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Denure chosen to lead Pardeeville Schools

The PHS alum and current middle school principal will start on July 1

The Pardeeville Area School District Board of Education has unanimously approved the hire of Amber Denure as its next superintendent. Denure is currently the principal at Pardeeville Middle School, where she is highly respected, and the school has flourished under her leadership.

Denure is a Pardeeville alumnus, having graduated from Pardeeville High School in 1995. She began her education career as a social studies teacher at Portage High School in 2000. She also served as a teacher at St. John's Lutheran School in Portage for the 2002-2003 school year prior to her starting her career in the Pardeeville Area School District.

Denure was hired in 2003 as a teacher at Pardeeville Middle School where she remained until 2021, when she assumed the role of principal of Pardeeville Middle School. Denure holds a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from

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Pardeeville Middle School Principal Amber Denure speaks at the DARE Graduation Ceremony held last May. Denure was chosen to be the next Superintendent of the Pardeeville Area School District. She will start in her new role on July 1.

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Thank you, Pardeeville Car Show

Pardeeville Area School District Lunch Secretary Debbie Holland (far left) accepts a \$1,250 donation from Jake Breneman (center) and April Yonkie (right), both representing the Pardeeville Car Show. The donation will go toward helping cover unpaid lunch balances, directly benefiting students and families across the district. The Pardeeville Car Show is an annual community event that continues to give back in meaningful ways. Be sure to mark your calendars — the Pardeeville Car Show will be held on Sept. 5 at Chandler Park.

Notice of school board election

Pardeeville Area School District

April 7, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, to the qualified electors of the School District of Pardeeville on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, a school board election will be held. Candidates for the School Board are as follows:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE

BECKY L. LEVZOW

LYNETTE A. IVES

KARLA BECKER WALKER

Electors will vote in their regular polling place. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. For more information regarding acceptable photo identification visit the <https://elections.wi.gov/acceptable-photo-ids>.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2026

Chad Bellis, School District Clerk

Pardeeville Area School District

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.**

District calendar: www.pasdwi.org/district/DistrictCalendar.cfm

Activities calendar: <https://www.trailwaysconference.org/public/genie/177/school/9/>

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From student to superintendent: Denure set to lead PASD

The Pardeeville Board of Education has selected Amber Denure, current principal of Pardeeville Middle School, to serve as the next Superintendent of the Pardeeville Area School District. Denure will officially assume the role on July 1, succeeding interim superintendent Gus Knitt.

Following her appointment, we invited Mrs. Denure, a Pardeeville native and 1995 graduate of Pardeeville High School, to share more about her journey, her connection to the community, and her vision for the future of Pardeeville schools. Below are her responses to our questions as she prepares to step into this new leadership role.

You are a Pardeeville alum, so what was it like going to school in Pardeeville, and how did your time here as a student shape you?

AD: I loved my time as a student here. My class was very small, and we spent a lot of time together; many of us went from Kindergarten through senior year as classmates. There's something really special about growing up in a small town and developing close relationships with your peers and teachers, and I believe it's what has shaped my desire to help people, especially students.

Are there any teachers, coaches, or experiences from your own school days that had a lasting impact on you?

AD: I have had many memorable teachers! Mrs. Bleich, Mrs. Skaar, and Ms. Waldinger are just a few. Mrs. Bleich really pushed me as a reader, and I loved the class that Mrs. Skaar and Ms. Waldinger co-taught called Applied Civics. I got to volunteer at the Humane Society and create a project with lasting value for the school - the school song sign in the high school gym. I also enjoyed being a yearbook editor for



Pardeeville Middle School Principal Amber Denure has been hired as the next superintendent of the Pardeeville Area School District.

Ms. Waldinger.

What inspired you to pursue a career in education, and what led you to want to become the superintendent of Pardeeville Schools?

AD: As a student, I got good grades, but did not have a lot of confidence in myself. I entered the profession to help all students recognize their strengths and build their confidence. During my time as the middle school principal, I have enjoyed working with my staff on a journey of continuous improvement, so when the opportunity became available to work with all staff as the superintendent, I jumped at it.

Tell us about your family.

AD: I'm married to Matt, who is a high school social studies teacher in the Portage Community School District. We have two daughters, Sophie & Ella, who are college students in La Crosse. My mom & dad, Mary & Mike, as well as my brothers, AJ & Neal, and their families, all still live in the district.

What do you think are the biggest challenges you face as the next superintendent of Pardeeville Schools?

AD: There are so many wonderful things happening in our district in terms of academics and athletics. Our biggest challenge right now is accessing funding in order to make necessary improvements to our facilities.

How important is community involvement in the success of Pardeeville Schools?

AD: Community involvement is one of the greatest strengths of the school district. We have so many amazing people who have given their time and talents to help grow our programs. It's the community that has made our district a true standout in the surrounding area. I can't wait to see what the next 5-10 years will bring!

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the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and a Master of Arts in Education from Viterbo University. She is currently continuing her education in the Educational Leadership Program at Viterbo University.

"We are proud to announce Amber Denure as the next superintendent of the Pardeeville Area School District. Her passion for education, collaborative and approachable style, and commitment to the Pardeeville community stood out during the selection process. We believe her vision will further en-

hance our school district's mission, and we look forward to a bright future under her leadership," Board of Education President Becky Levzow said in a statement.

Denure will replace current interim-superintendent, Gus Knitt. Denure will assume the superintendent duties on July 1. Until then, she will continue to serve as the principal at Pardeeville Middle School and plan for a smooth transition with Knitt. The search for the next principal at Pardeeville Middle School will commence in the near future.

"I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be the district's next administrator. My experience as a student, teacher, and principal in the district has given me the chance to witness many positive

changes and to work with hundreds of wonderful students," Denure said about the opportunity to be the district's next administrator. "I want to sincerely thank the board for their confidence in me, and I also appreciate all the students, staff, and community members who have kindly shared their support over the past few weeks. I am looking forward to beginning the next chapter of my career as an educator."

A community meet-and-greet with Denure will be scheduled by the Board of Education at a day and time to be determined. The Wisconsin Association of School Boards assisted the Pardeeville Area School District Board of Education with this superintendent search process.



Community invited to attend Facility Planning Workshops

Feedback will help prioritize projects for future facilities referendum

The Pardeeville Area School District invites community members to take part in two upcoming Facility Planning Workshops designed to help shape the future of district facilities.

The community workshops will be held on Wednesday, March 4, and Tuesday, March 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Lenz Auditorium at Pardeeville High School. Community members, parents, staff, students and residents are encouraged to attend and share their feedback.

During the workshops, attendees will be presented with a list of potential facility improvement projects, along with estimated costs for each. The district recognizes that not all projects can be completed at once. As a result, community input is critical in helping the district determine which projects should be prioritized for a possible first phase of a district-wide referendum.

Potential projects being reviewed include an elementary school classroom addition; demolition of the Balliet Building with a middle school classroom and cafeteria addition; a middle school parking lot addition; a middle school gymnasium expansion; renovations to the high school cafeteria and support spaces; updates to the high school agriculture and foods classrooms; a high school animal labs addition; and district-wide air conditioning.

Feedback gathered at these workshops will play an important role in guiding future decisions and ensuring that facility improvements align with the needs and priorities of the Pardeeville community. All interested community members are encouraged to attend.

Open enrollment period begins

Families considering open enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year should be aware of several important deadlines in the months ahead. The open enrollment application window will run from **Feb. 2 through April 30, 2026**. During this time, parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district. Please note that the application period closes promptly at **4 p.m. on April 30**, and late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

By **June 5, 2026**, nonresident school districts are required to notify families of application approvals or denials via U.S. mail or email. If an application is approved, the nonresident district will also inform parents of the specific school or program to which the student has been assigned. If an application is denied, parents will have **30 days** from the date of notification to file an appeal.

Resident school districts must send denial notifications, if applicable, by **June 12, 2026**. As with nonresident denials, families will have 30 days to file an appeal following notification.

Families whose students are accepted through open enrollment must notify the nonresident school district by **June 26, 2026**, confirming that the student will attend during the 2026–2027 school year. Failure to provide this notification may result in the nonresident district refusing to allow the student to attend.

Parents may apply for open enrollment online at **dpi.wi.gov/oe**. For information or assistance, contact **Mrs. Mecum** at the Pardeeville Area School District Office at **(608) 429-2153, ext. 212**.





MESSAGE FROM INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT GUS KNITT

Moving forward: Superintendent transition and planning for the future

I would like to update the community on the major projects that I have been working on in my role as Interim Superintendent.

The first project has reached a successful conclusion. As you may already know, the Board of Education has selected Amber Denure as the District's next Superintendent. I had the privilege of working with Amber during my 13 years as Superintendent, and I have always found her to be an excellent educator who worked hard to help her students excel. In the four months since I returned to Pardeeville, she has continued to demonstrate strong leadership in her role as Middle School Principal. Based on my experiences working with Amber, I am confident she will do a great job as District Administrator for the Pardeeville Area School District.

What makes this transition even more meaningful is that Amber attended school in Pardeeville, and she and her husband live in the School District. She knows our community, its people, and its history. Amber and I have already begun the transition and she will be ready to officially get started on July 1.

The second major project is planning for the November 2026 referendum. Work is ongoing to identify building projects that need to be addressed. It is clear that there are more potential projects than available funding, which means careful prioritization will be necessary. At this point, it is known that the dollar amount requested in a November referendum will be less than the amount requested in April 2025. In addition, this referendum will not include maintenance projects, such as fixing roofs and parking lots. A schedule for maintenance projects funded through the general fund has already been established for the summers of 2026 and 2027.

The process leading up to the November referendum will also differ from the one used last April. The District is currently working with the architect and builder to develop a list of projects along with estimated costs. Because not all projects can be completed at once, the Board of Education must determine which projects should be addressed sooner, and which may need to wait. The Board believes that community input is essential in setting these priorities.

To help gather feedback from the community, two Facility Planning Workshops will be held to share information and hear from residents. These workshops will take place on Wednesday, March 4 and Tuesday, March 17, in the Lenz Auditorium at Pardeeville High School. Both workshops begin at 6:30 p.m. See page 4 of this newsletter for more on these workshops.

In addition, a community survey will be sent out in April to gather further input. Once all the information is collected, the Board will determine which projects will be included in the November 2026 referendum. The board is intentionally waiting to make these decisions until they have heard from you.

The District is also beginning to work on the 2026-27 budget. I understand that property taxes were a huge concern when tax bills arrived in December, and budget planning is being done with that concern in mind. I will keep you updated on the 2026-27 budget in future newsletters.

