

Purdy Elementary Parent Handbook



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PURDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENT
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INTRODUCTION

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Dear Parents:

This handbook supplement is designed to accompany the District Elementary Schools' Parent/Student Handbook. Please refer to the more complete handbook and the District and School webpages for other regulations, rules, procedures, policies, philosophies and informative videos and pictures. Should you not have such a copy, which should be saved from year to year, please request a copy from Purdy's office.

This supplement contains updates, changes and additions. It should be discarded and recycled at the end of the current year.

Many answers to common questions can be found in these handbooks. I hope they are both helpful in providing you with useful information and enabling our parents and students to be better informed and ultimately more involved in our child(ren)'s education.

Sincerely,

Leigh Ann Scheuerell, Principal

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Early Childhood	Mrs. Janet Dickinson Mrs. Cynthia Young Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson Ms. Tiffany Pierce Ms. Leslie Thomas
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Third Grade	Mrs. Keri Hill Ms. Jamie Hahn
Fourth Grade	Ms. Heather Schneider Mr. Josh Twedt
Fifth Grade	Ms. Shawna Loniello Ms. Kayla Telfer

Specialist Teachers

District Elementary Band Director
District Elementary Orchestra Director

Mrs. Andrea Haffelder
Mr. Peter Finnigan

Art

Mrs. Katie Marchant

Behavioral Interventionist

Ms. Jennifer Ebanks

English Language Learners

Ms. Jenny Mares

IMC Director

Ms. Cathy Daly

Math Interventionist

Mrs. Megan Eske
Mrs. Julie Westcott

Music

Ms. Jadyne Rusch

Occupational/Physical Therapy

Ms. Valerie Santana

Physical Education

Mr. Jeff Jensen

Reading Interventionist

Mrs. Lisa Perkins
Mrs. Kim Nielsen

Reading Interventionist/Literacy Coach

Mrs. Marcia Jordahl

School Counselor

Mrs. Ashley Stewart

Special Education

Mrs. Heather Fjelstad-Bunce
Mrs. Julie Kusel
Mrs. Sara Toedter

Speech/Language Pathologist

Mrs. Michelle Brown

Aides/Paraprofessionals

Early Childhood Aides

Mrs. Dawn Frey
Mrs. Jackie Flack
Ms. Kayla Mundt

4 Year Kindergarten (Head Start)
4 Year Kindergarten (District Site)

Ms. Rhonda Perkins
Mrs. Rachel Broadhead (Aide)

Student Learning Aides

Mrs. Jory Banda
Mrs. Cheryl Costa
Mrs. Sarah Dewing
Mrs. Ruth Gavin
Mrs. Kris Hofer
Mrs. Jane Salameh

Mrs. Tiffany Stensby
Ms. Susan Sullivan
Mrs. Katie Freye

Purdy Library Aide

Mrs. Debra Kirkeby

District Bilingual Family Liaison

Ms. Alicia Aguilera

District Nurse's Office Assistant

Mrs. Janice Madson

Special Education Aides

Mrs. Jacki Foelker
Mrs. Patricia Doeberlein
Mrs. Jamy Knaack
Mrs. Kelly Opperman
Mrs. Amy Schmidt
Mrs. Tammy Telfer
Mrs. Melissa Punzel

Playground Paraprofessional

Mrs. Suzanne Deuster
Ms. Debbie Marchiafava
Mrs. Anna Phillips
Mrs. Amber Strom

Office Paraprofessionals

Mrs. Suzanne Deuster - AM
Mrs. Kris Hofer – PM

Food Service Personnel

Ms. Patricia Bankert
Ms. Cynthia Maxwell
Mrs. Patsy Seisser

Custodians

Mr. Dan Courtier
Ms. Mary Baldwin

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2020-2021 CALENDAR

NOTE: Dates subject to change. Check the online calendar and future communications for updates!

August

1 Online School Registration Opens
9 Online School Registration Closes
24 Convocation Day - High School
24 All Teachers Report
TBD 5:00 – 6:00 PM Back to School Night

September

1 First Day of Classes
4 Purdy Pride
7 Labor Day – No School
8 Picture Day: All Students
16 Purdy PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
21 Early Release

October

2 Purdy Pride Day
19 Early Release
21 Purdy PTO Meeting IMC 6:30 PM
21 Picture Day: Retakes
28 End of First Quarter
29 No School - Professional Development Day
Collaboration/Records Day
30 No School - Fall Break

November

6 Purdy Pride Day
11 Veterans' Day Recognition 8:15 AM
10&12 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
10-12 PTO Fall Book Fair
16 Early Release
18 PTO Meeting – IMC 6:30 PM
TBD Family Lunch Day
25-27 No School – Thanksgiving Break

December

4 Purdy Pride Day
15 Winter Concert - HS Auditorium
Kindergarten - Second 6:00 PM
Third-Fifth 7:00 PM
22 Last Day of Classes before Break
23-31 Winter Break

