

# Barrie Elementary School Newsletter



March | 2024

## Principal Welcome

Welcome March! We are glad you are here.

Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow last month and an early spring is on the way (fingers crossed)! Here at Barrie, we are so looking forward to the weather warming up and sticking around for awhile. In the meantime, please continue to monitor the daily weather and send the appropriate attire with your child(ren) to school each day. I understand this is often as difficult as Punxsutawney Phil making his annual prediction.

In addition, all the staff here at Barrie have been working hard to make school "not-just-another Groundhog Day" as we continue to move through third quarter. We pride ourselves on making each day new and exciting for your child(ren). Thank you for being a part of that journey!

As always, thank you for the continued commitment and support!

Warmly,



**Justin Stewart**

Barrie Elementary School Principal  
School District of Fort Atkinson



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Barrie Elementary School  
1000 Harriette Street, Fort Atkinson WI

"Achieving distinction in all we do"



### 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

March 4th | PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm (Barrie IMC)

March 6th | PTO Teacher Treat Day (GRK)

March 18th - April 26th | Forward Testing Window

March 21st | Favorite Character Day (Student Council Sponsored)

March 21st | SDFA Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm

### Looking Ahead

April 1st | PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm (Barrie IMC)

April 5th | Barrie Spirit Day

April 16th | DARE Graduation (GR5)

April 18th | SDFA Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm

April 25th | Arts and Learning Fair / Picnic (5pm - 7pm)

April 26th | Mismatch Dress Up Day (Student Council Sponsored)



### 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

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



### No Cook Night Fundraiser for Barrie Elementary School!

**Tuesday, March 5th**  
**From 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Let Paddy's amazing staff take over dinner for the night! Paddy's will donate money from this night to the Barrie PTO for our future school projects.

Tell your Family and Friends, let's show Barrie and Paddy's some love, thank you for your continued support!



**DINE IN ONLY!**

Paddy's is located at 14 E. Sherman Ave, Fort Atkinson, WI



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

**Monday, March 4th**

**at 6:30 PM**

**in the Barrie IMC.**

### Coin Drive

### March 4th-18th

**Students will have the  
opportunity to add money to the  
jar representing the movie they  
would like to see.**



**Barrie Broncos  
Elementary**

Watch for PTO updates on our  
Facebook page.



## Band & Orchestra News

### DATE CHANGE FOR BAND and ORCHESTRA STUDENTS & PARENTS:

The Art and Learning Fair performances have been moved to April 25th. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information!



