

A Report On your Public School



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**2016 ANNUAL MEETING
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRUCE
6:30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

BRUCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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|----------------|--------------------|
| President | Andrew Anderson |
| Vice-President | Steve Golat |
| Clerk | Daniel Kempen |
| Treasurer | Whitney Trott |
| Director | Andrea Luetzgerodt |
| Director | Craig Chafer |
| Director | Joe Kinnear |

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Great Students

Great Staff

Great Expectations

District Residents:

We have had a great start to the new school year. The students appear to be happy to be back in school. As always, the staff has started the year off with great excitement for educating our students. This year, we are beginning the transition to Standards Based Grading from the traditional grading we have used in the past. This grading initiative will give us more detailed information on the performance of your child and a specific standard. The elementary grades that are implementing standards based grading are 3rd grade through 5th grade. Additionally, each student will be assessed by standards based grading at all grade levels. If you have any questions regarding our shift to standards based grading, please contact Carrie Wessman our new Director of Instruction. She is doing an outstanding job implementing this transition. Also, the staff is doing a great job with their curriculum work, interventions and enrichments at all grade levels, and educator effectiveness to improve their teaching practices. The staff's dedication to all of these areas is a direct result in our high student performance as noted by the Department of Public Instruction of the past several years.

We have five district goals for the 2016-2017 school year: 1) Focus improvements with our district mission and vision statements; 2) Build our collaborative efforts with staff and students in order to improve student achievement 3) Celebrate successes of the school community; 4) Ensure academic support for all students; and 5) Build community awareness and involvement. If there are ways that you can help us achieve these goals, please call or come in so we can partner to help all of our students.

We are continuing to offer free breakfast and lunch to all elementary students. Additionally, we are offering free breakfast and lunch to all middle school students. I encourage all students to eat school meals. I also encourage all elementary and middle school parents to fill out a family income form, which is an alternative to free and reduced meal forms. Our other programs still depend on those forms being turned in. Thank you!

We are in the second year of the state's biennial budget. This budget presents a challenge for public schools. For 2016-2017 we will see a \$0 increase per student in general state aid. However, every district will receive a per pupil aid of \$250.00 per full-time student for the 2016 – 2017 school year only. Our district enrollment has seen an increase of about 10 students from last year. However, our revenue limit will have no increase from the 2015-2016 limit. Our state aid portion of the revenue limit has decreased, so our tax levy and mill rate could see a small increase. (This has nothing to do with our referendum – it is a direct result of our decrease in state aid.) The proposed budget has a 0.9% increase, about a \$13,000 increase from 2015-16. Cuts were made where possible to avoid a larger increase. Our district's long range plan states that we are committed to a 2% increase, but we have kept it at a very low increase for this school year.

Our school always continues to move forward in a positive direction. The Bruce School has established a long tradition for excellence. We are proud to continue the tradition of high academic achievement. Join us in celebrating those accomplishments. The School Board, Administration, and Staff are committed to making our district a place that students want to come to learn and where parents want to send their children. Success is a part of what the Bruce School District is all about. What a great place for our children to go to school! Thank you for your support as we move forward together.

Patrick Sturzl
District Administrator

**ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRUCE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016—6:30 P.M.—CAFETERIA
AGENDA**

1. Call Meeting to Order—Board President Andrew Anderson
2. Affirmation of Public Notice
3. Election of Chairperson
4. District Clerk, Dan Kempen, will act as Clerk of the Meeting.
5. Minutes of the September 28, 2015, annual meeting were approved at the conclusion of that meeting.
6. Treasurer's report. Treasurer Whitney Trott. Motion by _____ that the treasurer's report be accepted, second by _____. Motion _____.
7. The 2016-2017 budget is presented by Patrick Sturzl, District Administrator.
8. Consideration of the proposed tax levy for 2016-2017. The board has determined that a tax levy of not less than \$3,208,102 is necessary to operate the school district for the 2016-2017 school year. In addition \$38,000 is for community service activities. It is understood that certification of the 2016 equalized valuation for the district in October 2016 will determine the mill rate and that the school board has a statutory duty to determine and levy the amount of tax necessary on or before November 1. Motion by _____ that a proposed total tax of \$3,246,102 be levied against the school district equalized value for the 2016-2017 school year. Second by _____. Motion _____.
9. Salaries of Board Members. Listed below are yearly board salaries, special meeting payments, and special meeting mileage.

Salaries

| | |
|---------------|-------|
| President | 1,140 |
| Clerk | 1,330 |
| Treasurer | 1,140 |
| Directors, 4@ | 950 |

Special Meeting Compensation

Day or Evening \$35.00 for officers and \$25.00 for directors

Full Day Meeting/or Convention Day \$45

Mileage IRS Rate

Motion by _____ that the 2016-2017 school board salaries/special meeting compensation be maintained. Second by _____. Motion _____.

10. Disposal of Surplus Property. Section 120.10(12) delegates to the annual school meeting the power to authorize the sale of any property belonging to, and no longer needed by the school district. Motion by _____ that the school board is hereby authorized, during the current school year, to sell and dispose of any tangible personal property belonging to the school district that is no longer needed for school purposes, provided, however, that the maximum aggregate value of such tangible personal property disposed of during the current school year shall not exceed a \$6,000 value as evidenced by the competitive bidding procedures. Second _____. Motion _____.

11. Food Service.

- a. It is recommended that adult lunch increase \$.10 to \$4.20 per meal.
- b. It is recommended that K-8 lunches will be free due to the Federal CEP Program, grades 9-12 increase \$.10 to \$2.35, and reduced remain at 40 cents.
- c. It is recommended that adult breakfast meals increase \$.10 to \$1.85, students grades 9-12 increase \$.10 to \$1.20, and Reduced remains the same at 30 cents. Student K-8 will be free due to a new Federal Program.
- d. It is recommended that the price of a ½ pint of milk remain at 30 cents.

Motion by _____. Second by _____. Motion _____.

12. Depository Bank and Alternative Investment Authorization. If the school district is served by more than one bank located in Bruce, the depository bank shall be named by the board on the basis of a competitive bid format. The district needs authorization as follows: that the Wisconsin State Pooled Investment Fund serve as the district's short term and capital projects investment agency. Motion by _____. Second by _____. Motion _____.

13. Consideration of authorization of the School District of Bruce Board of Education to let out bids for salvage and light cut of school forests with a competitive bid based on specifications from a consulting forester. Motion by _____. Second by _____. Motion _____.

14. Authorization of continuation of accident insurance for students in school district programs. Motion by _____. Second _____. Motion _____.

15. Consideration of authorization of the Board of Education to set a date of September 25, as the 2017 Annual Meeting. Motion by _____. Second by _____. Motion _____.

16. Read and approve 2016 minutes. Motion by _____ that the annual meeting minutes be _____. Second by _____. Motion _____.

17. Adjournment/reconvene. Motion by _____ that the 2016 annual meeting be _____. Second by _____. Motion _____.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

The annual School District of Bruce board meeting was called to order by Board President Andrew Anderson at 6:30 p.m. An affirmation of public notice was made.

A nomination was made by Dan Kempen to elect Andrew Anderson as chairperson. The clerk declared unanimous ballot be cast for Andrew Anderson as chairperson of the annual meeting.

Dan Kempen will act as clerk of the meeting.

The minutes of the September 29, 2014 annual meeting were approved at the conclusion of that meeting.

A Treasurer's report was given by Joe Kinnear. A motion was made by Andrea Luetterodt that the treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by Craig Chafer. Motion carried.

The 2015-2016 budget was presented by Joni Weinert, District Administrator.

