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## CLASS OF 2026 TOP SCHOLARS

Pardeeville High School is proud to recognize the outstanding academic achievements of the Class of 2026 by announcing this year's top scholars. Earning these distinguished honors are Bailey Grissom (valedictorian) and Ava Wagner (salutatorian). These honors reflect years of hard work, dedication, and a commitment to excellence both inside and outside the classroom. Congratulations to Bailey and Ava on this remarkable accomplishment! Be sure to check out page 4 to learn more about our top scholars and their achievements.

## Nugent selected as next principal at Pardeeville Middle School

The Pardeeville Area School District is pleased to announce the hiring of Brad Nugent as the new principal of Pardeeville Middle School. Nugent will begin his new role this summer, replacing Amber Denure, who was selected earlier this year as the District's next Superintendent.

Nugent was selected from a pool of 19 applicants. He impressed a multi-disciplinary interview panel of 20 staff and board members. He also had the chance to see our school and interact with several students during a student-led building tour.

Nugent comes to Pardeeville after serving the past two years as Dean of Students at Bartels Middle School in Portage. He brings a strong background in education and a passion for building relationships and supporting student success.

Originally from Pell Lake in southeastern Wisconsin, Nugent is a graduate of Badger High School in Lake Geneva. He



Bradley Nugent, the current Dean of Students at Wayne Bartels Middle School in Portage, has been hired as the next principal at Pardeeville Middle School.

earned his Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Southern Mississippi and later completed his Master's degree in Educational Administration from

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# TELL US WHAT MATTERS MOST



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## Lezow honored for service

Pardeeville Area School District Board of Education President Becky Lezow was recently recognized at the Wisconsin State Education Convention in Milwaukee for an incredible 20 years of service on the Pardeeville Board of Education. We are grateful for Becky's long-standing dedication, leadership, and commitment to our students, staff, and community. Thank you for all you have done, and continue to do for the Pardeeville Area School District.

## Watch your mailbox for survey, help District make decisions on referendum

The Pardeeville Area School District will be mailing a community survey to all residents in April, and we strongly encourage everyone to take a few minutes to complete it. The survey is an important opportunity for community members to share their thoughts on potential facility improvement projects and help guide decisions about a possible Facility Referendum this November. Your feedback will play a key role in helping the Board of Education understand communi-



ty priorities and determine what projects to consider—and at what level of investment.

In addition to the survey, the District would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who attended our Facility Planning Community Workshops held in March. We appreciate the time, thought, and valuable feedback shared during these sessions.

The input gathered from both the workshops and the upcoming survey will help guide the Board of Education as it evaluates and prioritizes potential facility improvement projects.

For those who were unable to attend the workshops, you can still stay informed by scanning the QR code to watch a video recording of the Facility Planning Workshop.

## 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.

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## We are hiring!

The Pardeeville Area School District has some great opportunities for you or others to join the Bulldog team and help support all of our children in the Pardeeville area. For information and how to apply, go to <https://www.pasdwi.org/district/EmploymentOpportunities.cfm>

## Quick links:

Are you looking for something specific? Take a look at the links below for the District's most requested information. **Still need assistance? Contact us at (608) 429-2153.**

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## MESSAGE FROM INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT GUS KNITT

### Community response to survey will help set referendum priorities

Balliet Building demolition and addition of middle school classrooms and cafeteria are early top priorities following workshops

Thank you to the community members and staff who participated in the three Facility Planning Workshops that were held in March. Based on attendee survey results, all three groups identified the same top priorities for a potential November 2026 referendum.

The highest priority was the demolition of the Balliet Building, along with the addition of middle school classrooms and a cafeteria. This was followed by expanding the middle school gym and renovating the high school cafeteria and support spaces.

While this feedback is valuable, the sample size was limited. During the month of April, each mailbox in the Pardeeville Area School District will receive a paper referendum survey. The Board of Education encourages all residents to complete and return the survey.

This is an important opportunity for community members to have their voices heard. The Board has not yet determined

which projects will be included in the November 2026 referendum and will use the survey results to guide those decisions. The more responses received, the more informed those decisions will be.

There are three projects that will not be included in the November 2026 referendum: the middle school roof replacement, installation of a new stairwell door near the front entrance at Pardeeville Elementary School, and the replacement of key fobs and security cameras across the district. These projects will be completed this summer without the need for additional taxpayer funding, as the district will adjust its budget to cover the costs.

The middle school roof project will replace the original roof, which is nearly 25 years old. The new stairwell door at the elementary school is an added security measure to enhance student and staff safety. The updated key fob and camera systems will replace equipment originally installed during the 2012 referendum, as replacement parts are no longer available.

The Pardeeville Area School District will continue to focus on long-term maintenance planning to address facility needs without relying on future referendums.

## NUGENT

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the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

Education has always been a central part of Nugent's life.

"My whole life has been education. It's pretty much the family business," Nugent said. "Both my grandpas and my dad were principals, and both my grandmas were teachers as well."

Nugent began his career as a student teacher in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, before moving back to Wisconsin, where he spent six years in the Hillsboro School District teaching middle and high school social studies. During that time, he also coached football and wrestling. He later joined the Portage Community School District, where he taught middle school social studies and science before stepping into his current role as Dean of Students. While in Portage, Nugent remained active in extracurricular

activities, coaching football, wrestling, and track, and helping to establish the Bartels Middle School Outdoor Adventure Club.

Nugent and his family have called Pardeeville home for the past two years, which made the opportunity especially meaningful.

"We have loved the community," Nugent said. "Every person I have ever talked to has only said great things about Pardeeville and the school district so it just made sense to want to be a part of something great."

As he prepares to take on his new role, Nugent is focused on continuing to build a positive and supportive school environment.

"My vision is to continue to build up Pardeeville Middle School into a premier school where students are valued, challenged, and supported," Nugent said. "I want to continue to build a culture of high expectations and strong relationships. Pardeeville Middle School will be a place where students feel like

they belong and are connected to the school."

Outside of school, Nugent enjoys spending time with his family and being outdoors, including hunting, fishing, and camping. He and his wife, Samantha, a 4th grade teacher in Waunakee, will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary this July. They have a young daughter, Adeline, and a corgi named Leia.

A self-described sports fan, Nugent cheers for the Southern Miss Golden Eagles—where he played college football—as well as the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers, and, of course, the Pardeeville Bulldogs.

Nugent is eager to get started and become a familiar face in the school and community.

"I love the size of the school and how tight knit Pardeeville feels with the amount of community support the schools receive," Nugent said. "I can't wait to be a Bulldog!"

# Grissom, Wagner standout students with Class of 2026

Pardeeville High School is proud to announce its top scholars for the Class of 2026: Valedictorian Bailey Grissom and Salutatorian Ava Wagner. The Pardeeville Class of 2026 will graduate on Saturday, May 23. The biographies below were written by the students themselves.



## Valedictorian Bailey Grissom

Bailey Grissom is the daughter of Amanda Kerl, with accreditation to Ron and Bobbie Hulberg. She was born in 2008. Bailey has a younger sister, Jaelyn (16), who also attends Pardeeville High School. She also has a younger brother, Landon (7) who attends the Portage School District.

Bailey began her education in the Pardeeville Area School District in 5th grade. Throughout high school, Bailey has been involved in a myriad of athletics, clubs, and extracurriculars. During her time, she played both volleyball and basketball. She has been involved in many different clubs: Student Council, Educators Rising, Sources of Strength (SOS), National Honor Society (NHS), Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society (Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica), Key Club, and Bulldog Stomp. Currently, she serves as the President of Spanish Club, the Vice-President of Student Council, and the Treasurer of NHS. Bailey has also been elected the Class of 2026 Treasurer, all four years of high school. Additionally, she was part of Pardeeville's choir for eight years, and looks warmly on her musical education with choir director, Mrs. Taya Larson.

Bailey has very fond memories of high school, most centered around Homecoming, concerts, and clubs. Attending the Homecoming dances and Bulldog Games with her friends was a highlight of each year. Each trimester, she was very excited for choral performances; especially when taking part in the Trailways South Honors Choir her junior and senior years. Bailey's most cherished memory was competing at the 2026 Educators Rising Wisconsin State Conference. Her senior year was her first year competing. Not only did she place first in her competition, but she was a national qualifier too! Doing so well at something brand new to her is truly a commendable achievement. Beyond this, she will attend the 2026 National Confer-

ence this June to compete again, proving that new experiences really are for the better! Don't be scared of opportunities, seize them!

When Bailey is not at school, working, or volunteering, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family, thrifting, and exploring local coffee shops. She also loves a cozy night in, reading, watching movies, or doing Bible studies.

After high school, Bailey plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stout where she will major in Psychology and minor in Spanish, with the goal of becoming a youth therapist. She is excited to further her studies in what she is most passionate about: people. Bailey is hoping to fulfill her dream of helping all those who need it through her career and influence. She believes that it is crucial to have a strong support system, and has much recognition to offer. She would also like to give her sincerest respect and gratitude to all of her family and friends, teachers, and coaches for their unconditional love and support. Bailey would like to personally thank Ms. Kimberly (Señora) Brees for always supporting her Spanish journey and being one of her biggest cheerleaders. Señora Brees has planted the seed of Bailey's love for the language, and has helped cultivate it as well. Bailey would especially like to express her gratitude to Mr. Ron Hulberg, and his family, for being a big inspiration in her faith, and for giving her a safe space when she needed it most.



## Salutatorian Ava Wagner

Ava Wagner is the daughter of Jim Wagner and Babette Mehling. She was born in 2007, and she has lived in Montello her entire life. She has two older brothers, Ethan and John, who are 24 and 21 years old, and have both graduated from Montello High School. Also, she has a younger brother, Michael, who attends Montello Elementary School.

Ava began her education at Montello Elementary, then transferred to Pardeeville High School in her sophomore year. Throughout high school, she has played numerous sports, including basketball, volleyball, and softball. Both Ava's basketball and volleyball teams voted her to be one of the team captains this year. In basketball, she was named a four-time all-conference honoree and

an all-conference sportsmanship team honoree, while helping lead Pardeeville to back-to-back conference and regional championships. Ava also earned all-conference recognition in volleyball and was a two-time all-conference sportsmanship team honoree.

Ava is very active in many clubs and extracurricular activities. She is a dedicated member of FFA, National Honor Society (NHS), Student Council, Educators Rising, Sources of Strength, Key Club, Spanish Club, Badger 4-H, and Marquette County Teen Court. Currently, she serves as the President of FFA, Class Secretary, Student Council School Board Representative, Student Council Treasurer, and NHS Secretary.

Ava's absolute favorite part of high school was sharing her passion for sports, while also playing them. She has enjoyed competing and working hard to achieve her goals, while also spending time with her friends and forming life-long relationships. She strived to make practice the best part of her teammates' day by cracking jokes while also working hard. Additionally, Ava has volunteered for the Pardeeville Girls Club youth camps, teaching and encouraging young students to share her love and passion for all sports.

When Ava is not at school or working on homework and club responsibilities, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family. She enjoys being outdoors hunting, fishing, swimming, shooting baskets, and going for walks. During summer, Ava cherishes her time spent up north on the lake with her cousins. On cold rainy days, she enjoys cozy nights in, watching movies with her family.

After high school, Ava plans to further her academic and athletic career at Ripon College, where she will play on the women's basketball team and major in physical education with the goal of becoming an impactful physical education teacher. She hopes to use her passion for athletics, leadership, and healthy lifestyle choices to help students build confidence, teamwork skills, and healthy lifelong habits. She would like to express her gratitude to all her teachers, coaches, friends, and family for their unwavering support, especially her parents, because she would not be the person she is today or where she is today without them always by her side. Her support system has inspired Ava to achieve goals beyond her imagination, and their wholehearted support continues to motivate her to strive for success beyond the classroom.



The fishing class is always one of the most popular choices for kids in the Summer School program.

