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## Pardeeville Pink Out game set for Oct. 13

Event to include basket raffles, proceeds to help fight breast cancer

Pardeeville High School is looking forward to a night of football and community support as the football program and the Spanish club are joining forces to host the Pardeeville Pink Out Game on Friday, Oct. 13. The event will be a part of that night's varsity football game vs. Johnson Creek, which will kick off at 7 p.m. at Bob Bostad Field.

The Pardeeville Pink Out Game is more than just a football contest; it's also a night of the community coming together to support an important cause.



All proceeds from the Pardeeville Pink Out Game will be donated to cancer research, with a portion allocated to the Pardeeville High School Spanish

Club's travel abroad program.

This year's event will include a 50/50 raffle run by Prairie Ridge Health Hospital in Columbus, as well as basket raffles. If you would like to donate a basket for the raffle, contact Jen Kessenich at 608-347-8109.

Pardeeville High School has traditionally sponsored a highly-successful Pink Out Game in the past during the volleyball season, but this year the school is trying to run it during a football game.

Pardeeville football players will be wearing pink socks that have been supplied by the Pardeeville Spanish Club. Fans are encouraged to also wear pink attire to show their solidarity and support for this important cause.

### Learning something about potatos!

Meat and Vegetable Science classes tour Alsum Farms in Friesland

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### Elvis coming to Pardeeville?

Check out who is performing at the Lenz Auditorium this season

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Area veterans are invited to attend the programs being held at Pardeeville Schools in honor of Veterans Day. The high school/middle school program will be on Friday, Nov. 10. The elementary school program will be on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

## Veterans Day programs scheduled

Pardeeville Middle School and Pardeeville High School will be hosting a Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, Nov. 10, starting at 10:15 a.m. in the Pardeeville High School Gymnasium. All veterans and their guests are welcome to attend as special guests of the Pardeeville Area School District.

Following the ceremony there will be a sit-down Veterans Day dinner for the veterans in the atrium. Veterans and their guests are welcome to enjoy this meal as a token of gratitude for their service. If veterans and their guests plan on attending the dinner, they are asked to please RSVP to the high school office (608-429-2153 ext. 211) by Oct. 27.

### Elementary program is Nov. 21

Pardeeville Elementary School will also be hosting a special program to honor area veterans. It will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 21. Breakfast will be served to veterans and their families.

Veterans can RSVP for this program by contacting Mrs. Burkhardt at burkto@pasdwi.org or 608-429-2151 with the veteran's name and the number of people attending. Veterans should park in the parking lot and enter through Door No. 5. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program starting at 9 a.m.

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- 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.

## Parent-teacher conferences will be Oct. 24 and 26

Parent-teacher conferences in the Pardeeville Area School District will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 24 and Thursday, Oct. 26, in all three schools in the district. The conferences will take place between 4 to 8 p.m. on both days.

At Pardeeville Elementary School, information on how to sign up for a specific time slot with your child's teacher will be coming home with your child soon.

At Pardeeville Middle School, parents of students in grades 5 and 6 should sign up for a specific time slot. Your child's teacher will be sending home information on how to sign up for those time slots soon. If you are parent of a student in grades 7 or 8, all conferences are on a walk-in basis. You will be able to stop in on either day between 4 and 8 p.m. and talk to your child's teachers.

At Pardeeville High School, conferences don't need to be scheduled in advance. Parents are invited to stop in either day between 4 and 8 p.m. and meet with any of their children's teachers.

If you have any questions, you are encouraged to reach out to your child's principal.

**HELP US BY  
 BEING WELL  
 INFORMED**

### 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.

# School year off to a great start, time is now to start thinking about the future of our schools

**W**e have had an exciting first month welcoming our students back and enjoying the start of fall! Along with students returning to our classrooms, fall athletics are in full swing, we hosted Goodies with Grands at the elementary school, and the month ended with a showcase of school pride: Homecoming Week! Seeing our students and staff participate in the dress-up days, the banners downtown, the excitement of the annual Bulldog Games, and the Homecoming parade is always enjoyable. It was quite the fun week. Thank you for supporting our kids and our schools!



**JASON LEMAY**  
District Administrator

The first week of October is School Board Appreciation Week. I want to share my appreciation to Margo, Becky, Karla, Justin, Bret, Chad and Paul for their dedication to our students and working to make the Pardeeville Area School District a school district that everyone can be #PardeevilleProud

of. We are very fortunate to have the schools and staff we do, and those you elected to lead the district have done a wonderful job for all of us and will continue to help chart a course for the future of the school district.

Speaking of the future, during the Fall of 2022 the Pardeeville School Board approved a new District Strategic Plan developed through our Community Conversation and collaboration with various stakeholders. One of the areas that was highlighted was the need for our district to understand the current facility conditions of each school, the needs of our campus, and the future growth of the school district. During this process the Board talked openly about evaluating and planning for school facilities in both the short and long-term.

In the Winter of 2023 the school district started a comprehensive facilities assessment that was the first step in a long-range planning process for our district. The District partnered with architectural firm Groth Design Group and construction management company Findorff Construction to assess the current condition, capacity, utilization, and educational functionality of our buildings, as well as identify preliminary cost estimating for any identified improvement, repair, and maintenance needs.

This data has helped us begin to de-

velop an understanding of the state of our facilities and start the conversation on next steps, including possible larger facility projects.

At their September 18, 2023 school board meeting the Board made the decision to go forward with further facility and master planning and approved a timeline that allows for a possible 2025 facility referendum if that is a direction they wish to pursue.

However, before making any decisions about potential larger future projects or referendums, we will be soliciting input and feedback from all Pardeeville Area School District stakeholders including staff, parents, community members, and students. Stay tuned for more information coming this fall. The facility study can be accessed on the school district website, or you can read a summary of the findings in this newsletter (pages 4 & 5).

Please take time to enjoy the change of seasons and thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and learn about all the great things going on in our school district.

Partners in the Future,



Jason LeMay  
District Administrator

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## Popular Pardeeville Art Club pie sale returns once again

The Pardeeville Art Club is once again partnering with the Norske Nook Bakery for its pie sale. The 5th Annual Pardeeville Art Club Pie Sale has already begun and will remain open until Monday, Oct. 30 at 3:30 p.m.

The sale is for 9-inch pies. Available flavors are: Dutch ap-

ple (\$16 each), pumpkin (\$16), cherry (\$19), cherry crunch (\$19), blueberry crunch (\$21) and pecan (\$21).

To order a pie use the QR code provided, or contact Pardeeville Art Teacher Chris Lynch at 608-429-2153 ext. 245. Pies will be available just

in time for Thanksgiving. They will be available to be picked up on Tuesday, Nov. 21, from noon to 5 p.m. in the Pardeeville High School Atrium (inside door No. 14). Payment is due when pies are picked up. Checks should be made out to Pardeeville Schools.





# PARDEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT LONG-RANGE FACILITY PLANNING SUMMARY



We have been busy this year continuing the hard work our community completed during our strategic planning efforts which were approved by the Board of Education in December 2022. The plan focuses on five pillars that are necessary to support the district's future. Each pillar identifies key areas to address with specific goals, outcomes and action plans. We want to provide an update on Pillar No. 3: Facilities & Operations.

Earlier this year, the Pardeville Area School District engaged architectural and construction management partners to perform a district-wide assessment of existing facilities to understand our maintenance needs and costs, building capacity limitations, and educational goals and priorities impacting our facilities.

This study was accepted and approved by the Board of Education in June 2023. Within the report, which can be accessed on our website or by following the QR code, there is detailed information about the district, each school and related facilities, staff input, and capital maintenance budget estimates.



As we continue to focus on our facilities and operations pillar, we are sharing a high-level summary of the nearly 200-page existing facility study report.

## Educational Adequacy and Capacity Report Findings

As part of the facility study report completed earlier this year, a review of the space utilization and suitability to support education was performed. Below are some of the findings:

### Pardeville Elementary School | Opened in the 1930s with additions in 1959 and 1993

- Many classrooms have exceeded the recommended class size.
- A number of classrooms will not support a grade with a total class size of more than 80 students.
- Spaces, such as kindergarten, intervention, special education, and counseling are not optimally sized or configured for the desired use.
- The stage and locker room are underutilized spaces that are not easily accessed except through the gymnasium, limiting options for other uses.



Pardeville Elementary School originally opened in the 1930s with additions in 1959 and 1993.

### Pardeville Middle School | Opened in 1993 with an addition in 2004 & Balliet Building | Purchased in 1986 from Columbia County; Original construction date in 1950s or 1960s

- Balliet building, which helps address some classroom space needs, does not have rooms adequately sized or configured for education, and has security and accessibility challenges.
- Limited spaces to support intervention, conferencing, and student and staff collaboration.
- Many classrooms are at their maximum recommended capacity.
- Lacks appropriately dedicated food service or cafeteria space.
- The gymnasium is undersized, limiting functionality, utilization, and safety.

