

# Barrie Elementary School Newsletter



## February | 2024

### Principal Welcome

Happy February! With February here, brighter days are upon us. With each day, we are picking up minutes on our sunrises and on our sunsets. And, we continue to pick up the pace! The acceleration of daylight in the short month of February will add a total of more than 1 hour of daylight by month's end. One thing is guaranteed, there are brighter days ahead!

That feeling of acceleration is not isolated to the amount of daylight gained each day in February. The school year's inertia continues moving us forward, as well. It is hard to believe that we are into the second semester of the school year.

As a result, we have so much to celebrate and be proud of! With that, we are looking forward to pausing and connecting with you on Tuesday, February 6th and Thursday, February 8th at Parent / Teacher Conferences to share all that your child has accomplished. Our students (and teachers) have been working extremely hard over the last couple of months and those results will be discussed at Parent / Teacher Conferences. We are looking forward to seeing you then!

In addition, I wanted to express my appreciation to those who were able to make the Principal's Pick of the Season event on January 30th! It was great connecting with so many of you around our shared love of literacy and establishing this new annual tradition.

Here's to continuing to brighten our days, and as always, thank you for the continued commitment and support!

Warmly,



### One Team, One District, One Community

Fort Atkinson High School | Fort Atkinson Middle School  
Barrie Elementary | Luther Elementary | Purdy Elementary | Rockwell Elementary



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## EVENTS

February 2nd | Barrie Spirit Day  
February 5th - 9th | Book Fair  
February 6th | Parent Teacher Conferences  
February 8th | Parent Teacher Conferences  
February 12th | PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm (Barrie IMC)  
February 13th | Building-Level Interpretive Reading Contest  
February 14th | Red, Pink, and White Dress Up Day (Student Council Sponsored)  
February 14th | 1st Grade Treat Day (PTO Sponsored)  
February 15th | FASD Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm  
February 18th | POPS Concert @ 2:00 pm (FAHS)  
February 29th | Festival of Choirs

### **Looking Ahead**

March 1st | Barrie Spirit Day  
March 2nd | Interpretive Reading Contest  
March 3rd | Orchestra Dessert Concert (FAHS)  
March 4th | PTO Meeting  
March 6th | PTO Teacher Treat Day (GRK)  
March 14th | Art and Learning Fair  
March 18th - April 26th | Forward Testing Window  
March 21st | Favorite Character Day (Student Council Sponsored)  
March 21st | FASD Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm



### Ongoing Reminders

- School begins at 7:55 AM and ends at 3:05 PM
- Drop off and pick-up should be done in the back circle drive.
- Please call Barrie at 920.563.7817 to report your child's absence. Leave a message with your name, your child's name, and the reason for the absence.

### Handy Links

Barrie Website - News Updated Regularly

District Home Page - District News

School Nutrition Page - School Breakfast/Lunch Menus

### Early Release Days 1:30 PM Dismissal

2/19/24

3/11/24

4/15/24

5/13/24

### Vacation Dates

3/22/24 | No Classes - Records Day

3/25/24 - 3/29/24 | No School - Spring Break

5/27/24 | No School - Memorial Day



# Order your yearbook!

Here's how  
to snag this  
great keepsake:



1. Go to [vipis.com](http://vipis.com)
2. Click **view & order photos**
3. Type in your school name
4. Click **order now** on the yearbook button

\*You will receive an email confirmation when your order is complete







## 2023-2024 PTO Officers

Co-Presidents | Ashley Barr and April Van Etten

Vice President | Marjorie Robertson

Secretary | Megan Brand

Treasurer | Cody Miller and Jeremy Busse



# BOOK *Fair*



### Hours:

Feb 6th | 10:45 am - 12:30 pm  
& 2:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Feb 7th | 10:45 am - 12:30 pm  
& 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Feb 8th | 10:45 am - 12:30 pm  
& 2:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Feb 9th | 10:45 am - 12:30 pm  
& 2:45 pm - 3:15 pm

**Come join the  
Barrie PTO Team at  
the Next Meeting:**

**Monday, February 12th**

**at 6:30 PM**

**in the Barrie IMC.**



**Barrie Broncos  
Elementary**

Watch for PTO updates on our  
Facebook page.