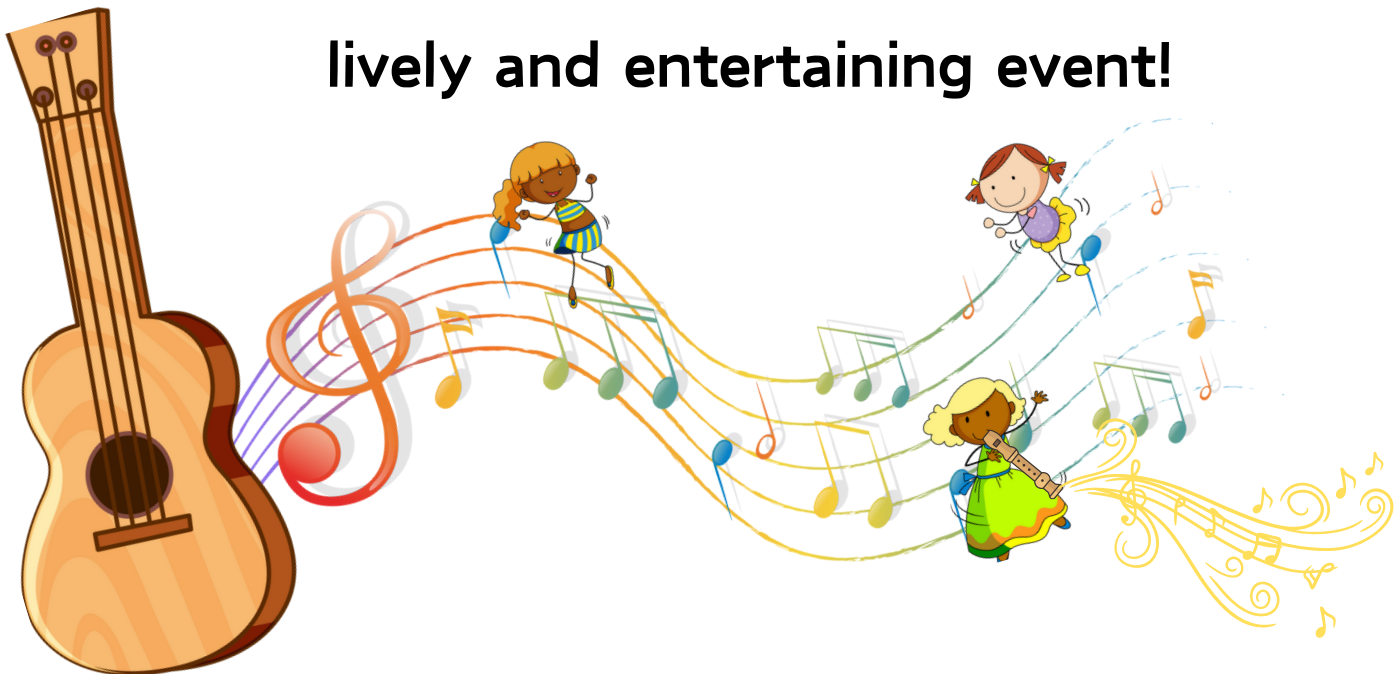
### BAND BOOSTER MEETING



All parents of students participating in the band are automatically considered “Band Booster” members, and are welcome at ALL Booster Meetings! Our next meeting is: Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00 PM High School Music Pod. We hope to have parents representing students from all grade levels, and would love to have you there!

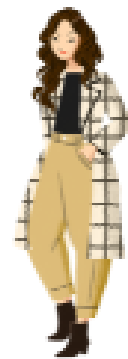


**Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade are preparing to perform for their families at this year's Arts and Learning Fair at Barrie. It is scheduled for April 25th which is coming our way very soon! All 3rd and 4th grade recorder players, and all 5th grade band, orchestra, choir and ukulele players are scheduled to perform. Please mark your calendars for the lively and entertaining event!**

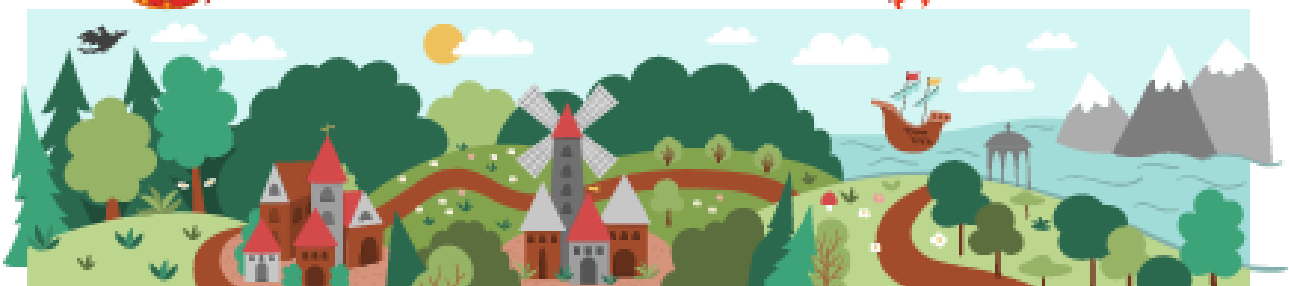
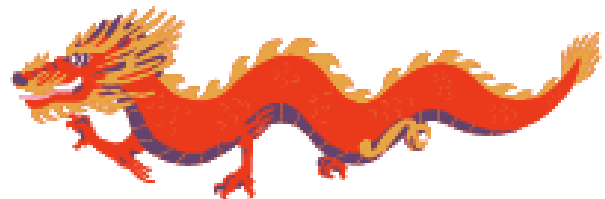




Our 4th and 5th grade students are deeply into their fashion design projects. I have students sewing, jewelry making, drawing, painting, crocheting, paper mache-ing, sculpting, and even habidashering! We can't wait for you to join us for Project Runway: Barrie Edition April 25 at the Barrie Art and Learning Fair!



Our Kindergarten through 3rd grade students have already created a plethora of fantasy and fairy tale artwork for our Art and Learning Fair Fairy Tale Walk-Through. Castles, royalty, dragons, shields, fairy houses, and gnome homes are coming together! Second and Third grade will even be doing some metal embossing!





A photograph of a large indoor space, likely a gymnasium, decorated for a holiday event. The floor is covered with blue and white mats, and various decorations are scattered around, including a large Christmas tree on the left, a large teddy bear, a large fish cutout, and a large turtle cutout. A person in a green costume is visible in the center.





