Wickersham.

#### **7TH GRADE HONOR ROLL**

Gavin Christenson- Krauklis, Brock Huset, Natalie Lonski, Cayden Penland, Chelsea Philbrick-Boeder, Michael Schiradelly, MaKenzie Schmidtke, Jaycey Thornton, Isabelle Volek.

#### 8TH GRADE LIFE SKILLS HONOR ROLL

Avri Anderson, Brooklyn Auchtung, Sage Bardon, Sawyer Berg, Morgan Blader, Karrsen Bussan, Areanna Cutrano, Simon Deich, Isabel Fisher, Francesca Gaglio, Alec Garcia, Braylon Garrett, Natalie Grant, Kaleb Hains, Trenton Hendrickson, Aurora Homan, Kenna Jenkins, Alison Lemanczyk, Aili Majocka, Jonah Manthe, Maverick Mueller, Addyson Neary, Brianne Neuhauser, Landon Pagel, William Peissig, Gracie Postler, Adalyn Schultz, Jacob Smith, Lauren Undraitis, Allison Wickus, Macey Young.

#### 8TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Karrsen Bussan, Natalie Grant, Leyton Haseleu, Aurora Homan, Kenna Jenkins , Aili Majocka, Brandon Schaller, Lauren Undraitis.

#### **8TH GRADE HIGH HONORS**

Avri Anderson, Noah Black, Morgan Blader, Francesca Gaglio, Trenton Hendrickson, Alison Lemanczyk, Brianne Neuhauser, Allison Wickus, Macey Young.

#### **8TH GRADE HONOR ROLL**

Brooklyn Auchtung, Dylan Berg, Sawyer Berg, Taylor Berg, Isabel Fisher, Braylon Garrett, Addyson Neary, Gracie Postler, Adalyn Schultz, Jacob Smith, Easton Wegner, Audrianna Wylesky.





Grant Pulver, above, and Rachel Giese, left, of Grande Cheese helped students make mozzarella cheese during a visit to Mrs. Seichter's Dairy Food Science classes on Wednesday, Jan. 31.

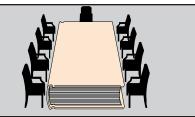
### Grande Cheese gives lesson on cheese science

The Grande Cheese Company visited Mrs. Seichter's Dairy Food Science classes at Pardeeville High School on Wednesday, Jan. 31 to provide some background information about Grande Cheese and discuss the science behind cheesemaking.

Speaking to the class from Grande Cheese were quality control manager Rachel Giese, team manager Grant Pulver and sanitation manager Trevor Reierson. The guest speakers discussed the important ingredients and tools that are involved in cheese making, as well as the aspects of quality control that allows Grande to craft delicious cheeses.

Students were then able to assist with making a batch of mozzarella cheese right in the classroom, from start to finish.

# Pardeeville Board of Education



#### MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING November 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Levzow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Margo Pufahl and Ms. Ilyana McGuire. Mr. Chad Bellis 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, Allison Wickus, Avri Anderson, Gracie Postler, Francesca Gaglio, Ella Griepentrog, Adalyn Schultz, Addyson Neary, Noah Black, Travis Wickus, Michelle Wickus, Arnie Griepentrog, Katie Griepentrog, Amanda Seichter, Isabella Hineman, Madilynn Holland, Bailey Anderson, Shonna Neary, Tania Anderson, Katie Schultz, Meagan Vujnovich, Darlene Postler, Kimberly Brees and Tammy Haugen.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

<u>Open Forum</u>

No one was listed.

Student Spotlight- Middle School Devils Lake Field Trip

Mrs. Denure and students Allison Wickus, Avri Anderson, Gracie Postler, Francesca Gaglio, Ella Griepentrog, Adalyn Schultz, Addyson Neary and Noah Black presented. Aili Majocka joined in via video conference. The students presented a slide show to the board and talked about their field trip to Devils Lake. They talked about the 1/2-day scavenger hunt, the 1/2-day geology tour with the park ranger and their lunch. The board members asked what their favorite parts were and some students advised they enjoyed the hike to the top of the bluffs and enjoyed the views. Other students stated they enjoyed the scavenger hunt part and they enjoyed working in groups to learn and find things.