There was a consideration of the proposed tax levy for 2015-2016. The board has determined that a tax levy of not less than \$3,032,470 is necessary to operate the school district for the 2015-2016 school year. In addition \$33,000 is for community service activities. It is understood that certification of the 2015 equalized valuation for the district in October 2015 will determine the mill rate and that the school board has a statutory duty to determine and levy the amount of tax necessary on or before November 1. A motion was made by Kurt Lindau that a proposed total tax of not less than \$3,065,470 be levied against the school district equalized value for the 2015-2016 school year. Second was made by Larry Villiard. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pat Sturzl, seconded by Kurt Lindau that the board salaries and special meeting compensation remain the same. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Larry Villiard, seconded by Kurt Lindau that the school board be authorized, during the current school year, to sell and dispose of any tangible personal property belonging to the school district that is no longer needed for school purposes, provided, however, that the maximum aggregate value of such tangible personal property disposed of during the current school year shall not exceed a \$6,000 value as evidenced by the competitive bidding procedures. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kurt Lindau and seconded by Pat Sturzl to maintain the lunch and milk prices as recommended. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Larry Villiard with a second by Kurt Lindau that the Wisconsin State Pooled Investment Fund serve as the district's short term and capital projects investment agency. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pat Sturzl and seconded by Kurt Lindau that the board be authorized to let out bids for salvage and light cut of school forests with a competitive bid based on specifications from a consulting forester. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Larry Villiard and seconded by Kurt Lindau that the school be authorized to continue the accident insurance for students in school district programs. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kurt Lindau with a second from Pat Sturzl that the board be authorized to set a date of September 26, as the 2016 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pat Sturzl with a second from Kurt Lindau that the 2015 annual board minutes be approved. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kurt Lindau with a second by Larry Villiard that the 2015 annual meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for All Funds

| FUND | Receipts | 2015/2016 Fiscal Year | | Balance 7/01/2015 | Balance 7/01/2016 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | Expenditures | Difference | | |
| 10 General | 6,769,803 | 6,573,314 | 196,489 | 2,562,718 | 2,759,207 |
| 20 Special Projects | 687,733 | 704,733 | (17,000) | 17,000 | 0 |
| 30 Debt Service | 130,558 | 130,469 | 89 | 32,793 | 32,882 |
| 40 Capital Projects | 23 | | 23 | 5,000 | 5,023 |
| 50 Food Service | 306,427 | 298,639 | 7,788 | 49,115 | 56,903 |
| 70 Trust & Agency | 33,505 | 29,182 | 4,323 | 146,905 | 151,228 |
| 80 Community Service | 33,525 | 28,995 | 4,530 | 865 | 5,395 |

**Notice for Annual District Meeting
(Section 120.08(1))**

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the School District of Bruce, that the annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business, will be held in the Bruce School Cafeteria, on the 26th day of September, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

David S. Kenyon

District Clerk

**Notice of Budget Hearing
(Section 65.90(4))**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Bruce that the budget hearing will be held at the Bruce School Cafeteria, on the 26th day of September, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. The summary of the budget is printed below. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection in the District's office at 104 W. Washington Ave., Bruce, WI. Dated this 12th day of September, 2016.

David S. Kenyon

(Signed)

District Clerk

| BUDGET ADOPTION 2016-17 | | | |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| GENERAL FUND (FUND 10) | Audited 2014-15 | Unaudited 2015-16 | Budget 2016-17 |
| Beginning Fund Balance (Account 930 000) | 2,744,341.11 | 2,562,718.93 | 2,759,207.31 |
| Ending Fund Balance, Nonspendable (Acct. 935 000) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Ending Fund Balance, Restricted (Acct. 936 000) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Ending Fund Balance, Committed (Acct. 937 000) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Ending Fund Balance, Assigned (Acct. 938 000) | 90,034.56 | 264,041.46 | 0.00 |
| Ending Fund Balance, Unassigned (Acct. 939 000) | 2,472,684.37 | 2,495,165.85 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL ENDING FUND BALANCE (ACCT. 930 000) | 2,562,718.93 | 2,759,207.31 | 2,730,776.31 |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | | |
| 100 Transfers-in | 19,987.29 | 4,507.91 | 0.00 |
| Local Sources | | | |
| 210 Taxes | 2,854,556.09 | 3,106,683.37 | 3,243,502.00 |
| 240 Payments for Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 260 Non-Capital Sales | 2,942.94 | 2,344.93 | 2,200.00 |
| 270 School Activity Income | 7,667.40 | 7,484.15 | 5,000.00 |
| 280 Interest on Investments | 1,593.00 | 6,606.39 | 5,000.00 |
| 290 Other Revenue, Local Sources | 11,279.03 | 12,834.37 | 6,650.00 |
| Subtotal Local Sources | 2,878,038.46 | 3,135,953.21 | 3,262,352.00 |
| Other School Districts Within Wisconsin | | | |
| 310 Transit of Aids | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 340 Payments for Services | 179,439.48 | 231,850.52 | 202,500.00 |
| 380 Medical Service Reimbursements | 0.00 | 2,454.12 | 0.00 |
| 390 Other Inter-district, Within Wisconsin | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Other School Districts within Wisconsin | 179,439.48 | 234,304.64 | 202,500.00 |
| Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin | | | |
| 440 Payments for Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 490 Other Inter-district, Outside Wisconsin | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Intermediate Sources | | | |
| 510 Transit of Aids | 43,608.00 | 39,886.36 | 37,000.00 |
| 530 Payments for Services from CCDEB | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 540 Payments for Services from CESA | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 580 Medical Services Reimbursement | 27,470.00 | 9,598.73 | 10,000.00 |
| 590 Other Intermediate Sources | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Intermediate Sources | 71,078.00 | 49,485.09 | 47,000.00 |
| State Sources | | | |
| 610 State Aid -- Categorical | 146,432.94 | 150,448.78 | 196,080.00 |
| 620 State Aid -- General | 2,631,462.00 | 2,485,785.00 | 2,299,061.00 |
| 630 DPI Special Project Grants | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 640 Payments for Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 650 Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE Grant) | 165,559.03 | 175,905.71 | 150,000.00 |
| 660 Other State Revenue Through Local Units | 1,207.80 | 3,553.88 | 1,000.00 |
| 690 Other Revenue | 132,853.00 | 163,865.00 | 152,059.00 |
| Subtotal State Sources | 3,081,514.77 | 2,983,558.37 | 2,800,200.00 |

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| Federal Sources | | | |
| 710 Federal Aid - Categorical | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 720 Impact Aid | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 730 DPI Special Project Grants | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 750 IASA Grants | 206,167.07 | 236,718.94 | 204,860.00 |
| 760 JTPA | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 770 Other Federal Revenue Through Local Units | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 780 Other Federal Revenue Through State | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 790 Other Federal Revenue - Direct | 28,469.61 | 35,415.94 | 25,000.00 |
| Subtotal Federal Sources | 234,636.68 | 272,134.88 | 229,860.00 |
| Other Financing Sources | | | |
| 850 Reorganization Settlement | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 860 Compensation, Fixed Assets | 3,472.39 | 7,878.00 | 0.00 |
| 870 Long-Term Obligations | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Other Financing Sources | 3,472.39 | 7,878.00 | 0.00 |
| Other Revenues | | | |
| 960 Adjustments | 13,072.50 | 1,484.50 | 0.00 |
| 970 Refund of Disbursement | 5,355.70 | 74,627.64 | 15,000.00 |
| 980 Medical Service Reimbursement | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 990 Miscellaneous | 2,864.17 | 5,868.42 | 1,000.00 |
| Subtotal Other Revenues | 21,292.37 | 81,980.56 | 16,000.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | 6,489,459.44 | 6,769,802.66 | 6,557,912.00 |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | | | |
| Instruction | | | |
| 110 000 Undifferentiated Curriculum | 1,136,435.15 | 1,149,974.13 | 1,114,070.00 |
| 120 000 Regular Curriculum | 1,303,828.06 | 1,269,028.84 | 1,191,392.00 |
| 130 000 Vocational Curriculum | 287,161.72 | 263,223.09 | 279,400.00 |
| 140 000 Physical Curriculum | 194,642.28 | 195,867.06 | 202,375.00 |
| 160 000 Co-Curricular Activities | 134,036.76 | 137,971.24 | 139,985.00 |
| 170 000 Other Special Needs | 2,162.13 | 121.65 | 2,200.00 |
| Subtotal Instruction | 3,058,266.10 | 3,016,186.01 | 2,929,422.00 |
| Support Sources | | | |
| 210 000 Pupil Services | 102,520.73 | 104,949.59 | 100,850.00 |
| 220 000 Instructional Staff Services | 364,676.84 | 335,999.65 | 331,619.00 |
| 230 000 General Administration | 178,524.68 | 213,533.77 | 189,870.00 |
| 240 000 School Building Administration | 330,048.16 | 334,150.68 | 376,048.00 |
| 250 000 Business Administration | 1,097,194.34 | 1,130,613.50 | 1,168,770.00 |
| 260 000 Central Services | 63,452.59 | 68,209.63 | 70,000.00 |
| 270 000 Insurance & Judgments | 118,462.87 | 109,746.84 | 111,125.00 |
| 280 000 Debt Services | 0.00 | 7.50 | 0.00 |
| 290 000 Other Support Services | 133,975.51 | 156,452.79 | 126,800.00 |
| Subtotal Support Sources | 2,388,855.72 | 2,453,663.95 | 2,475,082.00 |
| Non-Program Transactions | | | |
| 410 000 Inter-fund Transfers | 543,812.35 | 483,656.44 | 465,539.00 |
| 430 000 Instructional Service Payments | 680,147.45 | 619,807.88 | 716,300.00 |
| 490 000 Other Non-Program Transactions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Non-Program Transactions | 1,223,959.80 | 1,103,464.32 | 1,181,839.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 6,671,081.62 | 6,573,314.28 | 6,586,343.00 |

| SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS (FUNDS 21, 23, 29) | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 900 000 Beginning Fund Balance | 0.00 | 17,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 900 000 Ending Fund Balance | 17,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | 17,000.00 | 17,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 100 000 Instruction | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 200 000 Support Services | 0.00 | 34,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 400 000 Non-Program Transactions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 0.00 | 34,000.00 | 0.00 |

| SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (FUND 27) | Audited 2014-15 | Unaudited 2015-16 | Budget 2016-17 |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 900 000 Beginning Fund Balance | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 900 000 Ending Fund Balance | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | | |
| 100 Transfers-in | 408,343.35 | 353,187.44 | 385,070.00 |
| 240 Payments for Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 260 Non-Capital Sales | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 270 School Activity Income | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 290 Other Revenue, Local Sources | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Local Sources | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <i>Other School Districts Within Wisconsin</i> | | | |
| 310 Transit of Aids | 4,953.00 | 4,943.80 | 0.00 |
| 340 Payments for Services | 4,205.75 | 9,867.87 | 0.00 |
| 380 Medical Service Reimbursements | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 390 Other Inter-district, Within Wisconsin | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Other School Districts within Wisconsin | 9,158.75 | 14,811.67 | 0.00 |
| <i>Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin</i> | | | |
| 440 Payments for Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 490 Other Inter-district, Outside Wisconsin | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <i>Intermediate Sources</i> | | | |
| 510 Transit of Aids | 19,554.58 | 24,160.00 | 13,000.00 |
| 530 Payments for Services from CCDEB | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 540 Payments for Services from CESA | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 580 Medical Services Reimbursement | 35,747.57 | 14,293.13 | 25,000.00 |
| 590 Other Intermediate Sources | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Intermediate Sources | 55,302.15 | 38,453.13 | 38,000.00 |
| <i>State Sources</i> | | | |
| 610 State Aid -- Categorical | 125,796.00 | 123,925.00 | 120,000.00 |
| 620 State Aid -- General | 0.00 | 9,196.00 | 0.00 |
| 630 DPI Special Project Grants | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 640 Payments for Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 650 Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR grant) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 690 Other Revenue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal State Sources | 125,796.00 | 133,121.00 | 120,000.00 |
| <i>Federal Sources</i> | | | |
| 710 Federal Aid - Categorical | 0.00 | 6,255.00 | 0.00 |
| 730 DPI Special Project Grants | 146,796.00 | 124,904.71 | 97,882.00 |
| 750 IASA Grants | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 760 JTPA | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 770 Other Federal Revenue Through Local Units | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 780 Other Federal Revenue Through State | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 790 Other Federal Revenue - Direct | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Federal Sources | 146,796.00 | 131,159.71 | 97,882.00 |
| <i>Other Financing Sources</i> | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 860 Compensation, Fixed Assets | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 870 Long-Term Obligations | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Other Financing Sources | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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| Other Revenues | | | |
| 960 Adjustments | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 970 Refund of Disbursement | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 990 Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Other Revenues | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | 745,396.25 | 670,732.95 | 640,952.00 |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | | | |
| Instruction | | | |
| 110 000 Undifferentiated Curriculum | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 120 000 Regular Curriculum | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 130 000 Vocational Curriculum | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 140 000 Physical Curriculum | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 150 000 Special Education Curriculum | 463,967.10 | 359,237.17 | 373,205.00 |
| 160 000 Co-Curricular Activities | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 170 000 Other Special Needs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Instruction | 463,967.10 | 359,237.17 | 373,205.00 |
| Support Sources | | | |
| 210 000 Pupil Services | 89,362.44 | 49,605.13 | 62,190.00 |
| 220 000 Instructional Staff Services | 46,367.00 | 52,586.00 | 62,057.00 |
| 230 000 General Administration | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 240 000 School Building Administration | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 250 000 Business Administration | 13,666.48 | 14,232.24 | 5,600.00 |
| 260 000 Central Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 270 000 Insurance & Judgments | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 280 000 Debt Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 290 000 Other Support Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Support Sources | 149,395.92 | 116,423.37 | 129,847.00 |
| Non-Program Transactions | | | |
| 410 000 Inter-fund Transfers | 0.00 | 4,507.91 | 0.00 |
| 430 000 Instructional Service Payments | 126,973.38 | 189,058.69 | 137,900.00 |
| 490 000 Other Non-Program Transactions | 5,059.85 | 1,505.81 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Non-Program Transactions | 132,033.23 | 195,072.41 | 137,900.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 745,396.25 | 670,732.95 | 640,952.00 |
| | | | |
| DEBT SERVICE FUND (FUNDS 38, 39) | | | |
| 900 000 Beginning Fund Balance | 32,759.61 | 32,792.81 | 32,882.13 |
| 900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCES | 32,792.81 | 32,882.13 | 32,882.13 |
| TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | 130,502.20 | 130,558.32 | 80,469.00 |
| 281 000 Long-Term Capital Debt | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 282 000 Refinancing | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 283 000 Operational Debt | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 285 000 Post Employment Benefit Debt | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 289 000 Other Long-Term General Obligation Debt | 130,469.00 | 130,469.00 | 80,469.00 |
| 400 000 Non-Program Transactions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 130,469.00 | 130,469.00 | 80,469.00 |
| 842 000 INDEBTEDNESS, END OF YEAR | 620,940.41 | 511,748.08 | 455,071.57 |

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| CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (FUNDS 41, 46, 48, 49) | | | |
| 900 000 Beginning Fund Balance | 19,858.21 | 5,000.00 | 5,022.59 |
| 900 000 Ending Fund Balance | 5,000.00 | 5,022.59 | 5,022.59 |
| TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | 5,129.08 | 22.59 | 0.00 |
| 100 000 Instructional Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 200 000 Support Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 300 000 Community Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 400 000 Non-Program Transactions | 19,987.29 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 19,987.29 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| FOOD SERVICE FUND (FUND 50) | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 900 000 Beginning Fund Balance | 30,694.02 | 49,115.09 | 56,903.42 |
| 900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE | 49,115.09 | 56,903.42 | 56,903.42 |
| TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | 297,675.62 | 306,427.12 | 297,210.00 |
| 200 000 Support Services | 279,254.55 | 298,638.79 | 297,210.00 |
| 400 000 Non-Program Transactions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 279,254.55 | 298,638.79 | 297,210.00 |

| COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (FUND 80) | | | |
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| 900 000 Beginning Fund Balance | 0.00 | 864.84 | 5,394.57 |
| 900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE | 864.84 | 5,394.57 | (0.00) |
| TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | 33,260.00 | 33,525.00 | 38,200.00 |
| 200 000 Support Services | 0.00 | 5,105.43 | 4,380.00 |
| 300 000 Community Services | 32,395.16 | 23,889.84 | 39,214.57 |
| 400 000 Non-Program Transactions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES | 32,395.16 | 28,995.27 | 43,594.57 |

**SCHOOL DISTRICT CERTIFICATION
OF EQUALIZED VALUES
(TID OUT COMBINED VALUE)
OCTOBER 2015**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Village of Bruce |25,965,800 |
| Town of Atlanta |47,552,400 |
| Town of Big Bend |36,829,191 |
| Town of Hubbard |5,700,084 |
| Town of Murry |24,659,900 |
| Town of Stubbs |40,828,051 |
| Town of Thornapple..... | 52,240,993 |
| Town of Washington |41,825,484 |
| Town of Meadowbrook..... | 279,163 |
| Town of Meteor |3,852,854 |
| Town of Weirgor |42,425,400 |
| Village of Exeland |7,006,200 |
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| School District Totals |329,165,520 |

ENROLLMENT

Following is a listing, by grade, of the ending figures of Four Year-Old Kindergarten through twelfth grade enrollment for the Bruce School District in the 2015/2016 school year.