## 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!!!

**March Patrollers-of-the-Month:** Pyper Gefvert and Charlie Cheek



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

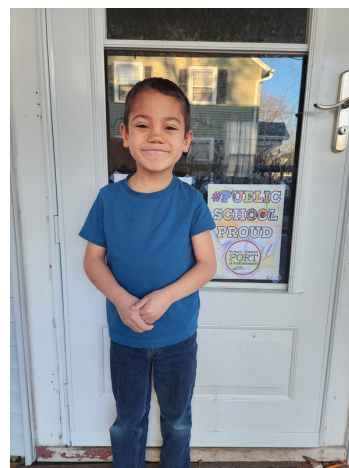
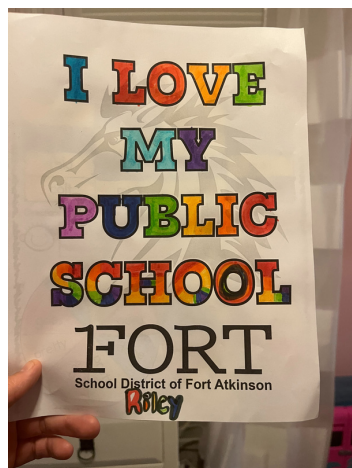
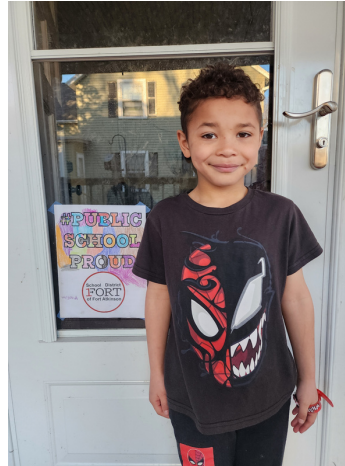
Student Council members worked very hard to spread kindness around the school during the month of February. Members put together baskets of craft supplies for each classroom to create their own paper heart. The hearts were displayed around the building for all of the students to enjoy. These hearts included messages and pictures to encourage kindness, friendship and compassion. 

The Student Council is continuing to sponsor 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!





Thank you to those families who submitted pictures last week!



# Barrie Elementary

# Counselor's Corner

Miss Young | School Counselor | 23-24

## Your student has learned all about **BULLYING!**

During guidance class, Grades 2-5 have **FINISHED** the *Bullying Prevention Unit*, while kindergarteners and first graders finished 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

## HOW TO REPORT BULLYING

1

### STAY CALM

If you see or experience bullying, try to stay calm and composed.

2

### FIND A SAFE SPACE

Move to a safe and quiet space where you feel comfortable talking about the situation.

3

### FIND A TRUSTED ADULT

Choose one of the trusted adults you identified earlier as someone you can talk to about the bullying incident.

4

### USE "I" STATEMENTS

When reporting, use "I" statements to express your feelings and describe the situation without blaming. "I felt upset when..."

5

### PROVIDE DETAILS

Share specific details about the incident, including who was involved, what happened, when and where it occurred.

6

### BE HONEST

Be honest and open about your feelings. Let the trusted adult know the impact the bullying has had on you.

7

### LISTEN TO GUIDANCE

Listen to the guidance and advice provided by the trusted adult. They are there to help and support you.

8

### FOLLOW UP

If necessary, follow up with the trusted adult to let them know about any changes related to the bullying situation.

## 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. [🔗](#)

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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](#)





## School Nurse Office

P: 920.563.7805

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
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is that time of year where there are a lot of illnesses going around! SDFA currently has not seen a sharp increase in any one illness but want to help inform you of what is out there right now. It is important to know the difference between influenza (flu), Covid-19, cold and norovirus (stomach flu) symptoms. All are extremely contagious. Influenza, Covid-19 and cold viruses are spread from person to person through coughing and sneezing. Norovirus is spread by touching surfaces or objects and eating food or drinking liquids contaminated with the virus.