<u>Presentation by FFA Members on their</u> National Convention Trip

FFA members Isabella Hineman and Madilynn Holland did a presentation of their FFA National Convention Trip. There were 13 members of the Pardeeville FFA team that were able to go. Over 73,000 FFA members were actually at the National Convention. They were able to go to different sessions to hear about different agricultural topics, as well as listen to a motivational speaker. Pardeeville FFA was able to get up on stage as they were awarded a national chapter award of a 2 star level. FFA members were also able to tour different dairy barns and farming areas. They also got to have some other fun by seeing a magic show and a rodeo. The FFA members were grateful to be able to go on this trip and learn a lot of things and were very excited about what they could do and see. Looking forward to the next national convention.

Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School-Ms. Pufahl liked how the parent teacher conference numbers turned out. Ms. Levzow liked to see that there were different methods of being able to connect with the teachers. Middle School-Ms. Levzow was glad that there were a large number of students signed up for music classes. That was great to see as the arts are important. High School-Ms. Levzow inquired of Mr. Bell what the Building Academy was. Activities Report-Mr. Hees inquired about the upcoming projects and good to see progress coming with them. Mr. LeMay is currently looking into the retiring of jersey/number to be a policy. Building and Grounds-Mr. Hees asked if the kitchen cooler was still down. Mr. Housner thought it was back up after repairs were made last week. The Building and Grounds Committee is going to research the need for a new cooler or alternatives. Mr. Housener will confer with Taher on what they are going to be needing.

Student Representative Report

Ms. Pufahl stated the play was fun and they did a great job. Ms. Walker stated that the Christmas trees in the high school atrium look good. Ms. Levzow said the trees make the atrium look inviting.

Committee Reports

No comments made on the reports provided.

Board Comments & Questions No comments or questions presented. Approval of Minutes Dated 11/6/2023

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve minutes dated 11/6/23. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Levzow to approve the receipts and expenditures. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Spanish Club Trip to Guatemala/Belize in 2025

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the Spanish Club Trip to Guatemala/Belize in 2025. Ms. Brees did give a presentation of what the current plans are for the trip and answered questions from the board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the donations of \$12 from the Rocky Run Snowmobile Club and the Pardeeville Elementary School Art Club a sign & spotlights for holiday lights display at Chandler Park. Motion passed 5-0-1.

Approval of First Reading of Job Descriptions as listed 1-9

Motion by Mr. Achterbgerg / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the job descriptions as listed 1-9. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of of Second Reading of NEOLA Policies 1-22

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Levzow to approve the second reading of NEOLA policies listed 1-22. Motion passed 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Items to discuss or approve for the next board meeting on 12/4/23 is to go over the State Report Card. CESA5 will be giving an explanation of the State Report card and it will be reviewed by the board. The Principals will present the safety drill report. There will be an approval of enrollment group and will approve the first board meeting in January date change to 1/2/24.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Levzow to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting\adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

#### MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING December 4, 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 Levzow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Karla Walker, 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, Ms. Chris Boettcher and Mr. Martin Spicer. Mr. Bret Achtberg arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Presentation and review of Annual State Report Card

Ms. Chris Boettcher from CESA 5 went over the Annual State Report Card to the board members. She went over the criterias that make up the report card and explained how the State accumulates the numbers. Ms. Boettcher reiterated this is not the only focus for the school and that the school should be looking at local data for comparisons.

Review of Annual Safety Drill Reports

Mr. Kohn, Ms. Denure and Mr. LeMay went over the annual safety drill reports. The safety drill was executed on November 16, 2023. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office was able to assist with the drills in the middle school and high school this day. Mr. LeMay was appreciative of their assistance.

Change of 1st Board Meeting in January 2024 Date

January 1, 2024 is a holiday and is the first Monday of the month. The first board meeting in January 2024 will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Hees thanked Mr. Kohn and Elementary School staff for putting on the Veteran's Day breakfast. He was approached by a couple of veterans that were very appreciative and said they felt welcomed and enjoyed the breakfast. Mr. Hees also asked about fitness center updates, particularly in regards to the leg press machine. Parts are unfortunately still on backorder per Mr. Housner. Ms. Levzow discussed getting the machine replacement rotation up and running. Mr. Nickel said Mr. Hammerschmidt should have a plan in place already for inventory and replacing equipment. Mr. LeMay and Mr. Housner will be discussing more.