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| Early Childhood..... | 3 |
| Four Year Old Kindergarten..... | 17 |
| Kindergarten | 30 |
| First | 26 |
| Second | 26 |
| Third | 34 |
| Fourth | 24 |
| Fifth | 35 |
| Sixth | 33 |
| Seventh | 37 |
| Eighth | 34 |
| Ninth | 38 |
| Tenth | 35 |
| Eleventh | 32 |
| Twelfth | 45 |
| Total | 449 |

District: Bruce (0735) – Common School District

Contact: Patrick Sturzl

E-mail: psturzl@bruce.k12.wi.us

Phone Number: 715-868-2533, ext. 227

Annual Meeting: 09/26/2016

Will the district have a Community Programs and Service Fund (Fund 80) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year? **Yes**

The purpose and dollar amount for all planned expenditures from the district's Fund 80 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year:

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|---|----------|
| 1. Middle School Athletic Programs/Activities Open to All | \$24,000 |
| 2. Afterschool Program | \$ 9,000 |
| 3. Day Care Operations | \$ 5,000 |

Please explain how the district's planned expenditures in Fund 80, described above, meet the Department of Public Instruction's Criteria for use of Community Service Funds?

Programs were planned and started a number of years ago to provide middle school aged children opportunities to be exposed to and gain skills in a variety of sports and activities before entering high school. These programs are open to all middle school aged children in the district, including home-schooled and open enrolled children. Also, the district offers an afterschool program to children in grades 4-8. This is also offered to all children in the district, including home-schooled and open enrolled children. Transportation is also provided to students enrolled in the afterschool program. The Daycare operation costs are for the start-up of the program. The Bruce Early Learning Center is a DPI Facility at the moment. Currently, all of the daycare revenue is coming into the district. The district is working as fast as possible to be in compliant with Department of Child and Family codes. When the daycare rooms are approved, we will lease the rooms and we will be able to recoup any incurred expenses by collecting rent from the independent daycare provider. The long term benefits of having a daycare facility in the school will help the district maintain or increase the student enrollment in our district.

The revenue and dollar amount that for the district's Fund 80 total planned revenue:

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|---------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| Levy (property tax) | \$38,000 | Fund 80 Revenue | \$38,200 |
| User Fees | \$ 200 | Expenses for Fund 80 | \$43,595 |
| Other Revenue | \$ 0 | Fund 80 Levy | \$38,000 |
| Fund Balance: | \$ 5,395 | | |

Year of most recent prior Fund 80 Levy: 2015-2016

Most recent Fund 80 Levy \$33,000

The district does not intend to exceed the limit on the Fund 80 levy authority imposed by 2013 Wisconsin Acts 20 and 46 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Agree

The district does intend to hold a referendum in order to meet the requirement to exceed the limit on Fund 80 levy authority included in 2013 Wisconsin Acts 20 and 46. No

Auto Attended Telephone System

The school has an Auto Attended Message telephone system. You may reach the Auto Attendant at any time by dialing **715-868-2598**. The System will automatically default to the Auto Attendant anytime the phone rings 5 times before being answered by school staff. If you know your parties extension you may enter it immediately when the operator answers or from the Auto Attendant menu you may choose the following option:

- Calendar of Events for the Week – press 1
- Breakfast or Lunch Menu – press 2
- Cancellations – press 555
- For the Directory – press #
- To Talk to a Secretary – press 0

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|--------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Anderson, Melissa | 300 | Locke, Georgia | 247 |
| Baldry, Brandon | 292 | Moore, Lea | 294 |
| Behrends, Sam | 230 | Peterson, Manley | 258 |
| Berg, Jill | 244 | Psychology Office | 240 |
| Booth, Jim | 237 | Randall, Chantel | 278 |
| Cegler, Beth | 287 | Samardzich, Sherry | 302 |
| Checkalski, Renee | 295 | Schmitz, Doug | 274 |
| Cody, Brad | 297 | Schueller, Kim | 289 |
| Connelly, Stephen | 282 | Schummer, Jessica | 303 |
| Cooley, John | 316 | Scoles, Lori | 248 |
| Eder, Mallory | 301 | Simon, Suzanne | 260 |
| Fjelstad, Michelle | 291 | Solberg, Sarah | 304 |
| Gerber, Tiffany | 222 | Sturzl, Lisa | 298 |
| Graves, Lisa | 290 | Sturzl, Pat | 227 |
| Harper, Terry HS | 257 | Szotkowski, Susan | 286 |
| Harper, Terry ES | 256 | Thome, Ryan | 237 |
| Hecimovich, Gary | 255 | Villiard, Larry | 224 |
| Hochstetler, Sam | 231 | Villiard, Lori | 221 |
| Hover, Kira | 245 | Wajda, Denise | 273 |
| Huebner, Philip | 262 | Weisser, Jeanne | 225 |
| Janota, Cindy | 235 | Wessman, Carrie | 223 |
| Jeness, Judy | 324 | West, Janel | 250 |
| Johnson, Amanda | 228 | Yourek, Andy | 288 |
| Kahl, James | 265 | Zimmer, Mark | 236 |
| Kalmon, Chuck | 279 | Ziperski, Denise | 281 |
| Kane, Ruth | 293 | Zwiefelhofer, Alyson | 284 |
| Karshbaum, Malia | 241 | | |
| Keeble, Woody | 259 | | |
| Klawiter, Leeann | 275 | | |
| Lang, Ryan | 299 | | |
| Leaf, Laurie | 283 | | |
| Lehman, Jason | 253 | | |
| Lehman, Reed | 296 | | |

Teaching Staff

2016-17

Melissa Anderson..... MS Math/Science
Brandon Baldry..... Grade 1
Sam Behrends..... Agriculture/FFA
Jill Berg..... 4 Year Old Kindergarten
Beth Cegler..... Grade 2
Renee Checkalski..... Grade 4
Brad Cody..... Grade 5
Steven Connelly.....HS Math/Physics/Science
Mallory Eder..... MS English/Lang. Arts
Breanna Edington..... Psychologist
Michelle Fjelstad..... Grade 1
Lisa Graves..... Grade
Terry Harper.....K – 12 Art
Gary Hecimovich..... Music/Band
Sam Hochstetler..... School Counselor
Phillip Huebner.....High School History
Cindy Janota..... Library/A.V. Director
James Kahl..... Tech Ed
Charles Kalmon.....HS English/ Yearbook
Ruth Kane..... Grade 3
Woody Keeble.....Special Ed.
Malaya Kirshbaum... .. Speech & Language
LeeAnn Klawiter..... HS Math
Ryan Lang.....Grade 5
Laurie Leaf..... HS Science
Jason Lehman..... Physical Education
Reed Lehman..... Grade 4
Georgia Locke..... Kindergarten
Lea Moore..... Grade 3
Manley Peterson..... Computer Technician
Chantel Randall..... HS English
Sherry Samardzich..... MS ED
Doug Schmitz..... Info Proc/Keyboard/AD
Lori Scoles..... Kindergarten
Kim Schueller..... Title 1
Jessica Schummer.....MS English/Lang. Arts

Suzanne Simon..... Elementary LD/CD
Sarah Solberg..... Title 1
Lisa Sturzl..... Grade 6
Susan Szotkowski..... MS Social Studies
Denise Wajda..... Elem Math Interventions
Janel West..... Physical Education
Andy Yourek..... MS Science/Title 1 Math
Denise Ziperski.....Spanish
Alyson Zwiefelhofer..... FCS

**BRUCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2016-17 SCHOOL DIRECTORY**

| Board of Education | | Administration | |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Andy Anderson | President | Pat Sturzl | District Administrator |
| Dan Kempen | Clerk | Larry Villiard | K-12 Principal |
| Whitney Trott | Treasurer | Carrie Wessman | Director of Instruction |
| Steve Golat | Vice-President | | |
| Andrea Luetgerodt | Director | | |
| Craig Chafer | Director | | |
| Joe Kinnear | Director | | |

Bus Drivers

Mark Bartlett
Bob Harmon
Craig Stevens
Robert Weinert
Darlene Wundrow

Custodial

Jim Booth
Richard Cerra
Ryan Thome
Jenniffer Towers
Connie Trott
Linda Wilson
Debra Witkiewicz

Mechanic

John Cooley

Playground Supervisors

Connie Gudis
Angie Nagel

Financial

Tiffany Gerber

Clerical

Lori Villiard
Jeanne Weisser

Aides

Deb Bartels
Connie Gudis
Leah Newman
Loren West

Food Service

Judy Jenness
Dana Zebro
Mark Zimmer



Youth Options Program

Information for Students and Parents

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Tony Evers, State Superintendent

Program Overview

The Youth Options program allows public high school juniors and seniors who meet certain requirements to take postsecondary courses at a Wisconsin technical college, a UW System college or university, a Wisconsin tribally controlled college, or a Wisconsin private, nonprofit college or university.