January

1 No Classes – Winter Break
4 Classes Resume
8 Purdy Pride Day
12 Picture day: Groups and New Students

14 End of Quarter 2
14 No School - Semester Records Day
20 6:30 PM Purdy PTO Meeting
25 Early Release

February

5 Purdy Pride Day
9-11 PTO Spring Book Fair
3-7 Purdy Annual Science Fair Open House
9&11 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
15 Early Release
17 6:30 PM Purdy PTO Meeting – IMC

March

TBD Festival of Choirs
5 Purdy Pride Day
15 Early Release
17 6:30 PM Purdy PTO Meeting – IMC
26 End of Quarter 3
29-31 Spring Break

April

1-2 Spring Break
5 Classes Resume
9 Purdy Pride Day
19 Early Release
21 6:30 PM Purdy PTO Meeting – IMC
TBD Arts Festival and Volunteer Appreciation

May

7 Purdy Pride Day
17 Early Release
19 6:30 PM Purdy PTO Meeting – IMC
31 No Classes – Memorial Day

June

TBD District 5th Grade Safety Patrol Trip to Moose
Mountain Falls, Lake Geneva
4 Purdy Pride Day
8 8:15 AM Fifth Grade Breakfast
8 10:00 AM Purdy Recognition Assembly
8 11:50 AM Dismissal – Last Day of School/
End of 4th Quarter
TBD First Day of Summer School – Elementary,
Middle School and High School

SCHOOL SECURITY

A safe and secure school is important and a piece of mind for students, staff and parents. The school keeps all entrance doors and interior security doors locked at all times. Entrance to exterior doors 1 and 13 during the school day is gained by pushing a call button and identifying yourself audibly in front of a security camera and stating one's business. Interior security doors are locked and accessible to only those who have a security badge or have checked into the office. The school has also installed security cameras to monitor all entrances, hallways locations like the IMC and MPR and the playground. After hours, security alarm motion detectors are activated. Lastly, the school practices drills to help ensure school staff and students know procedures for various emergencies.

REGISTRATION FEES

Early Childhood \$ 15.00

Kindergarten – Grade 5 \$ 35.00

If unable to pay on registration day, please make payment by **September 15, 2020**

STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Staff works very hard to ensure that all students feel welcome and wanted at Purdy Elementary School. Good schools have environments that encourage risk taking and commonly understood, agreed upon and followed rules and consequences. Good behavior is expected at all times and appropriate rewards and discipline policies are in place. Parents have received a detailed plan in the permanent District Elementary School handbook. A signature of understanding is required for this. Parents are expected to review rules and consequences with their child(ren) and generally support such efforts to provide a safe school where learning can be a top priority. Should you need a new copy of the complete Student Behavior and Responsibilities program, please call (920-563-7822) or write/email the office (mcdonaldj@fortschools.org).

In addition, Purdy Elementary School has a Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports (PBIS) program. The program provides an atmosphere of positive reinforcement programs for Purdy children, established and learned behavioral expectations and systematic support to maintain or re-establish desired behavior. The School establishes behavioral expectations and behavioral training for arriving and leaving school, the bus, lunchroom, hallways, playground, restrooms and assemblies. When those expectations are met and desired behaviors are observed positive reinforcement is provided with awards, notes, words of praise and whole school celebrations. When problems arise more training is provided and when necessary, support and disciplinary measures are used.

More details and informative videos can be found on the school and District website.

SAFE WALK TO SCHOOL/SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL

Parents of students who live within the city limits are responsible for providing their own transportation to school. Many pupils in the attendance area walk to school. Students who walk to school are encouraged to discuss their route with their parent's prior to the trip when school starts in the fall. Students who live southwest of Purdy School should walk on the west side of South Main Street. There are sidewalks from Hilltop Trail to Rockwell Avenue on the west side of Main Street. Students should cross Main Street at the corner of Rockwell Avenue where there is a City of Fort Atkinson crossing guard station at 7:30 AM and 2:55 PM.

Students who live north of Purdy School and East of Whitewater Avenue should walk down East Street to McComb Street and follow McComb Street to Whitewater Avenue. Pupils should cross Whitewater Avenue at McComb Street where there is a City of Fort Atkinson crossing guard at 7:45 AM and 3:00 PM. Bike racks are available for student use. Please have your child use a bike lock.

Between the hours of 7:30 – 8:00 AM and 2:55 – 3:15 PM Student Safety Patrols are assigned to:

- Williams and Main (across Williams only)
- South St. and Main (across South St. only)
- Elm St. and Main (across Elm St. only)
- Monitor the front of the building bus drive-through area

All students are expected to use the crosswalks and to follow the directions of student safety patrols as well as City of Fort Atkinson crossing guards. Problems with either of the two groups should be reported to Mrs. Scheuerell or the City of Fort Atkinson respectively.

****Note:** No students will be allowed to cut across Purdy’s parking lot without adult supervision. Please walk your child to your car, using the designated walkways. Sidewalks around the parking lot are provided for student’s safe walking. Your child’s safety is our first concern and we appreciate your support of the hardworking staff outside to ensure student safety.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Students and drivers are expected to follow the safety rules below. By making safety a priority all adults and students can be safe.