Approval of Minutes Dated 11/20/2023

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve minutes dated 11/20/23. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Overnight Field Trip for All State Band Performance on January 20, 2024

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the overnight field trip for All State Band performance on January 20, 2024. Mr. Spicer did come and present information about the All State band event. 2 high schoolers will be going on the overnight portion of the field trip. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Enrollment Projections Study Proposal

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the Enrollment Projections Study Proposal from UW Applied Population Lab in the amount of \$3,700. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the donations of \$900 STEM Grant program for the Drone Aviation project and \$600 from PTO for a movie license renewal fee. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Second Reading of Job Descriptions 1-9

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the second reading of job descriptions 1-9. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of First Reading of NEOLA Policies 1-8

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Hees to approve the first reading of NEOLA policies 1-8. Motion passed 7-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Student Spotlight of the Elementary School Music Orff students, First reading of next batch of job descriptions to review and second reading of NEOLA policies. <u>Adjournment</u>

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

#### MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING December 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Ms. Margo Pufahl, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Paul Hees, Ms. Becky Levzow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Karla Walker, 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, Ms. Erica Sherrick, Ms. Erin Moe, Ms. Brynwen Moe, Ms. Vanessa Chapman, Mr. Arthur Heaps Chapman, Ms. Amelia Heaps Chapman, Mr. Grayson Sherrick and Mr. Jim McConnell. Mr. Bret Achterberg was absent.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

<u>Open Forum</u>

No one signed up.

Student Spotlight- Elementary School Orff Students

Mr. McConnell introduced students who came to show off their talents. Students helping to present were Mr. Arthur Heaps Chapman, Ms. Brynwen Moe and Mr. Grayson Sherrick. Mr. McConnell spoke of Orff's origins. The students played a small section of a melody with their instruments. Mr. McConnell did advise that there are currently about 15 students in this group and they practice after school on Thursdays. He is hoping for them to demonstrate their talents at the spring concert.

Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School-Ms. Walker said the concert was very good. Ms. Pufahl asked what was in the holiday store that the students could purchase which Mr. Kohn addressed that question. Middle School-Ms. Walker stated that there were a lot of pizzas sold for the 8th grade DC trip. Ms. Denure advised they were set up in the high school gym which seemed to streamline the process a little more. High School-Ms. Levzow stated the concert was very good and had a good attendance. Ms. Pufhal stated that she liked the sing-a-long at the end. Mr. Hees questioned about Mr. Bell's ACT prep math class participation. Mr. LeMay answered his guestions. Building and Grounds-The board agreed that they were happy that there was no snow yet to deal with. Technology Department-No conversations. Library Report-Ms. Levzow stated that it seems to be a busy area. The board members liked the book tasting idea at the schools. Activities Report-It was discussed about other school districts wanting to come into the Trailway Conference.

Committee Reports

Ms. Levzow stated that she appreciated the tour in the kitchen area at the last Building & Grounds meeting so they could actually see what needs to be replaced. There are many updates needed in the kitchen. For the Curriculum meeting Ms. Pufahl discussed the Elementary School Literacy update and continuing on with the process of new State requirements. Ms. Pufahl also stated that math is being worked on as well.

Student Representative Report

Ms. Levzow stated that she is happy to see that the school store is open a bit more now and they are starting to generate some sales during home games and online. Ms. Levzow also stated that she liked that NHS was giving holiday cards to the nursing home for their residents.

Board Comments & Questions

Ms. Levzow stated that the Saturday concert at the Lenz Auditorium was well attended and was a great time. The Dual Community Band did a great job and it was nice of them to offer the free concert to the community.

Approval of Minutes Dated 12/4/2023

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve minutes dated 12/4. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Levzow to approve the receipts and expenditures. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Overnight FFA Leadership Conference Field Trip

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the overnight FFA leadership conference field trip. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of New High School Course-Madison College Course Math Reasoning

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Levzow to approve a new high school course for Madison College-Math Reasoning. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of New High School Course-CCAP Course Education Policy: Truth and Myths

Mr. LeMay gave a presentation about this new course and opportunity through UW Oshkosh for the CCAP Course Education Policy: Truth and Myths. Discussion was had by board members. They would like to hear a presentation from Ms. Huset and Ms. Serstad before approving this course. No motion, and this topic was tabled.

Approval of Donations

No donations at the time of the meeting. Approval of First Reading of Job Descriptions 1-7

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the first reading of job descriptions 1-7. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Second Reading of NEOLA Policies 1-8

Motion by Mr. Hees / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve second reading of NEOLA policies 1-8. Motion passed 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Open Enrollment spacing to get approved, the 24-25 school year calendar to be approved, the 24-25 Career Planning & Course Description Guide to be approved, also the possibility of a Varsity baseball game to be played in Milwaukee in May on a Wednesday evening.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

#### MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING January 2, 2024

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. Chad Bellis, Ms. Becky Levzow, 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. Alex Hammerschmidt, and Ms. Jen Mecum. Paul Hees was absent.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

<u>Final Confirmation of Board Members At-</u> tending State Convention

Discussed with board members about final attendance to the state convention in order to cancel any registration and room reservations before the deadline to get refunds.