## Popular Summer School programs return in June

Pardeeville Elementary School is once again offering its popular Summer School and After-School Care programs for students. These programs provide a mix of academic enrichment and recreational activities designed to keep students engaged and learning throughout the summer months.

The June session of Summer School will begin on Monday, June 8, and run through Thursday, June 25. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. This program is free for students and serves as an extension of the regular academic year, helping to enhance students' educational experiences.

Summer School is open to children who will be entering 4K in the fall of 2026, as well as students currently in kindergarten through 5th grade who reside in the Pardeeville Area School District, are registered for the fall, or are open enrolled for the 2026-2027 school year.

In addition to Summer School, the district will also offer its After-School Care Program — formerly known as the Park Program. This program will be available on the same days as Summer School, running from noon until 3 p.m. A second session will be offered for three weeks in July. Open to students currently in kindergarten through 5th grade, the After-School Care Program will be based at Pardeeville Elementary School but will also feature trips to Chandler Park, arts and crafts activities, fishing excursions, and walking field trips.

Pardeeville Elementary Families should have received a Summer School Handbook, which includes sign-up forms and details for both programs. All registrations must be submitted by Friday, April 17. For information or to request a registration form, families can contact Andy Kohn at [kohnan@pasdwi.org](mailto:kohnan@pasdwi.org).

## Transition to middle school starts soon for 4th grade students

During the week of May 11th, Pardeeville Elementary School Counselor Megan Dietzenbach will be meeting with every 4th grade student and their parents or guardians, to talk about what to expect in middle school. Mrs. Dietzenbach will share information about schedules, after-school activities, and the middle school.

This is a great time for students and parents to ask questions or share any questions or concerns they may have about middle school. There is also an opportunity for families and students to go to the Pardeeville Middle School Open House, which will take place at the middle school on Thursday, May 14th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The open house will include a tour of the school.

Parents, please keep an eye out for an email that will be sent out after spring break about how to reserve a time to meet with Mrs. Dietzenbach using "Sign Up Genius." If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Dietzenbach at 608-429-2151 ext. 152 or email [dietme@pasdwi.org](mailto:dietme@pasdwi.org).



The Pardeeville Middle School 8th Grade Promotion and Awards Ceremony will take place on June 4.

## Public invited to attend Middle School Showcase on May 18

Pardeeville Middle School is hosting its annual Student Showcase on Monday, May 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Middle School Gymnasium. This year's Student Showcase will be taking place on the same day as the Pardeeville Middle School Spring Band and Choir Concert, which will follow the Showcase in the Lenz Auditorium. During the Student Showcase, our middle school students in grades 5-8 will share some of the projects they have been working on.

### Eighth grade promotion will be June 4

Pardeeville Middle School will host its 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony on Wednesday, June 4, starting at 10 a.m. in the Lenz Auditorium. The ceremony will include student speakers, awards, a photo slideshow and a performance by the middle school choir.



## MESSAGE FROM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DAVID BELL

### Prioritizing connection and learning through phone-free school days

As we finish the school year and start making preparations for the 2026-27 school year, Pardeeville High School is committed to fostering an environment where every student can thrive academically and socially. After careful consideration of global educational trends and the well-being of our student body, we are implementing a revision to our cell phone policy at the high school level. Beginning this fall, students will be required to keep their silenced mobile devices in their lockers from the first bell until the final dismissal. This shift is designed to reclaim the classroom for learning and the hallways for genuine human connection.

Our decision is backed by compelling research highlighted in a recent report by social psychologists Jean Twenge and Jonathan Haidt. Data shows a sharp global increase in adolescent loneliness and a decline in academic performance beginning around 2012, coinciding with the rise of the smartphone. Even when not in active use, the mere presence of a phone acts as a "cognitive drain," pulling a student's attention away from lessons. By removing these digital distractions, we aim to eliminate the "social vacuum" created by scrolling and "phubbing" (phone snubbing), encouraging students to

engage in the face-to-face interactions that are vital for building deep friendships and social skills.

Safety remains our top priority, and this policy change is supported by local law enforcement. In the event of an emergency, it is critical that students are focused on the life-safety directions provided by their teachers and school staff. During a crisis, phone usage can lead to the spread of misinformation and, more importantly, distract students from the immediate instructions necessary to keep them safe. We want our students looking to the trained professionals in the room rather than being distracted by a screen.

We understand that staying connected as a family is important. If a parent needs to reach a student for an urgent matter, our front office staff is always available and happy to relay messages immediately. For non-urgent communication, we encourage families to use email; students will continue to have access to their district-issued Chromebooks throughout the day for educational purposes and checking messages during appropriate times. We thank you for your partnership in helping us create a more focused, connected, and safe learning environment for all our students.

### Class of 2026 will graduate May 23

Pardeeville High School is excited to announce that commencement for the Class of 2026 will be held on Saturday, May 23, at 2 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. This special event will celebrate the accomplishments and future aspirations of this year's graduating seniors.

Graduates are asked to report to the high school auditorium by 1 p.m., dressed in their cap and gown and bringing any additional required items for the ceremony. Doors for family members and guests will open at 1:15 p.m., with entry through the main entrance. Seating will be general admission and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Guests in need of special seating

accommodations, including those who are unable to climb stairs or require accessible seating, are encouraged to make arrangements in advance by contacting Administrative Assistant Heidi Anderson at 608-429-2153 ext. 211 by May 20. Designated seating will be available on the main floor behind the graduating class, and when possible, space will also be reserved for one accompanying family member.

For those who are unable to attend in person, the ceremony will be livestreamed via the Pardeeville School District's Hudl TV channel.

Pardeeville High School congratulates the Class of 2026 on their achievements and looks forward to honoring this milestone together.



Pardeeville High School Graduation will take place on May 23 in the school's gym.



Pardeeville High School Art Club members show off their artwork that was completed for The Memory Project. Members are, in front, from left; Sydney Sween, Bree Motsenbocker, Allison Wickus, Aurora Homan and Jaelyn Grissom. Back row; Lydia Kleist, Hailey Jaedke, Makayla Smith, Belle Beyler, Jazzmyn Ferguson, Brennen Carlson and Addison Block.

## Art Club continues partnership with The Memory Project

The Pardeeville High School Art Club is once again making a meaningful impact across the globe through its continued partnership with The Memory Project.

Now in its sixth consecutive year participating in the program, Pardeeville students have created heartfelt works of art for children living in Cambodia. The children, who reside in slum communities near the nation's capital of Phnom Penh, face the daily challenges

of extreme poverty.

Using photographs and personal descriptions provided through The Memory Project, students created both detailed portraits and unique "identity" pieces inspired by words and phrases that reflect each child's personality. The project allows students to combine artistic expression with empathy, creating artwork that carries deep personal meaning for both the artist and the recipient.

The Memory Project, headquartered in Madison, coordinates the delivery of each piece. Volunteers travel to distribute the artwork in person, often capturing emotional moments as children receive these special gifts for the first time.

Through their participation, Pardeeville High School Art Club members demonstrate the power of art to build connections and spread kindness to others around the world.

## Visual Arts team does well

The Pardeeville High School Visual Arts Classic team turned in an impressive performance at the regional competition in Mauston on Feb. 25, highlighted by strong finishes across multiple events.

The team—Jaelyn Grissom, Jazzmyn Ferguson, Makayla Smith and Hailey Jaedke—earned a second-place finish in the Quiz Bowl and placed third in the Critical Thinking Team Project. The project challenged students to design and create an outfit for their coach, Mr. Lynch, using only provided materials while incorporating elements inspired by two of the artists studied for the Quiz Bowl.

Individually, Jaelyn Grissom and Hailey Jaedke qualified for the Visual Arts Classic State Competition, which will be held in April. Grissom earned a first-place finish in ceramics, while Jaedke placed first in painting.



Members of the Pardeeville High School Visual Arts Classic team show the trophies they won at their regional competition. Members are, from left; Hailey Jaedke, Makayla Smith, Jazzmyn Ferguson and Jaelyn Grissom.



Sergeant Wesley Austin-Nash of the Columbia County Sheriff's Department speaks at the D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremony held on March 27.

## Pardeeville 5th graders complete D.A.R.E program

Pardeeville Middle School celebrated the accomplishments of its fifth-grade students during a D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremony held on Friday, March 27. A total of 65 students were recognized for successfully completing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.

For the second consecutive year, the program was led by Sergeant Wesley Austin-Nash of the Columbia County Sheriff's Department. A familiar and friendly presence in Pardeeville schools, Austin-Nash served as the lead instructor, helping guide students through lessons focused on making safe and responsible choices. He was joined by Pardeeville High School senior Cameron McManis, who assisted with the program and is interested in pursuing a future career in law enforcement.

Columbia County Sheriff Roger Brandner attended the ceremony as a guest speaker, offering words of encouragement and support to the graduating students.

As part of the program, each student wrote an essay reflecting on what they learned through D.A.R.E. Four students—Saida Cummings, Amber Netzel, Kaiya Nickel and Jaxon Wickersham—were selected to read their essays aloud during the ceremony, highlighting the impact the program had on their understanding of decision-making and personal responsibility.

In addition, fifth-grade student Harrison Schiess was presented with the D.A.R.E. Bravery Award. Schiess was recognized for demonstrating empathy and integrity, and for showing a strong understanding of what it means to make the right choices, even when faced with challenges.

The district also extends its appreciation to community partners Pardeeville Piggly Wiggly and Pardeeville Kwik Trip for their support in making the program a success.

## Students experience hands-on learning through gardening

Back in early February, 5K students at Pardeeville Elementary School planted the seeds for a unique, hands-on learning experience—literally. Partnering with the UW Extension Office and Columbia County Master Gardeners, students created their very own indoor micro gardens while learning about plant growth, teamwork, and basic science concepts.

With guidance from the Master Gardeners, students rolled up their sleeves to plant and care for their gardens. The micro gardens were placed on a wagon that was stationed in the school's cafeteria. The students were eagerly tracking their progress over the following six weeks. As the days passed, their hard work began to sprout, giving students a firsthand look at the growing process and the responsibility that comes with nurturing living things.

By mid-March, it was time to harvest the results of their efforts. The Columbia County Master Gardeners returned to help students carefully snip their greens using scissors and wash them using salad spinners. Each student then prepared their own fresh salad, choosing from a variety of dressings to complete their creation.

The project culminated in a garden harvest celebration, where students enjoyed one of the freshest—and most rewarding—meals they've ever had: one they grew themselves.

Thank you to the Columbia County Master Gardeners and the UW Extension Office for their continued partnership and for providing our students with a meaningful, engaging learning experience that brought science, teamwork, and healthy habits to life.



A Pardeeville Elementary School 5K student enjoys a salad that she and her classmates harvested from a micro garden they planted back in February.

## Pardeeville musicians qualify for State Solo and Ensemble Festival

The Pardeeville Area School District Music Department is heading into the spring season on a high note, with student achievements and a full calendar of performances showcasing the talents of musicians across all grade levels.

Once again, Pardeeville High School will be well represented at the Wisconsin School Music Association State Solo & Ensemble Festival, which will be held on April 25 at UW-Whitewater. Several students earned top honors at the district level to qualify for state, including Acacia Netzel (musical theatre solo, vocal solo), Leeza Keeling (piano solo, vocal solo, musical theatre solo), Oswald Sanchez (alto sax solo, vocal solo, musical theatre solo), Ella Rohrbeck (vocal solo, musical theatre solo), and the vocal duet of Morgan Blader and Lauren Undraitis. The State Festival is free and open to the public, with performance schedules expected to be released online approximately two weeks in advance.

### Elementary Spring Concert is April 30

At the elementary level, families are invited to attend the Pardeeville Elementary School Spring Concert and Art Show on Thursday, April 30 in the Lenz Auditorium. Students in kindergarten through 2nd grade will perform at 9 a.m., followed by grades 3 and 4 at 1:30 p.m. In addition to the concerts, visitors can enjoy a student art showcase in the atrium before and after each performance, featuring artwork created throughout the spring.