The program provides opportunities for high school students to get a head start on a technical certificate or an associate or bachelor's degree, to learn more about a field or career of interest, and/or to develop specific skills for entering the workforce immediately after high school graduation.

Through the Youth Options Program, a school board will determine if a desired college course can be taken for high school credit and is not comparable to a current course offered by the district. In such cases, and unless the student fails to complete or get a passing grade in the course, the district will pay the cost of tuition and fees and the student will receive both high school and college credit. This high school credit will then count toward the student meeting high school graduation requirements needed to earn a high school diploma.

Eligibility

The Youth Options Program is available to Wisconsin public school juniors and seniors who meet the following requirements:

- Have completed the 10th grade.
- To attend a technical college, are in good academic standing and have an acceptable disciplinary record.
- Apply to the postsecondary institution in the school semester prior to the one in which the student plans to attend the postsecondary course.
- No later than March 1 for a course to be taken in the fall semester or October 1 for a course to be taken in the spring semester, submit form PI-8700-A notifying the school board of the student's intention of enrolling in a postsecondary institution.
- Maintain satisfactory attendance and comply with the compulsory school attendance law under §118.15(1)(a), Wis. Stats.

Students with a Disability

Students with a disability are encouraged to participate in the Youth Options program. The school board may, however, refuse to permit a student with a disability to attend a technical college if the cost would impose an undue financial burden on the school district.

College Responsibilities

Colleges participating in the Youth Options Program must:

- Notify the school board if the student is admitted to the postsecondary institution.
- Notify the school board if the student is registered to attend a postsecondary course.

Applying for Youth Options

Students need to complete a Youth Options Program Plan and Report form PI-8700-A and submit it to their current district school board following all instructions on

the form. The form is available from the district or the DPI Youth Options website.

Students can find the Youth Options forms under “Resources” and their school district Youth Options Coordinator under “Contacts” at the DPI Youth Options website.

Applying at the College

After getting district approval on their PI-8700-A, students will need to complete admissions forms for their selected college. These forms can be acquired from the selected college or may be available from the high school counseling office.

Determining High School Credit and Comparability

The school board determines whether a postsecondary course is eligible for high school credit, how much high school credit may be awarded, and whether the course is comparable to a course offered at the school district.

Payment of Tuition and Fees

The school board must pay for any course that is taken for high school credit and that is *not comparable* to a course offered in the school district.

A student must pay for any postsecondary course taken that is comparable to a course offered at the school district.

A student must pay for a postsecondary course that is not used for high school credit.

A student must pay for incidental college fees (such as a parking permit) and for equipment, tools, supplies and consumables (notebooks, workbooks, uniforms) which will become the property of the student.

The school board must pay for the cost of any books and fees for all approved courses and materials for students attending an IHE. The school board may require the return of books and materials in a useable form.

The school board cannot expect the student to pay the cost of tuition, books, and fees then reimburse the student if the student passes the course.

The student may be required to reimburse the school district for tuition and fees if the student drops or fails the course.

Appeals

A student may appeal the school board’s decision about awarding high school credit or comparability of a postsecondary course to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction within 30 days of receiving notification from the school district.

Transportation

Parents or students are responsible for transportation between the school and the postsecondary institution.

Transportation assistance is available from the DPI for low-income families (eligible for free/reduced lunch under the federal school lunch program). Transportation costs may only be reimbursed if the student is taking a postsecondary course for high school credit.

A claim for transportation reimbursement form (PI-8701) must be submitted to the DPI no later than 30 days after the end of the college semester to which the claim pertains. Students are to use the least expensive, safe means of transportation possible.

The PI-8701 is available from your school or from the DPI Youth Options webpage.

Additional information

Youth Options Program information and materials, including forms, answers to common questions, timelines, contact persons, the Youth Options State Statute, and administrative rules, are available at:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/youthoptions>

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can a high school refuse to participate in the Youth Options Program?

A. No. The law requires all Wisconsin public high schools to participate.

Q. Does the program apply to courses offered during evenings or weekends?

A. Yes. A student may take a postsecondary course during or after regular school hours as long as the course is offered *during the high school’s regular academic year* (i.e., not during the summer session).

Q. Can a student attend a postsecondary institution in lieu of high school?

A. Yes. If the postsecondary institution offers all of the courses a student needs in order to meet his or her high school graduation requirements, he or she could attend the postsecondary school full time.

Q. How many postsecondary semester credits equal one high school credit?

A. Four. One semester credit offered for a postsecondary course is equivalent to ¼ high school credit.

For more information contact:

Your high school counselor, local college admissions representative, or call:

Kevin Miller, 608-267-3161 or 800-441-4563
Kevin.miller@dpi.wi.gov

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
October 2015

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SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

MINUTES REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING JULY 11, 2016

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on July 11, 2016 in the Bruce High School IMC. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by board president Andrew Anderson. Members present were Anderson, Chafer, Golat (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Kempen, Kinnear, Luetzgerodt, and Trott. Also present were administrators Sturzl and Villiard.

Mr. Anderson read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting.

A Luetzgerodt/Kinnear motion to approve the June 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes carried.

A Kinnear/Luetzgerodt motion to approve the June 28, 2016 special meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$792,788.38 and expenditures of \$957,101.65 was reviewed and filed for audit.

A Trott/Kinnear motion to approve the vouchers payable carried.

Visitors to Address the Board

Kristel Calkins and Morgan and Dan Robers were present. They asked questions with regard to the implementation of a daycare center in the school. Their questions addressed concerns about liability, security and food service. Mr. Sturzl addressed their concerns and said that those things are in the process.

The alternate compensation plan was discussed in closed session, no action taken.

A Kinnear/Kempen motion to approve the 2016-2017 Employee Handbook carried.

A Kinnear/Golat motion to approve the job descriptions as listed except for those that have not yet been completed.

A Kempen/Luetzgerodt motion to approve the coper contract with EO Johnson carried.

The daycare partnership was discussed in closed session, no action taken.

A Kempen/Trott motion to approve the renewal of district insurance policy for 2016-2017 with an addition of cyber coverage carried.

A Kinnear/Luetzgerodt motion to approve Data Processing Contract with alio through CESA # 5 carried.

A Luetzgerodt/Kempen motion to approve use of the Federal Funds Manual carried.

A Trott/Kinnear motion to approve participation in the Federal Lunch, Morning Milk and Breakfast Program for 2016-2017 carried.

A Kempen/Golat motion to approve the milk bid from Dean's for the 2016-2017 school year carried.

A Luetzgerodt/Trott motion to approve the bread bid from Earthgrains for the 2016-2017 school year carried.

Mr. Sturzl informed the board that the art position has not yet been filled.

The board heard the 1st reading of the Student Handbook for 2016-2017, no action taken.

The board heard the 1st reading of the Faculty Handbook for 2016-2017, no action taken.

The board heard the 1st reading of the Co-curricular code for 2016-2017, no action taken.

A Luetzgerodt/Kinnear motion to approve graduation requirement increase because of giving credit for I-Time carried.

The board moved approval of coaches for 2016-2017 to closed session.

Administrative Report

Principal's Report – Mr. Villiard

- Mr. Villiard attended a CALL conference and Quality Educator Conference in Madison on June 22-24. He said the keynote speaker confirmed many of the PLC and Leadership things we do at our school.
- Mrs. Klawiter, Mrs. Ziperski and Ms. Zweifelhofer attended an RtI conference in New York as part of our Spotlight Grant. They said it was “amazing” and they will meet with Mr. Villiard to discuss changes in our intervention program.
- New student registration days will be July 13th and August 3rd.
- Mr. Villiard and Mrs. Wessman have met to set priorities as she begins her new position of Director of Instruction. We are in the process of implementation of Standards Based Grading in Grades K-5.
- Mr. Villiard said that the New Every Student Succeeds Act that replaces No Child Left Behind may be an opportunity to make sensible decisions for what is best for our students.