| <b>Common Symptoms of a Cold, the Flu, and COVID-19</b><br><br>Learn more at <a href="http://www.nia.nih.gov/flu">www.nia.nih.gov/flu</a><br><br> National Institute on Aging<br><br><small>*Symptoms may vary based on new COVID-19 variants and vaccination status.</small> | Common Symptoms*                            | Cold | Flu | COVID-19 |
|--|---|------|-----|----------|
|  | Fever and/or chills                         |      | ✓   | ✓        |
|  | Headache                                    |      | ✓   | ✓        |
|  | Muscle pain or body aches                   |      | ✓   | ✓        |
|  | Feeling tired or weak                       |      | ✓   | ✓        |
|  | Sore throat                                 | ✓    | ✓   | ✓        |
|  | Runny or stuffy nose                        | ✓    | ✓   | ✓        |
|  | Sneezing                                    | ✓    |     |          |
|  | Cough                                       | ✓    | ✓   | ✓        |
|  | Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing |      | ✓   | ✓        |
|  | Vomiting and diarrhea                       |      | ✓   | ✓        |
|  | Change in or loss of taste or smell         |      |     | ✓        |

**Norovirus- the stomach bug, causes acute gastroenteritis (inflammation of the stomach and intestines)**

**Symptoms may include**  
Extreme diarrhea  
vomiting  
stomach pain/cramping  
headache  
fever

### Steps to keep your child healthy:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the best way to prevent influenza infection is to get a flu vaccine. There is no vaccine available for norovirus.

### Talk to your child about practicing good health habits:

Wash hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can also be used if soap and water is not available.

Cover mouth and nose into the inside of the elbow or with a tissue when sneezing or coughing and dispose of the tissue immediately into the trash.

Avoid sharing drinks, water bottles, eating utensils and cell phones.

### Prevent spreading illness to others:

Keep your sick child home from school until he/she has not had a fever, vomited and/or loose stool for 24 hours without the use of medication, and can actively participate in school. It is important for your ill child to get rest and drink plenty of fluids. At home, disinfect frequently touched surfaces, toys, and commonly shared items.

Please contact your doctor if you feel your child has any of the above symptoms and is not improving or is showing new symptoms.

Any questions or concerns contact your child's school main office.



## From the Nurse Office

Head lice happen, especially on kids. They are not a sign of poor hygiene or how clean your home is. Anyone can get them—doesn't matter how long your hair is or how much you shower.

Fortunately, they don't spread disease and can't live more than two days off our heads. So if your kids get them you don't have to clean every inch of your home. Head lice eggs won't hatch unless they are on hair and they won't infest pets. They spread when kids touch their heads together and sometimes from sharing hair accessories.

Does your kid have head lice? Not everyone gets itchy. Use a nit comb on wet hair and look for bugs the size of a sesame seed or tiny eggs glued to the hair. Check everyone in your household. If you do catch a bug, compare it with this picture:



If you find head lice:

1. Use either an over-the-counter OR prescription medication intended for treatment of head lice. ***Follow the label directions exactly.***
2. Wash pillowcases and anything else that had contact with the child's head in the past 48 hrs. *Use a hot dryer. If you can't wash it, leave it in a bag for 2 weeks.*
3. Re-treat the hair after 7-9 days or **according to label directions.** *No lice product kills 100% of the eggs, so you have to kill the newly hatched bugs.*
4. Continue to use the nit comb on wet hair to remove old evidence and check for new head lice-DAILY for at least 2 weeks

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/index.html> or call the nurse office at 920.563.7805





### 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.

**SAVE YOUR SPOT**

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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## OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM

**APRIL 2, 2024**

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

*Learn more about the proposed operational referendum and ask questions:*

**March 13, 2024**

Time: 5:30 p.m.

at Purdy Elementary IMC

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

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

**NOW LIVE!**



# BASE

## 2024 SUMMER PROGRAM

REGISTER AT:

[BASEFORTATKINSON.ORG/SUMMERPROGRAM](http://BASEFORTATKINSON.ORG/SUMMERPROGRAM)



**DREAM. BELIEVE.  
ACHIEVE.**

**Learn more!**



FORT COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

## 2023-24 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FCCU is a nonprofit financial cooperative with locations in Fort Atkinson, Jefferson, Watertown, and Whitewater. Reflecting the mission statement of FCCU, "To help our members be in a better financial position than when we met them," FCCU is offering this scholarship to help shoulder the cost of tuition so members can achieve their educational dreams.