I am pleased to be back in Pardeeville during this transition between Superintendents. Thank you for the many kind words and warm greetings I have received from the community.

Community Day of Service returns to give back to Pardeeville

The Pardeeville Area School District is pleased to announce the return of its district-wide Community Day of Service on Wednesday, May 6. Now entering its third year, this meaningful initiative brings students and staff together to give back to the Pardeeville community through a variety of service projects.

Launched in May 2024, the Community Day of Service quickly became a valued tradition within the

district. The strong response to the inaugural event inspired administrators, staff, and students to continue the effort, with a shared goal of strengthening connections between the school district and the greater Pardeeville community.

Once again this year, volunteers will roll up their sleeves to take part in projects designed to meet local needs and promote community pride. The district is inviting community mem-

bers to help shape the day by submitting project ideas for consideration. Those with proposals or questions are encouraged to email Ian Moehr at moehia@pasdwi.org.

Be sure to mark your calendar for May 6 and join the Pardeeville Area School District in making a positive impact. Together, we can continue building a stronger, more connected community.



MESSAGE FROM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DAVID BELL

Fostering student engagement by replacing screens with connections

Connections are one of the biggest indicators of student success in school. Whether it is connections with their peers or connections with teachers, students have shown greater growth when they have a connection at school. One educational researcher, John Hattie, believes the effect of these connections lead to almost twice as much growth in one year as compared to not having these connections. So, what can we do in order to build these relationships?

Across the Pardeeville Area School District, we are continuing to explore ways to increase student engagement by reducing or eliminating access to cell phones during the school day. While phones can be useful tools, constant access can limit face-to-face interaction, problem-solving, and meaningful connections with peers.

Research shows that limiting phone access in schools can reduce distractions. For example, a recent survey of more than 1,000 educators reported that 76% of teachers in schools with strict cell phone policies observed improved student en-

gagement, as fewer digital interruptions allowed students to focus on learning and social interactions.

One recent step we've taken here in Pardeeville has been the introduction of games in the cafeteria during lunch periods. Board games, card games, and group activities have provided students with an alternative to screen time. While not every student has chosen to participate, many have willingly put their phones down to play, talk, laugh, and collaborate with classmates. These moments – students interacting naturally and building relationships – are exactly the kinds of experiences we hope to encourage throughout the school day.

Our goal is not simply to remove cell phones, but to replace screen time with meaningful, engaging interactions. By continuing to create inviting spaces and activities that promote connection, creativity, and collaboration, we can help students rediscover the value of being present with one another. These small changes can make a lasting difference in student engagement and school culture.

Thank you Smith Bus Service for safely serving our students

School Bus Driver Appreciation Week is Feb. 9-13

Feb. 9–13 marks Wisconsin School Bus Driver Appreciation Week, and the Pardeeville Area School District is proud to recognize Smith Bus Service and the dedicated drivers who safely transport our students to and from school each day.

Our bus drivers do far more than drive a route. They are often the first friendly face students see in the morning and the last goodbye at the end of the school day. Rain, snow, cold mornings, and busy afternoons don't stop them from making student safety their top priority. Their professionalism, patience, and care play a vital role in helping each school day start and end smoothly.

We encourage families, students, and staff to take a moment this week to say thank you, whether it's a kind word, a wave, or a note of appreciation. Families can also support our drivers by reinforcing

bus safety rules with their children, including staying seated, using quiet voices, and following driver instructions. Working together helps ensure a safe and positive ride for everyone.

The Pardeeville Area School District extends sincere thanks to the Smith Bus Service drivers who serve our community every day, including: Barb Allen, Craig and Cindy Crary, Jeffery Zupke, Jenny Alfaro, Jessie Falk, Judy Jerome, Mike Schutz, Randy Oetzman, Rick Henslin, Sean Emberson, Tom Anderson, Tonya Bock, Diane Meincke, Ginger Nelson, Justin Kopfhamer, Wendy Kearns, Linda Manteufel, Nicky Oetzman, Debbie and Darrel Kuhl, and Tim Smith.

Thank you to our Smith Bus Service drivers for the important role you play in the lives of our students and families. We truly appreciate everything you do to keep Pardeeville students safe, supported, and on the move.



Smith Bus Service bus driver Sean Emberson drops off students at Pardeeville Elementary School at the start of a school day.

Students In Aviation sends flight simulator to Pardeeville

Pardeeville students are taking learning to new heights following the arrival of a new SIA Sim Flight Simulator, generously donated to the Pardeeville Area School District by the Students In Aviation (SIA) Foundation.

Joe Canepa, founder of Students In Aviation, which is headquartered in Baraboo, personally delivered the simulator and spent time introducing it to Pardeeville High School and Middle School students who are interested in pursuing careers in aviation and aerospace.

The flight simulator is fully equipped with lesson plans and instructional guides designed to provide hands-on, real-world learning experiences that complement classroom instruction. Through the use of the simulator, students can see how concepts from math, physics, engineering, and technology apply in real aviation settings. Lessons explore topics such as aerodynamics, navigation, aircraft systems, and problem-solving, giving students a practical understanding of how these skills are used in aviation careers.

The mission of the SIA Foundation is to ignite a passion for aviation and aerospace by equipping K–12 classrooms with advanced flight simulators and industry-aligned educational resources. This donation directly supports that mission while opening new opportunities for Pardeeville students to explore future career pathways.

Pardeeville Area School District extends its sincere thanks to the SIA Foundation and Joe Canepa for their generosity and commitment to inspiring the next generation of pilots, engineers, and aerospace professionals.



Students In Aviation Founder Joe Canepa shows Pardeeville High School student Tristen Homan how to use the flight simulator that was donated to Pardeeville Schools.



Important message

Motivational speaker Terrence Talley, along with the band Wonderstate, delivered an engaging and meaningful message to the Pardeeville Middle School and High School students in January. During an assembly in the Lenz Auditorium, Terrence shared his personal stories and reminded students of an important truth: they matter, and there are many caring adults inside our schools who are here to support them.

Wagner named Beck's Player with Heart award winner

Pardeeville High School senior Ava Wagner was named a Beck's Player with Heart winner for the month of December, earning recognition for her leadership, character and commitment both on and off the field.



Wagner

The honor, presented by Beck's, a Midwest retail seed company, makes Wagner eligible to receive a \$1,000 scholarship to support her future educational goals.

Wagner is a well-rounded student at Pardeeville High School, serving as a member of the Pardeeville Chapter of the National Honor Society and taking on leadership roles through Key Club and Student Council. She is also involved in Educators Rising and Sources of Strength, where she helps promote a positive and supportive school culture. She is also the president of the Pardeeville Chapter of the FFA.

In addition to her academic and leadership accomplishments, Wagner is a standout multi-sport athlete, competing in volleyball, basketball and softball. Congratulations to Ava on this well-deserved recognition.

February CTE Month emphasizes hands-on learning at Pardeeville

Career and Technical Education courses help prepare students for future college and career options

February is recognized nationwide as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, and the Pardeeville Area School District is proud to celebrate the many ways its CTE programs prepare students for success beyond high school. The District believes it is essential to offer a wide variety of career and technical education opportunities to help students explore their interests, build practical skills, and prepare for future careers or continued education.

Career and technical education opens doors to a wide range of career pathways and postsecondary options. These pathways include industry-recognized credentials, technical college certificates, and two- and four-year degrees. Nationwide, there are more than 30 million jobs that do not require a bachelor's degree but offer median earnings of \$55,000 or more. CTE provides students with an important opportunity to begin developing the skills needed for these careers while still in high school.

CTE programs are at the forefront of helping students become truly "college and career ready." Through hands-on learning and real-world applications, students gain core academic knowledge alongside employability skills and job-specific technical skills tied to specific career pathways. Students who participate in CTE courses consistently report growth in problem-solving, project completion, research, math, communication, time management, critical thinking, and other transferable skills that are valuable in nearly any profession.

Pardeeville High School offers nearly 40 CTE courses across four major areas: agri-science, technical education, business education, and health careers. These courses play an important role in addressing Wisconsin's workforce needs. According to the Association for Career and Technical Education, 55 percent of jobs in Wisconsin require education or training beyond high school but less than a four-year degree, while only 48 percent of workers are currently trained at that level.

Many Pardeeville CTE courses also offer the added benefit of earning technical college credits through partnerships with Madison College and Southwest Technical College. These opportunities allow students to save both time and money as they work toward postsecondary degrees. Through courses such as Food Science Trends, Forestry and Natural Resource Management, Manufacturing Technologies, Web Design, Accounting, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Intro to Health Careers, and Medical Terminology, students gain firsthand experience in a variety of career fields. During CTE Month and throughout the year, Pardeeville Area School District remains committed to providing meaningful, hands-on learning experiences that prepare students for the workforce and for life after graduation.



ABOVE: Pardeeville Technology and Engineering teacher Jesse Huset works with student Lily Renner during his Intro to Woods class.



LEFT: Pardeeville High School student Kaleb Hains cuts vegetables in a Meat and Vegetable Science class.



BELOW: Pardeeville High School Intro to Healthcare Careers students got to tour Aspirus Hospital in Portage in January.



Pardeeville High School Band members who played in the Trailways Conference Honors Band on Feb. 4 are, from left; Acacia Netzel, Evan Miller, Tristen Homan, James Ledlow, Oswald Sanchez, Paige Mick, Lauren Undraitis, Leeza Keeling and Makayla Smith.

High School band has 9 selected for Trailways Honors Band

The Pardeeville High School Music Department continues to stay busy this winter and spring, with student musicians earning honors, preparing for competitions, and looking ahead to exciting performances and travel opportunities.

Nine members of the Pardeeville High School band have been selected to participate in the Trailways Conference Honors Band. Students representing Pardeeville include Oswald Sanchez, Paige Mick, Evan Miller, Acacia Netzel, Tristen Homan, James Ledlow, Leeza Keeling, Lauren Undraitis, and Makayla Smith. The Honors Band event took place on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Edgerton High School in the Edgerton Performing Arts Center. Students rehearsed throughout the day before presenting a free public concert at 6 p.m.

In addition to conference honors, the music department is preparing for the upcoming District Solo and Ensemble competition. Approximately 50 students in grades 7–12 will be participating in various solo and ensemble

events on Saturday, Feb. 21, in Deerfield. Event schedules will be available one to two weeks prior to the festival on the Wisconsin School Music Association website at wsamamusic.org. All performances are open to the public, and community members are encouraged to attend and support our student musicians.