Board Comments & Questions

Ms. Levzow wanted to compliment the student groups that helped work on the holiday displays at Chandler Park. They did a wonderful job and their commitment to helping out their community does not go unnoticed.

Approval of Minutes Dated 12/18/2023

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve minutes dated 12/18/23. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Varsity Baseball Playing on Wednesday 5/1/24 at American Family Field

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the Varsity Baseball Program playing on Wednesday 5/1/24 at the American Family Field. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Spaces Available for 2024-2025 Open Enrollment Students

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the spaces available for 2024-2025 open enrollment students. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the 2024-2025 school year calendar. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Support Staff Hire

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the hiring of a support staff Ruth Ann Kingsland for the Elementary School Special Education Aide Position. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Renewal of DeForest Hockey Co-Op

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Levzow to approve the renewal of the DeForest Hockey Co-Op. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Donations

No donations to approve

Approval 2nd Reading of Job Descriptions Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the 2nd reading of job descriptions 1-7. Motion passed 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There will be a student spotlight, the approval of the High School CCAP Course as well as the 24-25 Course Guide and Findorff will be doing a presentation on the long range facility planning process.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to approve closed session minutes dated 09/18/23, to discuss extension of contracts for the elementary school principal, middle school principal and the high school principal, and under 19.85(1)(f) to inform the Board of a legal matter.

Return to Open Session

Approval of Closed Minutes Dated 9/18/23

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the closed minutes dated 9/18/23. Mr. Achterberg – yes, Mr. Bellis yes,Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Margo Pufahl, - yes. Motion passed 6-0.

<u>Approval of Extension of Elementary</u> <u>School Principal Contract to June 30, 2026</u>

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Levzow to approve the extension of the Elementary School Principal Contract to June 30, 2026. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Achterberg – yes, Mr. Bellis - yes, Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Margo Pufahl, yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Extension of Middle School Principal Contract to June 30, 2026

Motion by Ms. Levzow / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the extension of the Middle School Principal Contract to June 30, 2026. Mr. Achterberg – yes, Mr. Bellis - yes, Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Margo Pufahl, - yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Extension of High School Principal Contract to June 30, 2026

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Levzow to approve the extension of the High School Principal Contract to June 30, 2026. Mr. Achterberg – yes, Mr. Bellis - yes, Ms. Levzow - yes, Mr. Nickel - yes, Ms. Margo Pufahl, - yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

## Students encouraged to get early jump on college classes

Junior and senior students are allowed to enroll in one or more nonsectarian courses at an accredited two- or four-year school of higher education while they are a high school student. Courses must further the student's education academically or vocationally. Students may not take courses that are comparable to one offered at Pardeeville High School.

Our district pays for the cost of tuition, texts and materials; transportation is not included. Because of cost factors, our district will carefully screen applications for appropriateness and deny payment when deadlines are not observed.

To be considered for Start College Now during the first semester, the application must be submitted to the school board by March 1 of the previous school year. For second semester enrollment, the application is due by Oct. 1 of the school year. Students interested are to be in contact with their high school counselor. These courses will count for high school credit and reflect on their transcript. They also affect a student's GPA.

### Notice of election of school board members

(S 120.06(8)(c), Wis. Stats) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF PARDEEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT that on **April 2, 2024**, an election of school board members will be held. Candidates for the School Board are as follows (vote for no more than 2):

Margo Pufahl Justin Nickel Nicole Neumann Electors will vote in their regular polling place.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

# Pardeeville Area School District

Pardeeville, Wisconsin 53954



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# **Upcoming Events**

- Feb. 5 ..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 9 ..... No School
- Feb. 19 ..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 20 ...... Virtual Community Conversation, 11:30 a.m. (email mecuje@pasdwi.org to RSVP)
- Feb. 20 ..... Community Conversation Session, Elementary School library, 6-8 p.m.
- Feb. 21 ..... Community Conversation Session, Middle School multi-purpose room, 6-8 p.m.
- Feb. 28 ..... Community Conversation Session, High School cafeteria, 6-8 p.m.
- Feb. 28 ..... Pardeeville Elementary School 4K Registration
- March 4 ...... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- March 7-8 ..... No School
- March 13 ...... ACT testing at Pardeeville High School
- March 14 ...... Elmentary Family Night, at Pardeeville Elementary School, 5-6:30 p.m.
- March 18 ...... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- March 25-April 1 ..... No School, Spring Break