**FCCU will award \$2,000 to five current high school seniors heading off to a 4-year university or a 2-year technical or trade school in the fall. Applications must be submitted online by March 1, 2024, along with the high school transcript through first semester senior year and a letter of recommendation from a non-related teacher, coach, school administrator, community member, or employer.**



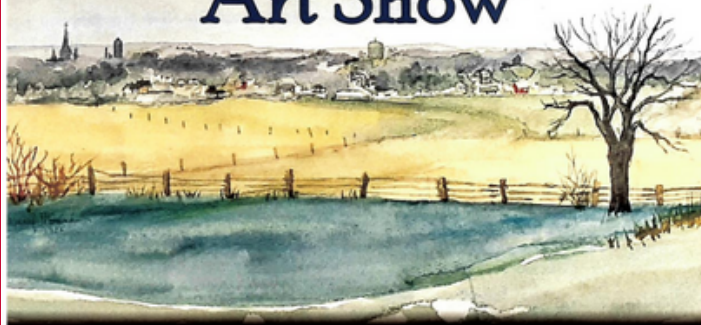
# COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

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The Hoard Historical Museum presents the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual

## Mary Hoard Art Show



### Part I: Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Thursday, March 14 - Saturday, March 30, 2024

Part I of the show is open to public, private, and home school students

#### Opening Reception:

Wed., March 13, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Awards at 6:30 p.m.

### Part II: High School & Adult

Sunday April 14 - Saturday, April 27, 2024

Adult registration: Tuesday, April 2 - Saturday, April 6

Adult Show open to adults who live, work, or volunteer in Jefferson County.

High School Show is open to public, private, and homeschooled students

living in Fort Atkinson. Rules and Registration available at the

Hoard Museum or at [www.hoardmuseum.org](http://www.hoardmuseum.org).

#### Opening Reception:

Sunday, April 14, 1 - 3 p.m., Awards at 2:30 p.m.

*Free to Attend!*

### Art Show & Museum Hours:

Tuesdays - Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hoard Historical Museum

401 Whitewater Avenue, Fort Atkinson

(920) 397-9914 [www.hoardmuseum.org](http://www.hoardmuseum.org)

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## DWIGHT FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY Events Guide: Spring 2024

### 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

March 12 and April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

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#### Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

March 1-November 28

Help Smokey celebrate his 80th birthday by learning how to prevent wildfires and help the environment! Read 3 books on wildfire prevention or the environment and earn activity badges to complete the challenge and earn a completion certificate and a free book. Visit [fortlibrary.beanstack.org](http://fortlibrary.beanstack.org) or download the Beanstack Tracker app to join the challenge.

#### Parenting Play Group

March 12, April 9, and May 14 from 2-3 p.m.

The Parenting Play Group is a shared time for parents and their children, ages zero to five years of age, to engage in social connections through open-ended playtime, specific developmental activities, and interactions with other families. This group is led by registered nurses with the Jefferson County Health Department, specializing in Breastfeeding Support, Car Seat Safety, Social Connectedness, and Developmental Stages.

#### Lego Club

March 18, April 15, and May 20 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

March 20, April 17 (at the Municipal Building), and May 15 (with Officer Lawrence and K-9 Smitty) 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. On April 17, the group will meet at 101 N. Main Street in Fort Atkinson.

#### Play Pokémon

March 25 and April 22 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

March 13, April 10, and May 8 from 4-5 p.m.

Bring your current project or use the basic supplies we provide. Light snacks will be provided!

#### Author Talk with Jen Bailey

Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Local author Jen Bailey is excited to visit the Dwight Foster Public Library to introduce her young adult novel *Unexpected*. Jen will do a brief reading from *Unexpected* and host a Q&A session with the audience. Jen will have copies of her book available for sale, along with treats and swag for attendees. This program is designed for teens, but adults are welcome to attend as well.



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### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Gardening Small

Monday, March 11 at 2 p.m.

Join Julie Hill, Horticulture Outreach Specialist at the UW-Madison Extension, who will kick off the opening of our Seed Library with a talk about Gardening Small.

#### Introduction to Genealogy

Monday, March 25 at 2 p.m.

Connect to your past through an Introduction to Genealogy with Scott Norrick of Ancestral Past. Participants will receive an overview of genealogy basics.

#### Eyes On The Skies

Monday, April 1 at 1 p.m.

Get ready for April's solar eclipse with free solar eclipse glasses and a presentation from Jim Lattis, Director of UW's Space Place!

#### Brews and Board Games at Mr. Brews Taphouse

Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us at 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! Order food and drinks while competing against friends.

#### Library Memory Project: Jefferson County Family Day

Sunday, April 21 from 1-4 p.m.

We invite those living with memory loss, and their care partners and families, to attend our first ever Jefferson County FREE family-friendly outing at the Dwight Foster Public Library. This event includes entertainment, crafts, and refreshments. Sign up at <https://www.librarymemoryproject.org/event/family-day/>.