## Band News

### 5TH GRADE BAND PARENTS

February is a busy month! The band is looking forward to their field trip to see the UW-Madison Marching Band on Feb 2nd! What an awesome trip this will be. Seeing a marching band work together and perform should be an eye opening experience!



WHAT: The Pops Concert  
WHEN: Sunday, February 18th  
TIME: Rehearsal 12:30  
Sales Begin 1:15 PM  
Concert: 2:00 PM

WHERE: Fort Atkinson High School  
WHO: ALL BAND Students in  
Grades 5-12



Pre-concert Activities including 50/50 and Basket Raffle (HS Commons Area).

Please bring yourself, grandparents, aunts/uncles, your cameras and be prepared to hear some great music! See you there!!!!

This concert is our only “fundraiser” concert; there is a small admission fee of \$5.00 per person to attend. We also have a basket raffle and snacks for sale! This fundraiser provides valuable funds to our band programs.  
(All remaining concerts are free to attend).

Band Candy sales are also being sent home and should be returned at the Pops Concert. Please check your email for more information!



## Orchestra News

### Orchestra Families:

The Orchestra Dessert Concert is on Sunday, March 3rd at the High School Auditorium. The concert begins at 4:00 pm, with a rehearsal scheduled prior. Our guest artist is Lilies of the Midwest. There will be a \$10 admission fee and desserts for sale to help raise funds for the orchestra boosters. Students will need their instruments on Monday February 26th for a clinic rehearsal with our guest artist! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