Volunteers are also needed to help make the District Solo and Ensemble event run smoothly. Each participating school is responsible for providing room and door monitors at one site during the day. Volunteer responsibilities are minimal, and individuals may sign up for a few hours, half a day, or the full day. Efforts will be made to ensure volunteers with participating students are able to watch their performances when possible. Those interested in helping are encouraged to contact Mrs. Larson (larsta@pasdwi.org) or Mr. Jacobson (jacoza@pasdwi.org) for more information.

Looking ahead to March, the Pardeeville High School Show Choir and Jazz Band will present their an-

nual concert on Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lenz Auditorium. The Pardeeville Middle School Show Choir, made up of students in grades 6–8, will also join the performance. These students have dedicated their own free time to prepare for the concert, promising an evening of fun and entertainment. The concert is free to attend, and no advance seating reservations are required.

Later this spring, Pardeeville High School band and choir students will travel to Memphis and Nashville over spring break for a performance trip. The trip includes several unique musical opportunities, such as a clinic at Vanderbilt University, performing outside the Grand Ole Opry, and participating in a studio recording session. Students will also explore notable landmarks, including Graceland, historic recording studios, the National Civil Rights Museum, and the Country Music Hall of Fame. The experience will culminate with students sharing what they've learned and experienced at the Music Awards Concert in May.

Bledsoe leads Pardeeville spellers at regional competition

Pardeeville Elementary School 4th grade student William Bledsoe delivered an impressive performance at the Regional Spelling Bee in Portage on Jan. 27, earning a second place trophy in a competition that featured 40 fourth and fifth grade students from across the area.

Bledsoe advanced to the regional level after winning the Pardeeville Elementary School 4th Grade Spelling Bee, held Jan. 7 in the school gymnasium. Fifteen fourth grade students competed in the annual event, showcasing their strong vocabulary skills, confidence, and determination through multiple competitive rounds. Logan Paul finished as the runner-up in the school spelling bee, and both students earned the opportunity to represent Pardeeville Elementary School at the regional competition.

Also representing Pardeeville at the Regional Spelling Bee were 5th grade students Elliott Harvey and Liam Molnar from Pardeeville Middle School. Harvey qualified by winning the 5th grade spelling bee on Jan. 19, while Molnar advanced as the runner-up in that competition.



Representing Pardeeville Schools at the Regional Spelling Bee on Tuesday, Jan. 27 were, from left; Elliott Harvey, Logan Paul, William Bledsoe and Liam Molnar. Bledsoe finished in 2nd place at the competition, out of 40 students from across the area.



History for Bostad

Pardeeville native and 1985 Pardeeville High School graduate Bob Bostad is shown with Indiana University quarterback Fernando Mendoza, and the Heisman Trophy, which Mendoza won as the top player in college football this season. Bostad is the offensive line coach and run-game coordinator for the Indiana football team, which went on to win the national championship with a victory over Miami on Monday, Jan. 19. From his days as a Bulldog, to playing college football at UW-Stevens Point, to beginning his coaching career as a graduate assistant with the Pointers in 1990, Coach Bostad's journey is one the Pardeeville community is incredibly proud of. Congratulations to Coach Bostad on an unforgettable season.

Drama Club preparing for its spring production of 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow'

The Pardeeville Drama Club has begun preparations for its spring production, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," a classic tale filled with mystery, suspense, and a touch of humor.

Based on Washington Irving's famous short story, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow is set in a quiet, eerie village and follows the story of Ichabod Crane, a superstitious schoolteacher whose arrival stirs up rivalry, romance, and rumors of a terrifying Headless Horseman. As Ichabod competes with the bold Brom Bones for the affection of Katrina Van Tassel, the story builds toward a chilling and unforgettable climax.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m. in the Lenz Auditorium.

This year's production features a combined cast of Pardeeville High School and Pardeeville Middle School students, showcasing the talent and collaboration of students across grade levels. Leading the cast are Oswald Sanchez as Ichabod Crane, Acacia Netzel as Katrina Van Tassel, and Evan Miller as Brom Bones.

Other cast members include Adelle Sanders, Ella Rohrbeck, Skylie Jenkins, Izzy Stelkelberg, Sofia Bell, Makayla Smith, London Sosa, Alice Bender, Lydia Kleist, Kaleb Hains, Jason Kopfhamer, Leeza Keeling, Ethan Pieper, Wolfgang Mueller, Cheyenne Berg, Aden Steinecke, and Jocelyn Pitzen.

The Pardeeville Drama Club invites the community to mark their calendars and plan to attend this spooky spring production, which promises strong performances, memorable characters, and a hauntingly fun evening of theater.

Pardeeville juniors will take ACT in school on March 11

This year marks the 12th consecutive year that the state of Wisconsin has administered the ACT to all high school juniors during the school day. Offering the ACT in this format helps remove many common barriers for students. There is no cost to take the exam, students do not need to travel to another testing location, and they do not have to give up a Saturday to test.

ACT scores may be used for college admission, and sub-scores can be used for placement purposes. In addition, the Wisconsin Technical College System allows students to use ACT scores in place of placement testing, which can save both time and money.

Pardeeville High School juniors will take the ACT on Wednesday, March 11. Students who wish to retake the ACT may do so on a future test date outside of the school day. Upcoming Saturday test dates are available at www.act.org.

For questions regarding the ACT or other counseling-related topics, please contact Pardeeville High School Counselor Ms. Huset at 608-429-2153, ext. 367, or by email at husecr@pasdwi.org.

Sophomore planning conferences

Pardeeville High School Counselor Ms. Huset will begin Sophomore Planning Conferences in late February, continuing through March and April. These meetings will include students and parents and will focus on course selection, graduation progress, post-secondary planning, upcoming testing, and more. Invitations will be sent via email in the coming weeks.

Schedule for next school year

Class scheduling for the 2025–2026 school year will take place during February and March. Most of the process will be completed during the school day; however, students are encouraged to take their course selection guides home and review their plans with parents. A parent signature is required for course registration.

Families with questions about schedules or course options are encouraged to contact Ms. Huset at 608-429-2153, ext. 367, or via email at husecr@pasdwi.org.

Scholarship opportunities

Scholarship season is approaching, and seniors have begun applying for scholarships offered by a variety of organizations. Information on local scholarships will be available in the School Counseling Office beginning in February. The Pardeeville High School website (www.pasdwi.org/hs/) also features a regularly updated list of local, state, and national scholarship opportunities. Students are encouraged to check back often, as new scholarships are added frequently. High School Awards Night will be held in May.

Applying for Federal Student Aid

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available for seniors planning to attend college. Students and families should visit fafsa.gov to begin or complete the application as soon as possible.



Daryl Rogers Magic will take the stage at Pardeeville's Lenz Auditorium on Friday, March 6 at 2 p.m.

Daryl Rogers Magic comes to Pardeeville on March 6

The Pardeeville Area School District invites the community to wrap up the 2025–2026 Lenz Auditorium performance series with an afternoon of magic and amazement as Daryl Rogers Magic takes the stage on Friday, March 6, at 2 p.m.

This final show of the season promises an enchanting experience for audiences of all ages. Known for his classic style and exceptional sleight-of-hand mastery, Daryl Rogers delivers a captivating performance filled with wonder, humor and audience engagement. The show is perfect for families, students and anyone who enjoys the timeless art of magic.

Ticket prices are:

- Adults: \$15
- Students and Seniors (65+): \$10
- Children under 4: FREE (lap seat)

Tickets are available:

- Online at pasdwi.org/community/events.cfm
- By phone at (608) 285-2717
- At the door, subject to availability

Please note that online ticket sales close 24 hours before the performance. All ticket sales are final. Refunds are only issued for canceled performances and may be provided as a gift certificate for future use or donated to the Lenz Auditorium general operating fund.

Don't miss this magical conclusion to another outstanding season of live performances at the Lenz Auditorium.

Need help or have questions? Contact Adam at (608) 285-2717 (M–F, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.).



MESSAGE FROM PASD SCHOOL NURSE JANETTE SHEEKS

Proper precautions are important during extra-cold winter days

The varying temperatures this winter are making things very interesting. The most important thing is that our students dress appropriately. This means when outside, to prevent cold exposure issues. Wisconsin's winters are very beautiful, but they can be very dangerous. For anyone driving, slow down and take extra time to get where you are going. Hopefully, these cold temperatures are at least slowing down viruses and vectors like deer ticks.

Speaking of viruses, if you are ill for more than three days, it is very helpful to go get tested. The test now covers Influenza A and B, and Covid, all in one. Just a cold is usually not the case. I can't say it enough. If you are ill, stay home to help prevent the spread.

Strep throat also is an ongoing issue. It is very important to follow your medical provider's orders and take all the antibiotic treatment, even if you feel well. A strep-resistant strain is developing because people are not using antibiotics correctly.

A medical note does excuse student absences from school. If a student is absent for three days or more, they

need to have a medical note.

The Pardeeville Area School District health staff attended a tabletop exercise with the Sauk County Public Health Department regarding measles. This exercise allowed them to have a better understanding as to how to deal with measles, if it would come to Pardeeville. The measles are moving pretty quickly across the country, as they are very contagious. The best way to prevent getting the measles is to be vaccinated. Adults and children can get vaccinated if they do not have proper protection. People born before 1957 have natural immunity, so they would not need to be vaccinated. As always, consult with your medical provider.

February is heart health month. Know your numbers and have a Happy Valentine's Day.

Stay safe, stay warm, and stay healthy!

Mrs. Sheeks RN

sheeja@pasdwi.org,

608-429-2153 Ext. 258



RIGHT: Leia was one of the Go Team Therapy Dogs who visited Pardeeville Schools on Jan. 19. ABOVE: Gary, a large bullmastiff, gets his back scratched by a student.



Therapy Dogs give support to Pardeeville students

Pardeeville High School and Middle School welcomed some special visitors on Monday, Jan. 19, as five therapy dogs from Go Team Therapy Dogs of Madison spent the morning supporting students. Leia, Gary, Trevor, Sully and Pip visited classrooms to help brighten the day and provide comfort. Thank you to Go Team Therapy Dogs for their continued support of our students.

Pizza sales helping fuel 8th grade field trip to Washington D.C.



Pardeeville High School social studies teacher Chris Lindert, who helps put together the annual 8th grade field trip to Washington D.C., stacks pizzas in the gymnasium during the group's pizza-making day in the high school gymnasium.

It was truly all hands on deck in the Pardeeville High School gymnasium on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 13, as Pardeeville Middle School 8th grade students teamed up with their parents, high school student volunteers, and staff members for one of the year's biggest fundraisers.

Working side by side, the group transformed the gym into a pizza-making powerhouse, producing an impressive 5,925 frozen pizzas. The pizzas are the major fundraiser supporting the 8th grade field trip to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. planned for this spring.