### Pardeville High School | Originally designed as an elementary school in 1965 with additions in 1966, 1974, 1993, 2004 and 2018

- Circulation routes are narrow and heavily congested since the building was originally designed as an elementary school.
- Many interior walls between classrooms are temporary partitions and don't provide appropriate acoustic separation or support for technology.
- Agricultural education lacks instruction space and an appropriate location, which limits its ability to support diverse materials, activities, and curriculum.



- Foods program does not have sufficient kitchen stations and storage to support desired educational programming.
- Cafeteria food service uses aging equipment and does not provide adequate space to serve students as efficiently as desired.
- The gymnasium space is highly utilized from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. which translates into later than optimal practice times for students and prevents community and club use.

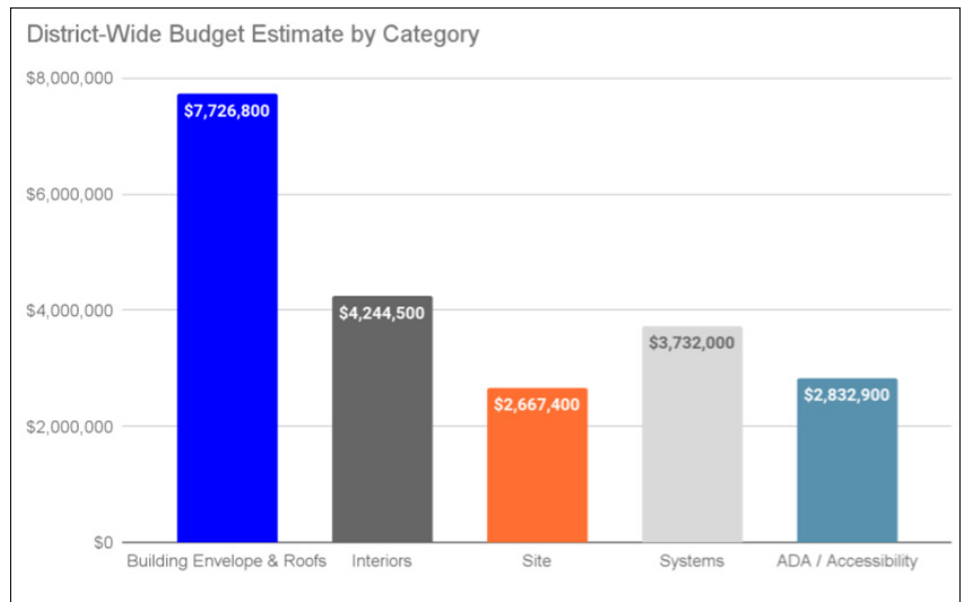
## Capital Maintenance Report Findings and Costs

The existing facility study identified capital maintenance needs by category through non-invasive techniques. The categories included:

- **Building Envelope and Roofs:** All exterior portions of a building such as windows, roofing, foundations, brick, caulking, etc.
- **Systems (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing):** Includes systems such as fire alarm, fire protection, piping, plumbing, lighting, and HVAC systems.
- **Interiors:** All aspects of the inside finishes of the space such as ceilings, flooring, finish woodwork, etc.
- **Site:** All items that are not directly related to the buildings such as storm sewer, athletic fields, playgrounds, and landscaping.
- **ADA/Accessibility:** Includes interior and exterior items such as accessible paths, fixtures, and equipment to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

### Next Steps

On September 18, 2023, the Board of Education approved long-range



The current Pardeeville High School was originally designed as an elementary school in 1965 and received additions in 1966, 1974, 1993, 2004 and 2018.

planning toward potential April 2025 facilities and operational referendums. The district will engage our stakeholders in Community Conversations and a district-wide survey that will ask questions related to potential facility improvements and renewing our non-recurring operational referendum that the Pardeeville Area community has supported in the past.

### Stay informed

We encourage you to stay informed and to look for long-range facility planning and operational information, Community Conversation invitations, and the survey throughout 2024. We are committed to keeping you updated on our efforts through mailings, flyers, emails, e-newsletters, our website, social media and more.





Members of Pardeeville High School's Class of 1973 gather for a group photo after going on a tour of Pardeeville High School with District Administrator Jason LeMay on Friday, Sept. 15.

## Class of '73 returns, tours Pardeeville High School

During the weekend of Sept. 15-17, the Pardeeville Area School District was happy to welcome members of Pardeeville's Class of 1973 back to Pardeeville High School.

The class was in town for its 50-year class reunion, and to welcome

them back, Pardeeville Area School District Administrator Jason LeMay led them on a tour of the current high school. The tour finished at the entrance to Pardeeville's athletic complex, where everyone gathered for a group photo.

The class members remained in Pardeeville through the weekend, including on Saturday, when nearly 40 of them gathered at Saddle Ridge for dinner. It was great to see so many #PardeevilleProud faces in our school and in town for the entire weekend.

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## Goodies for Grands honors Pardeeville grandparents

The annual Goodies for Grands event at Pardeeville Elementary School, once again was a grand time, as grandparents and their grandkids filled the gymnasium on the morning of Friday, Sept. 15.

The event was in honor of National Grandparents Day, which this year took place on Sept. 10. The grandparents of our elementary school students were welcome to join their grandkids for breakfast in the gymnasium.

The Pardeeville Area School District recognizes that grandparents play a crucial role in shaping our students' success. They provide a wealth of knowledge, life lessons and unconditional support that extends far beyond the classroom. We thank them for being there for our students.



The Goodies with Grands event held at Pardeeville Elementary School on Friday, Sept. 15 saw another huge turnout, as grandparents enjoyed breakfast with their grandkids in the school's gymnasium.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MRS SEICHTER OR MS. VUJNOVICH @ 608-429-2153



*Thank You!*

## FOR SUPPORTING FFA

All money raised from the fruit sale will go to support FFA members as they develop premier leadership, personal growth and career success through competitions, conferences and service projects.

# FFA FRUIT SALE

Options for placing your order:  
Directly from FFA member  
or  
Pardeeville FFA Facebook  
or  
[seicam@pasdwi.org](mailto:seicam@pasdwi.org)  
608-429-2153 ext 361



**ORDERING  
OPENS  
10/15**

**ORDERS  
DUE 11/17**



**DELIVERY  
EXPECTED  
12/13-15  
PICK UP AT  
PHS BY  
BULLDOG**



## Pardeeville FFA Fruit, Vegetable, and Nut Sale

### 2023 Order Form ----- Expected Date of Delivery is December 13-15<sup>th</sup>

Buyer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seller (FFA Member) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade : \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the NUMBER of items that you would like to order, not just a check mark.

Mail order form to Pardeeville FFA 120 Oak Street Pardeeville, WI 53954 or call 608-429-2153 ext. 361 or  
 email seicam@pasdwi.org or fill out a form on Facebook. All checks should be made payable to PASD FFA.

**The DEADLINE for ordering is November 17!**

**Produce Vendor: Alsum Farms & Produce in Friesland, WI**

Item	Price	Quantity	Total		Item	Price	Quantity	Total
CA Naval Oranges - 88 ct	\$45				Braeburn Apples-100 ct	\$53		
CA Naval Oranges - 44 ct	\$25				Braeburn Apples-25 ct	\$18		
CA Naval Oranges – 28 ct	\$18				Red Delicious Apples-100 ct	\$47		
TX Grapefruit - 48 ct	\$46				Red Delicious Apples-25 ct	\$16		
TX Grapefruit - 24 ct	\$28				Golden Delicious-100 ct	\$59		
Clementines - 5 lbs	\$12				Golden Delicious -25 ct	\$19		
Anjou Pears – 50 ct	\$35				Granny Smith Apples-100 ct	\$53		
Anjou Pears – 25 ct	\$21				Granny Smith Apples- 25 ct	\$18		
Triple Jerky Variety Box	\$31				Jumbo Honey Crisp - 12 ct	\$24		
Mix Box: 6 grapefruit, 10 oranges, 8 apples	\$20				Gala Apples-100 ct	\$53		
Split Box- 12 apples, 12 oranges	\$18				Gala Apples- 25 ct	\$18		
Christmas Special- 20 oranges, 10 grapefruit, 20 apples, 10 pears, 1 pineapple	\$50				Apple Gift Box- 20 apples Red, Golds, Grannys, Braeburns	\$18		
Fruit Gift Box- 12 oranges, 6 grapefruit, 10 apples, 6 pears	\$31				Meat Gift Box #1: 1.25 lb. summer sausage + 1 lb. Mild Cheddar Cheese	\$30		
Holiday Sampler- 5 oranges, 3 grapefruit, 2 red apples, 2 Granny apples, 3 pears	\$16				Meat Gift Box #2: 1.25 lb Summer Sausage + 10 oz. Mild Beef Sticks + 1 lb Ched. Cheese	\$40		
34 oz Cashew Halves	\$18				Garlic Herb Cheese Spread	\$6		
34 oz Mixed Nuts w/ peanuts	\$18				Sharp Ched Cheese Spread	\$6		
12 oz Cashew Halves	\$7				Port Wine Cheese Spread	\$6		
11 oz Chocolate Cashews	\$7				20 lb. Russet Potatoes	\$12		
11 oz Chocolate Almonds	\$7				50 lb. Russet Potatoes	\$21		
10 oz Honey Roasted Peanuts	\$5				10 lb. Red Potatoes	\$9		
10 oz Butter Toffee Peanuts	\$5				20 lb. Red Potatoes	\$12		
12 oz Beef Sticks- Mild (8)	\$13				50 lb. Red Potatoes	\$21		
12 oz Beef Sticks- Garlic (8)	\$13				10 lb. Sweet Potatoes	\$13		
TOTALS					10 lb. Yellow Onions	\$10		
					25 lb. Yellow Onions	\$15		
					TOTALS			

**Thank you for supporting the Pardeeville FFA and its members.**



## Students raising money for spring trip to New York City

The Pardeeville High School band and choir students are currently selling Bucky Books. The profits from these sales will help offset the cost of the music student's trip to New York City in the spring.