District Administrator's Report - Mr. Sturzl

- Mr. Sturzl said that the district audit would be done this week.

- He said the Leadership team has met and has done an evaluation of last year and had some discussion on the upcoming year.
- Estimates for the State's 2016-2017 budget have been release and it is estimated that aid for the Bruce District will be down about 9%.
- Andrea Luetzgerodt will be the delegate to the CESA #10 annual meeting on August 4th.
- June summer school went very well. August summer school will run from August 8th – 18th.
- The Food service program has served 1500 meals in 3 weeks. They will also provide meals for the August session.
- Summer maintenance projects are going very well.
- Mr. Sturzl thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as district administrator and the board's dedication to run an outstanding educational institution.

A Trott/Golat motion to approve the administrative reports carried.

A Trott motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85 (1)(c)(f) at 8:15 p.m. carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A Trott/Golat motion to return to open session at 9:15 p.m. carried.

Action as a Result of Closed Session

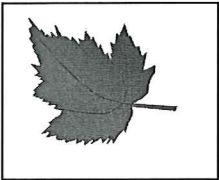
A Golat/Luetzgerodt motion to approve fall coaches as listed carried.

A Kempen/Golat motion to approve salary negotiations with associated staff as listed carried.

A Trott/Luetzgerodt motion to approve a request to carry over vacation days carried.

A Golat/Trott motion to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,
Daniel Kempen (clerk)
Approved August 8, 2016



Leaf it to Rusk September 24th Road Relay Race OR 5K Race

Contact Brad Bartels at 715-919-0255 for more information.

Holiday Gift Shoppe

December 14th is the day for all of Santa's helpers to be at the school for our annual Holiday Gift Shop. We are always grateful for all gift items that are donated. We can use most items except clothing, but this year we are low on jewelry and men's items. Examples are work gloves, deck of cards, etc. Anyone wishing to make a donation or be one of Santa's helpers may contact Mary Arts at 715-868-602. All help is appreciated!!

Now Hiring Senior Citizens!

Do you know someone 55 years of age or older who would love to work with children in our schools as a Foster Grandparent? Perhaps you might even be interested!

Foster Grandparents work one-on-one with children, under the direction of our teachers, for 15 hours each week. Foster Grandparents who are income qualified receive a tax free stipend of \$2.65 per hour and a transportation reimbursement as well as a school meal. Training, fun, and appreciation is provided.

Please contact Mary Jo Hanson at 715-456-8543 for more information. Thank you!

Calendar of Events

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| Thursday | September 15th | Cross Country @ Chetek-Weyerhaeuser 4:00 p.m. MS Football vs Birchwood @ Home 5:00 p.m. Swimming vs Rhineland @ Ladysmith High 5:30 p.m. HS Volleyball @ Flambeau C/JV 5:45 p.m. V 7:15 p.m. |
| Friday | September 16th | HS Football @ Clayton 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | September 17th | C/JV Volleyball @ Home 9:30 a.m. |
| Monday | September 19th | JV Football @ Luck 5:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | September 20th | MS/HS Cross Country @ Cadott 4:30 p.m. Whispering Pines Golf Course MS Volleyball vs Lake Holcombe @ Home 5:45 p.m. HS Volleyball vs Lake Holcombe @ Home JV 5:45 p.m. V 7:15 p.m. |
| Thursday | September 22nd | Early Release 12:45 p.m. in-service MS/HS Cross Country @ Telemark Resort Cable 4:00 p.m. MS Volleyball vs Winter @ Home 5:00 p.m. MS Football @ Luck 5:30 p.m. Swimming @ Tomahawk 5:30 p.m. HS Volleyball vs Winter @ Home JV 5:45 p.m. V 7:15 p.m. |
| Friday | September 23rd | Homecoming HS Football vs Mellen @ Home 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | September 24th | HS Volleyball @ Phillips 9:30 a.m. Swimming @ Eau Claire North 10:00 a.m. |
| Monday | September 26th | MS Volleyball @ New Auburn 5:00 p.m. JV Football vs Lake Holcombe/Cornell @ Home 5:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | September 27th | MS/HS Cross Country @ Flambeau 4:00 p.m. MS Volleyball vs Birchwood @ Home 5:00 p.m. HS Volleyball vs Birchwood @ UW Barron County JV 5:45 p.m. V 7:15 p.m. |
| Thursday | September 29th | MS Cross Country @ Ladysmith 4:00 p.m. HS Cross Country @ Saint Croix Falls 4:30 p.m. Swimming vs Colby @ Ladysmith High School 5:30 p.m. MS Football vs Northwood @ Home 5:30 p.m. HS Volleyball vs New Auburn @ Home 6:30 p.m. |
| Friday | September 30th | HS Football @ New Auburn 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | October 1st | JV Volleyball @ Medford Middle School 9:00 a.m. |
| Monday | October 3rd | MS Volleyball vs New Auburn @ Home 5:00 p.m. JV Football @ Prairie Farm 5:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | October 4th | MS/HS Cross Country @ Hayward HS 4:15 p.m. MS Football @ Prairie Farm 5:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | October 6th | MS Volleyball @ OLS 5:00 p.m. Swimming @ Lakeland Union High School 5:30 p.m. Volleyball @ Cornell 7:15 p.m. |
| Friday | October 7th | Football vs Luck @ Home 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | October 8th | Volleyball @ Edgar High School 9:00 a.m. |
| Monday | October 10th | C Team Volleyball @ Shell Lake |

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| Tuesday | October 11th | MS Volleyball vs Flambeau @ Home 5:00 p.m. MS/HS Cross Country Conference @ Saint Croix Falls High School 4:30 p.m. HS Volleyball vs Flambeau @ Home C/JV 5:45 p.m. V 7:15 p.m. |
| Wednesday | October 12th | Picture Day |
| Thursday | October 13th | Early Release 12:45 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences Grade 3-12 1:00 -7:30 Swimming @ Ladysmith High School 5:30 p.m. MS Volleyball @ Lake Holcombe 5:45 p.m. HS Volleyball @ Lake Holcombe JV 5:45 p.m. V 7:15 p.m. |
| Friday | October 14th | HS Football @ Winter 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday | October 17th | MS Volleyball @ Cornell 5:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | October 18th | Swimming @ Ladysmith High School 5:30 p.m. HS Volleyball Regional 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | October 20th | HS Volleyball Regional 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday | October 21st | HS Cross Country Sectional @ Telemark Resort; Cable 4:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | October 22nd | HS Volleyball Regional 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | October 27th | MS Boys Basketball vs Cornell @ Home 5:00 p.m. HS Volleyball Sectional @ Clear Lake High School 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday | October 28th | Swimming Conference @ UW Stevens Point 5:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | October 29th | Football Jamboree @ DC Everest Schofield, WI Cross Country State @ Ridges Golf Course, Wisconsin Rapids 11:00 a.m. Volleyball Sectional @ Hayward @ 7:00 p.m. |

ACT Test Dates

- Test Date of October 22, 2016; Registration deadline of September 16, 2016 and late registration of September 30, 2016(late fee required).
- Test Date of December 10, 2016; Registration deadline of November 4, 2016 and late registration of November 18, 2016(late fee required).
- Test Date of February 11, 2017; Registration deadline of January 13, 2017 and late registration of January 20, 2017(late fee required).

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back everyone! Thank you to all who attended the open house on the 29th. What a great turnout we had and also thank you for sending all of your children back to school so eager to get started and learning.

If you are new to our district please be sure that we have your phone numbers for our One Call Now messaging system. We send a lot of important school information out through this system. Also, a reminder to all parents that if you ever feel you are not getting any messages please let us know here at school so we can check it out for you. We know that our system calls cell numbers before land lines so we hope you all have your cell numbers listed with us if you have one.

I hope you have also noticed that we have a brand new digital school sign for events and important messages as well. This has been a long time coming and should be a great addition for all. I can program messages easily and quickly and

we want to let community members, clubs, churches and special groups know that we will gladly post messages for your important events. If you have any questions just give me a call.