Assembly lines moved quickly and efficiently as teams rolled out cheese, sausage, pepperoni, and sausage-and-pepperoni pizzas. With everyone pitching in, nearly 6,000 pizzas were completed in just a few hours.

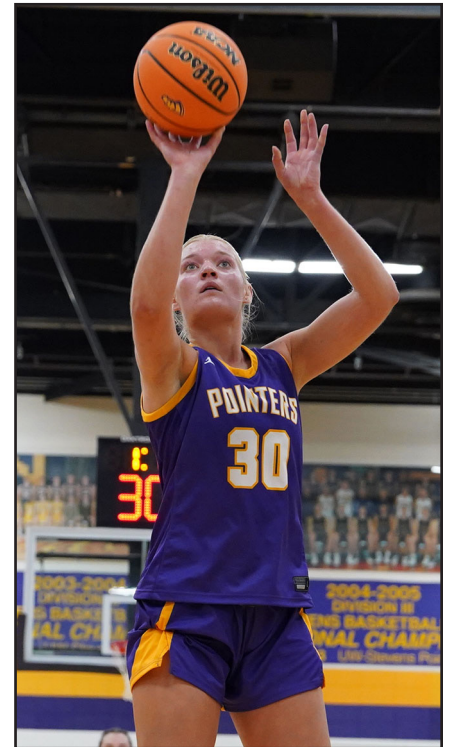
A huge thank you goes out to all of the students, families, volunteers, and staff who helped make the pizza making event such a success. Their time, teamwork, and energy play a vital role in making this memorable educational trip possible for our 8th graders.

Pardeeville alums finding success playing college basketball

Two Pardeeville High School alumni are making their mark on the college basketball court this winter, turning in strong seasons for their respective programs.

At the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Jessi Ernst, a 2023 Pardeeville High School graduate, has been a steady presence in the starting lineup for the Pointers women's basketball team. Ernst has started all 19 games this season and, through the month of January, is averaging 8.7 points and 5.2 rebounds per game. She has scored in double figures seven times, highlighted by a season-high 18-point performance in a 73-42 victory over Keene State on Dec. 29. Her consistent production on both ends of the floor has helped the Pointers remain competitive throughout the season.

Meanwhile, at Marian University in Fond du Lac, Derek Lindert, a 2022 Pardeeville High School graduate, is enjoying an impressive final season of college basketball. Lindert is averaging 12.8 points per game and has provided a scoring spark for the Sabres. His standout performance came on Nov. 30, when he caught fire from beyond the arc, knocking down nine three-pointers and scoring 37 points in a 105-73 win over Saint Mary's.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARIAN UNIVERSITY AND LYRIC LAROCK
Pardeeville High School alums Derek Lindert (left) and Jessi Ernst (right) are both finding success on the basketball court this season. Lindert is a senior at Marian University, while Ernst is a junior at UW-Stevens Point.



Spring sports meeting for athletes and parents is Feb. 24

Pardeeville High School and Pardeeville Middle School will host a spring sports parent and athlete meeting for all students planning to participate in a spring sport this year. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. at Pardeeville High School.

Both students and parents are expected to attend. During the meeting, families will have the opportunity to meet with coaches, review team expectations, and complete the required paperwork for the upcoming season.

Pardeeville High School offers a variety of spring sports, including baseball, softball, track and field, golf, and trap shooting. At Pardeeville Middle School, spring sports opportunities include baseball, softball, and trap shooting for all 7th and 8th grade students, along with track and field for students in grades 6 through 8.

Bulldog curling teams have some memorable moments

The Pardeeville High School boys and girls curling teams delivered an exciting and memorable start to their seasons through the month of January, highlighted by dramatic finishes, strong tournament performances and promising growth within the program.

One of the biggest moments of the winter came from the Pardeeville girls team of Paige Mick, Taylor Luedtke, Avery VonRuden and Kinley Levin, who pulled off a remarkable comeback victory against Poynette on Jan. 27. Trailing by two points heading into the final end, the Bulldogs delivered a perfect end of curling to score an 8-ender — the most points possible in a single end and one of the rarest feats in the sport. The dramatic finish sealed the win and served as a signature highlight of the season.

Pardeeville also found success on the tournament circuit early in January. The Bulldogs' No. 3 girls team of Quinnlyn Lusk, Adelle Sanders, Lily Renner and Hailey Jaedke put together an impressive run at the fourth event of the Tietge Bonspiel in Wausau, finishing as the runner-up against strong competition in one of the biggest high school bonspiels in the country.

Both the boys and girls teams are led by a strong senior core. On the boys side, Noah Manthe and Jason Kopfhamer provide leadership and experi-

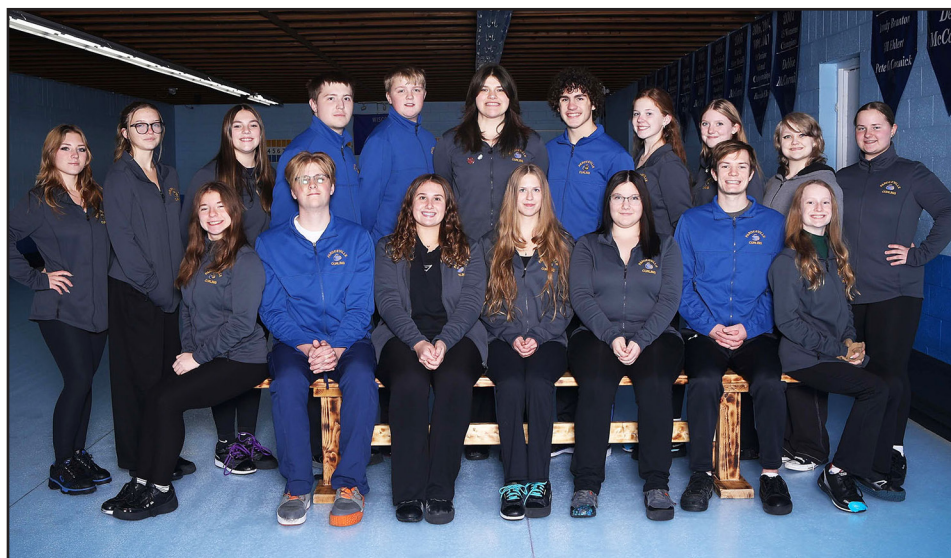


PHOTO BY SHERI BIRCHLER

Members of the Pardeeville High School boys and girls curling teams are, sitting, from left; Kiana Berry, Jason Kopfhamer, Taylor Luedtke, Avery VonRuden, Paige Mick, Noah Manthe and Adelle Sanders. Standing; Addisyn Crawford, Kinley Levin, Lily Renner, Preston Nicoll, Matthew Roberts, Allie Gawel, Sawyer Salmon, Quinnlyn Lusk, Sage Bardon, Lilyanna Camren and Hailey Jaedke.

ence, while the girls team is guided by seniors Paige Mick, Avery VonRuden and Taylor Luedtke. Their leadership has helped set the tone for competitive play and teamwork throughout the season.

As January comes to a close, both teams are turning their focus toward the Wisconsin State High School Curling Championship Bonspiel, which will be

held later this month in Wausau. With momentum building, the Bulldogs are eager to compete on the state stage.

Looking ahead, the future of Pardeeville curling remains bright, with 20 middle school students involved in the program this winter, providing a strong pipeline of young athletes ready to carry on the tradition of Bulldogs curling in the years to come.

Pardeeville boys basketball has eye on third straight league title

The Pardeeville varsity boys basketball team has put together an impressive start to the new year and finds itself in prime position to make another run at a Trailways West Conference championship.

Through Jan. 27, the Bulldogs surged to an 8-0 record in conference play and stood at 13-3 overall following an exciting 76-75 victory at Poynette on Tuesday, Jan. 27. With that start, Pardeeville is on pace to claim its third straight Trailways West Conference title.

After experiencing a brief setback in late December with consecutive losses to Horicon and Marshall, the Bulldogs responded in a big way. The team regrouped and caught fire, reeling off several victories to open the new year. That stretch included a dramatic 49-48 road win at Wisconsin Dells on Jan. 5, a game that showcased Pardeeville's resilience and ability to perform in pressure situations.

The Bulldogs' success has been driven by a talented junior trio of Devin Jerome, Julian Wells and Cody Gentz. Jerome has emerged as the team's offensive leader, averaging 20.1 points per game while also leading the Bulldogs in assists at 4.6 per contest. Wells has been a consistent scoring presence as the team's second-leading scorer at



PHOTO BY GAIL SCHNEIDER

Members of the Pardeeville High School varsity boys basketball team are, in front, from left; coaches Coy Haseleu, Jesse Kath, Chris Lindert, Tyler Lindert and Al Nickel. Middle row; managers Bree Motsenbocker and Sydney Sween, Aiden Wantroba, Bodie Johansen, Dane Overland, Julian Wells, Zach Hineman, Tristan Smith, Jaxon Daugherty and manager Layla Buchholz. Back row; Wade Breneman, Brady Dolgner, Devin Jerome, Cody Gentz, Austin Dechert and Chance Millard.

16.3 points per game. Gentz rounds out the trio, averaging 9.6 points per game, but making his biggest impact on the glass, where he leads the team with 12.2 rebounds per game.

The strong start to January also included a major milestone for head coach Chris Lindert. With a 76-41 win at Cambria-Friesland on Jan. 15, Lindert earned the 300th coaching vic-

tory of his career, further cementing his place among the area's most successful coaches.

As conference play continues, the Bulldogs will look to keep their momentum rolling and finish the regular season strong as they set their sights on another conference championship and a deep postseason run.



Pardeeville High School Cross Country Coach Wes Babcock, center, is joined by his daughter Megan, and wife Sue, at the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame Dinner on Jan. 9 in Brookfield.

Babcock enters WCCCA Hall of Fame

Pardeeville High School Cross Country Coach Wes Babcock was inducted into the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association (WCCCA) Hall of Fame during a special ceremony held in Brookfield on Jan. 9. Babcock was one of six inductees honored as part of this year's Hall of Fame class.

The induction honors an extraordinary coaching career that saw Babcock lead the Bulldogs' cross country program for 46 seasons, concluding last fall. During his tenure at Pardeeville, his teams qualified for the WIAA State Championships 11 times, with six appearances by boys teams and five by girls teams.

His programs also captured 14 conference championships and produced three individual state champions: Kara Hughes (1980), Amy Tye (1982), and Samantha Bluske (2007).