The Bucky Books are \$35 each and the profits will go directly to each student's account. The books are valid through September of 2024 and include many different coupons, including two extra sheets of coupons to Kwik Trip and Hy-Vee.

You can purchase a Bucky Book from any high school music student. Books are also available at the high school and middle school offices, or by contacting Pardeeville Choir Director Mrs. Taya Larson via email at [larsta@pasdwi.org](mailto:larsta@pasdwi.org).

### Welcome Mr. Spicer

The Pardeeville Middle School and High Schools bands started the school year with a new director, as Mr. Martin Spicer was hired to take over leadership of the program after long-time director Mr. Dan Evans left to take a job in a different school district.

It's been a crazy month of September for Spicer and the band program, as the students have had to adjust to a new director. It has also been crazy for Mr. Spicer, as he admits he has been overwhelmed with having to learn over 150 new names. The bands have had four performances already, having performed at the Watermelon Festival, two home football games and the Pardeeville Homecoming Parade.



**Spicer**

Mr. Spicer is thankful for all the parents and students who have been patient as he has got things going, and for those who have stuck with the band program.

"I wasn't sure how things would go, especially with the older students who have had Mr. Evans for 5 to 8 years, and now they have to deal with a new guy," Spicer said. "I was pleasantly surprised with the leaders and those who have offered help or talked through things with me. I have also noticed the love of music in many students as they were just excited to be back together as a class and make music together.

"The Middle School Band and High School Band had some pep band music prepared well from last year, which helped tremendously with getting ready for our first few performances, so we were able to just get by for the first few weeks. Now, as October and November are arriving, we are able to learn our classroom routines, and then branch out and have more appropriate time to learn new music."

### Fall Choral Concert will take place Oct. 23

The Pardeeville Middle School and High School Fall Choral Concert is set to take place on Monday, Oct. 23, start-



Pardeeville senior drum major Katherine Rieckmann directs the middle school/high school band during its performance at the home football game on Sept. 22.

ing at 6:30 p.m. at the Lenz Auditorium at Pardeeville High School.

This concert will include the Beginning Choir, Middle School Choir and High School Choir. Please come show your support for these amazing students and see what new talents we have at Pardeeville Schools.

### Honors Concert is Nov. 13

This year, Pardeeville High School choir members will have the opportunity to participate in the Trailways South Honors Choir Concert, which will take place on Monday, Nov. 13, starting at 6 p.m. in the Lenz Auditorium at Pardeeville High School. Students submitted responses to a questionnaire and had to go through a singing audition in order to be picked to participate in this concert, as space is limited to only a few students per school.

They choir students from schools in the Trailways South Conference will gather at Pardeeville High School during the day on Nov. 13 for rehearsal and to work with a guest clinician, who this year is Mr. Paul Thompson, who is the Director of Choral Activities at Ripon College.

The concert, which will feature over 100 of the best high school voices in the area, will begin in the Lenz Auditorium at 6 p.m. It is a free concert and open to the public, so we encourage you to show up and show support for our music students.

## 'The Princess Capers' Cast List

**Snow:** Alex Fay

**Cindy:** Katherine Rieckmann

**Beauty:** Elaine Hepler

**Florine:** Natalie Olson

**Briar Rose:** Taylor Stolinias

**Delusia:** Elizabeth Staupe

**Narrator No. 1:** Jason Renz

**Narrator No. 2:** Ariel Netzel

**Narrator No. 3:** Oswald Sanchez

**Witch/Minion:** Kadi McKittrick

**Hansel/Rumple Stiltskin:** Jason  
Kopfhamer

**Gretel/Dancer:** Lorelei Hepler

**Waiter No. 1/Jack:** Tristen Homan

**Waitress No. 2/Dancer:** Rosanna Vaglio

**Customer No. 1/Minion:** Jocelyn  
Sherman

**3 Bears/Dancers:** Corrah Storts, Sydney  
Sween, Leeza Keeling

**Entropy/Prince:** Antonio Cebrero

**Goldie/Eternity:** Erika Wickus

**Big (No Longer Bad) Wolf:** Henry Pieper

**Little Red:** Acacia Netzel

**Goldilocks/Minion:** Lydia Kleist

**Tree/Minion:** Robin Emerson

## Pardeeville Drama Club to present 'The Princess Capers' in November

The Pardeeville Drama Club's fall production will be "The Princess Capers" which was originally a book written by Taryn Temple.

This comedy is a story about friendship and adventure. "When happily ever after isn't all it's cracked up to be, what's a princess to do? Bored of their fairy-tale lives, Cindy, Snow, Beauty, Briar Rose, and Florine embark on an adventure to save the kingdom from rap-obsessed supervillain Delusia, whose dancing minions are stealing the youth of all the children in the land. With the help of exercise guru Rumpel Stiltskin and the Big No-Longer-Bad Wolf, they may stand a chance, but only if the Narrators can remember how the story goes. Will they discover the shadowy figure behind D-diddy's evil scheme before it's too late? Find out in this funny and fast-paced fractured fairy tale."

This performance will be the club's first under the direction of Katlyn Dugenske, the club's new head advisor. Dugenske joined the



Pardeeville Area School District over the summer as a new high school English teacher.

The performances will take place at the Lenz Auditorium on Friday, Nov. 17; Saturday, Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19. Show times will be announced soon.

## Bulldog Stomp looking to add to its crew of volunteers

The 2024 Bulldog Stomp may still be seven months away, but planning for the big event has already begun, and organizers are looking for students, parents and community members that are willing to join their team to help make sure the 2024 Bulldog Stomp is the best one yet.

For 15 years, the Bulldog Stomp 5K run/walk has raised thousands of dollars in the fight against cancer. Just last year, the Bulldog Stomp raised a record \$40,000, which was donated to the UW Carbone Cancer Research Center.

The upcoming Bulldog Stomp will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024. The first meeting to begin planning for the event has already taken place, but it is not too late for others to join the team. The next planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. in the art room at Pardeeville High School. If you are a student, parent or a community member that is interested in helping out or collecting donations for the event, or just have questions, contact Bulldog Stomp co-advisors Chris Lynch at [lyncch@pasdwi.org](mailto:lyncch@pasdwi.org) or Laura Bell at [bellla@pasdwi.org](mailto:bellla@pasdwi.org).



Runners get ready at the starting line before the start of the 2023 Bulldog Stomp race held in May. Planning has already begun for the 2024 Bulldog Stomp, and organizers are looking for volunteers to help them with the event.



## Seichter, Guenther recognized for dedication, service to students

At the beginning of the school year, the Pardeeville Area School District was thrilled to spotlight the exceptional achievements of two of its dedicated and hardworking staff members.

Amanda Seichter, an agri-science teacher in the middle school and high school, was named the Teacher of the Year for the 2022-23 school year, while Joe Guenther, who works as an education aide and technology support person in the district, was named the Support Person of the Year for the Pardeeville Area School District.

Seichter teaches most of the food science classes in Pardeeville. She also serves as one of our FFA advisors and is also the boys and girls curling coach. Seichter was also selected as a Herb Kohl Education Foundation Teacher Fellowship Award Winner in 2022.

Guenther plays a number of impor-



Pardeeville Board of Education President Margo Pufahl presented the 2022-23 Teacher of the Year Award to Amanda Seichter (left) and the 2022-23 Support Person of the Year Award to Joe Guenther (right).



tant roles in the school district. One of his most important jobs is maintaining student Chromebooks, making sure each student has the tools they need to succeed in the classroom. Guenther also works as the head girls basketball coach here in Pardeeville.

Seichter and Guenther both received their awards on Monday, Aug. 28, when all staff members gathered in the Lenz Auditorium to start the back-to-school in-service week. We thank them for their hard work and all they do to help our students succeed.

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## Meat and Vegetable Science students tour Alsum Farms

The students in Mrs. Seichter's Meat and Vegetable Science classes at Pardeeville high school moved their classroom to Friesland for a day as they took the opportunity to tour Alsum Farms and Produce on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

When arriving, students were greeted by Alsum Farms Marketing Manager Christine Lindner, who gave the group a brief rundown of what happens at the Friesland facility. Students then got to tour the headquarters, which includes 350,000 square feet of sheds and production space. It is here that over 200 million pounds of potatoes are produced annually, as well as other produce, like onions and pumpkins.