- Students (w/o adult escort) must use the sidewalk around the perimeter of the lot or the crosswalk through the parking lot.
- Drive slowly and follow the flow of traffic.
- Obey traffic signs including the stop sign, and additional directional signs for safe turning, in the crosswalk near the building. Do not park in the pick-up line.
- Watch for pedestrians.
- Do not park in **the** bus drive through before 8:15 AM or after 2:30 PM. Parking with buses is prohibited as it encourages children to walk through moving traffic or bottlenecks bus traffic.
- **Only Early Childhood parents** have access to a small parking area near their entrance.

BREAKFAST/HOT LUNCH/MILK PRICES

Student Daily Breakfast	\$ 1.55
Student Daily Reduced Breakfast	\$.30
Student Daily Hot Lunch with Milk	\$ 2.80
Student Daily Reduced Hot Lunch with Milk	\$.40
Student Semester Milk (for recess milk break only)	\$30.00
Daily Adult Lunch	\$ 3.90
Daily Adult Breakfast	\$ 2.05
Each Milk	\$.35

If you feel you may qualify for free or reduced hot lunch (and free “milkbreak” milk), please pick up a qualifying form from the office. This form must be filled out each year.

CHARGING MEALS TO THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Students will be permitted to charge no more than \$15.00. No meals will be charged to adults or students not enrolled in the School District of Fort Atkinson.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROMOTION

The School District of Fort Atkinson promotes healthy staff and students by supporting and promoting the integration for health of mind and body through good nutrition and physical activity as a part of the total learning environment which includes:

- Supporting and promoting dietary habits which contribute to student health and academic performance
- Providing meals that meet or exceed federal and state standards
- Providing opportunities for physical activity in school programs from Early Childhood through 12th Grade
- Collaborating with parents and the community to support and promote nutrition and lifelong wellness habits
- Supporting and promoting mental health awareness through collaboration with community partners
- Encouraging abstinence from the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other illegal drugs
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the policy in promoting wellness and healthy eating and updating and revising the policy as needed

TECHNOLOGY USAGE/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

We believe that access and understanding in using a variety of electronic devices (Smartboards, iPads, iPods, Chromebooks, netbooks, desktop computers, etc.) will help our children be more proficient of usage in this digital world, as well as give them knowledge to be more competitive as they become career and college ready. Please be aware of Board Policy 7540.03 outlining appropriate student behavior in regard to use of electronic devices. Teachers will explicitly teach students appropriate technology use and behaviors at school.

Additionally, many teachers, especially in the secondary grades (grades 3 and up), access and use Google Classroom and/or Google Apps. Please be aware that this allows your student access to a school email account. Using Google Apps as a teaching tool, allows for students to receive digital assignments from teachers, access to learning links for lessons, as well as receive quick feedback for achievement. It also helps students house and organize their work quickly and efficiently.

If you have questions about this teaching tool, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Leigh Ann Scheuerell at 563-7822.

COMMUNICATION HOME

Teachers use a variety of ways to communicate updates to you through class newsletters, phone calls, notes home and emails. Additionally, the Main Office will send a monthly school newsletter of information on upcoming events and notices. This will be sent electronically to your email unless you notify the office you would like a hard copy sent with your child(ren).

The School District of Fort Atkinson also utilizes a parent outreach system through a company called Blackboard Connect. This service is used when a large amount of contacts need to be made, most importantly for emergencies for school closings. The system is also used to remind you of any other important information that needs to come in a timely manner (reminders of concert times and dates, PTO events, testing schedules, etc.). Please be aware this system sends information via email, phone message or text message based on the information you provided to the school at registration time.

PARTY INVITATIONS

When boys and girls have a party, sending invitations is sometimes necessary. If done the right way any hard feelings can be avoided. Here are two options for parents:

- Invite the whole class. Invitations may be distributed at school to classmates.
- Invite selected friends. Invitations need to be mailed from home to classmates.

When planning a party, plan ahead and use the above guidelines to avoid disappointments or disruptions at school. Thank you.

LEAVE SKATEBOARDS/SCOOTERS AT HOME

Each year many reminders are issued regarding skateboards/scooters at school. Please leave them at home as they are:

- Seldom used with helmets and other protective gear.
- Create tripping hazards when not put away.
- Create a distraction for others.
- Often hard to control on uneven surfaces or around small rocks, cracks, traffic, etc.
- Difficult to lock up and store.

The office will temporarily store for the day any skateboards/scooters that are brought to school.

CELLPHONES AT SCHOOL

More and more students are bringing cellphones to school. Those students who bring phones to school are required to:

1. Drop them off in the office/pick-up after school
(This is preferred as it eliminates potential thefts.)
2. Keep secure in their backpack

During the school day students may only use cell phones for school related purposes or with the permission from a staff member. The school assumes no responsibility for the phone and if another student is responsible for malicious damage or theft, the matter may have to be resolved with the other family or police department.