One of the highlights of Babcock's career came in 2002, when his boys team earned the first state championship in program history. In addition, his girls teams finished as WIAA state runners-up in both 1980 and 1981.

Babcock's Hall of Fame induction recognizes decades of dedication, leadership, and a lasting impact on student-athletes and the sport of cross country across Wisconsin.

Bussan, Galetka leading the way for Bulldogs on the mat

While numbers have been a challenge for the Pardeeville High School wrestling team this season, the Bulldogs have made the most of their opportunities on the mat through the first three weeks of January, with several individuals putting together standout performances.

Leading the way has been sophomore Karrsen Bussan, who has been nothing short of dominant. Entering the final week of January, Bussan remained undefeated at 35-0 and was ranked No. 1 in Division 3 at 144 pounds by Wisconsin Grappler. Bussan is building on an impressive freshman campaign last winter, when he finished 4th at the WIAA State Individual Tournament.

Senior Kingston Galetka has also enjoyed a strong season for the Bulldogs. Galetka entered the final week of January with a 30-2 record and earned a No. 6 Division 3 ranking at 150 pounds from Wisconsin Grappler. For Galetka, who finished 5th at the state tournament last year, his consistency and experience have been key highlights for Pardeeville throughout the winter.

Other notable performances this season include senior Howard Boyle, who



PHOTO BY GALLEY STUDIOS

Members of the Pardeeville High School wrestling team are, in front, from left; coach Dustin Bussan, coach Judd Becker, Lane Pease, Jack O'Brien, Erich McManis, Brock Huset and coach Jesse Huset. Back row; manager Constance Fallon, Karrsen Bussan, Kingston Galetka, Howard Boyle and manager Miranda Cray.

finished second at the Black River Falls Invitational on Dec. 6, and freshman Lane Pease, who also earned a runner-up finish at the Deerfield Demon Holiday Invite on Dec. 19, showing promise in his first varsity season.

As the calendar turns toward February, the Bulldogs will shift their focus to the postseason. Pardeeville will host the Trailways Conference Meet on Sat-

urday, Feb. 7, followed by the Division 3 Waterloo Sectional on Feb. 14. The season will culminate with the WIAA Individual State Tournament, scheduled for Feb. 26-28 in Madison.

Despite limited team numbers, Pardeeville's wrestlers continue to prove that determination and hard work can produce special individual seasons.



PHOTO BY GAIL SCHNEIDER

Members of the Pardeeville High School powerlifting team are, in front, from left; Constance Fallon, Jaycey Thornton, Natalie Grant, Audrianna Wylesky, Kiana Berry and Makayla Smith. Middle row; coach Ashley Wernet, Sawyer Fox, Nathan Renz, Landon Pagel, Macey Young, Morgan Blader and coach Kaye Dosemagen. Back row; Joe Dosemagen, Cody Gentz, Braydon Wolff, Cameron McManis and Joe Waydick.

Waydick earns state championship berth for powerlifters

Pardeeville High School powerlifters Cody Gentz, Joe Waydick and Joe Dosemagen represented the Bulldogs with strength and determination at the Dave Adamovich Memorial Invitational on Jan. 3. Competing against lifters from across the region, all three athletes gave it their all on the platform.

Joe Waydick led the way with a standout performance, finishing first in his weight class and qualifying for the state championship meet after posting a combined total lift of 1,135 pounds.

As the powerlifting season continues into February, the Pardeeville team hopes to build on this success and have more athletes join Waydick as state qualifiers.

Ice-fishing team does well in '300' Challenge

The Pardeeville Ice-Fishing Team, made up of Pardeeville students in grades 8–12, recently showcased its skills in the 2026 WIFA Mixed Bag “300” Challenge, a statewide competition held over a 24-day period on any public body of water in Wisconsin.

The unique challenge required teams to catch a mixed bag of seven game fish and 13 panfish, with the combined total measuring more than 300 inches. Pardeeville rose to the challenge, finishing an impressive 14th place overall out of 42 teams, with a total of 341.75 inches of fish.

Congratulations to the entire team on this outstanding accomplishment, and a special shoutout to head coach Chris Sherrick for his leadership and dedication in guiding students both on and off the ice. Way to represent Pardeeville with pride.



Pardeeville senior ice-fishing team member Joe Dosemagen shows off one of the crappies he reeled in during the WIFA Mixed Bag "300" Challenge competition held in January.



2026 PARDEEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES



HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL

Dec. 8	at Westfield, 7 p.m.
DApril 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 17	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.

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

March 24	vs. Waterloo, 5 p.m.
March 27	vs. Wisconsin Dells, 5 p.m.
March 31	vs. Wisconsin Heights, 5 p.m.
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 15	at Randolph, 5 p.m.
May 19	vs. Berlin, 5 p.m.

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

March 27	at Beaver Dam Invite, 5 p.m.
March 28	at Beaver Dam Invite, 9 a.m.
April 2	at Marshal Invite, 4 p.m.
April 7	at Portage Invite, 4 p.m.
April 9	at Markesan Invite, 4:30 p.m.
April 21	at Princeton, 4:30 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

April 7	Pardeeville Invite, 4 p.m.
April 14	at Fall River Invite, 4 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.

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

PARDEEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

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

5TH GRADE LIFE SKILLS HONOR ROLL

Chase Achterberg, Rosemary Bader, Hunter Bierman, Patience Bobiak, Andrew Bundy, Tavian Burton, Annabelle Casteel, Braelyn Christiaansen, Sara Crittendon, Saida Cummings, Nichole Dake, Bailey Davis, Jaslynn Davis, Amiyah Dilley, Nickolas Douglas, Moira Ethington, Miya Fisher, Bryce Ganz, Kari Gessler, Skye Glanzer, Hank Haggerty, Elliott Harvey, Raelyn Huebner, Chase Jacobs, Tyler Jaworski, Zoey Jenkins, Madison Klein, Cooper Koch, Dorothy Laper, Ronald Marks, Liam Miller, Amber Netzel, Jacob Nicol, Jonah Nicol, Kaylee Pihlaja, Dakota Reinecke, Abigail Roberts, Elise Rodgers, Harrison Schiess, Paisleigh Schlobohm, Emersen Statz, Jaxon Surguy, Jaxon Wickersham.

5TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Chase Achterberg, Sara Crittendon, Saida Cummings, Moira Ethington, Hank Haggerty, Madison Klein, Amber Netzel, Jacob Nicol, Jonah Nicol, Kaylee Pihlaja, Abigail Roberts, Jaxon Surguy, Jaxon Wickersham.

5TH GRADE HIGH HONORS

Rosemary Bader, Coleman Bell, Patience Bobiak, Braelyn Christiaansen, Bryce Ganz, Kari Gessler, Ramsie Johnson, Ronald Marks, Liam Miller, Kaiya Nickel, Elise Rodgers.

5TH GRADE HONORS

Logan Breger, Jaslynn Davis, Chase Jacobs, Tyler Jaworski, Zoey Jenkins, Joselyn McGovern, Liam Molnar, Kelsey Osborn, Dakota Reinecke, Olivia Rodriguez, Tinley Rothenburger.

6TH GRADE LIFE SKILLS HONOR ROLL

Luke Black, Auraliya Boyle, Karsen Delgado, Troy Erlandson, Bristol Fischer, Arabelle Gitzlaff, Callen McConnell, Levi Parpart, Audrey Pulver, Zane Rohwer, Marlie Rostad, Tristian Sanders, Hudson Schiess, Harris Smith, Elliana Soppe, Lawson Walsh.

6TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Luke Black, Graidan Casey, Troy Erlandson, Lucas Gessler, Arabelle Gitzlaff, Odin Hart, Gavin Mueller, Levi Parpart, Audrey Pulver, Harris Smith, Elliana Soppe, Ayden Vasquez, Egan Walsh, Lawson Walsh.

6TH GRADE HIGH HONORS

Auraliya Boyle, Karson Delgado, Bristol Fischer, Ivan Garrett, Aiden Knuteson, Callen McConnell, Chase Miller, Tristian Sanders, Caleb Wigman.

6TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Riley Angell, Belle Beyler, Noah Bruflat, Kenadie Halder, Levi HanckoJack Kenevan, Harvey Lieberherr, Natalya Molnar, Zane Rohwer.

7TH GRADE LIFE SKILLS HONOR ROLL

Matthew Ammann, Ellie Baker, Emma Baker, Charlie Ballweg, Sofia Bell, Cheyenne Berg, Piper Beyler, Mason Bierman, Gavin Birdsill,



Connor Blader, Rayden Boyle, Olivia Breger, Avery Brockman, Gracie Bundy, Finley Chatman, Destany Cole, Aubrey Cross, Sawyer Emkow, Ava Andreas, Austin Haggerty, Bentlee Hinz, Ryker Hoffmann, Roland Houslet, Bristol Jahn, Skyline Jenkins, Lila Linde, Aaron Ludwig, Oliver Lynch, Camden Mattke, Meika Meinholdt, Natalee Moll, Connor Neumann, Layla Nickel, Lyla O'Brien, Nadia Overland, Matthew Paul, Branton Peterson, Jocelyn Pitzen, Sydney Renner, Mia Rothenburger, Brynlee Sanwick, Brayleigh Schlobohm, Madisyn Schraufnagel, Jackson Smith, Micah Steinblock, Aden Steinecke, Olivia Vanden Hoven, Matthew Vandermoon, Morgan Welch, Carrick Wylesky, Carson Young.

7TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Matthew Ammann, Ashlynn Aski, Ellie Baker, Emma Baker, Charlie Ballweg, Sofia Bell, Rayden Boyle, Olivia Breger, Finley Chatman, Dexter Glanzer, Austin Haggerty, Ryker Hoffmann, Roland Houslet, Bristol Jahn, Skyline Jenkins, Oliver Lynch, Natalee Moll, Connor Neumann, Layla Nickel, Lyla O'Brien, Nadia Overland, Jocelyn Pitzen, Sydney Renner, Mia Rothenburger, Micah Steinblock, Aden Steincke, Olivia Vanden Hoven, Carrick Wylesky.

7TH GRADE HIGH HONORS

Piper Beyler, Gavin Birdsill, Bentley Church, Destany Cole, Aubrey Cross, Avery Davis, Franklin Harvey, Bentlee Hinz, Aaron Ludwig, Meika Meinholdt, Brynlee Sanwick, Madisyn Schraufnagel, Jackson Smith, Carson Young.

7TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Connor Blader, Avery Brockman, Maurice Georgeson, Peytann Hoffman, Blake Mielke, Abby Olson, Matthew Paul, Branton Peterson, Alexander Schick, Matthew Vandermoon.