After arriving at Alsum Farms, the nearly 40 students broke into smaller groups to tour the facility, and one of the groups was lucky enough to have Pardeeville alum Matt Smith as a tour guide. Matt works as the Human Resource Manager for Alsum Farms and Produce.

Before returning from the tour, each student received a bag of Alsum Farms potatoes to take home.



Pardeeville High School alum Matt Smith, who works as the Human Resource Manager at Alsum Farms and Produce in Friesland, was one of the tour guides when Pardeeville's Meat and Vegetable Science students toured the facility on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

## Let's make sure kids have safe transportation to school

The Pardeeville Area School District, along with the district's transportation partner, Smith Bus Company, are proud to join schools across the nation in celebrating National Bus Safety Week, taking place Oct. 16-20. This annual event serves as a reminder of the importance of school bus safety and aims to educate students, parents and the community about best practices for ensuring safe transportation to and from school.

National Bus Safety Week provides an excellent opportunity to underscore the commitment of the Pardeeville Area School District to the safety and well-being of our students. We encourage parents, students, and community members to participate actively in promoting bus safety by adhering to these essential safety tips:

1. Arrive at the Bus Stop Early: Being punctual helps ensure a smooth and safe boarding process.

2. Stand Back from the Road: While waiting for the bus, students should stand at least five giant steps (approximately 10 feet) away from the edge of the road.

3. Wait for the Bus to Stop: When



Students are greeted while getting off the bus at Pardeeville Elementary School on the first day of school.

the bus arrives, students should wait for it to come to a complete stop before approaching or attempting to board.

4. Use Handrails: When boarding and exiting the bus, students should always use the handrails and take one step at a time.

5. Stay Seated and Face Forward: While on the bus, students must remain seated at all times and face forward.

6. Listen to the Bus Driver: Students should always listen to and follow the instructions of the bus driver.

7. No Horseplay: Roughhousing, pushing, or throwing objects on the bus can be dangerous.

8. Stay Clear of the Danger Zone: When getting off the bus, students should take at least five giant steps away from the front of the bus and wait for the driver's signal before crossing the road.

9. Use Crosswalks: When crossing the road to or from the bus stop, students should use designated crosswalks if available and look left, right, and left again before proceeding.

Drivers who approach school buses on the street should also remember to keep a safe distance, as buses make frequent stops. Drivers should also respect the stop sign when it is deployed and flashing, stay alert, watch for pedestrians and be patient to make sure all our kids remain safe when getting on and off their school buses.

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### FROM THE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE

## Not too late for seniors to start applying for colleges

Many students have already completed their applications for college and received their acceptance notifications. This is a very exciting time for those students. If your child hasn't submitted their college application yet, and needs help, please have them stop down to the counseling office for help.

Mrs. Huset is about halfway through meeting with all of the seniors to go over their graduation plans. If you have a senior student who hasn't met with Mrs. Huset, please remind

them to do so.

Pardeeville High School juniors will get the opportunity to work with guest speaker Brian Kenney, who will be in our school talking about respect on Tuesday, Oct. 10. Juniors should also know that the ACT is set for Wednesday, March 13. Please put this on your calendar.

Pardeeville High School sophomores will have an ACT ASPIRE test and Wisconsin Forward Exam in the spring. Additionally, Mrs. Huset will be scheduling sophomore planning

conferences for sophomores and their families in the spring. Please watch for emails with more information on these events.

Pardeeville High School freshmen will soon be meeting with Mrs. Huset, as well as counseling interns, to get to know them better.

Pardeeville High School has started an Educators Rising club. This is a national club that spotlights the education field. The club is excited to be visiting colleges in the future and networking with other future educators.



## Taking proper steps to prevent illness always best bet

**W**hat an awesome start to the school year. It is very exciting to see and hear students and staff enthusiastically engaging in the various buildings.

In the nursing office we are already seeing students with various symptoms. Always the best way to protect ourselves against germs is good hand washing, especially before we eat. Eating a well-balanced diet, three meals a day with snacks, getting plenty of exercise, and a routine bedtime with 8 to 10 hours of sleep will also be very helpful in our fight against germs and viruses.

The Pardeeville Area School District policy is if your student is ill, they should stay home. There are many viruses out there, like influenza (flu), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Covid, Strep Throat and so many more. It is important to remember, if



**JANETTE SHEEKS**  
School Nurse

you take your child to the doctor, or if your child is absent three days or more, that you get a medical note for attendance purposes.

We have had several inquiries re-

garding Covid due to the past policies of the school board, in conjunction with the CDC. However, at this time, if your child is ill, please keep them home, and if they are not ill, they may come to school. As we in the health field have always done, when we did not want to give or get anything respiratory in nature, we wore a mask. We still have plenty of masks in the

nurse's office if anyone would need one.

The nursing office is diligently working on getting students in compliance in regards to their immunizations. So, if your child has received a vaccination since the last time you have given us their immunization record, please let us know. The Wisconsin Immunization Registry is also checked on a regular basis. We know historically, disease wiped out families and communities, but due to vaccination we have prevented such tragedy. Consult with your medical provider to get the best protection for your student and those around them.

May we all have a fun, safe and healthy year!

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

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## Elementary Fall Book Fair scheduled for Oct. 23-26

The Pardeeville Elementary School Fall Book Fair will run from Monday, Oct. 23 through Thursday, Oct. 26 at the Terry Pease Learning Center in the elementary school.



All funds raised during the book fair will go towards stocking the elementary school's book vending machine, as well as the school's staff and student libraries. For information on the book fair, including its hours of operation and how to shop the book fair online, scan the QR code.



## Cheer alums return to sidelines

The Pardeeville High School cheer program held its annual Alumni Cheer Night at the first home football game on Friday, Aug. 18. This year's event had seven former cheer members join the current squad to help cheer the Bulldogs to a victory over Markesan.



# Pardeeville Homecoming another fun-filled week

Homecoming proved to be another fun-filled and successful event in the Pardeeville Area School District, as a week full of school pride led up to a packed-house for Friday's football game against the Fall River/Rio Rebels.

Students had fun dress-up days all week. Other activities in the high school included a boys volleyball tournament throughout the week, the popular Bulldog Games and Powder-puff Football on Tuesday night and pep rally and parade on Friday. The winners of the week-long spirit competition were the seniors.

Unfortunately, Pardeeville's football team came out on the losing end of an exciting game on Friday night before the activities concluded with the Homecoming dance on Saturday.



Above: Pardeeville Homecoming king Bryce Pulvermacher and queen Kylie Dechert ride together in the Homecoming parade.



TOP LEFT: The freshmen girls try their best during the girls tug-of-war competition.  
BOTTOM LEFT: A group of freshmen work together during the bed race competition.  
ABOVE: Sophomore Allyson Gruenwald participates in the egg toss at the pep rally on Friday, Sept. 22.





ABOVE: Pardeeville High School staff members dressed as characters from the Barbie movie for “Squad Day” during Homecoming Week.

RIGHT: Junior Kiera Westbury makes a diving attempt to stop sophomore Chayse Pulvermacher during powderpuff football.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Some of the Pardeeville Elementary School students wore Bulldog-themed hats for Friday’s Homecoming parade.

BELOW: Aspen Fox was joined by her four-legged friend while riding on the sophomore class float during Friday’s Homecoming parade.





# Bulldog boys cross country team keeps rolling

One year after qualifying for the WIAA State Championships and winning the Trailways Conference Championship for the second year in a row, the Pardeeville boys cross country team is at it again. The 2023 Bulldog boys team is once again crushing the competition, having finished in first place in four of the seven meets it has competed in during the months of August and September.

The Pardeeville boys returned home as the champions of Pioneer Invitational (Aug. 28), the Poynette Invite (Sept. 7), the Dana Waddell Invite (Sept. 12) and the Westfield Classic (Sept. 21).

The Pardeeville boys have been led all season by the trio of Will Becker, Colin Smith and Brody Motsenbocker. Becker has won individual championships at the Pioneer Invitational and the Poynette Invite. He was also third at the Dana Waddell Invite and fifth at the Portage Invite. Smith was Pardeeville's top runner at the West-

field Classic, finishing second, and at the Rio Invite, where he finished fifth. Motsenbocker has finished in the top 10 in five of seven races so far this season, including a fifth place at the Westfield Classic.

Pardeeville success hasn't gone unnoticed, as the Bulldogs have been ranked all season in the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association Coaches Poll. They were ranked as high as fifth in Division 3, and were ranked ninth during the final week of September.