Our VB PINK NIGHT is coming up on the 22nd here at their home match. Admission is FREE that night and we encourage you to support the mission our girls have to raise money for cancer. You will have the chance to win great prizes by doing so!

The 22nd is also our first Early Release of the year for staff training and all students will be dismissed at 12:45.

Homecoming is also coming up fast that same week on the 23rd! Our parade will begin at 2:45 from the school as usual. All elementary classes and high school classes and the MS and HS bands take part. Hope many of you can attend.

Picture Day is scheduled for Oct. 12th and will be the same company as last year. Your children will come home with a proof of their picture and an order form. You then get to choose a background and ordering options.

Parent – Teacher Conferences for all students in grades 3 – 12 will take place on October 13th from 1 – 7:30 p.m. with all staff in their classrooms. School will release early that day at 12:45 for all students.

Parent – Teacher Conferences for grades 4K – 2 will be held on November 10th from 1 -7:30 p.m. with all staff in their classrooms. This is also an early release day with students dismissing at 12:45.

Please call school if you have any questions and or need any information. Thank you for supporting your children in their academic progress and also in all of their special activities. Have a great Fall!

Respectfully,

Larry Villiard/Principal

Director of Curriculum and Instruction

The school year is off to a great start and I am excited to be working in the position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction! The Leadership Team has decided to implement a new goal for our school this year involving team building. The new goal is to foster team building and collaboration within the school to create a successful, academic, social, and cultural unity. On the September 22nd early release, Brian Kenney, a professional development speaker will be working with the staff to help foster and enhance team building and collaboration. The teachers have already been busy collaborating to set up intervention and enrichment groups at all levels to ensure all our students achieve and progress throughout the school year.

The third through fifth grade will be piloting the new Standards-Based Grading Performance Reports this year using our Infinite Campus computer program. The teachers will accurately report student progress toward meeting the standards by setting clear expectations and scoring with rubrics. You as parents will know more about what is expected of your child and how he or she is performing according to the expectations. Teachers in kindergarten through second grade will also be using Standards-Based Grading Performance Reports. They will be utilizing a paper version and next year will move toward a computer based performance report. If you have any questions or concerns about the grading system please feel free to call the school.

Carrie Wessman

Director of Curriculum and Instruction

A Note from the Athletic Director

All of the fall sports have started at both the middle school and high school. Thanks to all who made it to the sports meetings in July, it is greatly appreciated that you attended these meetings.

Those that did not attend one of the meetings in July that has a child that wishes to play winter or spring sports, you have to set up a meeting with me before they are able to participate. This is for both middle school and high school athletes.

There is one new policy for your son or daughter attending high school games. Admission is now free for all Bruce Students, they will just need to show their school ID.

We also have a new athletic trainer, Rachel Thiner. She works through the Rusk County Hospital. Rachel has been with us for a month now and has done a great job working with our coaches and athletes. Rachel will be at school every Wednesday after school from 3:30 to 4:45 and then another day during the week. Rachel has put up month schedules down by the weight room.

Winter Sports starting Dates:

MS Boys basketball the week of October 17. Mrs. West and Mrs. Trott will be the coaches. MS boy basketball players should check with the coaches for a practice schedule.

High School Girls Basketball practice starts on November 7, High School Boys Basketball and Wrestling start on November 14.

Homecoming week is September 19 -23. The football game on Friday will be against the Mellen Granite Diggers with a game time of 7:00. We also have our Pink Night for volleyball on September 22 versus Lake Holcombe. Many different events are planned for that night. Come out to the game and support a couple of local families that are fighting cancer.

Also we could use some more families to join our Booster Club, if interested in helping out contact Sam Behrends at the school or talk with Jan Antczak.

Have a great fall and see you at the games.

Campbell's Labels for Education



Please check your drawers, nooks and crannies for any Campbell's labels you have accumulated. While the program is soon ending, labels will be accepted as long as the "Labels for Education" logo is next to the UPC.



(Include the UPC symbol when sending in

Campbell's labels.)



Continue to send in your General Mills boxtops, 5 cent milk caps, and milk moola as well. You may send them directly to Bruce School, or drop them off at the Bruce Village Hall or Bruce Library.



PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the School District of Bruce that no person may be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extra-curricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap as required by S. 118.13, Wisconsin Statutes. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The district encourages information resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available, however, to address allegations of violations of the policy in the School District of Bruce.

Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to:

Patrick Sturzl, District Administrator
School District of Bruce
104 W Washington Avenue
Bruce, WI 54819

Complaints can be filed with the Office for Civil Rights.

Office for Civil Rights-Region V
300 South Wacker Drive, 8th Floor
Chicago, IL 60606
312-353-2520

If you would like to see the Board Policy #2260, regarding nondiscrimination under S. 118.13 and Title IX, please contact the District Office.

2016-2017 Annual Notice of Academic Standards Bruce School District

The Bruce School District will align 4K – 12 Instruction for the 2016 – 2017 school year with the following academic standards:

Reading/Language – Wisconsin State Standards for English Language Arts

(<https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/standards/pdf/ela-stds-app-a-revision.pdf>)

Mathematics – Wisconsin State Standards for mathematics

(<https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/standards/pdf/common-core-math-standards.pdf>)

Science – Next Generation Science Standards (<http://www.nextgenscience.org/>)

Social Studies – Wisconsin Academic Standards (<http://dpi.wi.gov/social-studies/standards>)

Board Approved August 2016

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

On October 17, 1987, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued final rules under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act (AHERA). These rules require all public and private elementary and secondary schools to inspect their buildings for friable and non-friable asbestos, develop asbestos management plans for submission to and approval by state governors (or designee), and take appropriate actions to protect human health and the environment.

On July 25, 1988 the board of education approved the Asbestos Management Plan which requires the following notification.

A. Plan Notification and Distribution

The district recognizes that the staff, students and visitors to our schools have a right to know where hazardous conditions exist within our facilities. Therefore, the following procedures will be followed to ensure adequate dissemination of information relative to hazards associated with exposure to asbestos fibers and will be made available to affected parties.

1. Locations of Management Plans

All management plans, including all subsections for each school and those specific to each building are available at the administration office during normal business hours at the following address:

School District of Bruce
Administrative Office
104 W. Washington Ave.
Bruce, WI 54819
715/868-2585

B. Management Plan Access

The Management Plan shall be made accessible to all interested parties. Because of the need to occasionally update plans, the district may make the plan available within a reasonable time frame not to exceed five (5) working days of a written request. The complete Management Plan for the district will be accessible during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the administration office. The school building specific plans shall be made available during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the normal school calendar.

As stated previously, if copies of the Management Plan are desired, they will be made available at a cost of \$.10 per page. Because of the difficulty of copying large amounts of data, a reasonable time upon receipt of a written request to provide copies, not to exceed ten (10) working days will be required.

C. Notification of Parents or Guardians of Students

The district recognizes that notification of parents and legal guardians is of the utmost importance to the proper execution of this plan. The district will notify parents or legal guardians of students at the time that our plan has been submitted to the Governor and that we will, at least once yearly, hereafter keep them apprised of the district's activities in asbestos inspections, re-inspection, surveillance activities, location of management plans, response actions, and post response actions. Notification will be accomplished by mailing of an informational newsletter to each registered parent or guardian stating the above information.

The names of all parents or legal guardians, along with corresponding student names who are sent this newsletter shall be archived at the administration office. For newsletters, which are returned because of address change or other reasons, the district will make a concerted effort to ensure that the parent or guardian received this letter.