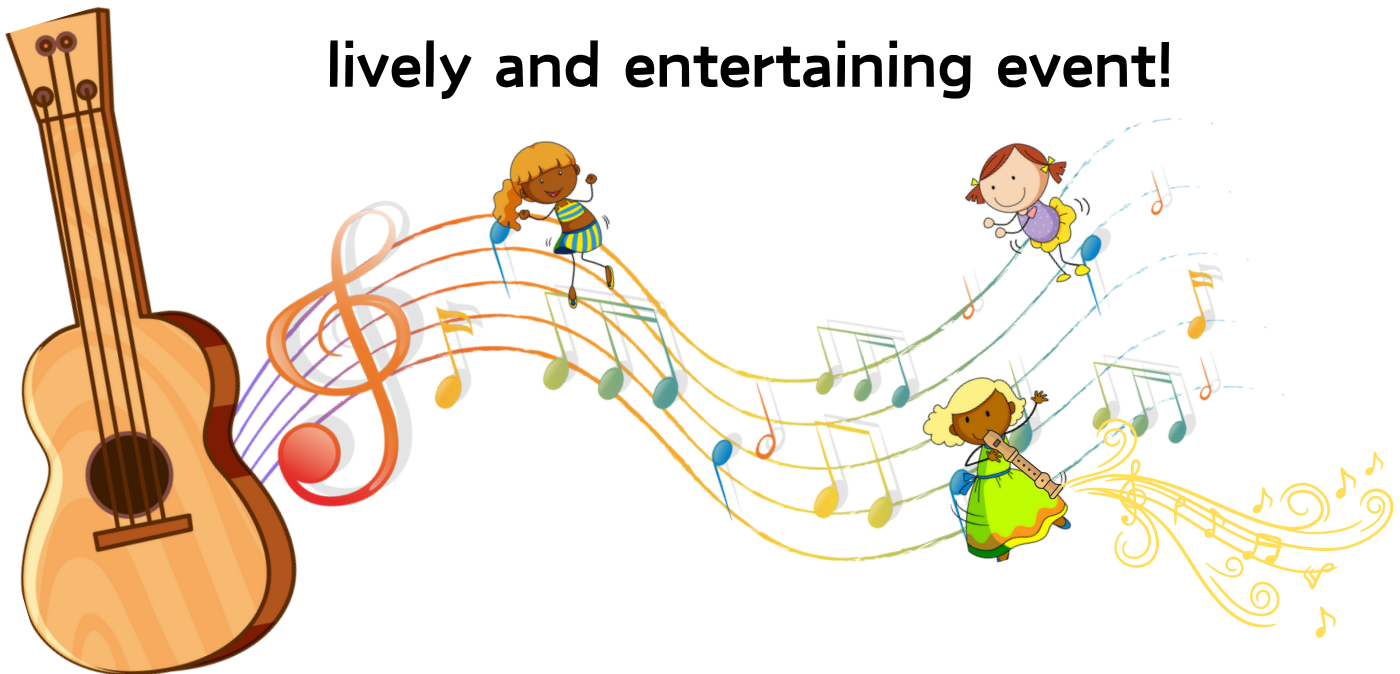


### Future Dates

Feb. 9th | Band Rehearsal 12:00-12:45 Luther  
Feb. 16th | Band Rehearsal 12:00-12:45 Luther  
Feb. 18th | Pops Concert (Band) FAHS Gym -2:00  
Feb. 26th | Orchestra Rehearsal 11:10-12:30 FAMS  
March 1st | Orchestra Rehearsal 12:00-12:45 Luther  
March 3rd | Orchestra Dessert Concert 4:00 FAHS Aud.



**Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade are preparing to perform for their families at this year's Arts and Learning Fair at Barrie. It is scheduled for March 14 which is coming our way very soon! All 3rd and 4th grade recorder players, and all 5th grade band, orchestra, choir and ukulele players are scheduled to perform. Please mark your calendars for the lively and entertaining event!**





Our 4th and 5th grade students have started their second careers in art unit. We're studying some fashion design! Students will be doing a choice-based art project in which they choose their medium. Each student will meet with me to come up with a plan for their creation and what the requirements will be. Please encourage your students to explore their ability, challenge themselves, and help out if they ask!



For 2nd and 3rd grade, since it's the Year of the Dragon, we're going to focus in on some fairy tale and fantasy themed artwork! Multiple projects with this theme are being worked on to create a large collaborative display at the Learning Fair in March.



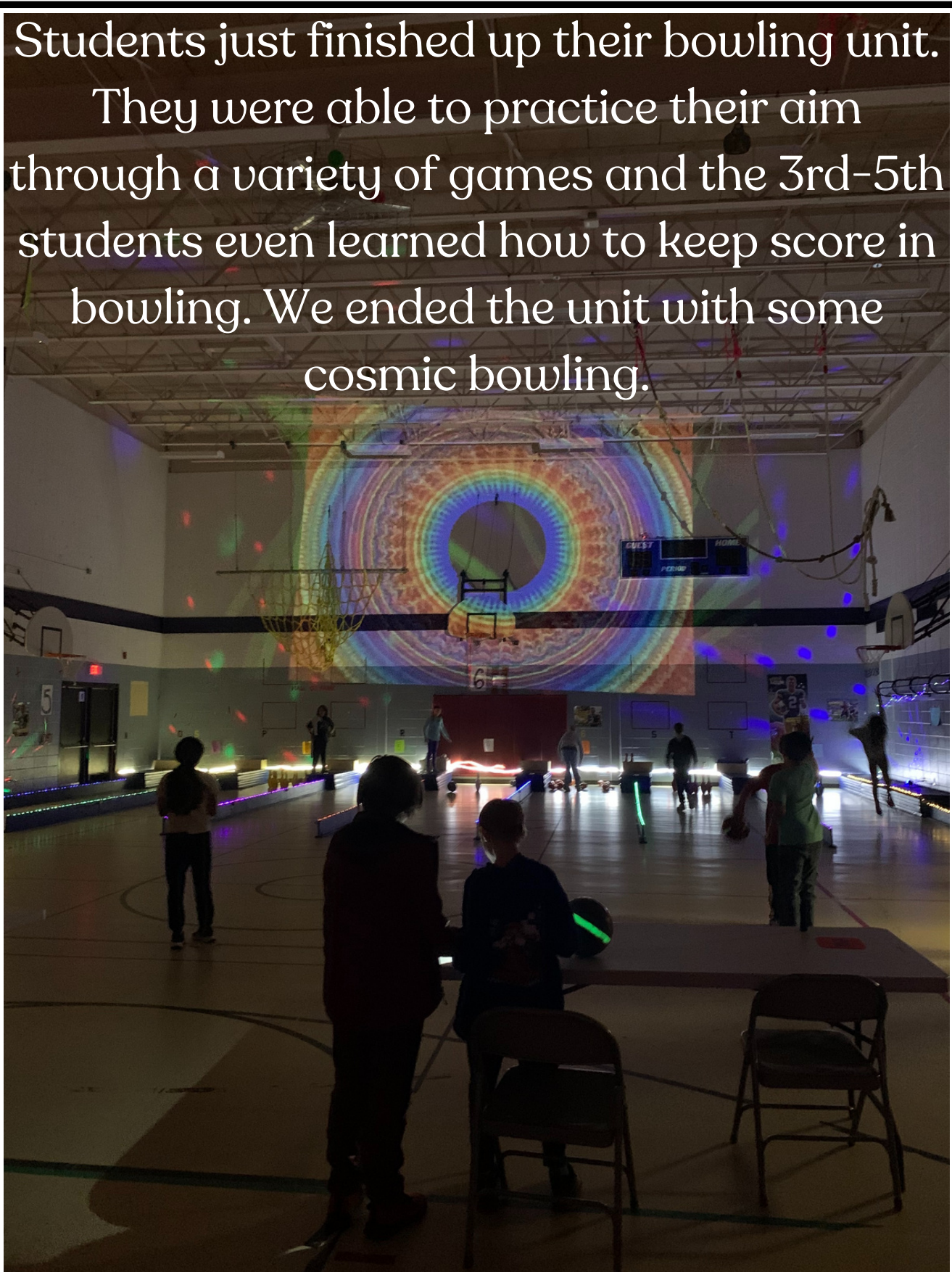
Our Kindergarten and 1st grade students are also joining in for our collaborative fantasy/fairy tale display with other projects to enhance the display.