### High School Awards Concert set for May 12

The high school musicians will take the stage one final time this year at the High School Awards Concert on May 12 at 6:30 p.m. This year's concert will feature a creative theme, "Stranger Things: Nashville Edition," blending music from the popular series with selections inspired by the group's recent spring break trip to Memphis and Nashville. Audiences can expect a wide range of familiar and classic tunes, from Elvis Presley to Kate Bush, performed by the high school jazz band, show choir, concert choir, and band. The evening will also include the presentation of annual student awards.

### Middle School Concert will be May 18

The Middle School Awards Concert will follow on May 18, featuring performances by all students in grades 5-8, including the middle school show choir. The concert will be split into two sessions, with the band performing at 6 p.m. and the choir at 7:15 p.m., all centered around a "Nature and Weather" theme. Each ensemble will also recognize its award winners.

Due to the popularity of middle school concerts and limited seating capacity, families will be required to reserve seats in advance for this event. While admission remains free, reservations must be made through the district's online ticketing system. Families with students in both band and choir should reserve seats for both portions of the evening, while those attending only one portion are encouraged to reserve accordingly. Additional details and reservation links will be shared with families via email and on the Pardeeville Music Department's social media pages prior to the concert.

With state-level recognition and a variety of performances on the horizon, it promises to be an exciting and memorable end to the school year for Pardeeville's student musicians.



Pardeeville High School Jazz Band member James Ledlow (above), and Pardeeville Middle School Show Choir members (below) perform at the Jazz Band and Show Choir Extravaganza held in the Lenz Auditorium on March 3.



## Pardeeville Drama Club thrills audiences with spring production

'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow' was final performance for 4 senior members

The Pardeeville Drama Club delivered three memorable performances with its spring production of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," earning rave reviews from community members who filled the Lenz Auditorium on March 20-22.

Audiences were captivated by the classic tale of mystery and suspense, as students brought Washington Irving's story to life with strong performances, detailed staging, and plenty of spooky charm. From the rivalry between Ichabod Crane and Brom Bones to the looming legend of the Headless Horseman, the production kept viewers engaged from start to finish.

This year's show also marked a special milestone for four senior members of the Drama Club, who took their final bows on the Pardeeville stage. Congratulations to Acacia Netzel (Katrina Van Tassel), Oswald Sanchez (Ichabod Crane), Evan Miller (Brom Bones), and Jason Kopfhamer (backstage crew) on their final performance. Their dedication and leadership have made a lasting impact on the program.

The production featured a talented cast of students from both Pardeeville High School and Middle School, including Makayla Smith, Kaleb Hains, Aden Steinecke, Leeza Keeling, Ella Rohrbeck, Ethan Pieper, Wolfgang Mueller, Skylic Jenkins, Alice Bender, London Sosa, Isabella Stekelberg, Lydia Kleist, Adelle Sanders, Sofia Bell, Cheyenne Berg, and Jocelyn Pitzen.

In addition to the performers on stage, a number of students worked behind the scenes to ensure the show's success. Those contributing backstage included Hayden Moulis, Amber Netzel, Allie Gawel, Ashlynn Hon, James Ledlow, Sunni Johnson, and Hailey Jaedke.

The production was directed by Scott Duffy, with assistance from Ian Moehr, Julia Netzel, Holly Atkinson, and Adam McKinney.

The Pardeeville Drama Club once again showcased the talent, teamwork, and dedication of its students, delivering a production that will be remembered by audiences and participants alike.



ABOVE: Aden Steinecke (playing Constable Hendriks) and Kaleb Hains (playing Selectman Faber) are shown on stage during the March 22nd performance by the Pardeeville Drama Club.



LEFT: Pardeeville senior Acacia Netzel plays Katrina Van Tassel during the March 22 performance of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."



BELOW: From left; Isabella Stekelberg, Alice Bender and London Sosa take a bow following the March 22nd performance.

## Spanish Club gearing up for 6th Annual Plastic Drive

The Pardeeville High School Spanish Club is once again teaming up with the Pardeeville Lions Club to make a positive impact on the environment through their 6th Annual Plastic Drive.

Since 2022, Pardeeville Schools have collected an impressive 1,336 pounds of plastic that would otherwise be difficult to recycle. Many of the items accepted in this drive—such as plastic bags and wrap—are not typically recycled through standard programs because they can get caught in sorting machines or are challenging to clean and process.

The drive focuses specifically on collecting “stretchy” plastics. Acceptable items include plastic shopping bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap, plastic mailers, pallet wrap, Ziploc-style bags, six-pack rings, wood pellet bags, salt bags, ice bags, and liners from cereal or cracker boxes. A simple test can help determine if an item qualifies: if the plastic stretches when pulled, it can be included. If it tears like paper, appears shiny, or makes a crinkly sound, it should not be donated.

All donated materials are sorted by members of the Spanish Club before being weighed and transported by the Lions Club to NexTrex. There, the plastic is repurposed into useful items such as decking, benches, and outdoor furniture.

Community members are reminded to remove any tape or labels and ensure that all plastic donations are clean and dry before dropping them off. Donations can be made at any Pardeeville school building through Wednesday, April 22—Earth Day.

Through this ongoing partnership, students and community members alike are helping reduce waste while contributing to a more sustainable future.



Pardeeville Spanish Club members Jade Koepp and Kaliegh Klein carry out huge bags of plastic during last year's plastic drive. During the month of April, the club will once again be collecting plastic to be recycled.



The newest members of Pardeeville's Spanish Honors Society are, from left; Kaliegh Klein, Jade Koepp, Sydney Sween, Haley Gard, Joseph Dosemagen and Isaac Buchholz.

## Pardeeville adds 6 students to Spanish Honors Society

Six Pardeeville High School students were officially inducted into the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (Spanish Honor Society) on Thursday, March 19, recognizing their outstanding achievement in Spanish language studies and commitment to academic excellence.

The newest members include Isaac Buchholz, Joseph Dosemagen, Haley Gard, Kaliegh Klein, Jade Koepp, and Sydney Sween. They join current member Bailey Grissom as part of this prestigious national organization.

The Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica honors students who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in Spanish while also maintaining strong academic standing and positive conduct. In addition to their coursework, members are expected to participate in service activities and deepen their understanding of the diverse cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.

Membership in the Spanish Honor Society reflects both dedication and a passion for language learning, and these students have exemplified those qualities through their hard work and commitment.

### Bovre, Soppe have perfect brackets

Students in Pardeeville High School Spanish classes once again took part in Locura de Marzo, a March Madness-style song bracket featuring Spanish-speaking artists from around the world.

Now a nationwide event with more than 140,000 participants, the activity challenges students to listen to 16 songs, learn about the artists and cultures, and predict the winners by completing a bracket.

This spring marked a standout moment for Pardeeville, as two students achieved perfect brackets. Congratulations to Mikayla Bovre and Maddie Soppe on this impressive accomplishment.

Both students received a \$20 Kwik Trip gift card from Señora Brees and were among 18 students nationwide to earn Amazon gift cards valued at \$22 each.



## MESSAGE FROM PASD SCHOOL NURSE JANETTE SHEEKS

### Spring season can bring allergies to those who venture outdoors

Happy Spring! As the weather warms up and we spend more time outside, keep in mind the air quality and various insects that bug us.

Seems like we cannot catch a break with the drastic changes in our temperatures, as I hear more congestion, coughing, complaints of sore throats and severe headaches. The weather or change in the barometric pressure can be a definite factor when it comes to headaches.

This is one time of the year when seasonal allergies can be a problem. I know, when my kids with seasonal allergies were home, we went right from using the furnace to turning on the air conditioner. If I opened the windows, it was a definite trip to our medical provider.

The best way to help your allergies is to avoid the allergen. If you are allergic to cats, it is easy to avoid cats. However, it is not as easy to avoid the outside. To decrease the allergens brought into the house from outside, take a shower and change your clothes when you come inside. Wipe the pets down with a damp towel to take off the pollen they bring into the house. Avoid being outside when the pollen counts are high.

There are many respiratory viruses going around. So, how do you tell if it is allergies or a virus? Allergies will not cause a fever and last as long as the allergen is around, which could be weeks or more. There are many over-the-counter and prescription medications that can help to relieve the various symptoms. As always, consult with your doctor or the pharmacist.

What is the big deal about allergies? It affects a student's ability to learn due to their sleep being disrupted, reduced concentration, and increased absences related to the flare of their symptoms. The best way to learn is to be in school working at your best potential. If you or one of your family members are suffering due to allergies, seek help.

Lastly, do not forget about the ticks and mosquitoes that will be returning. Protect yourself.

Have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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### Haugen named Distinguished Educator

Pardeeville High School and Middle School Business Education Teacher Tammy Haugen was recently recognized as a Next Gen Personal Finance Distinguished Educator, a national honor that highlights her commitment to preparing students for financial success.

Next Gen Personal Finance (NGPF) is a nonprofit organization focused on improving financial literacy education by providing free curriculum, professional development, and classroom resources to teachers nationwide. The organization's mission is to ensure that every student graduates with the knowledge and skills needed to make informed financial decisions.



Haugen

The Distinguished Educator designation is awarded to teachers who demonstrate excellence in personal finance instruction and a strong dedication to student learning. Recipients are recognized for creating engaging, relevant lessons that help students build real-world financial skills, such as budgeting, saving, investing, and managing credit.

Haugen's recognition reflects the impact she has made in the classroom, equipping Pardeeville students with practical knowledge they can carry with them long after graduation. Her efforts help ensure that students are prepared to navigate important financial decisions with confidence.



Students collect scholarships and awards at last year's Pardeeville High School Awards Night. This year's Awards Night will be on May 13.

### Awards Night is May 13

Pardeeville High School will host its annual Awards Night on Wednesday, May 13. Families are encouraged to save the date as the school celebrates the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of its students. Invitations will be sent to families of students receiving awards. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Lenz Auditorium.

# Pardeeville FFA members remain busy during school year

Pardeeville FFA members had a strong and memorable start to National FFA Week, highlighted by hands-on leadership experiences and outstanding performances in competition.

On Monday, Feb. 23, six members — Catherine Kopfhamer, Taylor Luedtke, Madilynn Holland, Ava Wagner, Joe Dosemagen and Brook Schomburg — traveled to Madison to participate in FFA on the Hill. The day began with sessions focused on the importance of agricultural advocacy, followed by meetings with state legislators to discuss the impact of agricultural education and FFA programs. Students had the opportunity to meet with Wisconsin State Senator Sarah Keyeski and State Representative Karen DeSanto, gaining valuable insight into the legislative process while sharing their perspectives.

The experience provided a meaningful opportunity for students to develop their voices as advocates and represent the Pardeeville FFA Chapter at the state level.

In addition to their work in Madison, Pardeeville FFA members also showcased their skills during the District Leadership Development Events held in Montello. Students demonstrated strong preparation, confidence and leadership across a variety of categories.

Leading the way was the Parliamentary Procedure Team, which earned first place and advanced to Sectionals. Team members include Ava Wagner, Madilynn Holland, Taylor Luedtke, Joe Dosemagen, Madelynn Soppe and Chelsea Philbrick.

Several other members were also recognized for their performances: Taylor Luedtke and Joe Dosemagen competed in the Discussion Meet; Brooklyn Auchtung participated in Prepared Speaking; Madelynn Soppe and Kenadie Halder competed in Creed Speaking; and Jaycey Thronton and Kalliegh Klein showcased their skills in Employability Skills.

## Ag Olympics bring friendly competition

Pardeeville High School celebrated National FFA Week with its Annual Ag Olympics on Feb. 25, bringing students together for a fun and competitive end-of-day event in the gym.

Students competed in a variety of agriculture-themed challenges, including milk chugging, cattle roping, blindfolded wheelbarrow races, and a “Finish the Lyric” contest. Six teams participated, including a special “FFA Crew” made up of State FFA Officers, with creative team names like Make It Grain and Udder Chaos.