The Pardeeville boys will be going for their third straight conference championship when they compete at the Trailways Conference Championship on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Princeton High School. The boys will be trying to return to the state meet when they run at the Division 3 Poynette Sectional, which will take place on Friday, Oct. 20 at the Shepherds Meadow Golf Course, starting at 4 p.m. Pardeeville will need to finish in



Pardeeville senior Will Becker runs at the Poynette Invite. Becker has helped the Pardeeville boys finish in first place in four of their meets in August and September.

first or second place at the sectional to qualify as a team for the state championships, which will be held on Oct. 28 in Wisconsin Rapids.

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## Better numbers means better results for Pardeeville girls

Things are looking up for the Pardeeville girls cross country team. Last year, the Pardeeville girls didn't have enough runners to even compete as a team, but fast forward one year, and not only do they have enough runners to compete, they are putting together some impressive results too.

The charge for the Pardeeville girls has been led by freshman Bree Motsenbocker, who has been the top runner for the Bulldogs almost all season. Motsenbocker's best finishes were third places at the Westfield Invite on Aug. 28 and the Portage Invite on Sept. 26. Junior Natalie Peissig is also having a strong season for the Pardeeville girls. Peissig finished sixth at the Westfield Invite and was also in the top 10 at the Poynette Invite, where she finished seventh.



Pardeeville freshman Bree Motsenbocker runs at the Poynette Invite. She has led the girls cross country team this fall.

The Pardeeville girls are also beating some teams this fall. They finished fifth at the seven-team Westfield Invite to open the season, and were fifth out

of eight teams in the small school division at the Poynette Invite Sept. 7. And at the Portage Invite on Sept. 26, the Pardeeville girls were eighth out of 12 teams overall.

The Pardeeville girls will finish their season at the Trailways Conference Championship on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Princeton High School before running at the Division 3 Poynette Sectional, which will take place on Friday, Oct. 20 at the Shepherds Meadow Golf Course, starting at 4 p.m. At the sectional, Motsenbocker could be in the mix for one of five individual qualifying spots to the WIAA State Cross Country Championships, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 in Wisconsin Rapids.

# Bulldogs bounce back under direction of coach Harry

Just one year after winning just one game, the Pardeeville varsity football team has shown major improvements in its first season under the direction of first-year head coach Bobby Harry.

The Bulldogs, who were just 1-8 last season, opened its season with four straight victories, including a 42-20 win over Markesan to open the season and a 42-0 victory over Poynette the following week. Pardeeville improved to 4-0 and 2-0 in the Trailways Conference with victories over Deerfield (21-14) and Neenah Saint Mary Catholic (21-18). In the win over Deerfield, Pardeeville erased a 14-7 deficit with a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns.

The Bulldogs, who made an appearance in the Wissports.net Division 6 Coaches Poll at No. 10 following the win over Neenah Saint Mary Catholic, hit their first stretch of adversity when they suffered a 45-32 loss to Oshkosh Lourdes Academy in Week 5 and then a 45-43 loss to Fall River/Rio in their Homecoming game on Sept. 22.

Through six games, Pardeeville was led by junior dual-threat quarterback Logan Young, who had 765 yards and



Pardeeville junior quarterback Logan Young had 765 yards and 11 touchdowns rushing through six games this season.

11 touchdowns rushing to go along with 766 yards and 10 touchdowns passing.

Jamison Wickersham has emerged as Young's favorite target in the passing game. The junior receiver had 19 receptions for 394 yards and six touchdowns through the first six games.

On defense, Pardeeville has been led by the duo of Nicholas Sween and Wickersham with two interceptions apiece. Junior linebacker Caleb Gard

led the team in tackles through six games with 48, while Caleb Mackey and Bryce Pulvermacher had 47 tackles each. Bradyn Bezzi led the Bulldogs in sacks with three.

Pardeeville's push to qualify for the WIAA football playoff was scheduled to continue with road games at Cambria-Friesland (Sept. 29) and Randolph (Oct. 6) before finishing up with a home game against Johnson Creek (Oct. 13).

## Wins elusive, but young volleyball squad continues to work hard

After losing a pair of its top hitters in all-conference honorees Jessi Ernst and Josie Bouchard to graduation, the Pardeeville varsity volleyball team knew victories were going to be hard to come by this season. That has indeed been the case, as the Bulldogs lost their first nine matches to open the season, but showed signs of improvement when it got its first victory of the season with a 25-18, 25-15, 22-25, 25-21 win over Princeton/Green Lake on Sept. 21.

In the win over the Tigersharks, Pardeeville sophomore Ava Wagner led the offensive charge with a team-high 10 kills on 16 attacks. Junior

Anna Trahms and sophomore Bronte Hulberg finished with three kills each. Chloe Lukowski and Ivy Bucholz did plenty of damage from the service line in the victory with five service aces each.

Through the first ten games on the season Hulberg leads Pardeeville in kills with 43. Ivy Bucholz and Chloe Kessenich have shared setting duties for the Bulldogs this season. Through 10 matches, Bucholz has 86 assists, while Kessenich has 37. Lukowski leads Pardeeville in digs with 43, while Hulberg is the team's top blocker with eight blocks.



Pardeeville sophomore Ava Wagner has provided some offensive firepower for the Bulldogs this fall.



# Plenty of exciting shows lined up for 2023-24 season

## Dueling Pianos, Elvis impersonator highlight upcoming schedule

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. The popular cover band based out of Portage got the season off to a rocking start. There are still plenty of opportunities to be entertained at the Lenz Auditorium in the coming month.



Fun Pianos! Dueling Pianos (above) will perform at the Lenz Auditorium on Friday, Nov. 3. Elvis impersonator Anthony Shore (below) will be in Pardeeville on Feb. 3.

### FUN PIANOS! DUELING PIANOS

On Friday, Nov. 3, the Lenz Auditorium will come to life when Fun Pianos! Dueling Pianos takes the stage for a 6:30 p.m. show.

This won't be your ordinary concert, as Fun Pianos! Dueling Pianos is an interactive extravaganza where you become part of the performance. Get ready to request your favorite songs, sing along at the top of your lungs and even join in on stage with the performers. With a dynamic blend of humor, incredible piano skills and boundless energy, Fun Pianos! Dueling Pianos promises an unforgettable night of laughter, camaraderie and pure musical magic.

Tickets for this show are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

### 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.

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.

### WISCONSIN NIGHT

The University of Wisconsin Varsity Band is scheduled to perform at the Lenz Auditorium on Friday, May

### 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.



# PARENT NIGHT

## *Digital Health and Safety of our Students*



Our kids are growing up in a digital playground and no one is on recess duty. Technology provides many opportunities and enjoyment, but knowing how to segment use with the needs of ourselves and others is key to a healthy, balanced life. Join our one hour discussion about the current digital landscape and gain resources and strategies to support our students' online health and safety.

Please RSVP to Courtney Sturtevant at [sturco@pasdwi.org](mailto:sturco@pasdwi.org),  
or by phone at (608) 429-2153 ext.368.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023  
6:00 PM @ PARDEEVILLE HS





# 2023-2024 Pardeeville High School Winter Sports Schedules



## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Nov. 21 Waterloo, 7:15 p.m.  
 Nov. 28 Montello, 7:15 p.m.  
 Nov. 30 at Watertown Luther Prep, 7:15 p.m.  
 Dec. 1 at Fall River, 7:15 p.m.  
 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

Nov. 21 at Montello, 7:15 p.m.  
 Nov. 30 Fall River, 7:15 p.m.  
 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. 2 at Black River Falls Invite, 10 a.m.  
 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

Nov. 28 Lodi, 3:45 p.m. (Boys home/Girls away)  
 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 at Monona Grove, 3:45 p.m. (Girls home/Boys away)  
 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 home/Girls away)  
 Jan. 16 at Portage, 3:45 p.m. (Girls home/Boys away)  
 Jan. 23 at Lodi, 3:45 p.m. (Girls home/Boys away)  
 Jan. 27 Southern Bonspiel at Portage  
 Jan. 30 Lodi, 3:45 p.m. (Boys home/Girls away)  
 Feb. 1 Poynette, 3:45 p.m. (Boys home/Girls away)  
 Feb. 6 at Portage, 3:45 p.m. (Girls home/Boys away)  
 Feb. 16-17 State Bonspiel at Wausau

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

**Middle School winter sports schedules are on page 21**





Students Logan Melter, left, and Ashton Whitehorse, show one of the trophy cases they help design and build in Mr. Huset's Manufacturing Technologies class. Not pictured is student Logan Jamrock, who was also part of the project.

## Students build new trophy cases

The students in Mr. Huset's Manufacturing Technologies class at Pardeeville High School recently completed two new trophy cases, which will be used to display awards at Pardeeville Middle School.

Pardeeville Middle School Principal Mrs. Amber Denure, along with some middle school students, approached Mr. Huset last spring to see if he would be able to build the trophy cases for the school. Mr. Huset saw the project as the perfect fit for his Manufacturing and Technologies class, which got started on the project this fall.

"There were a lot of measurements and lessons learned to create something that will last for a long time," Mr. Huset said of the project. "These students took great pride in producing a very nice product."

## Third graders get fun lesson on monarchs

The students in Mrs. Grasse's 3rd grade class at Pardeeville Elementary School lit up with excitement as they learned about the incredible transformation of monarch chrysalises on in early September.