Students just finished up their bowling unit. They were able to practice their aim through a variety of games and the 3rd-5th students even learned how to keep score in bowling. We ended the unit with some cosmic bowling.







## 2023 - 2024 Safety Patrollers

- Reid Miller
- Ethan Miller
- Esme Bastien
- Seth Crossman
- Charlie Carl
- Erin Vosburgh
- Briggs Luedtke
- Dixie Mulderink
- Jordan Acosta
- Jackson Weiler
- Terry Parish
- Brooke Steindorf
- Paysen Allie
- Harmony Kirkland
- Alondra Rivera Zuniga
- Pyper Gefvert
- Alonso Zamora Gomez
- Aspen Thiede
- Julia Turrittin-Johnson
- Xavier Becerra-Espinoza
- Jackson Williams
- Lucas Kienbaum
- Braquel Hunsicker
- Hattie Golson
- Mallory Fast
- Elena Fellin
- Harrison Scheibel
- Lilla McDonald
- Charlie Cheek
- Meara Kelly
- Paizley Stouffer
- Cassie Smith
- Delaney Riddell
- Emma McKee
- Hunter Schickowski
- Roger Fajardo Reyes

Our new 5th Grade Safety Patrollers have continued to do a great job keeping our Barrie Broncos safe before school and after school. They are out on their corners whether it's rain or shine, hot or cold outside. Keep up the great work, Safety Patrollers!!!

**February Patrollers-of-the-Month:** Ethan Miller and Meara Kelly



Delaney Riddell, Harrison Scheibel, Hattie Golson, Elena Fellin, Esme Bastien, Aspen Thiede, Pyper Gefvert, Briggs Luedtke, Alondra Rivera-Zuniga, Hayden Gefvert, Lainey Gottschalk, Charles Fortney, Taylor Bauman

The Student Council is sponsoring an indoor recess game and activity collection. The students will be collecting gently used or new games and activities for students to use during indoor recess. The goal is to provide all students with a variety of options during indoor recess. Please consider donating to support this great cause!

# Barrie Elementary

# Counselor's Corner

Miss Young | 23-24

## Your student is learning all about **BULLYING!**

During guidance class, Grades 2-5 have started the *Bullying Prevention Unit*, while kindergarteners and first graders are learning about *problem solving, conflict resolution, and including others*.