The Hay Bale Hustlers—Rowen Vierck, Easton Fischer, Merissa San Emeterio, and Kiana Cook—earned the top spot. The event continues to be a highlight of FFA Week, offering a fun way for students to celebrate agriculture and teamwork.

## FFA Plant Sale is May 9

The Pardeeville FFA invites the community to its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to noon on the east end of the high school parking lot.

A variety of annual bedding plants and beautiful hanging baskets will be available for purchase—just in time for



ABOVE: Representing the Pardeeville FFA at the FFA on the Hill event in Madison were, from left; Catherine Kopfhamer, Taylor Luedtke, Madilynn Holland, Ava Wagner, Joe Dosemagen and Brook Schomburg.

BELOW: Pardeeville High School student Macey Young competes in the cattle roping competition during the Pardeeville FFA Ag Olympics.



Mother’s Day. These colorful arrangements make the perfect gift while also helping brighten up your home or garden for the spring season.

Please note that all sales are cash only. Come out to support the Pardeeville FFA and pick up something special for Mom!

# Bussan becomes Pardeeville's first state wrestling champ

## Galetka finishes 2nd, gives Bulldogs pair of state finalists

The Pardeeville High School wrestling team delivered a season to remember, highlighted by an historic achievement and some strong performances throughout the winter.

Leading the way for the Bulldogs was sophomore standout Karrsen Bussan, who etched his name into program history at the WIAA Individual State Wrestling Tournament in Madison. Bussan capped off a dominant, undefeated season in emphatic fashion, earning a 7-2 victory over Roger Flege of Aquinas High School in the Division 3 championship match at 144 pounds. With the win, Bussan became the first individual state champion in Pardeeville wrestling history—a milestone achievement for both him and the program.

Pardeeville came close to celebrating a second state champion, as senior Kingston Galetka made an impressive run to the 150-pound state finals. Galetka secured his spot in the championship match with a thrilling 4-3 semifinal victory over Tavin Bomkamp of Parkview/Albany. In the finals, Galetka faced Colton Klug of Brillion High School and finished as state runner-up after a hard-fought match. Galetka concludes his outstanding high school career as a four-time state qualifier, adding to his legacy with fifth-place finishes during both his sophomore and junior seasons.

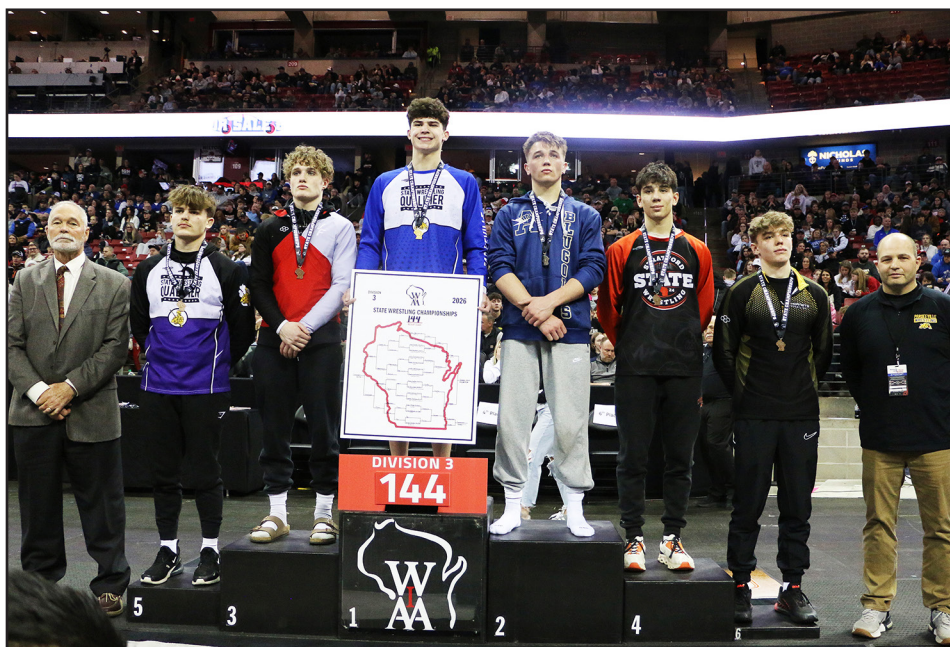
Senior Howard Boyle rounded out Pardeeville's state qualifiers, turning in an impressive postseason performance. Boyle punched his ticket to Madison with a second-place finish at the WIAA Waterloo Sectional on March 14. While he did not place at the state tournament, Boyle's determination and strong finish marked a memorable conclusion to his high school wrestling career.

Team success was also evident at the conference level. Hosting the Trailways Conference Meet on Saturday, Feb. 7, Pardeeville turned in a strong



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Pardeeville High School State Wrestling qualifiers; Karrsen Bussan, Kingston Galetka and Howard Boyle, back center, pose with the Pardeeville youth wrestlers who made the trip down to the State Tournament to watch them wrestle at the Kohl Center in Madison on Saturday, Feb. 28.



Pardeeville sophomore Karrsen Bussan stands atop the podium after winning the Division 3 individual state championship at 144 pounds at the WIAA State Wrestling Tournament in Madison on Saturday, Feb. 28. Pardeeville head coach Jesse Huset, far right, joins him and the other medal winners at 144 pounds in the photo.

showing by finishing third overall, despite having just seven individuals on the roster. Bussan and Galetka each claimed conference championships in their respective weight classes,

while Boyle and freshman Lane Pease earned third-place finishes. Additional results included Erich McManis, who placed fourth, and Jack O'Brien, who finished fifth.



The Pardeeville girls curling team finished third at the Wisconsin High School State Curling Championships on Feb. 28. Team members posing with the third-place plaque are, from left; Kinley Levin, Avery VonRuden, Taylor Luedtke and Paige Mick.

## Pardeeville girls finish 3rd at state curling championships

The Pardeeville High School curling teams delivered an impressive performance at the Wisconsin High School State Curling Championships, held Feb. 27-28 at the Wausau Curling Club.

Leading the way for the Bulldogs was the Girls Varsity 1 team of Paige Mick, Taylor Luedtke, Avery VonRuden, and Kinley Levin. The team turned in a dominant showing during pool play, going a perfect 3-0 to earn a spot in the semifinals. After a strong effort in a hard-fought semifinal loss against Stevens Point, the Bulldogs regrouped and closed out the tournament on a high note, defeating Wausau East to secure a third-place finish overall.

Pardeeville's Girls Varsity 2 team also had a successful weekend, finishing with a 2-1 record in pool play. Team members Sage Bardson, Lily Renner, Addisyn Crawford, Hailey Jaedke, and Quinnlyn Lusk demonstrated strong teamwork and skill throughout the competition.

On the boys side, the Bulldogs varsity team of Noah Manthe, Preston Nicoll, Jason Kopfhamer, and Sawyer Salmon competed well and finished 1-2 in pool play to conclude their season.

The success of the program is a testament not only to the athletes' dedication, but also to the leadership of coaches Amanda Seichter, Kevin Kopp, and Maddy Anderson, whose commitment continues to help the program grow.

## Ice-fishing squad does well at state meet, helps better Park Lake

The Pardeeville Ice Fishing Team, made up of students in grades 8–12, wrapped up a successful winter season filled with competition, memorable catches, and community service.

The season concluded at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Fishing Association Ice Fishing State Championship, held on the Wisconsin River between Stevens Point and Wausau in late February. Led by head coach Chris Sherrick, Pardeeville finished 38th out of 92 teams with a total of 200.75 inches of fish, a strong showing to close the season.

One of the highlights of the winter came during the team's annual rivalry matchup with Randolph/Cambria-Friesland on Lake Puckaway. In a dramatic finish, Pardeeville secured the win by just two inches after Brogan Sherrick hauled in a 15.5-inch bass at the buzzer. The Bulldogs also saw standout catches from Ella Griepentrog, who landed a 28.75-inch bowfin, and Sarah Burnamman, who reeled in an 18-inch bass. The narrow victory allowed Pardeeville to take home the traveling trophy for the second year in a row.

Beyond competition, the Pardeeville Ice Fishing Team also took time to give back to the community this winter. Team members volunteered for a hands-on conservation project on Park Lake, working alongside the Pardeeville Lakes Management District to build and install fish cribs on the frozen lake after school.

The structures will provide shelter and habitat for fish, helping strengthen the lake's ecosystem and support the long-term health of Park Lake. By taking part in the project, students gained valuable experience in environmental stewardship while making a lasting impact on their local waterways.



Pardeeville ice-fishing team member Ella Griepentrog caught this 28.75-inch bowfin during the team's ice battle with Randolph/Cambria-Friesland.



Members of the Pardeeville Girls Basketball team pose for a photo following their 68-52 win over Melrose-Mindoro in a Division 4 regional championship game at Pardeeville High School on Saturday, Feb. 28.

## Bulldogs' historic run falls just short of state tournament

### Strong senior group helps lead Pardeeville to another regional title

The 2025-26 season will go down as one of the most memorable in the history of the Pardeeville girls basketball program.

Led by head coach Joe Guenther, the Bulldogs put together a historic campaign, finishing with a 26-2 overall record while capturing their second straight Trailways West Conference Championship with a perfect 14-0 league mark. Pardeeville also claimed its second consecutive regional championship and was within one win of qualifying for the WIAA State Girls Basketball Tournament for the first time in program history.

Pardeeville's postseason run began with an impressive 65-38 victory over Prairie du Chien in a Division 4 regional semifinal. The Bulldogs followed that with a 68-52 win over Melrose-Mindoro in the regional championship, earning a spot in the sectional round.

In the sectional semifinal at Baraboo High School, Pardeeville continued its strong play with a 52-40 victory over Onalaska Luther. The win left the Bulldogs as one of the final eight teams remaining in Division 4 and just one victory away from a trip to the state tournament.

Pardeeville's season ultimately came to an end in the sectional championship game on Saturday, March 7, when Albany/Monticello defeated the Bulldogs 60-30.

Despite the loss, the season will be remembered as a remarkable one for the Bulldogs, who set the standard for success throughout the winter.

The game also marked the final high school basketball appearance for four outstanding seniors: Bronte Hulberg, Ava Wagner, McKinley Becker and Lexi Hughes. The group played a key role in the program's recent success and helped lead the Bulldogs to back-to-back conference and regional championships.

Hulberg capped her senior season by being named Co-Trailways West Conference Player of the Year. It is the second straight year Hulberg was

named the conference's top player. She averaged 19.5 points, 7.7 rebounds and 3.8 assists per game while leading the Bulldogs in scoring.

Wagner was named a unanimous first-team All-Trailways West Conference selection after averaging 17.5 points and 10.4 rebounds per game. In addition, she was recognized for her leadership and character by being named to the Trailways West Conference All-Sportsmanship Team.

Becker earned second-team all-conference honors after averaging 13 points and 3.2 steals per game in her senior season. Hughes also received second-team all-league recognition, averaging 8.6 points and nearly four steals per game during her final campaign.

The team's accomplishments this season will be remembered as one of the greatest runs in program history. With a conference championship, regional title, and a trip to the sectional final, the 2025-26 Bulldogs established a legacy that future Pardeeville teams will strive to match.



Members of the Pardeeville boys basketball team pose for a photo following their 70-55 win over Horicon in a Division 4 regional championship game at Horicon High School on Saturday, March 7.

## Pardeeville boys finish strong, win regional title in Horicon

The Pardeeville boys basketball team put together an impressive 2025-26 season, finishing with a 19-8 overall record and a 12-2 mark in the Trailways West Conference. The Bulldogs finished just one game behind conference champion Markesan in a competitive league race.