#### Adult Book Club

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

Join Adult Services Librarian Deb Bauer to discuss Ilyon Woo's *Master Slave Husband Wife*, one of The New York Times' 10 Best Books of 2023. Copies of the title can be requested in multiple formats and more copies are available at the main service desk.

#### Hiking the Appalachian Trail

Thursday, May 9 at 6 p.m.

Join Fort Atkinson resident David Firari as he shares the adventures of his thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail. He completed the 2,200+ mile journey from Georgia to Maine in 2023 in six months. David will share his preparations, the history of hiking the trail, and stories from his journey.

#### Memory Café: Sunflowers

Monday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Help us welcome spring with sunflowers! We'll talk about gardening, play a seed guessing game, and then plant some seeds to grow at home. 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).

#### Wednesday Craftnoons

Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.

Drop in each Wednesday for crafting fun! Bring a project from home that you are working on or use some of the simple painting and art supplies we have on hand here in our little red craft wagon.

#### StoryCorps®

March 6 and April 3 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.

#### NEW! Spanish/English Language Exchange

March 11, April 8, and May 13 from 6-7 p.m.

Practice your language skills, make new friends, and have some fun. Fluency is not required. The group is participant-led. No registration is required. All ages welcome!

#### Cooking Club

March 19, April 16, and May 21 at 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Cooking Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the afternoon and evening. Join us as we gather together to share recipes we have made from our selected cookbook of the month. Stop by the second floor service desk to choose a recipe and then bring the dish to share. Learn new cooking tips and enjoy a delicious time of food and fun!

#### Tech Tuesdays

March 26, April 23, and May 28 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Tech Tuesdays are offered on the fourth Tuesday of each month. In March, we will dive into Udemu; in April, we will look at Libby, and in May, we will be exploring the library's website and how to navigate it.

Friends Book Sale on March 9, April 13, and  
May 11 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
9-10 a.m. for Friends members

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

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## Registration for SPRING Soccer 2024

Online Registration - [www.faysa.org](http://www.faysa.org)

**6U-8U Soccer program** is offered for boys & girls U6 (2018)-U8 (2016) includes 6 sessions Saturdays (April 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 11, 18) U8 9:30am/U7 10:45am/U6 12-1pm U8 will practice Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm (April 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 14) Cost: \$70 with uniform.

Registration open until April 10th, 2024

Questions? Contact Kim Lutes [faysaregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:faysaregistrar@gmail.com) or Tami Cloute [tamicloute@gmail.com](mailto:tamicloute@gmail.com)

**9U/10U Soccer program** is offered for boys & girls U9/U10 (2014-2015) Weekly Tuesday practices (April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 14, 21, 28) 6 games on Friday evenings (April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 17, 31) Cost: \$94 plus \$30 uniform kit.

Registration open until March 29, 2024

Questions? Contact Kim Lutes [faysaregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:faysaregistrar@gmail.com) or Adrea McGlynn [adreaahn@yahoo.com](mailto:adreaahn@yahoo.com)

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## THE DETAILS

Our philosophy is all about introducing girls to fastpitch, teaching them the fundamentals, and setting them up for future success as a Lady Blackhawk. If your daughter is interested in joining a fun, competitive travel team but not quite ready for the year-long commitment of club teams, give Junior Blackhawks Softball a try!

- **Step 1:** Register your athlete at <https://forms.gle/FwJCYjuHqA2Srf8>.
- **Step 2:** Pay the players fee of \$250 via Venmo to Junior Blackhawks Softball at @Lindsay-Jilek-1. Payment is due before tryouts.
- **Step 3:** Join us for open gyms on Sundays, starting February 18th. Open gyms are from 7-8 p.m. at the Middle School. Must be registered to attend.
- **Step 4:** Tryouts are Sunday, March 10th at the Highschool. Must be registered and player fee paid to try out.

If you have questions, email us at [juniorkblackhawksoftball@gmail.com](mailto:juniorkblackhawksoftball@gmail.com) or call 920.723.4517.

## TEAMS

10U  
12U  
14U  
18U

## Spanish/English Language Exchange

Where: Dwight Foster Public Library

When: March 11th, April 8th and May 13th

Time: 6 -7 pm

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## Intercambio Leguna Español/Inglés

Dónde: Biblioteca Pública Dwight Foster

Cuándo: Marzo 11, Abril 8 y Mayo 13

Tiempo: 6 -7 pm

Practique sus conocimientos lingüísticos, haga nuevos amigos y diviértase. No se requiere fluidez. El grupo está dirigido por los participantes. No es necesario inscribirse. Todas las edades son bienvenidas

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