8TH GRADE LIFE SKILLS HONOR ROLL

Bailey Ammann, Zane Bovre, Caleb Bronson, Jenyla Day, Andrew Douglas, Kenadie Fingerson, Hunter Gitzlaff, MaKinley Helm, Mya Hetzel, Ellie Homan, Kimora Kindschy, McKenzie Kolkovich, Violet Neuhauser, Desmond Parpart, Lena Reichenbach, Rocky Reinecke, Wayne Rohrbeck, Adelle Sanders, Brielle Schultz, Brogan Sherrick, Brody Wade.

8TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Bailey Ammann, Ellie Homan, McKenzie Kolkovich, Adelle Sanders, Brielle Schultz

8TH GRADE HIGH HONORS

Zane Bovre, MaKinley Helm, Mya Hetzel, Sunni Johnson, Lena Reichenbach, Rocky Reinecke, Wayne Rohrbeck, Brogan Sherrick, Josiah Wendt.

8TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Bryar Huset, Wolfgang Mueller, Violet Neuhauser, Desmond Parpart, Hailey Slinger, Brody Wade.

PARDEEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FIRST TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

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SENIOR HIGH HONORS

Howard Boyle, Isaac Buchholz, Isabel Bue, Josephine Bue, Miranda Cray, Jaxon Daugherty, Joe Dosemagen, Bailey Grissom, Allyson Gruenwald, Zachary Hineman, Madiynn Holland, Raelyn Holtan, Lexi Hughes, Bronte Hulberg, Abigail Jacobson, Bodie Johansen, Jarrett Killoran, Taylor Luedtke, Paige Mick, Evan Miller, Makensey Miller, Mason Muscanero, Acacia Netzel, Ludovica Pesce, Chayse Pulvermacher, Brook Schomburg, Anthony Stolas, Isabella Taylor, Ava Wagner, Jackson Weisensel, Arianna Wendlandt.

SENIOR HONORS

Abriana Agnew, McKinley Becker, Wade Breneman, Brennen Carlson, Kiana Cook, Michaela Crittendon, Austin Deckert, Brady Dolgner, Aspen Fox, Kingston Galetka, Molly Hardwick, Catherine Kopfhamer, Jason Kopfhamer, Samantha Maltby, Briar Otawaska, Avery VonRuden.

JUNIOR HIGH HONORS

Hayden Ballweg, Nadia Ballweg, Caitlyn Bellis, Layla Buchholz, Onan Casteel, Constance Fallon, Easton Fischer, Cody Gentz, Elle Hardwick, Hailey Jaedke, Elizabeth Keeling, Kaliagh Klein, Lydia Kleist, Jade Koepp, Kyla Lorenz, Mykael Mickelson, Bree Motsenbocker, Nathan Renz, Sydney Sween.

JUNIOR HONORS

Tamber Corning, Addisyn Crawford, Jaylynn Deal, Kaylin Delgado, Carson Dolgner, Haley Gard, Bailey Gray, Tristen Homan, Devin Jerome, Eyan Kirk, Mallory Kolkovich, Braeden Kuske, Cleo Meier, Chance Millard, Gibson Nelson, Dane Overland, Julian Wells, Catherine Wendt.

SOPHOMORE HIGH HONORS

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

SOPHOMORE HONORS

Brooklyn Auchtung, Sage Bardon, Simon Deich, Jonathan Dolphin, Brayden Emkow, Sawyer Fox, Braylon Garrett, Kaleb Hains, Trenton Hendrickson, Owen Krueger, Ella Rohrbeck, Samantha Weyer.

FRESHMAN HIGH HONORS

Hudson Achterberg, Kinleyh Anderson, Alyvia Bell, Alek Bellis, Mikayla Bove, Kylie Buzzell, Jenna Cross, Lane Cross, Jaxon Dahle, Riley Holland, Ronin Holly, Cade Jacobs, Kayleigh Kath, Landon Kleist, Natalie Lonski, Quinnlyn Lusk, Jackson O'Brien, Jackson Oelke, Cayden Penland, Chelsea Philbrick-Boeder, Lily Renner, Sawyer Salmon, Makenzie Schmidtke, Finn Swenson, Braylon Wendlandt, Chesney Wickersham.

FRESHMAN HONORS

Riley Angell, Belle Beyler, Gavin Bradley, Sarah Burnaman, Becca Cebrero, Gavin Christenson-Krauklis, Kenadie Halder, Levi Hanko, Lilley Hanko, Bryce Hardwick, Xander Helm, Fletcher Hoffmann, Brock Huset, Hoyt Kessenich, Fynnlei Laybourn, Logan Nicoll, Lane Pease, London Sosa, Jaycey Thornton, Owen Vanden Hoven.



PHOTO BY GAIL SCHNEIDER

Members of the Pardeeville High School winter cheer team are, in front, from left; Isabel Bue, Ludovica Pesce and Josephine Bue. In the back; coach Margaret Waldinger, Alison Lemanczyk, McKenzie Thiessen, Nadia Ballweg and coach Amanda Saucedo.

Cheer team hosting Youth Cheer Night on Feb. 17

The Pardeeville High School Cheer Team is excited to invite younger students to participate in a special Youth Cheer Night on Tuesday, Feb. 17, held in conjunction with the boys varsity basketball game against Montello.

This event is open to Pardeeville students in grades 4 through 8 and offers a fun, hands-on opportunity for students to experience what it's like to be part of a high school cheer team. Youth cheerleaders will spend an afternoon learning cheers, motions, and a short routine while building confidence and school spirit alongside current Pardeeville High School cheerleaders. This practice session will run from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16.

That following night, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, the youth cheerleaders will join the high school team on the court for a halftime performance during the varsity boys basketball game, which is scheduled to begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Pardeeville High School gymnasium.

Students interested in participating in Youth Cheer Night, or families seeking additional details, are encouraged to contact cheer coaches Amanda Saucedo at saucam@pasdwi.org or Margaret Waldinger at waldma@pasdwi.org.

Youth Cheer Night is designed to inspire younger students, strengthen connections across grade levels, and celebrate Bulldog pride while cheering on the boys basketball team in front of a home crowd.

Pardeeville High School Alumni Bonspiel



MARCH 14, 2026
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
** Maximum of 12 Teams **



Teams should be Pardeeville
School Alumni and Spouses Only.

Fun ... food ... curling with old friends ... bonspieling at its best!
ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

Draws are all day Saturday
\$120.00 per team

Money raised will be used for the Pardeeville Curling Club Scholarship

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

Enclosed is my entry for the Pardeeville Alumni Spiel.

Skip _____

Second _____

Third _____

Lead _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____

Send entries to: Shannon Rohrbeck
608-516-3935
bassofrune@yahoo.com



FFA Strawberry & Meat Sale

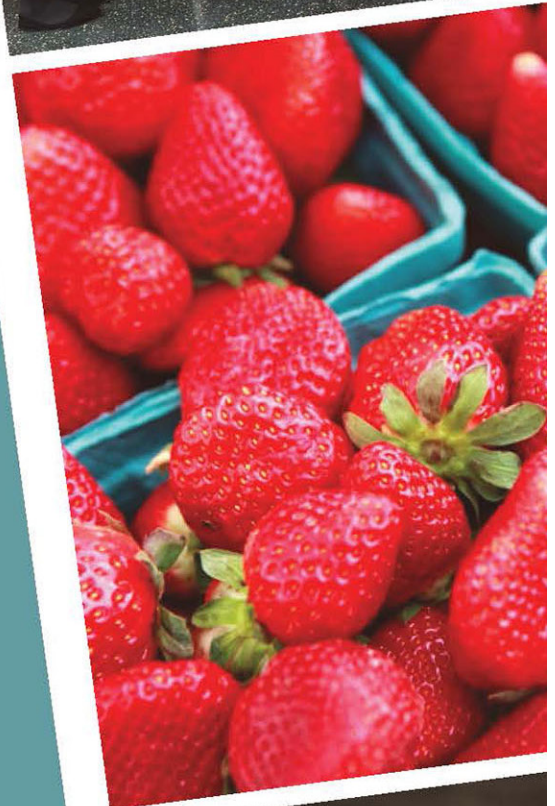
All money raised supports
students in attending
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Saturday May 2nd, 2026

Pardeeville High School

8:00 a.m. Registration,

10:00 a.m. The Event Begins! Rain or Shine

Register on line using the QR code above, or fill out this paper copy and mail to:

Pardeeville High School, c/o Chris Lynch, 120 Oak Street, Pardeeville, WI, 53954



Please complete all information below and make **checks payable to Pardeeville Schools.**

	Early Registration Fee Prior to 4/5/26			Late Registration Fee after 4/5/26		
	3K Walk	5K Run	T-Shirt	3K Walk	5K Run	T-Shirt
Children (9 and Under)	Free	Free	No (Shirts can be purchased for \$10)	Free	Free	No
Students (10-19)	\$15	\$20	Yes \$20	\$20	\$25	No
Seniors (61+)	\$20	\$25	Yes \$25	\$25	\$30	No
Adults (20-60)	\$25	\$30	Yes \$30	\$30	\$35	No

Name: _____ **D.O.B.** _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

1) T-Shirt Size: Check the box for the size you would like to order.

Adult: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large ☐ XX-Large(\$5 Extra) ☐ 3XL(\$5 Extra)

Children's Circle: (YS) (YM) (YL) (Shirts are \$10 for children ages 9 and under)

2) Check the box that pertains to your participation: ☐ 5k Run ☐ 3k Walk ☐ Kids 1 Mile Race 3)

If you are competing in the 5k Run, please include your age: _____

STATEMENT OF CONSENT: I understand the risks that may be involved with "Cancer/Run Walk" and willingly and voluntarily accept these risks. I grant permission to the Pardeeville Student Council and Carbone Cancer Center of Madison to use photos/images/and/or quotations from me in accounts and promotion of this event.

Signature: _____ **Date** _____

(Parent or Guardian signature if under 18 years of age)

Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Entry fee paid: _____



PARDEEVILLE 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
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OCTOBER 2026						
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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						
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DECEMBER 2026						
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27	N	N	N	N		

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

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

JANUARY 2027						
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FEBRUARY 2027						
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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						
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April 22- P/T Conference:
MS/HS Only 4pm - 8pm
April 23- No School

May 29- Graduation
May 31- No School

MAY 2027						
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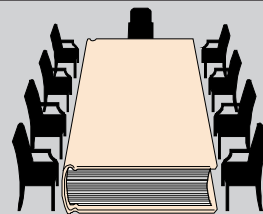
June 4- Last Day of School / End of
Trimester 3

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 November 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Ms. Becky Levzow, 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 and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Mr. David Bell, Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Mr. Knitt, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Kim Brees, Ms. Kara Albrecht, Ms. Taylor Luedtke, Ms. Haley Gard, Ms. Kaliagh Klein, Ms. Lilley Hanko, Ms. Makayla Smith and Mr. Nathan Schieve who attended virtually.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Open Forum

No one signed up.