One of the highlights of the season came during the postseason, when Pardeeville showed tremendous growth and resilience. In a Division 4 regional semifinal, the Bulldogs earned a convincing 65-42 victory over Marshall — a significant turnaround after suffering a 32-point loss to the same team earlier in the season. Pardeeville carried that momentum into the regional championship game, where the Bulldogs defeated Horicon 70-55 to capture the Division 4 regional title.

The win was especially meaningful after Horicon had handed Pardeeville an eight-point loss earlier in the year.

Pardeeville's postseason run came to an end in a Division 4 sectional semifinal on March 11 at Portage High School, where the Bulldogs fell to Lomira by a score of 67-54. Despite the loss, the deep playoff run capped off a strong season for the program.

The Bulldogs were led by a talented junior trio of Devin Jerome, Julian Wells and Cody Gentz. Jerome and Wells both earned All-Trailways West Conference First Team honors for their standout performances this season, with Jerome being named the Trailways West Conference Player of the Year. Jerome led the team in scoring with 20.6 points per game, while also averaging 6.5 rebounds and 4.7

assists. Wells added 16.4 points per game while contributing 4 rebounds and 2.7 assists per contest.

Gentz was named to the All-Trailways West Conference Second Team and provided a strong presence in the paint for the Bulldogs. He averaged 11 rebounds per game while also contributing 8.3 points per contest.

Senior Brady Dolgner received special recognition as well, earning a spot on the Trailways West Conference All-Sportsmanship Team.

The team also says goodbye to a dedicated group of seniors who played an important role in the program's success: Bodie Johansen, Zach Hinesman, Dolgner, Austin Dechert, Tristin Smith, Jaxon Daugherty and Wade Breneman.

## Winter cheer team celebrates successful year supporting Bulldogs

The Pardeeville High School Winter Cheer Team Banquet was held on March 10 to honor athletes for their dedication and accomplishments this season. Seniors Ludovica Pesce, Isabel Bue, and Josephine Bue were recognized for their leadership and commitment.

Isabel and Josephine Bue were also celebrated as 4-year letter winners on both the Fall and Winter Cheer Teams — a remarkable achievement. Individual awards included Alison Lemanczyk earning Best Cheer Teammate and Josephine Bue receiving the CheerLEADER Award.

The team, coached by Margaret Waldinger and Amanda Saucedo, celebrated a successful season together.



Members of the Pardeeville Winter Cheer Team are, in front, from left; Josephine Bue, Isabel Bue, and Ludovica Pesce. In back; Nadia Ballweg, McKenzie Thiessen, and Alison Lemanczyk.

# Four Bulldogs sign letters of intent to compete at college level

Pardeeville High School celebrated the achievements of four senior student-athletes; Bronte Hulberg, Ava Wagner, Brady Dolgner and Joe Dosemagen during a Signing Day event held Thursday, March 26. Following the school day, family, friends, coaches and staff gathered to recognize the Bulldogs as they officially committed to continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

Hulberg and Wagner both signed letters of intent to play college basketball next season.

Hulberg, a dominant force on the court, earned Trailways West Conference Player of the Year honors in each of the past two seasons and was named an All-State Honorable Mention selection in Division 4 by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association. She will continue her basketball career at UW-Stout. The Blue Devils finished the 2025-26 season with a 13-12 overall record and went 4-10 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Wagner also capped off an impressive high school career, earning First Team All-Trailways West Conference honors this past season while helping



Pardeeville High School seniors, from left; Brady Dolgner, Joe Dosemagen, Ava Wagner and Bronte Hulberg signed letters of intent to play sports at the college level during a signing day ceremony held at the high school on March 26.

lead the Bulldogs to a sectional finals appearance. She will join a highly successful Ripon College program that posted a 26-3 overall record this season, captured the Midwest Conference championship with a perfect 16-0 mark, and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

On the diamond, Dolgner and Dosemagen also made their commitments official, each signing to play

baseball at Ripon College. The duo played key roles in the Bulldogs' back-to-back conference championship seasons and were both named Second Team All-Conference last spring. Dolgner and Dosemagen each posted impressive batting averages above .450, showcasing their impact at the plate.

They will join a Ripon College baseball program that went 17-23 overall and 10-11 in Midwest Conference play last season.



Pardeeville High School powerlifter Kiana Berry does the squat at the Wisconsin High School Powerlifting Association State Championships in Appleton.

## Berry, Waydick represent Pardeeville at WHSPA State Championships

Pardeeville High School's powerlifting team was well represented at the Wisconsin High School Powerlifting Association State Championship, held in Appleton in early March, as first-year lifters Kiana Berry and Joe Waydick turned in impressive performances.

Berry competed in a large class of 46 lifters and delivered a strong showing, recording a new personal record in the squat while narrowly missing a personal best in the deadlift. Pardeeville coach Kaye Dosemagen said Berry remained composed throughout the competition and completed a series of clean, confident lifts.

Waydick also had a standout day, finishing 15th overall while setting personal records in all three lifts—bench, squat and deadlift—for a combined total of 1,196 pounds. He continued his season at the 2026 USA Powerlifting High School Nationals in Killeen, Texas.

Both athletes were competing in powerlifting for the first time this year, making their accomplishments at the state level even more notable.

The program also extends its appreciation to coaches Dosemagen, Ashley Wernet and Riley Greenwald for their dedication, including the many Saturdays and the full weekend spent supporting athletes at the state meet. With a strong foundation in place, the future looks bright for Pardeeville powerlifting.

# Bulldog Stomp returns for 18th year, continues fight against cancer

Get ready for a fun-filled, community-focused day at the 18th Annual Bulldog Stomp on Saturday, May 2, hosted at Pardeeville High School. This year's theme is "A Day in Las Vegas." The event promises excitement for participants of all ages.

## Event Details:

- Registration: 8 a.m.
- Start Time: 10 a.m. for the 5K run, 3K walk, and kids 1-mile race.
- **Registration Fees:**
- 5K Run: \$25 (students 10–19), \$30 (ages 61+), \$35 (adults 20–60).
- 3K Walk: \$20 (students 10–19), \$25 (ages 61+), \$30 (adults 20–60).
- Children 9 & under: Free for all events.
- Register online by scanning the QR Code to the right. Day-of-event registration is also available.

The day isn't just about running and walking—participants can try their luck with basket raffles and browse a silent auction featuring great items.

The Bulldog Stomp began in 2009, when a small group of students wanted to support friends, unite the community, and raise money for cancer research. Now in its 18th year, the event continues that mission, inspired by the strength and courage of those affected by cancer.

All proceeds benefit the UW-Carbone Cancer Center of Madison, with last year's event raising an impressive \$40,000. Join us in making this year's Bulldog Stomp the best one yet.



The 18th Annual Bulldog Stomp will take place on Saturday, May 2. To register online, scan the QR code to the right. Online registration for the event closes on April 30 at 8 a.m.



The Pardeeville High School Band and Choir got to perform at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville on Tuesday, March 31.

## Music students enjoy trip to Nashville

Pardeeville High School band and choir students spent their spring break exploring the rich musical history of Memphis and Nashville during a multi-day trip filled with learning, performance, and fun.

The group departed early on Saturday, March 28, and arrived in Memphis that evening. The following day, students experienced several historic and cultural landmarks, including the National Civil Rights Museum, Sun Studio, Beale Street, and Graceland. Later that day, the group traveled to Nashville to continue their journey.

On Monday, March 30, students participated in a music clinic at the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University. The day also included stops at the Nashville Farmers Market, Bicentennial Mall, the Country Music Hall of Fame, and RCA Studio B. At RCA Studio B, both the band and choir had the opportunity to make their own recording. Students capped off the day with dinner, line dancing, and a haunted downtown Nashville tour.

Tuesday brought even more memorable experiences. Students visited the National Museum of African American Music and took a backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry. That evening, both the band and choir performed outdoors at the Grand Ole Opry, showcasing their talents on a historic stage. The group also enjoyed a live Grand Ole Opry performance, making for a fitting conclusion to their musical adventure.

After several days of exploration, performance, and hands-on learning, the group returned home to Pardeeville on Wednesday, April 1.

The trip provided students with valuable musical experiences, exposure to American music history, and lasting memories with their classmates.

## Cornhole Tournament raises over \$2,400 for PBIS program

The 3rd Annual Pardeeville Elementary Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Cornhole Tournament, held on March 21, brought together students, staff, families and community members for a day of friendly competition and school spirit at Pardeeville Elementary School.

Organized and directed by Mad City Cornhole, the event featured 26 teams competing in a Swiss-holio-style tournament. Each team played four preliminary round games before being placed into upper and lower tier brackets based on their performance. The tournament concluded with double-elimination play, with the top three teams in the upper tier and the top two teams in the lower tier earning cash prizes.

In addition to the tournament, attendees enjoyed a variety of activities throughout the day. Thirty themed raffle baskets donated by local businesses, school staff and classrooms, were available, along with a 50/50 raffle and a "Throw for the Hole" contest. Concessions and baked goods, generously provided by staff and local businesses, were also available.

The event was made possible through the generous support of community partners, including Mad City Cornhole, Cascade Mountain, Anytime Fitness, Piggly Wiggly, Festival Foods, Grande Cheese, Pizza Hut, Fireball Lanes, TC Styles, Lacey Koehler Photography, Dat Sassy Bakery, Carol's Cones and Crooked Branch.

Through tournament registrations, donations and raffle participation, the event raised more than \$2,400. Proceeds will support PBIS initiatives at Pardeeville Elementary, helping fund positive learning opportunities, student supports and school-wide activities.

Beyond the competition, the tournament served as a meaningful example of PBIS in action. Participants demonstrated respect by encouraging one another and showing good sportsmanship, responsibility by assisting with event setup and cleanup and keeping the facility organized, and safety by helping maintain a welcoming and enjoyable environment for all.



Members of the Pardeeville High School Forensics Team are, in front, from left; Josephine Bue, Taylor Luedtke, Sydney Sween, Bree Motsenbocker, Constance Fallon and Paige Mick. Back row; Dane Overland, Cody Gentz, Haley Gard, Caitlyn Bellis and Nadia Ballweg.

## Pardeeville Forensics doing well

The Pardeeville High School Forensics Team has had a busy and successful season. At the Trailways Conference Forensics Meet in Beaver Dam, Sydney Sween and Bree Motsenbocker led the Bulldogs with a first-place finish and conference gold medal in Group Interpretation.

Overall, Pardeeville earned five blue-ribbon finishes and two red-ribbon finishes at the conference meet, with all team members qualifying for district competition. Due to a snowstorm, the district event was canceled, and students instead recorded their performances for virtual judging. State qualifiers will be announced at a later date.

The team is advised by English teachers Sarah Holland and Jim Reynolds.

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## Students shine at annual 4K Circus

The annual 4K Circus Show at Pardeeville Elementary School brought excitement and smiles to a packed audience on Friday, March 27, as students from Mrs. Lindert's and Mrs. Vinz's classes showcased their talents for family and friends.

The young performers took on a variety of creative roles, including a singing ringmaster, highwire girls, prancing ponies, amazing acrobats, a human cannonball, circus puppies, a magician, circus elephants, super strongmen, ferocious lions, and funny clowns. Each act highlighted the students' enthusiasm and hard work in preparing for the big show.

In addition to providing entertainment, the circus experience offered valuable benefits for students. Performing in front of an audience helps build confidence, encourages teamwork, and strengthens communication skills at an early age.



Funny clowns were part of the annual 4K Circus held at Pardeeville Elementary School on March 27.

# Spring sporting events need help

The Pardeeville Area School District Athletic Department is seeking community support for several upcoming spring athletic events.

Volunteers are needed to help serve as event workers for two high school track and field meets being hosted in Pardeeville. The Bulldog Invite will take place on Friday, May 1, followed by the Trailways

Conference Divisional Meet on Monday, May 11. In addition, the district is looking for individuals interested in umpiring softball and junior varsity baseball games this spring.