By the end of the unit, here's what the students will have learned:

### Bullying

when someone *repeatedly* hurts, scares, or makes another person feel bad *on purpose*

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## Empowering Strategies for Dealing with Bullying

### Assertiveness

Help them practice using a strong, clear voice and maintaining eye contact

### Confidence Building

Teach positive self-talk to boost their self-esteem

### Being an Upstander

Teach your child to stand up for others who are being bullied

### Buddy System

Encourage your child to stick with friends or a group when they feel unsafe

### Reporting Incidents

Emphasize the importance of reporting any bullying incidents to a trusted adult, whether it's a teacher, school counselor, and/or you as a parent



## Tips for TRUSTED ADULTS

For more information about how to talk to kids about bullying, [click here](#).

Phone: (920) 563-7817

Email: [youngs@fortschools.org](mailto:youngs@fortschools.org)



## COVID-19 Isolation/Quarantine Protocols

*Monitor your Child's Symptoms*

### Exposure to COVID-19

If no symptoms, may continue attending school/work.

Wear a face covering for 10 days when around others.

Monitor for symptoms and test if possible.

**Stay home if symptoms develop**

### Positive COVID-19 Test

**Isolate for 5 Days**

If no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 5 days and have not had a fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medication, isolation can end.

If symptoms persist continue to stay home until resolving

**Communicate with school symptoms are resolving to return**

**\*Wear a face covering around others for 5 more days**

### COVID-19 Symptoms or sent home from school

#### ONE of these symptoms:

- Fever (100.4° or greater) or chills
- Cough - new or worsening
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

#### TWO or more of these symptoms:

- Sore Throat
- Fatigue
- Muscle/body aches
- Headache
- Congestion or runny nose

**Stay Home**

*Testing is recommended.*

If no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 3 days and have not had a fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medication, the student may return to school

**Communicate with school symptoms are resolving to return**

★ **\*If you are unable to wear a mask around others you must quarantine/isolate for the full exposure period of 10 days**



**Please direct all questions and report positive cases to the main office of your school!**

Updated 08.23.2022



Fort HealthCare is sharing some Backpack News for our families, which includes tips such as how to stay healthy as the winter weather approaches, tips for families, flu shots, and more!

[Click here for the PDF in English](#)



[Click here for the PDF in Spanish](#)





### Welcome 2024!

A new year and a new semester that just started on January 22nd. A new year can be a time to review older goals and habits and work to establish new ones. If attendance has been a challenge—let's look for the new year to bring about a change.

Attendance at school is important for many reasons and the second half of the school-year can be a great opportunity to improve attendance. We know that it coincides with illness, like colds, influenza, COVID, RSV and many other things so we want students to remain healthy and safe see this link from our nursing staff related to frequent issues for school aged children:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/nurse+handouts?projector=1>

We also want this time of year to be a time to showcase all the learning that has happened and look to set continued learning goals. Our hope is that everyday your child(ren) are healthy, they are at school—to improve their skills and to learn new things.



If there are challenges that you face that impact attendance, please reach out to the pupil services staff at the school. We look forward to seeing your child—everyday to help them develop successful habits.



### Join our 1Fort Team!

Looking to make a difference in the life of a child? The School District of Fort Atkinson and our partners offer a variety of employment opportunities and are actively seeking interested candidates.



To view an up-to-date list of our available vacancies, please bookmark the [School District of Fort Atkinson Careers Page](#). You can also contact [hr@fortschools.org](mailto:hr@fortschools.org) with any questions you may have.

### Free/Reduced Lunch Reminders

There are still programs available to help families with these costs. To see if you qualify, please complete the [application found online](#) or you can print off a paper application.

As a reminder, there are additional benefits for qualifying for free/reduced lunch such as:



#### Semester Milk

May receive free semester snack milk\*



#### School Meals

May provide discounted or free meals when the USDA waiver expires.



#### Grocery Benefits

May help provide your family with money for groceries through P-EBT.



#### ACT & AP Test Discounts

May receive discounts for academic testing.



#### College Application Discounts

May receive discounts for college application fees.



#### Technology Funding

SDFA receives additional funding for internet access and computers.

We always want our students to have access to the best benefits possible. Should your circumstance change, please know this support is available at any time.



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

# 4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

CALLING ALL 4-YEAR-OLDS - LET'S REGISTER FOR FALL 2024!

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 15, 2024

\*Must be 4 years old by September 1, 2024



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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

CALLING ALL KINDERGARTENERS - LET'S REGISTER FOR FALL 2024!