Mrs. Grasse brought her monarch caterpillar cage into her classroom, which is allowing students to witness their transformation into butterflies. On Tuesday, Sept. 5, the cage contained one caterpillar and three chrysalises. The following day, Mrs. Grasse reported that the students got to see the caterpillar make its chrysalis earlier that morning. Once the monarch butterflies emerged from their chrysalis, they were released back into the wild.



Students in Mrs. Grasse's 3rd grade class check out the monarch chrysalises hanging in her monarch caterpillar cage.

## 2023-2024 Pardeeville Middle School Winter Sports Schedules

### MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Oct. 24	at Randolph, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	at Montello, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	at Princeton/Green Lake, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	at Markesan, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	at Rio, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Waupun CWC, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Cambria-Friesland, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Wautoma, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 28	Horicon, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 30	Fall River, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	Dodgeland, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	Randolph, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	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

Nov. 2	at Baraboo Quad, 4:15 p.m.
Nov. 9	Pardeeville Quad, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Pardeeville Quad, 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 20	at Middleton Quad, 4:15 p.m.
Nov. 28	at DeForest Quad, 4:15 p.m.
Dec. 5	Pardeeville Quad, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	at Wisconsin Dells Quad, 4:15 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.





# Pardeeville Area School District Night

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Join friends, family & staff of the Pardeeville Area School District for a fun night out! Pardeeville students and families will be invited to participate in exclusive experiences provided by the Herd!

Experiences Included:

- High Five Tunnel
- Post-Game Group Photo + Shoot Free Throws

**FOR TICKET INFORMATION:**

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**HEALTHY to a "T"**

**OCTOBER 2023**

**The Bountiful Harvest of Fall**

Fall is among us, which means bountiful harvest, slight crispness to the air and ample opportunity to be active outdoors. Taking time to enjoy these luxuries will help improve a person's health and well-being.

**Eat the season's colorful harvest**

- Picked at its ripest, providing the highest nutritional values... what is better than this!
- Loaded with antioxidants, helping our bodies fight off disease and illness
- Enjoy old family recipes or explore new exciting ones

**Breathe the clean, fresh air**

- Boosts immune system to keep illness at bay
- Increases energy
- Reduces stress and anxiety
- Scientifically-proven to increase happiness
- Improves concentration

**Enjoy a nature-filled activity**

- Good for the mind, body and social life
- Get adventurous and enjoy a new fall activity
- Socialize at a local fall festival
- Select the perfect pumpkin at a pumpkin patch
- Find a new apple orchard or visit the family favorite

Take time to enjoy fall's delicious harvest, crisp clean air and abundant activities to soar us toward a healthier lifestyle!

*Melanie Wirth, RDN, LD, MBA, Corporate Dietitian, Taher, Inc.*

## Harvest of the Month

**Pumpkin**

Calories	30
Total Fat	0g
Sodium	1mg
Sugars	3g

**FUN FACTS:**

Pumpkins range in size from less than 1 pound to over 1,000 pounds. They are typically orange, but can be yellow, white or green.

80% of the pumpkin supply in the U.S. is available in October.

Roast the seeds for a snack that is high in iron and protein. The flowers are edible, too!

Add cooked pumpkin to your oatmeal, sprinkle with pumpkin pie spice, and top with walnuts.

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

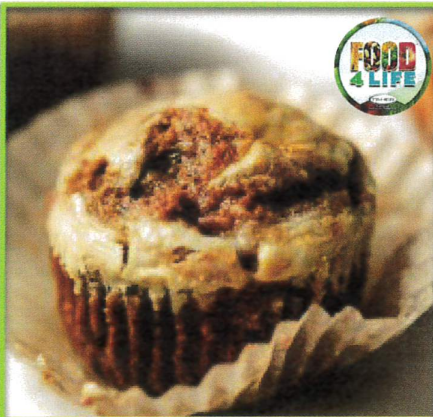
**HARVEST OF THE MONTH RECIPE—OCTOBER**  
~ featuring pumpkin ~

**Pumpkin Cream Cheese Muffins**

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1/2 cup                     | white whole wheat flour                    |
| 3/4 cup                     | unbleached all-purpose flour               |
| 3/4 cup                     | sugar                                      |
| 1 tsp                       | baking soda                                |
| 2 tsp                       | pumpkin pie spice                          |
| 1/4 tsp                     | nutmeg                                     |
| 1/4 tsp                     | cinnamon                                   |
| 1/4 tsp                     | salt                                       |
| 1 1/2 cups                  | canned pumpkin,<br>NOT pumpkin pie filling |
| 2 Tbs                       | coconut oil                                |
| 1                           | large egg                                  |
| 1 1/2 tsp                   | vanilla extract                            |
| <b>CREAM CHEESE TOPPING</b> |  |
| 5 oz                        | 1/3 less fat free cream cheese             |
| 2 Tbs                       | sugar                                      |
| 1                           | large egg yolk                             |
| 1 tsp                       | vanilla extract                            |

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a muffin tin with paper liners and lightly spray liners with oil for easy removal.
2. In a medium bowl, combine flours, sugar, baking soda, pumpkin spice, nutmeg, cinnamon, and salt with a wire whisk. Set aside.
3. In a large bowl mix pumpkin, oil, egg, and vanilla; beat at medium speed until thick. Scrape down sides of bowl.
4. Add flour mixture to the wet mixture, then blend at low speed until combined; do not over mix.
5. In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese until smooth. Slowly beat in the sugar, egg yolk and vanilla until combined.
6. Pour batter into prepared muffin tin. Drop 1 Tbs of cream cheese to the tops of each muffin. Using a toothpick gently swirl the frosting from the edge to center into the batter.
7. Bake on the center rack for 24 to 26 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
8. Let them cool before serving.

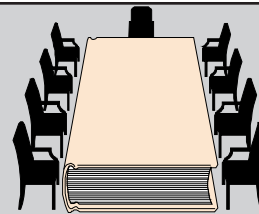
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**RECIPE YIELD: 12 Muffins**  
**RECIPE NUTRITION SNAPSHOT ~ 1 muffin**  
170 calories, 6g total fat, 4g saturated fat, 34mg cholesterol, 160mg sodium, 16g sugar, 25g carbohydrates, 2g fiber, 3.5g protein



# Pardeeville Board of Education



## MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING July 17, 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, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Margo Pufahl. Ms. Becky Lezvow arrived at 7:04 pm and Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 8:43 pm. Also present were Mr. Jason LeMay, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Mr. Alex Hammerschmidt and Ms. Jennifer Mecum.

### Motion to Approve Agenda

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

### Introduction of Columbia County Sheriff's Office Deputies

Deputies Chase Brock and Mathias Ellison introduced themselves to the Board. They discussed their continued support with the school district. They will continue with their patrols of the schools to ensure safety. They plan on making themselves seen throughout the school district to let the public know they are not at the schools for only the bad things, but also the good.

### Open Forum

Nobody spoke under the open forum.

### Administrative Team Reports

Mr. Andrew Kohn submitted a report on the Elementary School including information about his 1st year as principal at the elementary school, preliminary summer school numbers show an increase in participation, welcome back letters going out to families, training for staff and Sources of Strength growing.

Ms. Amber Denure provided a report on the Middle School which included information about summer school starting on July 31st, the upcoming registration on Aug. 3rd, School Wide Information Systems update, training and Mallards tickets given to all middle school students for the game on July 11th.

Mr. David Bell provided a report on the High School including information about ACT and Pre-ACT Score reviews, data review with CESA5, interviewing of office staff, building maintenance and classes being moved, training and upcoming events.

Mr. Philip Walker gave a Technology Department update providing information about purchasing equipment and software, network updates were done, repairs to equipment were made, new teacher and business workstations were placed, 50% chromebooks have been cleaned, 0 student work tickets

and 8 other work tickets were completed over the past month.

Mr. Jim Housner submitted a Buildings and Grounds report listing work done in the custodial/maintenance department including installations, repairs, replacements, preventative maintenance throughout the district, etc. The ball fields and infield projects were completed. There were 56 work orders completed over the past month.

Mr. Alex Hammerschmidt submitted an activities report including an update on fall sports numbers in the high school football and volleyball programs are strong. He believes we will have enough female cross country members to make a girls team this season. He gave an update on fall sports start dates, open fall coaching positions, co-curricular handbook still needing to be approved, and summer projects to include updating website athletic pages, conference player of the year plaque location being updated and finding alternative funding for athletic record boards.

### Committee Meeting Reports

The Finance Committee met on 6/12/23 to discuss negotiations and strategies regarding collective bargaining with the PEA bargaining unit and conducting negotiations with members of the PEA.

### Agriculture Science and FFA Update

Ms. Amanda Lezvow-Seichter gave a high school agricultural science and FFA update.

### September Board Meeting Dates

Since the first Monday of the month in September is Labor Day, the first board meeting in September will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

### Board Comments and Questions

No additional comments or questions.