Those interested in assisting or learning more about these opportunities are encouraged to contact Heidi Anderson at [andehe@pasdwi.org](mailto:andehe@pasdwi.org) or by calling 608-429-2153 ext. 211.



The Pardeeville High School Athletic Department is looking for workers to help out during the two track and field events it is hosting this spring on Friday, May 1 and Monday, May 11.



## 2026 PARDEEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES



### HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL

April 2 at Waterloo, 5 p.m.  
 April 6 at Deerfield, 5 p.m.  
 April 7 at Princeton/Green Lake, 5 p.m.  
 April 9 vs. Princeton/Green Lake, 5 p.m.  
 April 13 at Madison East, 5 p.m.  
 April 20 vs. Portage, 5 p.m.  
 April 21 at Rio, 5 p.m.  
 April 23 vs. Rio, 5 p.m.  
 April 27 vs. Montello, 5 p.m.  
 April 30 at Montello, 5 p.m.  
 May 4 vs. Fall River, 5 p.m.  
 May 7 at Fall River, 5 p.m.  
 May 8 vs. Westfield, 5 p.m.  
 May 11 vs. Randolph/CF, 5 p.m.  
 May 14 at Randolph/CF, 5 p.m.  
 May 16 at St. Mary's Springs Invite, 10 a.m.  
 May 19 vs. Markesan, 5 p.m.  
 May 21 at Markesan, 5 p.m.  
 May 26 at Columbus Catholic, 5 p.m.

### HIGH SCHOOL JV BASEBALL

April 2 at Waterloo, 5 p.m.  
 April 7 at Johnson Creek, 5 p.m.  
 April 16 vs. Adams-Friendship, 5 p.m.  
 April 18 vs. Portage (DH), 5 p.m.  
 April 21 vs. Johnson Creek, 5 p.m.  
 April 30 vs. Montello, 5 p.m.  
 May 5 vs. Laconia, 5 p.m.  
 May 14 vs. Markesan, 5 p.m.  
 May 15 vs. Madison Abundant Life, 5 p.m.  
 May 18 at Adams-Friendship, 5 p.m.  
 May 21 at Markesan, 5 p.m.

### HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SOFTBALL

April 6 at Deerfield, 5 p.m.  
 April 7 vs. Fall River/Rio, 5 p.m.  
 April 9 at Cambria-Friesland, 5 p.m.  
 April 13 vs. Montello, 5 p.m.  
 April 16 at Markesan, 5 p.m.  
 April 17 vs. Westfield, 5 p.m.  
 April 20 at Wild Rose, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 21 at Princeton/Green Lake, 5 p.m.

April 24 vs. Randolph, 5 p.m.  
 April 28 at Fall River/Rio, 5 p.m.  
 April 30 vs. Cambria-Friesland, 5 p.m.  
 May 4 at Montello, 5 p.m.  
 May 7 vs. Markesan, 5 p.m.  
 May 8 vs. Princeton/Green Lake, 5 p.m.  
 May 14 at Columbus, 5 p.m.  
 May 15 at Randolph, 5 p.m.  
 May 19 vs. Berlin, 5 p.m.

### HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

April 9 at Oshkosh Lourdes Invite, 10 a.m.  
 April 10 at Oshkosh Lourdes Invite (JV), 10 a.m.  
 April 13 at Sauk Prairie Invite (JV), 9 a.m.  
 April 15 at Parkview Mini Meet, 3 p.m.  
 April 16 at Pardeeville Mini Meet, 3 p.m.  
 April 23 at Williams Bay Mini Meet, 3 p.m.  
 April 24 at Wautoma Invite, 9 a.m.  
 April 27 at Horicon Mini Meet, 3 p.m.  
 April 30 at Palmyra-Eagle Mini Meet, 3 p.m.  
 April 30 at Wautoma Invite (JV), 9 a.m.  
 May 1 at Portage Invite, 9 a.m.  
 May 4 at Wayland Mini Meet, 3 p.m.  
 May 4 at Baraboo Invite (JV), 10 a.m.  
 May 6 at Lawsonia Invite, 9:30 a.m.  
 May 7 at Pardeeville Invite (JV), 9 a.m.  
 May 11 at Madison Co-op Mini Meet, 3 p.m.  
 May 18 at Trailways Conference Meet, 9 a.m.  
 May 27 at Barneveld Regional  
 June 2 at Cochrane-Fountain City Sectional  
 June 8-9 State Tournament at Madison

### MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL

April 14 at Markesan, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 16 vs. Adams-Friendship, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 21 vs. Montello, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 23 vs. Oakfield, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 27 at Montello, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 30 at Oakfield, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 1 vs. Waupun CWC, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 5 at Oakfield, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 7 at Rio, 4:30 p.m.

May 11 at Waupun CWC, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 15 at Princeton/Green Lake, 4:30 p.m.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL

April 13 vs. Montello, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 14 at Cambria-Friesland, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 23 vs. Oakfield, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 24 at Baraboo, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 1 vs. Baraboo, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 5 at Rio, 5 p.m.  
 May 11 vs. Cambria-Friesland, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 14 at Hustisford, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 15 at Montello, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 21 at Waupun CWC, 4:30 p.m.

### HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

April 2 at Marshal Invite, 4 p.m.  
 April 9 at Markesan Invite, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 21 at Princeton, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 24 Deerfield Invite, 4 p.m.  
 May 1 Pardeeville Invite, 4 p.m.  
 May 5 at Fall River, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 8 at Deerfield Classic, 4 p.m.  
 May 11 Pardeeville hosts Division Meet, 3:30 p.m.  
 May 15 Trailways Conference at Oshkosh, 3 p.m.  
 May 19 at Rio Invite, 4 p.m.  
 May 26 Regional at TBD  
 May 29 at Horicon Sectional  
 June 5-6 State Meet at UW-La Crosse

### MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

April 7 Pardeeville Invite, 4 p.m.  
 April 14 at Fall River Invite, 4 p.m.  
 April 20 at Portage Invite, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 30 at Markesan Invite, 4 p.m.  
 May 5 at Princeton Invite, 4 p.m.  
 May 7 at Rio Invite, 4 p.m.  
 May 12 at Poynette Invite, 4:15 p.m.

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

# PARDEEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

We are proud to announce that the following Pardeeville Middle School students have made the honor roll for the second 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. Congratulations to those students who were recognized.

## 5TH GRADE LIFE SKILLS HONOR ROLL

Chase Achterberg, Rosemary Bader, Annabelle Casteel, Braelyn Christiaansen, Saida Cummings, Bailey Davis, Jaslynn Davis, Amiyah Dilley, Moira Ethington, Bryce Ganz, Kari Gessler, Hank Haggerty, Elliott Harvey, Raelyn Huebner, Chase Jacobs, Tyler Jaworski, Zoey Jenkins, Autumn Kind, Madison Klein, Charles Knuteson, Dorothy Laper, Ronald Marks, Joselyn McGovern, Liam Miller, Amber Netzel, Kaiya Nickel, Jacob Nicol, Jonah Nicol, Kaylee Pihlaja, Dakota Reinecke, Abigail Roberts, Elise Rodgers, Harrison Schiess, Paisleigh Schlobohm, Jaxon Wickersham.

## 5TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Chase Achterberg, Coleman Bell, Sara Crittendon, Saida Cummings, Hank Haggerty, Madison Klein, Amber Netzel, Kaiya Nickel, Jacob Nicol, Jonah Nicol, Abigail Roberts, Elise Rodgers, Jaxon Wickersham.

## 5TH GRADE HIGH HONORS

Logan Breger, Jaslynn Davis, Moira Ethington, Kari Gessler, Chase Jacobs, Autumn Kind, Ronald Marks, Joselyn McGovern, Dakota Reinecke, Olivia Rodriguez, Jaxon Surguy.

## 5TH GRADE HONORS

Rosemary Bader, Patience Bobiak, Annabelle Casteel, Bailey Davis, Nikolas Douglas, Bryce Ganz, Tyler Jaworski, Zoey Jenkins, Ramsie Johnson, Dorothy Laper, Cael Lerdahl, Liam Miller, Kelsey Osborn, Kaylee Pihlaja, Edgar Vedvik.

## 6TH GRADE LIFE SKILLS HONOR ROLL

Luke Black, Auraliya Boyle, Julia Coimbra Ciobanu, Karson Delgado, Troy Erlandson, Bristol Fischer, Ivan Garrett, Arabelle Gitzlaff, Jack Kenevan, Harvey Lieberherr, Callen McConnell, Gavin Mueller, Levi Parpart, Audrey Pulver, Zane Rohwer, Marie Rostad, Tristian Sanders, Harris Smith, Elliana Soppe, Lawson Walsh, Emily Weinberger, Caleb Wigman.

## 6TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Luke Black, Auraliya Boyle, Graiden Casey, Karson Delgado, Troy Erlandson, Lucas Gessler, Arabelle Gitzlaff, Callen McConnell, Levi Parpart, Audrey Pulver, Zane Rohwer, Tristian Sanders, Harris Smith, Elliana Soppe, Ayden Vasquez, Lawson Walsh.

## 6TH GRADE HIGH HONORS

Ivan Garrett, Harvey Lieberherr, Egan Walsh, Emily Weinberger, Caleb Wigman.

## 6TH GRADE HONORS

Julia Coimbra Ciobanu, Bristol Fischer, Jack Kenevan, Aiden Knuteson, Chase Miller, Natalya Molnar, Gavin Mueller, Dawson Radke, Hudson Schiess.

## 7TH GRADE LIFE SKILLS HONOR ROLL

Matthew Ammann, Ellie Baker, Emma Baker, Charlie Ballweg, Sofia Bell, Olivia Breger, Destany Cole, Dexter Glanzer, Austin Haggerty,



## SECOND TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

Franklin Harvey, Bentlee Hinz, Ryker Hoffman, Roland Houslet, Bristol Jahn, Skylie Jenkins, Aaron Ludwig, Oliver Lynch, Natalee Moll, Connor Neumann, Layla Nickel, Lyla O'Brien, Nadia Overland, Jocelyn Pitzen, Sydney Renner, Micah Steinblock, Aden Steinecke, Olivia Vanden Hoven, Matthew Vandermoon, Carrick Wylesky, Carson Young.

## 7TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Matthew Ammann, Ellie Baker, Emma Baker, Charlie Ballweg, Sofia Bell, Olivia Breger, Destany Cole, Dexter Glanzer, Austin Haggerty, Franklin Harvey, Bentlee Hinz, Ryker Hoffman, Roland Houslet, Bristol Jahn, Skylie Jenkins, Aaron Ludwig, Oliver Lynch, Natalee Moll, Connor Neumann, Layla Nickel, Lyla O'Brien, Nadia Overland, Jocelyn Pitzen, Sydney Renner, Micah Steinblock, Aden Steinecke, Olivia Vanden Hoven, Matthew Vandermoon, Carrick Wylesky, Carson Young..

## 7TH GRADE HIGH HONORS

Cheyenne Berg, Piper Beyler, Connor Blader, Rayden Boyle, Avery Brockman, Finley Chatman, Aubrey Cross, Ava Endreas, Peytynn Hoffman, Tucker Kast, Meika Meinholdt, Mia Rothenburg, Brynlee Sanwick, Madisyn Schraufnagel.

## 7TH GRADE HONORS

Howard Anton, Ashlynn Aski, Jezzy Bardon, Gavin Birdsill, Avery Davis, Camden Mattke, Abby Olson, Matthew Paul, Alexander Schick, Brayleigh Schlobohm.

## 8TH GRADE LIFE SKILLS HONOR ROLL

Bailey Ammann, Ian Black, Caleb Bronson, Jenyla Day, Andrew Douglas, Hunter Gitzlaff, MaKinley Helm, Mya Hetzel, McKenzie Kolkovich, Wolfgang Mueller, Violet Neuhauser, Desmond Parpart, Lena Reichenbach, Rocky Reinecke, Wayne Rohrbeck, Adelle Sanders, Brielle Schultz, Ellye Schultz, Hailey Slinger, Brody Wade.