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 15, 2024

\*Must be 5 years old by September 1, 2024



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# PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF 1FORT SCHOOLS

OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM | TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

1FORT

## OUR DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL NEEDS

Like many Wisconsin school districts, the School District of Fort Atkinson faces significant financial challenges that are largely the result of three factors:



A lack of funding for public education from the state legislature in recent years



Rapidly increasing expenses and inflation



The state's outdated school funding formula

To address these challenges, the School Board has approved an operational referendum question that will appear on the ballot **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**.

## PROPOSED SOLUTION

On **April 2, 2024**, our community will vote on a proposed solution to these financial challenges. If voters approve the referendum, the district will be able to exceed its revenue limit by **\$6.5 million per year** for the **next three years**.

With a continued priority for student safety and wellbeing, approved referendum funds would:



Preserve current programs, services, and staffing relative to enrollment



Maintain current programs and course offerings



Retain high-quality teachers and staff

## PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

The School Board recently **lowered the property tax levy rate by \$1.31** for the 2023-24 school year to **\$9.61**. That represents a **12.21% decrease** and is the lowest mill rate in a decade for the School District of Fort Atkinson

An approved operational referendum **would not increase the property tax levy rate** of \$9.61 per \$1,000 of assessed property value in our community.

***An operational referendum is necessary to maintain current programming, retain high-quality teachers and staff, and provide residents with the high-quality schools they have come to expect.***



LEARN MORE AT [FORTSCHOOLS.ORG/VOTE](https://fortschools.org/vote)





## Timely Information

### DHS Launches Wisconsin Wayfinder: Children's Resource Network

**"Connecting Wisconsin families with special health care needs to essential support and resources"**

As educators in Wisconsin schools, you have incredible access to providing families with timely and relevant information.

Wisconsin Wayfinder is a resource to share with all families in your schools and districts, and in particular families with children with disabilities or mental health needs. Wisconsin Wayfinder helps families find county and statewide disability and mental health services beyond the support provided by schools. As a close partner with Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Wisconsin DPI asks school and district leaders to **please share out the below information on your school district webpages, newsletters to families, and consider sharing information about Wisconsin Wayfinder with families at individualized education program meetings.**

Last week the Wisconsin DHS launched a new service that will transform the support structure for families of children with delays, disabilities, special health care needs, or mental health conditions. Wisconsin Wayfinder: Children's Resource Network includes a user-friendly website and toll-free helpline that lets families easily connect with real people (dedicated children's resource guides) who will help navigate through the essential services and supports that will enable their children to thrive.

"This service is a critical step toward improving the way families with special health care needs access and connect with the vital resources they need, especially during crucial moments like after an initial diagnosis," said DHS Deputy Secretary Deb Standridge. "Our children's resource guides are people committed to personally assisting families on this journey. Wisconsin Wayfinder embodies our commitment to inclusivity, support, and accessibility for our state's children and their families." View the entire news release.

A statewide user-friendly website and toll-free number, 877-WiscWay (877-947-2929), provide families with convenient, direct access to compassionate and knowledgeable children's resource guides. **Please share the toll free number (877-WiscWay) and this Link to Wisconsin Wayfinder webpage with families in your schools, districts, and communities.**



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

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School District  
**FORT**  
of Fort Atkinson

UW- Whitewater Department of Music presents...

## SOUNDS N' VISIONS 2024

"BLAST OFF INTO MUSIC!"


Join us for an exciting musical adventure - in outer space! Students will explore general music topics and musical instruments, led by UW-W Music Education majors. Showcasing what they learned, students will perform for families at 1:30 pm.

Sponsored by The UW-Whitewater chapter of the National Association for Music Education-Collegiate.

**10 am - 2 pm**  
Sunday, February 11th at UW-Rock County Janesville, WI  
OR  
Saturday, March 2nd at UW-Whitewater Whitewater, WI

- open to students ages K-5,
- 2 sessions available
- \$20 per student

**REGISTER TODAY!**



## SAVE THE DATE!!



THE CORNERSTONE OF HOPE  
SPRING DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE  
WILL BE FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024  
AT THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS  
IN JANESVILLE

JOIN US FOR A MEMORABLE NIGHT OF DANCING,  
AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES AND A KEEPSAKE PHOTO!