Student Spotlight: High School Spanish Club

Ms. Brees and students from the Spanish Club came and talked about their Guatemala and Belize trip that they took over this past summer. They talked about meeting the students in those communities, along with seeing their schools. Students stated that it was great to interact with those students and learn so much about their culture. They stated that they liked their host families and learned so much during this trip. Ms. Brees stated that the next trip is scheduled in 2027 and they are possibly going to Costa Rica. For fundraising efforts, they host the fall concession stands, and they raised approximately \$10,000 to go towards student trip funds. The group also talked about having a fundraiser for the Prairie Ridge Health Center towards their cancer efforts. They did their annual pink out night which featured a 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. The group thanked their community for their success as they stated if you ask the community to come and support your cause, they show up. During this fundraiser, they compete with about nine other schools to see who can raise the most money and Pardeeville won last year. The board stated that it was honorable of the group to give their winning prize money back to the Prairie Ridge Health Center.

Discussion on Survey Results and Referendum Update

Ms. Kara Albrecht went over the referendum survey results to the board. She stated that next steps for the referendum is to go to the 11/25/25 staff meeting during their inservice as well as start to plan community workshops to happen in the spring of 2026. Mr. Nickel asked what the community workshops

were going to look like, but they haven't figured it all out yet. Mr. Kinworthy asked if they are going to use what was shown on this referendum survey and strategize the needs of the school district as what was presented was a lot of information. Mr. Knitt stated that he wants to take this information to the staff on 11/25/25 and start strategizing the needs from there. Mr. Nickel was concerned about the survey results from the staff and feel some of those items need to be addressed now.

Administrative Team Reports

Elementary School-Ms. Levzow stated that it was a great turn out for the parent teacher conferences. Ms. Walker stated that the dance was fun. Ms. Levzow talked about the reunification drill being very beneficial for all of the staff.

Middle School-Ms. Levzow and Ms. Walker attended the veteran's day program and stated that it was very well attended and was an excellent program. High School-Ms. Levzow talked about the honors choir that was tonight and stated that it was amazing to see all of the different schools come together and perform just after a day of practice.

Building and Grounds-Ms. Levzow stated that it was busy with 139 work tickets.

Technology-Ms. Levzow stated that the department continues to be busy.

Student Representative Report-The board stated that the students have been busy with activities.

Committee Reports

Ms. Levzow recapped the minutes from the Building and Grounds committee meeting on 10/27/25. There were no questions.

Discussion of Building and Grounds Summer 2026 Projects

Mr. Knitt stated that he met with Mr. Housner. They determined the higher priority needed is to repair sections of the roof on the middle school and the high school and also some security issues in the Elementary School. They are not doing the parking lot repairs and other roof repairs due to waiting to see what transpires with the referendum in November 2026. They will be figuring out the finance part of it, but Mr. Housner has reached out to different contractors already to start getting bids for the roof repairs so we can get the bids approved soon and are able to get on the contractor's calendar for the summer of 2026. Mr. Knitt stated that they estimated that the 2026 summer projects will cost around \$1,181,000. Once they know more if a referendum is being passed, they will move forward with getting bids for the 2027 summer projects of possible parking lot repaving, sidewalk repairs and additional roof repairs. Mr. Knitt also talked about the Fund 50 balance stating there are funds

available there that will assist in purchasing new kitchen equipment for the high school cafeteria. He will be meeting with the food service staff to talk about what is needed, and Mr. Housner will begin looking at items to be purchased and get them replaced.

Update on Superintendent Search

Mr. Knitt stated that the focus groups we had on 11/10/25 were a good mix of staff and community members. He went over Mr. Gutenberg's recap of the group meetings. Mr. Knitt is looking to add additional interview questions from what was discussed in the focus groups.

Discussion on 2025-2026 Tax Levy

Mr. Knitt talked about the municipality property value and tax levy per each municipality.

Board Comments & Questions

Ms. Levzow talked more about the Veteran's Day program at the high school and stated that she appreciates all of the veterans who have served, and especially wanted to thank Mr. Kinworthy for his service. Mr. Nickel stated that he is concerned about the comments on the community survey in regards to lockable doors and propping doors open. He wants the staff to know that the board is here to make sure they get what they need. Mr. Achterberg stated that the schools should be looking at vinyl window coverings.

Approval of Minutes Dated 11/3/2025

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve minutes dated 11/3/25. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the receipts and expenditures. Mr. Knitt went over the report briefly. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Changing February 2, 2026

Board Meeting Date

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve changing the February 2, 2026 regular board meeting date to February 9, 2026. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Additional Winter/Spring

Coaches/Volunteers

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the additional winter coach and volunteers as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the donations of \$50 donation from Kwik Trip to the Elementary School in memory of Bonnie Wheeler, Piggly Wiggly-cases of water for Elementary School Fall Family Night, Old Dutch-Potato Chips (Piggly Wiggly set this up) for Elementary School Fall Family Night. Sandy Kakes Bakery- 300ish desserts-chocolate chip dog bone cookies and puppy chow for Elementary

School Fall Family Night. Motion passed 7-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Will be discussing the annual state report cards for the school district, reviewing the annual safety drill reports.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bellis / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING December 1, 2025

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. Dennis Kinworthy, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Mr. Knitt and Ms. Jen Mecum. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:15 pm

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

Presentation and Review of Annual State Report Card

Mr. Knitt went over the district and individual school building report cards. Elementary School was one point away from reaching the significantly exceeds expectation score range. Ms. Denure talked about the Middle School report card, stating that they had gone up 4 points from last year. They will continue to look at staffing needs and work on the student's educational needs. The High School had a score that was in the exceeds expectations range. Mr. Knitt stated that these state report cards are just a snapshot of what they are achieving. Ms. Levzow stated that they had reviewed the report cards during the last curriculum meeting. Mr. Kinworthy asked about other middle schools if they are just 3 grades typically and asked if our 4 grades would impact those results. Mr. Knitt stated that is correct, so the comparisons the State uses will be a bit different.

Discussion on Referendum Updates

Mr. Knitt had a discussion with Ms. Carol Wirth regarding numbers for a possible new Elementary School, using the amount of \$45 million. It was determined that a house valued at \$250,000 would go up in taxes by approximately \$850 for 20 years. Amounts of \$15 million and \$18 million were also discussed and their possible tax implications, and they would roughly be \$1.15-\$1.32 per \$1,000. Mr. Knitt talked about previous plans and also some new plans

that have surfaced and Findorff and Groth will work on updating their information. Mr. Knitt hopes to have all new information finalized by the end of January. Mr. Knitt plans to talk to staff about the additional information being presented. By March/April will have the

new package ready to present for referendum meetings. Ms. Levzow stated that she attended the staff meeting on 11/25/25 and the staff had some good questions. They are looking for more communication regarding the referendum, and the board will work hard on providing that as the information was not communicated as much the first time around. Mr. Kinworthy asked about future communication to the public and what that would look like, and Mr. Knitt stated that it is still being talked about and developed.

Update on Superintendent Search

Mr. Knitt talked about the limited update on the superintendent search.

Board Comments & Questions

Nothing was discussed.

Approval of Minutes Dated 11/17/2025

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the minutes dated 11/17/25. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Wrestling Overnight Field Trip Requests for December 2025 and February 2026

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve both overnight field trips for Wrestling in December 2025 and February 2026. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Technical Education Courses

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the new technical education courses for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Knitt talked about the two classes being presented and what was being eliminated. Mr. Nickel asked some questions about the class sizes. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Unified Physical Education Course

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the new unified physical education course for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Knitt talked about the reasoning for this course. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the donations of \$40 to the Bonita Wheeler Memorial for the Elementary School from Daniel Wheeler, \$225.18 worth of items donated from Johnson Control to the Elementary School Veteran's Day breakfast and Impact Pardeeville donated \$500 towards unpaid lunch accounts. Motion passed 6-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Middle School has the student spotlight and bringing in the football team, review of the annual safety drill reports. The board was also reminded of the special closed meeting on 12/17/25.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING December 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ms. Becky Levzow, Board President. Roll call was taken with the following board members present: 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. Knitt, Mr. Travis Houslet, Ms. Rachel Kaufman, Ms. Crystal Vinz, Mr. Roland Houslet, Mr. Brody Wade, Mr. Bryar Huset, Mr. Desmond Parpart, Ms. Jenna Biba, Ms. Kelsey Sutfin, Mr. Zane Bovre, Mr. Alfred Nickel, Mr. Mike Anton, Ms. Cindy Anton, Mr. Tyler Bovre, Ms. Angie Noyons, Mr. Brady Rademacher, Mr. Jax Wells, Mr. Howie Anton and Mr. Kaster Szymanski. Mr. Bret Achterberg arrived at 7:02 pm, and Mr. Chad Bellis arrived at 7:32 pm

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

Open Forum

No one signed up.

Student Spotlight: Middle School Football

Students from the middle school were presented by their coaches, Mr. Houslet and Mr. Nickel. Coaches stated that the students worked hard this year and maintained good grades. They talked about their season accomplishments. Ms. Denure stated that she is thankful for the coaches and their time involved with the kids. She did thank the coaches. The students were congratulated on their season.

Administrative Team Reports

The administrative reports were reviewed as submitted. It was advised that the Elementary School holiday shop day was moved from 12/10/25 to 12/12/25 due to the snow day. Ms. Walker stated how well that both Veteran's Day programs at the Elementary School and the High School were done.

Student Representative Report

Reviewed the student report as submitted.

Committee Reports

Ms. Pease went over the curriculum meeting minutes. Ms. Levzow provided content and further information to the Building and Grounds meeting minutes.

Review of Annual Safety Drill Reports

Mr. Knitt went over context on requirements for compliance for the annual safety drill reports. Mr. Kohn went over the Elementary School process and Ms. Denure went over the procedure for the middle and high schools.

Discussion on School Closure Process on 12/10/25

Mr. Knitt discussed his thought process on being transparent. Conversations are had with the bus company about roads being plowed and about the roads not being cleared in time for the start of school, even with a delay. Mr. Knitt did explain that there are target roads that are monitored.

Update on Superintendent Search

Additional packet materials were distributed to the board members. The board will select up to 6 candidates to interview in January. Mr. Knitt encouraged the board to review applicants ahead of the meeting on

Wednesday, 12/17/25. Ms. Levzow reminded the board that applicants were confidential.