## 8TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Bailey Ammann, Ellie Homan, McKenzie Kolkovich, Desmond Parpart, Rocky Reinecke, Wayne Rohrbeck, Brielle Schultz.

## 8TH GRADE HIGH HONORS

Zane Bovre, Mya Hetzel, Sunni Johnson, Brogan Sherrick, Josiah Wendt.

## 8TH GRADE HONORS

Logan Crary, Kimora Kindschy, Violet Neuhauser, Matthew Roberts, Adelle Sanders.

# PARDEEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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

## SENIOR HIGH HONORS

Aubriana Agnew, Howard Boyle, Isaac Buchholz, Isabel Bue, Josephine Bue, Kiana Cook, Miranda Crary, Michaela Crittendon, Jaxon Daugherty, Joe Dosemagen, Kingston Galetka, Bailey Grissom, Allyson Gruenwald, Molly Hardwick, Zachary Hineman, Madiynn Holland, Raelyn Holtan, Lexi Hughes, Bronte Hulberg, Abigail Jacobson, Bodie Johansen, Catherine Kopfhamer, Taylor Luedtke, Noah Manthe, Paige Mick, Evan Miller, Acacia Netzel, Ludovica Pesce, Chayse Pulvermacher, Brook Schomburg, Isabella Taylor, Ava Wagner, Joseph Waydick, Jackson Weisensel, Arianna Wendlandt.

## SENIOR HONORS

McKinley Becker, Wade Breneman, Austin Dechert, Brady Dolgner, William Edgar, Jarrett Killoran, Makensey Miller, Briar Otwaska, Oswald Sanchez, Tristan Smith, Anthony Stolinis, Andrew Welch.

## JUNIOR HIGH HONORS

Hayden Ballweg, Nadia Ballweg, Caitlyn Bellis, Mariah Bruflat, Layla Buchholz, Onan Casteel, Tamber Corning, Constance Fallon, Easton Fischer, Haley Gard, Cody Gentz, Elle Hardwick, Tristen Homan. Hailey Jaedke, Devin Jerome, Elizabeth Keeling, Eyan Kirk, Kaliagh Klein, Lydia Kleist, Jade Koepp, Mallory Kolkovich, Mykael Mickelson, Chance Millard, Bree Motsenbocker, Mason Muscanero, Nathan Renz, Sydney Sween, Julian Wells.

## JUNIOR HONORS

Matthew Berken, Julius Klingensmith, Braeden Kuske, Kyla Lorenz, Cleo Meier, Kayden Miller, Gibson Nelson, Preston Nicoll, Dane Overland, Corrah Storts, McKenzie Thiessen, Rowen Vierck, Catherine Wendt.

## SOPHOMORE HIGH HONORS

Avri Anderson, Taylor Berg, Noah Black, Morgan Blader, Karrsen Bussan, Jonathan Dolphin, Isabel Fisher, Francesca Gaglio, Natalie Grant, Jaelyn Grissom, Kaleb Hains, Leyton Haseleu, Aurora Homan, Kenna Jenkins, Alison Lemanczyk, Alex Metz, Maverick Mueller, Addyson Neary, Brianne Neuhauser, Gracie Postler, Ella Rohrbeck, Brandon Schaller, Adalyn Schultz, Makayla Smith, Lauren Undraitis, Allison Wickus, Macey Young.

## SOPHOMORE HONORS

Sage Bardon, Grace Baures, Dylan Berg, Kayson Bulgrin, Brayden Emkow, Sawyer Fox, Isabelle Halgrimson, Trenton Hendrickson, Owen Krueger, Jonah Manthe, Brayden Niemeier, Kasen Schomburg, Audrianna Wylesky.

## FRESHMAN HIGH HONORS

Hudson Achterberg, Kinleyh Anderson, Alyvia Bell, Alek Bellis, Mikayla Bovre, Kylie Buzzell, Jenna Cross, Lane Cross, Ronin Holly, Cade Jacobs, Landon Kleist, Fynnlei Laybourn, Jackson O'Brien, Jackson Oelke, Lily Renner, Sawyer Salmon, Makenzie Schmidtke, Madelynn Soppe, Braylon Wendlandt, Chesney Wickersham

## FRESHMAN HONORS

Riley Angell, Becca Cembrero, Gavin Christenson-Krauklis, Jaxon Dahle, Kenadie Halder, Lilley Hanko, Bryce Hardwick, Fletcher Hoffmann, Riley Holland, Brock Huset, Kayleigh Kath, Hoyt Kessenich, Kaden Krueger, Natalie Lonski, Quinnlyn Lusk, Logan Nicoll, Lane Pease, Cayden Penland, Chelsea Philbrick-Boeder, London Sosa, Jaycey Thornton, Owen Vanden Hoven.

## Generosity leads to pie and slime celebrations with teachers

Students at Pardeeville High School helped turn generosity into a memorable and messy celebration on March 25.

At the end of the school day, Physical Education teacher Camden Stampfl took a pie to the face after students donated the most money to his name during a Pennies for Patients fundraiser organized by the Pardeeville High School Key Club. The lighthearted moment served as a reward for strong student participation and support of the cause.

Art teacher Chris Lynch also joined in the fun, taking a bucket of pink slime over his head in the school gym. Lynch, an advisor for the annual Bulldog Stomp, agreed to the stunt after the Bulldog Stomp committee recently surpassed its early fundraising goal of \$15,000.

With the entire high school student body watching, the event brought plenty of laughs while highlighting the impact of students coming together to support meaningful causes.



Pardeeville High School teachers Chris Lynch (above) and Camden Stampfl (left) were slimed and pied during a recent assembly. Both teachers agreed to this as part of fund-raising goals reached at the school.



# PARDEVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2026-2027 STUDENT CALENDAR

Aut. 6- District Registration  
 Aug. 27- District Wide Open House

Sept. 1- First Day of School- 4K, 5th & 9th graders  
 Sept. 2- All Students  
 Sept. 7- No School  
 Sept. 27- Oct. 3- Homecoming Week

SEPTEMBER 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			2	3	4	5
6	N	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	N	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	PT	N	31

Oct. 2- Homecoming Game  
 Oct. 5- No School  
 Oct. 29- P/T Conference:  
 ES/MS/HS 11:00am-7:00pm  
 Oct. 30- No School

Nov. 24- End of Trimester 1  
 Nov. 25-30- No School

NOVEMBER 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	T	N	N	N	28
29	N					

DECEMBER 2026						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	N	N	N	26
27	N	N	N	N		

Dec. 1- Classes Resume  
 Dec. 23-31- Winter Break

Jan. 1- Winter Break  
 Jan. 4- Classes Resume

JANUARY 2027						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					N	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

FEBRUARY 2027						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	PT	N	6
7	8	PT	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

Feb. 4- P/T Conferences: ES/MS/HS-  
 4pm-8pm  
 Feb. 5- No School  
 Feb. 9- P/T Conferences ES only

March 3- End of Trimester 2  
 March 4 & 5- No School  
 March 22-26- No School

MARCH 2027						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	T	N	N	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	N	N	N	N	N	27
28	29	30	31			

APRIL 2027						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	PT	N	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

April 22- P/T Conference:  
 MS/HS Only 4pm - 8pm  
 April 23- No School

May 29- Graduation  
 May 31- No School

MAY 2027						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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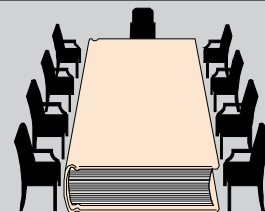
JUNE 2027						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12

June 4- Last Day of School / End of  
 Trimester 3

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

End of Trimester 1 = 57 Days  
 End of Trimester 2 = 58 Days  
 End of Trimester 3 = 57.5 Days  
 Total = 172.5 Days

# Pardeeville Board of Education



## MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING January 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Ms. Becky Lezvow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Becky Lezvow, and Student Representative Ava Wagner. Also present were Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Mr. Knitt, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Angie Noyons, Ms. Crystal Vinz, Ms. Rachel Kaufman, Ms. Tabby Paul, Mr. Logan Paul, Mr. William Bledsoe, Mr. Brandon Bledsoe, Ms. Amanda Bledsoe, and Mr. Randy Guttenberg. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:05pm

### Motion to Approve Agenda

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

### Open Forum

No one signed up.

### Student Spotlight: Elementary School 4th Grade Spelling Bee Finalists

Mr. Kohn introduced Mr. Bledsoe and Mr. Paul, the 2 finalists for the 4th grade spelling bee who will be going to regionals in Portage. The board asked them questions about the spelling bee and what words they had to spell to win. The board congratulated them on their success and wished them well at regionals.

### Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School-Ms. Lezvow stated it was good to see staff continually working on the reunification process. She also commented about the Seal A Smile program we are able to bring into the school district, and looking forward to the art fair coming up. Middle School-Ms. Lezvow asked who won the volleyball games, and Ms. Denure stated that the girls did. High School-Ms. Lezvow stated that she heard positive feedback about the Students Alive presentation. It was mentioned that there were lots of activities going on. Ms. Lezvow also stated it was good to see that the drama club was starting back up with practices for their spring performance. Building & Grounds-It was commented that there was a lot of shoveling and salting happening. Mr. Bellis stated that he heard there was heat issues in some classrooms, and Mr. Housner stated that they knew of the issues and had been working on trying to get them back up and running. Technology-It was commented about the chromebook replacement rotation being in place.

### Student Representative Report

Ms. Wagner went over the student representative report.

### Committee Reports

Ms. Pease, Mr. Bellis and Ms. Walker commented briefly on the minutes that had been submitted. No other questions were asked.

### Update on Act 20

Mr. Kohn gave an update on the Act 20 progress. He stated training, the curriculum being used and the requirements are getting done. Mr. Knitt stated that he had been meeting with Ms. Smedema bi-monthly and working on the record keeping end of things.

### Discussion on Referendum Update

Mr. Knitt stated that there was nothing new to update due to the holidays. They will start to be scheduling community meetings shortly.

### Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Nickel read an excerpt of the Martin Luther King Jr. speech.

### Approval of Minutes Dated 1/5/2026

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve minutes dated 1/5/26. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the receipts and expenditures. Ms. Knitt recapped the budget numbers. Ms. Walker did ask a question about an invoice. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Spaces Available for 2026-2027 Open Enrollment Students

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the spaces available for 2026-2027 open enrollment students as presented. Mr. Knitt went over the proposed open enrollment seat availability. Mr. Bellis did ask some clarifying questions. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Additional Spring Coaches

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the additional spring coaches as presented. Mr. Bell did go over the list for approval. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Resignation of Support Staff

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the resignation of Support Staff Cherie Baird. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Tech Ed Equipment

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the purchasing of tech ed equipment. Mr. Knitt went over the request and where the funds would be coming from. Mr. Kinworthy asked questions about installation costs and electrical work that may be needed. Mr. Knitt was able to answer. Motion passed 7-0.

### Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the donations of cheese from Grande Foods to the High School food classes. Motion passed 7-0.

### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Review of January Pupil Count, Presentation of 24-25 Financial Audit, Recap of the WASB State Convention, and Approval of Overnight Field Trips.

### Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c)(f) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to Approve Closed Session Minutes Dated 1/7/26 and 1/8/26 and to Discuss Superintendent Position and Possible Interview of

Superintendent Candidate.

### Return to Open Session

Approval of Closed Session Minutes Dated 1/7/26

Motion by Mr. Nickel /seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the closed session minutes dated 1/7/26. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Closed Session Minutes Dated 1/8/26

Motion by Ms. Walker /seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the closed session minutes dated 1/8/26. Motion passed 7-0.

### Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Achterberg /seconded by Mr. Nickel to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.

Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

## MINUTES CLOSED SESSION January 28, 2026

### Closed Session

A closed session was held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to Discuss and Review Superintendent Contract. The meeting began at 6:36 pm. Those present included: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Ms. Becky Lezvow (via telephone), Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker and Mr. Gus Knitt. Motion by Mr. Kinworthy /seconded by Ms. Walker to go into a closed session. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Bellis- Yes, Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Ms. Lezvow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

### Discussions

Discussed salary, contract and benefits for the new superintendent.

### Return to Open Session

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy /seconded by Ms. Walker to go back into open session. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bellis- Yes, Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Ms. Lezvow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes. Motion passed 7-0. The Board returned to open session at 6:56 pm.

### Approval of District Administrator

Motion by Ms. Walker /seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the hiring of Amber Denure as the District Administrator starting the 26-27 school year. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Ms. Lezvow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Bellis- Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of District Administrator Contract to June 30, 2028

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy /seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the district administrator contract to June 30, 2028. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Lezvow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes,

Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Bellis- Yes, Mr. Kinworthy- Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Achterberg /seconded by Ms. Walker to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

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Justin Nickel, Board Vice President

### **MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING February 9, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Ms. Becky Lezvow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker, Ms. Becky Lezvow, and Student Representative Bronte Hulberg and Ava Wagner. Also present were Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Brent Richter, Mr. Brayden Page, Mr. Jim Housner, Mr. Knitt, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Carol Wirth, Ms. Krisztina Dommer virtually and Mr. James Geurts.

#### Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Presentation of the 2024-2025 Financial Audit

Ms. Krisztina Dommer from Lauterbach and Amen talked about what an audit entails and what was in our financial audit. They were happy to report no issues and that they were able to get it done timely this year. The board thanked her for her time and for presenting the information.

#### Discussion on Potential Borrowing

Ms. Carol Wirth went over her report in regards to planning for a potential referendum and what options there are available for borrowing and how it could possibly impact the tax payers. Mr. Knitt talked about the reasoning of bringing Ms. Wirth now rather than later so that the board can get an understanding of what could happen so we can answer any questions from our constituents that may come up. The board did thank Ms. Wirth for her presentation and stated it was very helpful.

#### Report on WASB State Convention by Board Attendees

The board talked about the sessions that they participated in at the state convention in January. Ms. Pease stated that she attended sessions geared towards board communication between the board and the community. Mr. Achterberg attended a session regarding carbon monoxide levels in the classroom, along with a WIAA session that was geared towards NIL. Ms. Walker attended a variety of sessions, but more geared towards finance. Mr. Nickel stated that he attended some legislative update sessions. Ms. Lezvow attended a session on long term planning and building a referendum. Ms. Lezvow was also honored for her 20 years of service as a board member at the convention, as well as touring a neighboring school district. The board members stated

it was a good convention and were able to gain a lot of information.

#### Report on January Pupil Count

Mr. Knitt went over the January pupil count numbers that were provided. We have gone up since the September count, but we are still down from last year which may impact our State funding.

#### Discussion on New Superintendent Community Meeting

It was discussed that we possibly tie this in with the upcoming community meetings on the referendum.

#### Discuss Referendum Updates

Mr. Knitt talked about planning the community and staff meetings in March. Ms. Denure is attending all of the referendum meetings to get as much information as she needs.

#### Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Achterberg had been asked about the roof projects and if they are not getting financed by the referendum, how are they going to get repaired. Mr. Knitt went over how they will work it into the yearly budget and how it will not impact tax payers. They will be repairing a section at a time and getting on a rotation. Ms. Walker asked how it was determined when students can go into the buildings before school and where they go. The principals talked about how on the colder days they do open the doors up so the students are not outside. The high school will look to see if they should open the outside vestibule doors earlier. Ms. Lezvow and Ms. Walker stated that the Fun Pianos! performance was great and a fair amount of people did attend.

#### Approval of Minutes Dated 1/19/2026

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve minutes dated 1/19/26. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Overnight Field Trip for Ice Fishing for State

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the overnight field trip request for ice fishing to go to State. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Overnight Field Trip for Art Class Competition

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the overnight field trip request for art class competition. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of School Perception Agreement

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the School Perception agreement. Mr. Knitt and Ms. Denure went over the proposal of \$9,100 to the board for the upcoming survey option to send out to the community for the upcoming referendum. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Middle School After-School Video Game Club

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the Middle School after-school video game club. Mr. Geurts did a presentation on what his goal is for this after school gaming club. The board did ask him some questions to which he answered. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the donations of \$25 to the auditorium from Debra Wopat and 12 compound bows from the Montello Bow Benders for the Outdoor Adventure classes. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of First Reading of NEOLA Policies 1-12

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the first reading of NEOLA Policies 1-12. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

High School has the student spotlight, and second reading of policies as well as a closed session.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

### **MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING February 16, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Ms. Becky Lezvow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Becky Lezvow. Also present were Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Gus Knitt, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Sarah Holland, Ms. Sydney Sween and Ms. Bree Motesbocker. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:11 pm.

#### Motion to Approve Agenda

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

#### Open Forum

No one signed up.

#### Student Spotlight: High School Forensics

Ms. Sween and Ms. Motesbocker talked about being in forensics. They read their group interpretive piece to the board. The board loved the presentation and wished them well on their next event.

#### Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School-The PTO dance is being moved to 2/20/26 due to a scheduling conflict. Ms. Lezvow stated that it was great to see the 4K screening continuing as it is very important for our families. It was mentioned about the master growers coming to the school and they were happy to see this event going on for our students. Middle School-Ms. Lezvow stated that it was very important for our students to have the opportunity to meet with the Sheriff's Office on the sextortion presentation. Ms. Denure talked about the principal's convention she had gone to. High School-Ms. Lezvow stated that the clubs have a lot of worthwhile community fundraisers going on and that the career fair was a success. Mr. Nickel and other board members talked about the cell phone policies and laws in place. There was discussion on what procedures will be done with cell phones in the future. Ms. Lezvow talked about all of the sports and other co-curricular activities that have

a lot of events going on right now. Building and Grounds-It was mentioned about the 143 work tickets that have been completed along with dealing with leaky pipes in the building. Technology-Ms. Levzow talked about the work tickets that have been completed this past month. It was also mentioned that the board was happy to see Mr. Walker going to an emergency response conference. Mr. Walker talked about the broken speaker system in the high school gym. It is currently temporarily fixed, but will need a full fix done before graduation in May. Ms. Levzow also stated that she is happy to see that we are sticking to our rotation schedule for purchasing new chromebooks for the students. Mr. Bellis asked about how the website redesign is going, to which Mr. Walker answered.

#### Student Representative Report

Ms. Levzow went over the student report briefly. No questions were asked.

#### Committee Reports

Ms. Walker went over briefly about the security system information that was talked about in the committee meeting. Mr. Nickel asked Mr. Walker about replacement options for the system to which Mr. Walker answered.

#### Update on Referendum

Mr. Knitt stated that the group was working on the upcoming staff and community sessions for the presentation. Findorff should be giving cost projections soon and will be at the March 2nd board meeting to present updates. School Perceptions is going over examples of the survey and will be at the March 16th meeting to present the survey. Ms. Levzow asked the board if they had any additional names for people to invite to the upcoming community sessions. Mr. Knitt will be placing flyers in businesses around town for the upcoming community events.

#### Board Comments & Questions

Mr. Bellis asked about the open gym violations that the board was notified of, and Mr. Knitt recapped what was happening. Ms. Walker stated that the 3rd grade field trip today was fun and that the kids were excellently behaved.

#### Approval of Minutes Dated 2/9/2026

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve minutes dated 2/9/26. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the receipts and expenditures as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Donations

No donations to be approved at this time  
Approval of Second Reading of NEOLA Policies 1-12

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the second reading of NEOLA Policies 1-12. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Findorff and Groth and Associates will be in person for a presentation on the referendum update.

#### Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to discuss Administrator contracts, Interim Superintendent contract extension, approve

closed session minutes of 1/28/26 and pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(f) update the Board on an investigatory matter.

#### Return to Open Session

#### Approval of Extension of Interim Superintendent Contract

Motion by Ms. Walker /seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the extension of the interim superintendent contract to June 30, 2026. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Middle School Principal Contract

Motion by Mr. Nickel /seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the Middle School Principal Contract for 2026-2027. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approve Closed Session Minutes Dated 1/28/2026

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the closed session minutes dated 1/28/26. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Ms. Pease to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

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Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

### **MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING March 2, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Ms. Becky Levzow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Mr. Gus Knitt, Ms. Jen Mecum, Mr. Nathan Schieve, Mr. Matt Claggett, Ms. Amanda Seichter, Mr. Noah Manthe and Ms. Sage Bardon. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:06 pm

#### Motion to Approve Agenda

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

#### Presentation of Curling Mixed Doubles State Participants

Ms. Seichter had the students introduce themselves. Ms. Seichter stated that this is the 2nd year that Pardeeville has hosted doubles for high school level, and she hopes it continues. Mr. Manthe and Ms. Bardon talked about their experience and the different matches they played. They did beat last year's state champion in a match which they were pretty proud of. Ms. Levzow asked about strategy and if they swept a lot. The board congratulated on their achievements.

#### Referendum Update with Findorff and Groth

Mr. Schieve and Mr. Claggett went over what the workshop presentation is going to look like to the community and the staff. This presentation includes background information of what brought us to this point, potential projects, and tax impact information. The board asked questions, to which Findorff and Groth and Associates, along with Mr. Knitt answered. The board thanked Mr. Schieve and

Mr. Claggett for their being there tonight to present the update to the board.

#### Board Comments & Questions

Ms. Walker stated that she enjoyed the glow up dance. Mr. Nickel stated it was great to see Mr. Bussan as the state champion for wrestling, and also the other sports and clubs that have gotten to state level. The board agreed that it had been a good week thus far for sports. The board was asked for availability to schedule a closed session meeting.

#### Approval of Minutes Dated 2/16/2026

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve minutes dated 2/16/26. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Stadium Light Repair

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the stadium light repair from Yes Company. Mr. Housner talked about the bids, but only one company is able to do the maintenance due to the age of the lights that we have at the football stadium. They will look at replacing the lighting in the future to LED, but note it will have to be added to the budget at a later time. Mr. Achterberg asked some questions and will be getting some information to Mr. Housner. Mr. Knitt stated this repair amount is currently available in the budget. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Grounds Equipment Purchase

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the grounds equipment purchase of the Ventrac 452oz as presented. Mr. Housner went over the need for the new snow removal equipment and went over the different models and pricing. He recommended purchasing the Ventrac brand. The board asked questions to which Mr. Housner was able to answer. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Certified/Support Staff Retirements

There were no staff that had submitted for retirement at this time.

#### Approval Additional Spring Sports Coaches/Volunteers

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve additional spring coaches and volunteers as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the donation from Madison College Biotechnology Program in conjunction with Catalent Biologics, who donated \$3,500-\$4,000 worth of equipment to the advanced biotechnology classes in order to offer a dual credit course. Motion passed 7-0.

#### Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Will be discussing the School Perceptions survey for the upcoming referendum, middle school student spotlight, approving Start College Now applications.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

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### Upcoming Events

- April 20.....Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- April 30.....Elementary Concert (grades K-2) and Art Show, Lenz Auditorium, 9 a.m.
- April 30.....Elementary Concert (grades 3-4) and Art Show, Lenz Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- May 2.....Bulldog Stomp, Pardeeville HS, 10 a.m.
- May 4.....Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- May 6.....Pardeeville Community Day of Service
- May 12.....High School Awards Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- May 13.....Pardeeville High School Awards Night, Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- May 14.....Middle School Open House for incoming 4th grade families, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- May 18.....Pardeeville Middle School Student Showcase, 4-6 p.m.
- May 18.....Pardeeville Middle School Awards Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- May 18.....Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
- May 23.....Pardeeville High School Graduation, HS Gym, 2 p.m.
- June 4.....Pardeeville Middle School 8th Grade Promotion, Lenz Auditorium, 10 a.m.