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE JANUARY 15TH AT  
<https://csohwi.com/event/spring-dance/>

QUESTIONS: CONTACT CORNERSTONE OF HOPE  
608-563-4673 OR [ddd@csohwi.com](mailto:ddd@csohwi.com)

Do you have an event you'd like to share?

<https://forms.gle/gPiKA8QSWFogFqsG9>

## Events Guide: Winter 2023-2024

### WINTER READING

Winter Reading Challenge for All Ages

December 11-January 31

Read books, complete activities, and log your progress on our Beanstack site at [fortlibrary.beanstack.org](http://fortlibrary.beanstack.org). Participants will be entered in weekly prize drawings and earn a chance to win the grand prize drawing of a \$25 Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce gift certificate at the end of January. Happy reading, Fort Atkinson!

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Toddler Time**  
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

**Family Storytime**  
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

**Baby Time**  
Thursdays at 10 a.m.

**Pajama Storytime**  
January 9 and February 13 at 6:30 p.m.

**Sensory Storytime**  
January 3 and February 7 at 4 p.m.

**NO STORYTIMES IN DECEMBER**

**Bear on a Bookshelf**

January 2-29

Stop in weekly in January to find the bear on a bookshelf! Each week you find the bear, get your card stamped and pick a small prize. If you find the bear all four weeks of the month, you will receive an entry in the grand prize drawing. The bear will move on Tuesday of each week.

**Lego Club**

January 15 and February 19 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join other Lego enthusiasts and build a Lego creation according to a monthly theme.

**Lunch Bunch for Homeschoolers**

January 17 and February 21 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bring your lunch to the library and meet other homeschooling families. Library staff will share library resources and offer time to chat and socialize.

**Family Fort Building**

January 19 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Stay in the library after hours to create a cool reading fort! Bring a good book, a flashlight, and indoor fort-building materials, such as sheets, pillows, and blankets. The library doors will be locked at 6 p.m. All kids must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Glow sticks and a snack will be provided.

**Play Pokémon**

January 22 and February 26 from 4-5 p.m.

Come play the Pokémon Trading Card Game with other Pokémon trainers! You can bring your own cards or borrow a deck from the library to learn how to play. Recommended for kids ages 7-12.



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### TEEN PROGRAMS

**Art Club for Teens**

January 10 and February 14 from 4-5 p.m.

Bring your current project or use the basic supplies we provide like coloring sheets, glue, markers, etc.! Light snacks will be provided!

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209 Merchants Avenue, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538  
(920) 563-7790

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### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Normal Aging/Not Normal Aging**

Tuesday, December 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Join Tonya Runyard of the ADRC to learn about Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Aging. Learn the difference between normal aging and when a new trend is developing that is different from the aging process. The ADRC will also offer memory screening from 3-5 p.m. on December 11. Contact the ADRC at (920) 675-4035 to set up an appointment.

**Memory Café: FAHS Show Choir and Winter Warm-up**

Monday, January 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a lively performance from the Fort Atkinson High School Show Choir and then warm up with some hot cocoa while we chat about our favorite winter memories. A Memory Café is an informal social gathering for individuals living with early-stage memory loss and their care partner. For more information, see our website at [librarymemoryproject.org](http://librarymemoryproject.org).

**Board Game Night for Grown-Ups at Mr. Brews Taphouse**

Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us at the local restaurant Mr. Brews Taphouse (201 N Main Street, Fort Atkinson) to try out some of the newest board games that have been added to our Library of Things collection! You can order a drink and food while competing against friends and trying out new games.

**Adult Book Club**

Tuesday, January 23 at 2 p.m. or Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Adult Services Librarian Deb Bauer to discuss beloved author Ann Patchett's newest novel "Tom Lake." Copies of the title are available in multiple formats at the main service desk. "Poignant and reflective, cementing Patchett's stature as one of our finest novelists." — Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

**Late Night Hygge and Hot Cocoa Lock-In**

Friday, February 9 at 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Stay late at the library for a cozy winter evening warming up with the Danish concept of hygge. Bring your favorite fluffy blanket, fuzzy slippers, and a good book, and we'll provide the hot cocoa, tea lights, and warmth from our fireplaces. Doors lock at 6 p.m. sharp.