### Approval of Minutes Dated 6/19/2023

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow/seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve the minutes dated 6/19/2023. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/seconded by Mr. Justin Nickel to approve the receipts/expenditures as presented. Motion passed 6-0. Checks submitted and approved included #68525-68553, 11537-11546, 010ACH0623, 01ACHF0623, 68333-68394, 68418-68495, 68501, 01AMEX1222-01AMEX1223. General fund revenues were \$1,264,544.61 and total disbursements were \$1,265,261.42.

### Approval of Support Staff

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow/seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve hiring Heidi Anderson-High School Administrative Assistant, Kendra Rodgers-High School Guidance Administrative Assistant, Melissa Rohwer-LMC Educational Aide, and Debbie Holland-4K

Educational Aide. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Certified Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. Justin Nickel/seconded by Ms. Becky Lezvow to approve resignations from Carrie Hirst-High School English, Jesse Jahn-High School Math, and Kate Woerpel-Elementary Reading Specialist. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Coaches

Coaches presented for approval included: Casey Crary—JV Volleyball Coach, Shannon Garrett—Volleyball Volunteer, and Sydney Wheeler—Volleyball Volunteer. Motion by Mr. Justin Nickel/seconded by Ms. Becky Lezvow to approve the list of coaches and volunteers as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of Remedial Summer School Coordinator for Middle School

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow/seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve Amber Denure as the remedial summer school coordinator for middle school. Motion passed 6-0.

### Approval of 2023-2024 Budget

Mr. LeMay presented the initial 2023-2024 Budget. The budget was presented as a worst case scenario and would result in an overall deficit of \$580,846. LeMay reminded the Board that a deficit budget was not uncommon this time of year, since final budget numbers are not available until October when the State certifies revenue control and State aid. Motion by Mr. Justin Nickel/seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve the 2023-2024 budget revenue of \$12,748,563.00. Motion passed 7-0. Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/second by Mr. Justin Nickel to approve the budget expenses of \$13,329,409.00. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Parent Transportation Contracts for 2023-2024

Parent transportation contracts for 22 students who reside in the Pardeeville Area School District and will be attending either St. Mary's School or St. John's School in Portage were presented for approval for a total cost \$14,500.20. Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow/seconded by Mr. Justin Nickel to approve the parent transportation contracts as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of the Board of the Annual Declaration and Parent Notice of the District's Student Academic Standards that will be in Effect for the 2023-2024 School Year

Academic standards for the 2023-2024 school year are: Common Core standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts, including the Standards for Literacy for all Subjects. The Wisconsin Academic Standards will be used for Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Art and Design Education, Business and Information Technology, Early



Learning Standards, Health Education, Health Science, Information and Technology Literacy, Marketing Management and Entrepreneurship, Music Education, Personal Finance Literacy, Physical Education, Reading, Science\*, Social Studies, Technology and Engineering, and World Languages. \*Science will be using Next Generation Science Standards. School counseling will be using Wisconsin Comprehensive School Counseling Model/ASCA. Motion by Ms. Becky Levzow /seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve the academic standards for 2023-2024. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Becky Levzow/second by Mr. Chad Bellis to approve the \$100 donation from the PTO to the agriculture department. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next regular school board meeting will be held on August 7, 2023. Agenda items will include: Motion to Approve Agenda, Approval of Minutes Dated 7/17/2023, Approval of Coaches, Approval of Certified Staff, Approval of 2023-2024 Extra-Curricular Guide, Approval of Donations.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Becky Levzow/seconded by Mr. Justin Nickel to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0 The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

### **MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING August 7, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Ms. Margo Pufahl, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Chad Bellis, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Margo Pufahl and Mr. Bret Achterberg. Also present were Mr. Jason LeMay, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner and Ms. Jen Mecum.

#### Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/seconded by Mr. Chad Bellis to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Board Committee & Meeting Schedules for 2023-2024

Board Committee and meeting schedule for 2023-2024 was discussed.

#### Approval of Minutes Dated 7/17/2023

Motion by Mr. Bret Achterberg/seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve the minutes dated 7/17/2023. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Approval of Certified Staff Resignations

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/seconded by Mr. Bret Achterberg to approve resignations from Megan Kopfhamer-Middle School 5th Grade, Chelsea Showers- Middle School 5th Grade, and Stacie Craig-Elementary Special Education Teacher. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Approval of Certified Staff

Motion by Mr. Chad Bellis/seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve hiring Amanda Semrad as ½ High School Alt Ed and Middle School Intervention, Cynthia Hinz- 5th Grade

teacher, Nina Grasse as an Elementary School teacher. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Approval of Support Staff

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/seconded by Mr. Chad Bellis to approve hiring Ruth Ann Kingsland for the district buildings and grounds department. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Approval of Certified Staff Resignations

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/seconded by Mr. Chad Bellis to approve resignations from Jason Renz as a crossing guard at the Oak Street and Badger Street intersection. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Approval of Middle School Remedial Summer School Teacher

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/seconded by Mr. Chad Bellis to approve Beth Davenport as the middle school remedial summer school teacher. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Approval of 2023-2024 Co-Curricular Handbook

Motion by Mr. Chad Bellis/seconded by Mr. Bret Achterberg to approve 2023-2024 Co-Curricular Handbook for the school district. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Approval of Addition to Fund 10 Fund-Balance-Committed

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/second by Mr. Chad Bellis to approve Addition to Fund 10 Fund balance. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Approval of Elementary School Staff Handbook for 2023-2024

Motion by Mr. Chad Bellis/seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve the elementary school staff handbook for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Approval of Middle School Staff Handbook for 2023-2024

Motion by Mr. Chad Bellis/seconded by Mr. Bret Achterberg to approve the middle school staff handbook for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Approval of High School Staff Handbook for 2023-2024

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/seconded by Mr. Bret Achterberg to approve the high school staff handbook for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Approval of Donations

The Janesville Youth Football Program donated 110 shoulder pads for the football program that were given to Coach Robert Harry. Motion by Mr. Chad Bellis/second by Ms. Karla Walker to approve the donation of shoulder pads. Motion passed 4-0.

#### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Annual board meeting starting at 6:30 pm with the budget meeting to follow. Handbooks for certified and support staff will be ready to be approved. Any additional certified staff still need to be hired will also be approved at this time.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bret Achterberg/seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:32p.m.

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Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

### **MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING August 21, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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 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, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Kim Brees, Ms. Ella Cerkoney, Mr. Alexander Gabsch, Ms. Ilyana McGuire, Mr. Barry Pufahl, Mr. Ralph Levzow, Mr. Jonathan Peetz & Mr. Phil Kamrath.

#### Motion to Approve Agenda

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

#### Open Forum

Mr. Jonathan Peetz introduced himself.

#### Presentation of Summer 2023 Spanish Trip

Ms. Brees, Ms. Denure, Ella Cerkoney, Alexander Gabsch & Ilyana McGuire presented a slide show to the board of their overseas trip to Spain in June. They talked about where they all visited, the experiences they got to enjoy and thanked the board for their support in allowing them to take this educational adventure.

#### Administrative Team Reports

Ms. Levzow recognized the PBIS committee on being recognized and earning a silver status. In regards to summer school attendance for all schools, Ms. Levzow acknowledged the number of students that attended these programs. Mr. Hees appreciated that the middle school and high school were having scavenger hunts in both buildings for their new student grades (5th & 9th). Ms. Pufahl is excited to see that the school store will be opening up more and being made more available for everyone. Ms. Walker inquired when the striping on the track was going to be completed. Mr. Hees inquired about some maintenance in the kitchen to see if options are available. Ms. Walker was impressed with the number of students that are signed up for fall sports. Mr. Hees advised that the alumni cheer night was a great event and they all enjoyed themselves.

#### Committee Meeting Reports

No questions were asked.

#### Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Hees had questions about the Co-Curricular handbook from the last board meeting which Mr. Bell addressed.

#### Approval of Minutes Dated 8/7/2023

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/seconded by Mr. Chad Bellis to approve the minutes dated 8/7/2023. Motion passed 3-0-3.

#### Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

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

#### Approval of Support Staff

Motion by Mr. Justin Nickel/seconded by Ms. Becky Levzow to approve hiring Darlene

Postler for the high school attendance and food service secretary. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Certified Staff

Motion by Ms. Becky Levzow/seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve hiring James Reynolds as the high school English teacher. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Coaches

Motion by Ms. Becky Levzow/seconded by Mr. Chad Bellis to approve Cami Johansen as the JV2 Volleyball coach. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Certified Staff Handbook for 2023-2024

Motion by Ms. Becky Levzow/seconded by Mr. Justin Nickel to approve the 2023-2024 Certified Staff Handbook for the school district. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Support Staff Handbook for 2023-2024

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/seconded by Ms. Becky Levzow to approve the 2023-2024 Support Staff Handbook for the school district. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Out-of-State trip for National FFA Convention

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/seconded by Ms. Becky Levzow to approve the Out-of-State trip for FFA to the National Convention. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Donations

Amanda Seichter received a donation from Square Roots, a hydroponics company near Milwaukee, totalling \$1,184 of supplies for the Ag Department. Motion by Ms. Becky Levzow/seconded by Mr. Chad Bellis to approve the donation of Ag Department supplies. Motion passed 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Will discuss any new staff additions as they come up. Will also discuss with the board members of the upcoming WASB Fall Regional Meeting and State Convention. We will also be approving the student school liaison for the board meetings.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Justin Nickel /seconded by Mr. Chad Bellis to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

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Justin Nickel, Board Clerk

**MINUTES**

**BUDGET HEARING/ANNUAL MEETING  
August 21, 2023**

Budget Hearing

The annual budget hearing of the Pardeeville Area School District was held as required by the State Statutes on the 21st day of August, 2023, in the Pardeeville High School Auditorium. The meeting began at 7:32 p.m. Board members present were: Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Paul Hees, Ms. Becky Levzow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Margo Pufhal. Also present at this meeting were: Mr. Jason LeMay, Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Ms. Jen Mecum, Mr. Johanthan Peetz, Ms. Amanda Seichter, Mr. Barry Pufahl and Mr. Ralph Levzow.

Mr. LeMay reviewed the proposed budget and tax levy for the 2023-2024 on pages 8-13 and the existing debt service schedule on pages 14-15 of the annual report.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting began at 8:02pm.

Election of Chairperson

Mr. LeMay asked for a motion to nominate a chairperson for the meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Becky Levzow to nominate Ms. Margo Pufhal for chairperson. The motion was seconded by Ms. Karla Walker. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. LeMay referred to the Treasurer's Report on page 5 of the Annual Report highlighting the receipts and the expenditures for the 2022-2023 and the beginning cash balances for the 2023-2024.

District Update:

Mr. LeMay gave a district update highlighting such things as the continued shortage of substitute teachers, academic success, the district along with 4 other school districts awarded the Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant from the Department of Education, program goals including many events and activities throughout the year at the school district.

School Board Salaries

I, Mr. Barry Pufahl, made a motion to adopt the resolution that the Board of Education salaries for all of the school board members be \$1,600, the same as last year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ralph Levzow. Motion passed.

Reimbursement of School Board Members 2023-2024

Ms. Amber Denure made a motion to adopt the resolution for school board reimbursement as stated on page 6. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jonathan Peetz. The resolution read, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education members be authorized to receive a \$75.00 per diem allowance as well as payment for all expenses included mileage reimbursement according to current Wisconsin DOA allowable rate per mile (presently \$.51 per mile) while representing the school district at the state convention. Motion passed.

Sale of Surplus Property

Mr. David Bell, made a motion to adopt the resolution for sale of surplus property as stated on page 6. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Housner. The resolution read, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Pardeeville School District be authorized to sell any equipment, materials and/or land belonging to, and no longer needed by the District for school purposes, and that the conduct of such sale of property be determined by said Board of Education. Motion passed.

Tax Levy for 2023-2024 School Year

Mr. Barry Pufahl made a motion to adopt the resolution as printed: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education levy a school tax levy of Five Million, Five Hundred, Sixty One Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy Two and cents (\$5,561,872.00) for the 2023-2024

school year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Amanda Seichter. Motion passed.

Set Time and Place for 2024 Annual Meeting

Mr. Jason LeMay recommended the school board hold next year's annual meeting on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium. A motion was made by Ms. Amber Denure to hold next year's annual meeting on August 19, 2024 at 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium. Mr. Jonathan Peetz second the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Amanda Seichter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ralph Levzow to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

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Margo Pufahl, Board President

**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 5, 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. Chad Bellis, Ms. Becky Levzow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Margo Pufahl and Ms. Karla Walker. 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. Judy Roth, Ms. Janet Pautzke, Ms. Amanda Seichter and Ms. Meagan Vujnovich. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:04pm.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Board Member Attendance for WASB Fall Regional Meeting on October 11, 2023

Board members indicated that they wished to attend the meeting on October 11, 2023.

Board Member Attendance for WASB State Convention on January 17-19, 2024

Board members indicated that they wished to attend the State Convention in January 2024.

Update on Staff for 2023-2024

Elementary School-Fully staffed, but may need some additional special education paraprofessionals.

Middle School-Fully staffed, but may need to add additional support staff hours for transportation of a student.

High School-Still looking for a Math Teacher, but currently have acquired an online company to host the classes. There is a long term substitute teacher for the Band Director position. Will be needing a short term substitute aide for a paraprofessional going out on FMLA.

Board Comments & Questions

Nothing was brought up.

Approval of Minutes Dated 8/21/2023

Motion by Ms. Becky Levzow/seconded by Mr. Justin Nickel to approve the minutes dated 8/21/2023. Motion passed 6-0.



Approval of Student Representative to the School Board

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/seconded by Ms. Becky Lezvow to approve Ilyana McGuire as the student representative to the school board. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Resignation of Certified Staff

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow/seconded by Mr. Bret Achterberg to approve the resignation of Dan Evans, the Middle School and High School Band Director. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Hiring Certified Staff

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow/seconded by Ms. Karla Walker approved hiring Olivia Knudtson as the Elementary School Special Education Teacher and Martin Spicer as the long term Middle and High School Band Director for a 1 year term. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Hiring Support Staff

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow/seconded by Mr. Justin Nickel to approve hiring Jazzmyn Ferguson as the crossing guard at the High School. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Resignation of Coaches

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow/seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve the resignation of Diego Santibanez as an assistant football coach and Gregory Wagoner as a middle school boys basketball coach. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Elevate K-12 Contract

Motion by Mr. Justin Nickel/seconded by Ms. Becky Lezvow to approve the High School Math contract for Elevate K-12. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Wednesday Night FFA Conference on 9/27/23

Motion by Mr. Chad Bellis/seconded by Mr. Bret Achterberg to approve the FFA conference happening on Wednesday September 27, 2023. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Modified Snowmobile Route Along District Property

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow/seconded by Mr. Justin Nickel to approve the modified snowmobile blue route. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow/seconded by Ms. Karla Walker to approve the donation of 20 used basketballs from the Girls Club. Motion passed 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Findorff will be doing a presentation about the facility study options. There will be a discussion about the short term borrowing terms. The board members would like an update on the High School Math program after the online classes have started to see how that is going. Building and Grounds will be doing a presentation.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to approve closed session minutes dated 6/5/2023, discuss 2023-2024 certified staff wages, discuss 2023-2024 support staff wages, and discuss 2023-2024 administrator salaries.

Action on Items from Closed Session

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow/seconded by Mr. Bret Achterberg to approve the closed session minutes from 6/5/23. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Justin Nickel/seconded by Mr. Chad Bellis to approve the 2023-2024 Certified Staff Wages as long as consistent with August 2023 final offer. Motion passed 5-0-1.

Motion by Ms. Becky Lezvow/seconded by Mr. Justin Nickel to approve the 2023-2024 Support Staff Wages. Motion passed 5-0-1.

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/seconded by Ms. Margo Pufahl to approve the 2023-2024 Administrator Wages. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Karla Walker/seconded by Mr. Bret Achterberg to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Justin Nickel, Board Clerk



## Watch your fingers

Sarah Miley (left) and Nicole Olson, counseling interns who are working in the Pardeeville Area School District this year, work on an activity during staff in-service in August. The activity was part of a presentation by Brian Kenney that shows the value of trust and communication. During the activity, Sarah was blindfolded, and had to disarm a rat trap by listening to Nicole's instructions. Fortunately, Sarah was able to set off the rat trap without getting her finger snapped. It was a fun way for our staff to learn during their in-service week.

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# NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Pardeeville Area School District  
April 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the School District of Pardeeville on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, to fill the following school board positions. The term office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 22, 2024.

Current board members who are up for election include:

Justin Nickel  
Margo Pufahl

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy form must be filed no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the District Office of the school district.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Declaration of Candidacy forms and Campaign Registration Statements can be obtained from the school's District Office at 120 Oak Street, Pardeeville, Wisconsin.

Justin Nickel  
School District Clerk

# Pardeeville Area School District

Pardeeville, Wisconsin 53954

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## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 6 ..... No School
- Oct. 13 ..... Pardeeville Pink Out Fundraiser, Bob Bostad Field, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 16 ..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 23 ..... Pardeeville MS/HS Fall Choral Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24 & 26 ..... Parent-teacher conferences, district-wide, 4 to 8 p.m.
- Oct. 27 ..... No School
- Nov. 3 ..... Fun Pianos! Dueling Pianos, Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 6 ..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 10 ..... Pardeeville MS/HS Veterans Day Program, at PHS, 10:15 a.m.
- Nov. 13 ..... Honors Choir Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 17, 18 & 19 ... Pardeeville Drama Club's presentation of "Princess Capers," times TBA
- Nov. 20 ..... Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 21 ..... Pardeeville Elementary Veterans Program, 9 a.m.
- Nov. 22-26 ..... Thanksgiving Break, No School