Discussion on Referendum Updates

Mr. Knitt met with Findorff last week. They have identified projects to put designs and prices with. Findorff and Groth will present options at the 2nd meeting in February, as well as a presentation to staff during one of their March inservice days. 2026 property tax bills have been received by the community, which will create a challenge on passing the referendum.

Board Comments & Questions

Nothing was brought up.

Approval of Minutes Dated 12/1/2025

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve minutes dated 12/1/25. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Receipts/Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the receipts and expenditures. Mr. Knitt did bring up concerns about the budget for plowing and the electric/heat-ing bills. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Additional Winter Coaching Staff

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the hiring of an ice fishing assistant coach Richard Solis and Ashley Ledlow as one of the middle school softball coaches. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2 Overnight Field Trip Re-quests for Powerlifting in 2026

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve both powerlifting overnight field trips in 2026. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the donations of \$8.64 from Ludus LLC due to auditorium sales, \$3,725.40 donated from the PTO to the elementary school for new soccer goals for the playground, Students in Aviation donated a \$3,000 flight simulator to the high school to work with students who are interested in learning about being pilots. Motion passed 7-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Approving open enrollment seats for the 26-27 school year, approve the 26-27 school calendar, approve the 26-27 high school course guide, final confirmation of board attending the State convention, as well as a closed session to approve the principal's contracts.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

MINUTES CLOSED SESSION December 17, 2025

Closed Session

A closed session was held under 19.85(1) (c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to Review

Applicant Materials, Consider Applicants for Possible Interviews and may Select Applicants to Interview for the Position of District Administrator. The meeting began at 6:30 pm. Those present included: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Ms. Becky Levzow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker, Mr. Gus Knitt and Mr. Randy Guttenberg. Motion by Mr. Kinworthy/ seconded by Ms. Pease to go into a closed session. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussions

Reviewed and discussed applicants.

Agreed on the interview schedule.

Return to Open Session

Motion by Mr. Nickel/ seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to go back into open session. Motion passed 7-0. The Board returned to open session at 8:20 pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Achterberg /seconded by Ms. Pease to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Becky Levzow, Board President

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING January 5, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ms. Becky Levzow, 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 and Ms. Becky Levzow. Also present were Ms. Amber Denure, Mr. Andrew Kohn, Mr. Philip Walker, Mr. Jim Housner, Mr. Knitt, Ms. Jen Mecum, Ms. Kim Brees, Mr. Michael Haynes, Mr. Adam McKinney, Ms. Rachel Kaufman, Ms. Crystal Vinz and Ms. Angie Noyons.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

Auditorium Update

Mr. Haynes and Mr. McKinney gave an update on the auditorium and on the remaining performances for this school year. Mr. Haynes has 4 shows reserved for the 2026-2027 school year and is working on securing a fifth one. Mr. Haynes also stated that they are looking at getting corporate sponsors to help offset some of the costs with the performances. Mr. Haynes stated that the shows that we have had are not sold-out crowds, and we do lose money due to the low attendance. Ms. Levzow stated that she does like the variety of shows that we do bring in. She also stated it is great for our school groups to be able to use the facility and that the comfort of the chairs is appreciated. Mr. Haynes is looking into different avenues in getting acts, possibly working with other local performing arts facilities to align with their schedules to help offset some costs to the performers as well. Mr. McKinney stated that the auditorium is about 7 years old, but really only able to use it for 4 years due to the pandemic and restrictions thereafter. Mr. McKinney stated that we

still have a state-of-the-art facility with the technology that we do have. Mr. McKinney is looking into funding to get a motorized light lift for the stage. The last quote he had received years ago was for \$100,000 and anticipating that to be more now due to the economy. This will help in replacing and moving the lights on the stage more safely and efficiently. They are going to work with the business office on their budget and see where they stand with funds available. Mr. McKinney brought up some other concerns that will be looked into with the student clubs. The board thanked them for everything they are doing for the community and the school district.

Staff Interviews Update

Mr. Knitt talked about the staff interviews he has conducted so far. He is seeing several similar trends, which include special education needs and building upgrades. He has about 25 staff members yet to schedule and about 40 staff members yet to talk to. Ms. Levzow stated that this is a valuable tool.

Update on Superintendent Search

First round of interviews are scheduled for this week Wednesday and Thursday, interviewing 5 candidates out of 10 applications.

Discussion on Referendum Updates

Mr. Knitt stated that Findorff and Groth are wanting to start weekly communications as we are getting closer to the timeframe of community meetings occurring. Groth is currently working on drawings, and they continue to move forward. 3/5/26 during the staff inservice, there will be a staff presentation of the updated information. Ms. Carol Wirth will be at a board meeting in February to discuss the financial implications of the proposed referendum. Board members were encouraged to send names in to Mr. Knitt or Ms. Levzow so they can be added to invites to the community meetings.

Final Confirmation of Board Members Attending State Convention

Double checked with board members on who is attending the state convention to verify reservations and to ensure any cancellations need to be done.

Board Comments & Questions

None

Approval of Minutes Dated 12/15//2025

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve minutes dated 12/15/25. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2026-2027 School Calendar

Motion by Mr. Achterberg / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar. Ms. Denure went over the calendar for the next school year. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of High School 2026-2027 Career Planning & Course Description Guide

Motion by Ms. Pease / seconded by Mr. Achterberg to approve the high school 2026-2027 career planning and course description guide. Ms. Pease advised that from the curriculum meeting that when this was presented, there were only minor changes from the previous year's booklet. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of 2027 Spanish Club Overnight Field Trip to Costa Rica

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Mr. Bellis to approve the 2027 Spanish Club

Overnight Field Trip to Costa Rica. Ms. Brees did talk about the itinerary of the trip and that the students interested right now are a larger group. The board stated this is a good experience for the students. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Donations

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the donation of \$1,250 from the Pardeeville Car Show to go towards unpaid lunch balances. Motion passed 7-0.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Elementary School will be here for the student spotlight, Update on Act 20, approving open enrollment spaces for 2026-2027 school year.

Closed Session

A closed session will be held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to approve closed session minutes dated 12/17/25 and discuss extension of contracts for the Elementary School principal, Middle School principal and the High School principal.

Return to Open Session

Approval of Special Closed Session Minutes Dated 12/17/25

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Mr. Nickel to approve the special closed session minutes dated 12/17/25. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Extension of Elementary School Principal Contract to June 30, 2028

Motion by Mr. Nickel / seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to approve the extension of the Elementary School principal contract to June 30, 2028. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Bellis- Yes, Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Ms. Levzow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Extension of Middle School Principal Contract to June 30, 2028

Motion by Ms. Walker / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the extension of the Middle School principal contract to June 30, 2028. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Bellis- Yes, Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Ms. Levzow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Extension of High School Principal Contract to June 30, 2028

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy / seconded by Ms. Pease to approve the extension of the High School principal contract to June 30, 2028. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Kinworthy- Yes, Ms. Levzow- Yes, Mr. Nickel- Yes, Ms. Pease- Yes, Ms. Walker- Yes, Mr. Achterberg- Yes, Mr. Bellis- Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Nickel / seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the adjournment. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Chad Bellis, Board Clerk

MINUTES CLOSED SESSION January 7, 2025

Closed Session

A closed session was held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to to Interview and Consider Candidates for the Position of District Administrator. The meeting began at 6:30 pm. Those present included: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Ms. Becky Levzow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker and Mr. Randy Guttenberg. Motion by Mr. Nickel/seconded by Mr. Kinworthy to go into a closed session. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussions

Interviewed 2 candidates for superintendent position.

Return to Open Session

Motion by Mr. Nickel /seconded by Ms. Walker to go back into open session. Motion passed 7-0. The Board returned to open session at 8:53 pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy /seconded by Mr. Achterberg to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Becky Levzow, Board President

MINUTES CLOSED SESSION January 8, 2025

Closed Session

A closed session was held under 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to to Interview and Consider Candidates for the Position of District Administrator and may Select Candidates for a Second Interview. The meeting began at 5:37 pm. Those present included: Mr. Bret Achterberg, Mr. Chad Bellis, Mr. Dennis Kinworthy, Ms. Becky Levzow, Mr. Justin Nickel, Ms. Autumn Pease, Ms. Karla Walker and Mr. Randy Guttenberg. Motion by Mr. Kinworthy /seconded by Mr. Achterberg to go into a closed session. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussions

Interviewed 3 candidates for the superintendent position along with selecting finalists.

Return to Open Session

Motion by Mr. Kinworthy/seconded by Mr. Achterberg to go back into open session. Motion passed 7-0. The Board returned to open session at 10:22 pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Walker /seconded by Ms. Pease to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 pm.

Becky Levzow, Board President

Screening for incoming 4K students will be on Feb. 25

Pardeeville Elementary School will be holding its 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration and Screening for the 2026-2027 school year on Wednesday, Feb. 25. The 4K registration is for children who will be 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2026.

Screening time slots are available between 8:30 and 11 a.m. and from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Feb. 25. Contact the Pardeeville Elementary School Office by phone (608-429-2151 ext. 110) or by email (hoffam@pasdwi.org) to set up a time for your child to come to school for a screening.



Thank you crossing guards

Pardeeville High School student Jazzmyn Ferguson helps students cross one of the busy intersections near the school earlier this school year. Feb. 16-20 is School Crossing Guard Week in Wisconsin. Help us recognize Jazzmyn, and all our cross guards for the important role they play in making sure students get to school safely every day.

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Upcoming Events

Feb. 9 Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
Feb. 16 Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
Feb. 24 Spring Sports Athlete/Parent Meeting, at PHS 7 p.m.
March 2 Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
March 3 Pardeeville HS Show Choir and Jazz Band Concert, Lenz Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
March 4 Community Facility Planning Workshop, Lenz Auditorium, 6-7:30 p.m.
March 5 & 6 No School
March 6 Daryl Rogers Magic, Lenz Auditorium, 2 p.m.
March 11 ACT testing at Pardeeville High School
March 16 Board of Education Meeting, HS LMC, 7 p.m.
March 17 Community Facility Planning Workshop, Lenz Auditorium, 6-7:30 p.m.
March 20 The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (Pardeeville Drama Club), Lenz Auditorium, 7 p.m.
March 21 The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (Pardeeville Drama Club), Lenz Auditorium, 7 p.m.
March 22 The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (Pardeeville Drama Club), Lenz Auditorium, 2 p.m.
March 30 & 31 .. No School, Spring Break
April 1-3 No School, Spring Break