**Biking Across America Travelogue**

Thursday, February 22 at 6 p.m.

Join local cycling enthusiast Chick Westby as he tells the cross country bike tale of his travels from the West Coast to the East Coast with his son in the summer of 2023. Find inspiration for your next biking adventure!

**Wednesday Craftnooks**

Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.

Drop in each Wednesday for craft time. Bring our own project or use some of the provided supplies. Let your creativity run wild!

**StoryCorps®**

December 6, January 3, and February 7 at 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Registration Required

Two microphones. Two people. One incredible conversation.

We invite you to share and record a conversation with a family member or friend for generations to come with our new Gathering and Sharing Stories Initiative. Sign up today by contacting Amy Christian at [achristian@fortlibrary.org](mailto:achristian@fortlibrary.org) or (920) 563-7790.

**Breastfeeding Support Group**

December 6, January 3, and February 7 at 9 a.m.

Are you looking for extra support with breastfeeding? Come share your triumphs and struggles. Babies, siblings, and support people are welcome. The group, led by the Jefferson County Health Department, will meet in the Storytime Room each month.

**Cooking Club**

December 19, January 16, and February 20 at 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Cooking Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the afternoon and evening. In December, join Amy Christian for a Mocktail demonstration and tasting in time for your holiday gatherings! (No cooking this month to give you a break from the hectic holidays.) In January and February, choose a recipe from the selected cookbook on display upstairs and then bring the dish to share!

**Tech Tuesdays**

December 26, January 23, and February 27 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Tech Tuesdays are offered on the fourth Tuesday of each month. It is an opportunity to bring your devices and questions so that library staff can assist you with any technology challenges you may be experiencing.

Friends Book Sale on December 9, January 13, and February 10 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
9-10 a.m. for Friends members

Special thanks to the Friends of the Dwight Foster Public Library for their financial support for programming!

FEATURED PROGRAMS

RECURRING PROGRAMS



# COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

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## REMINDER:

**ALTERNATE STREET PARKING IN  
EFFECT THROUGH MARCH 15, 2024**

**\*Park on the EVEN address numbered  
side of the street on even numbered  
days from 2:00 am – 6:00 am.**

**\*Park on the ODD address numbered  
side of the street on odd numbered days  
from 2:00 am – 6:00 am.**

The calendar date begins at 12:01 a.m.  
when you park at night park for the next  
calendar day.

*If you are parking your vehicle on the 1st  
the next calendar day (starting at 12:01  
a.m.) will be the 2nd, so you park your  
vehicle on the even numbered side of  
the street.*

*At the end of the month, according to  
the calendar date, cars should stay on  
the odd side. Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, Jan. 31  
and Feb. 1, Feb. 29 and March 1 and  
March 15 (last day).*

Public lots are available for overnight  
parking during Snow Emergencies, but  
be sure to follow the posted parking  
rules in the lot.

Do you have an event you'd like to share?

[www.bit.ly/1fortevents](http://www.bit.ly/1fortevents)



**FORT ATKINSON**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to generous donors, the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation offers a variety of scholarships for Fort Atkinson students and/or graduates of Fort Atkinson High School.



# BASE

## AFTER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

**OPEN FOR 2023-2024**

*Keeping kids safe  
and having fun during  
the critical hours  
school is out.*

### ABOUT OUR PROGRAM :

- Open to children 7 & Older
- Open at all 4 Public Elementary Schools 3-6pm
- Snack, Recreation and Enrichment Activities
- Open Early Release Days and Select No School Days
- Affordable Rates and Scholarships Available

**SIGN UP TODAY**  
**brightwheel**  
The all-in-one app for preschool and daycare



[Learn More & Register](#)

### 2023-24 BASE Program Fees

23-24 Fees	Scholarship*	Drop In Day Rate	Full Month
One Time Registration Fee- \$25.00			
Cost	Starting at \$10/month	\$15/day	\$125/month
Each additional child	Starting at \$10/month	\$10/day	\$110/month
We strongly encourage families to pay fees via Brightwheel. There is no fee for ACH payments and 2.95% credit card processing fee via Brightwheel. A scholarship application is available for families.			

[2023-24 BASE Scholarship Form](#)