ASBESTOS ACTION 1988-2016

1. A six-month inspection of asbestos containing materials in the Bruce and Exeland schools was completed in January of 1989.
2. Asbestos located in the high school furnace/boiler rooms (Room 129-129B) was removed June 1, 1989 as recommended in the Management Plans.
3. Clipboards have been placed in each room containing "Asbestos Containing Materials" ACM's (Floor tiles/chalk boards) which will provide daily observance of the conditions of those materials.
4. Master Environmental Service Associates, Limited (MESA) has been employed by the district to provide periodic surveillance of ACM's and to conduct the three (3) year re-inspection.
5. Remodeling plans will take into consideration the removal or encapsulation of all remaining ACM's in 1991-1992.
6. The three year re-inspection was completed January 1992.
7. A six-month periodic surveillance performed on July 11, 1992 found asbestos to be present in the chemistry room fume hood and in 12" ceiling tile's mastic adhesive located in the Bruce School.
8. Asbestos was removed from the nurse's office, teacher's lounge and the stairway leading from the overhead corridor into the cafeteria in January 1993.
9. Asbestos floor tile was removed from the southeast corner of the middle gym storage area in August 1993.
10. Asbestos was removed from an area located between the shop area and the middle gymnasium in June of 1993. This action was taken due to the installation of a handicapped ramp.
11. Asbestos floor tile was removed from Room #203 in the Bruce Elementary building in August of 1993.
12. Asbestos floor tile located in elementary classrooms identified in the district asbestos manual has been encapsulated with carpeting in August of 1993.
13. On the recommendation from MESA, in January, 1993 clipboards used for daily observance were removed from rooms that contained asbestos.
14. Asbestos was removed from the furnace in Room 129 on April 13-14, 1994.
15. The 6-month surveillance was completed March 9, 1994.
16. The 3-year re-inspection was completed in August 1994.
17. The 6-month surveillance was completed April 5, 1995.
18. The 6-month surveillance was completed August 1995.
19. The 6-month periodic inspection of asbestos was conducted March 26, 1996.
20. The 6-month surveillance was completed September 5, 1996.
21. The 6-month surveillance was completed February 20, 1997.
22. The 6-month surveillance was completed 5-19-97.
23. The 3-year re-inspection was completed 9-16-97.
24. Asbestos was removed from a fire escape enclosure on the old gym roof on 5-19-98.
25. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 10-26-98.
26. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 2-10-99.
27. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 9-16-99.
28. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 3-8-2000.
29. Asbestos was removed from band room, old stage, and chemistry room fume hood, room 212, floor tile and mastic, ceiling tiles and glue, and was completed on June 6, 2000.
30. The 3-yr re-inspection was completed 9-26-00.
31. Six-month surveillance was completed on 2-27-01.
32. In June of 2001, transite window panels were removed from the following spaces, 109, 201, 203, 205, 207, HW-13, 301, 304, 307, 308, 312, and HW-15.
33. In July of 2001, floor tile adhesive was removed from space 205.
34. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 8-13-01.
35. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 2-12-02.
36. In June of 2002, transite window panels were removed from the following spaces, 108, 202, 206, 208, 223, 302, 303, 309, 310, 311, and 320

37. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 9-18-02
38. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 2-27-03
39. Asbestos was removed from Rooms 135, 136, and Hallway HW02, Floor tile and mastic, ceiling tiles and asbestos containing thermal pipe wrap, was completed on June 12, 2003.
40. The 3 year re-inspection was completed August 2003.
41. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed 3-26-2004.
42. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 8-18-2004.
43. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 4-6-2005.
44. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 8-26-2005.
45. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 3-30-2006.
46. The 3-year re-inspection was completed August 2006
47. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 4-11-07
48. Asbestos was removed from Rooms 101, 108, 109 and Hallway HW03, Floor tile and mastic was completed in June 2007.
49. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed 8-31-07
50. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 6-17-08
51. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 9-23-08
52. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 3-23-09
53. The 3-year re-inspection was completed August 24, 2009
54. Periodic 6-month surveillance was completed on 3-9-2010
55. Periodic 6 month surveillance was completed on 9-9-2010
56. Periodic 6 month surveillance was completed on 3-9-2011
57. Periodic 6 month surveillance was completed on 9-9-2011
58. Periodic 6 month surveillance was completed on 3-9-2012
59. The 3-year re-inspection was completed on August 27,2012
60. Periodic 6 month surveillance was completed on March 20,2013
61. Asbestos was removed from Rooms 301,302,303,308,309,310,311,312 and Hall, Floor tile and mastic was completed on June 2013.
62. Periodic 6 month surveillance was completed on 9-24-2013.
63. Periodic 6 month surveillance was completed on 6-10-2014.
64. Asbestos was removed from rooms 201,202,203,206,207,208,209,210,211(Closet and the adjacent hallways was completed in June 2014.
65. Periodic 6 month surveillance was completed on 12-12-2014.
66. The 3 year re-inspection was completed 8-6-2015.
67. Periodic 6 month surveillance was completed on 2-9-16.
68. Asbestos was removed from rooms 221,221A, 237, 238, 239, and 240 (including closet and back office). Floor tile and mastic, completed on June 24, 2016.
69. Periodic 6 month surveillance was completed on 8-31-2016.

Breakfast Menu October 2016

All breakfast meals are served with juice, and milk. Menu may change without notice. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

| Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri |
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| 3 UBR or Belvita bar Fresh fruit Cereal | 4 Banana bread Fresh fruit Cereal | 5 Donut WG Fresh fruit Cereal | 6 Mini cinni Fresh fruit Cereal | 7 Muffin Fresh fruit Cereal |
| 10 UBR or Belvita bar Fresh fruit Cereal | 11 Breakfast bagel Fresh fruit Cereal | 12 Cinna bun WG Fresh fruit Cereal | 13 Frudel Fresh fruit Cereal | 14 Graham smacker Fresh fruit Cereal |
| 17 UBR or Belvita bar Fresh fruit Cereal | 18 Banana bread Fresh fruit Cereal | 19 Waffle Fresh fruit Cereal | 20 Mini cinni Fresh fruit Cereal | 21 Breakfast burrito Fresh fruit Cereal |
| 24 UBR or Belvita bar Fresh fruit Cereal | 25 Breakfast bagel Fresh fruit Cereal | 26 Donut WG Fresh fruit Cereal | 27 Frudel Fresh fruit Cereal | 28 Muffin Fresh fruit Cereal |
| 31 UBR or Belvita bar Fresh fruit Cereal | | | | |

Bruce Lunch Menu October 2016

All lunches served with WG bread, fresh fruit, and milk. Menu may change without notice. Yogurt is an alternate fro the main menu item. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

| Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri |
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| 3 Chicken nuggets Sweetie fries Baked beans Peaches Salad bar | 4 Homemade beef gravy Mashed potatoes Carrots Pears Salad bar | 5 Corn dogs Tater tots Green beans Pineapple tidbits Salad bar | 6 Quesadilla Corn Bunkhouse beans Applesauce Salad bar | 7 Chicken fajita Tortilla shell, lettuce, tomatoes, salsa, sour cream, shredded cheese Broccoli Mixed fruit |
| 10 Chicken sandwich Sweetie fries Baked beans Peaches Salad bar | 11 Lasagna hot dish Garlic breadstick Carrots Pears Salad bar | 12 Lil nacho cheese bites Salsa Green beans Pineapple tidbits Salad bar | 13 Pizza Corn Bunkhouse beans Applesauce Salad bar | 14 Cheeseburger Broccoli Mixed fruit Salad bar |
| 17 Popcorn chicken Sweetie fries Baked beans Peaches Salad bar | 18 Cheesy pull apart Marinara sauce Carrots Pears Salad bar | 19 Chicken stir fry Brown rice Stir fry veggies Pineapple tidbits Salad bar | 20 Calzone Corn Bunkhouse beans Applesauce Salad bar | 21 Pizza dippers w/marinara Broccoli Mixed fruit Salad bar |
| 24 Chicken strips Sweetie fries Baked beans Peaches Salad bar | 25 Mostaccioli Garlic breadstick Carrots Pears Salad bar | 26 BBQ chicken sandwich Mac & cheese Green beans Pineapple tidbits | 27 Pizza Corn Bunkhouse beans Applesauce Salad bar | 28 Walking taco Nacho chips Lettuce, tomatoes, salsa Sour cream Broccoli Mixed fruit |
| 31 Chicken nuggets Sweetie fries Baked beans Peaches Salad bar | | | | |

Reading Connection

Tips for Reading Success

Beginning Edition

September 2015

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Book Picks



Read-aloud favorites

■ *Miss Malarkey Doesn't Live in Room 10*

(Judy Finchler)

Like many kids, the little boy in this book believes that his teacher lives

at school. But when Miss Malarkey moves into his apartment building, he learns that she has a home and does everyday things like grocery shopping and taking out the trash.



■ *Take Away the A* (Michaël Escoffier)



Without the letter G, a *glove* falls in love. And *plants* wear *pants* if you remove the L! Each page in this alphabet book features clever wordplay and a silly illustration. Your youngster can learn about words—and enjoy guessing what will happen on the next page.

■ *The Camping Trip That Changed America* (Barb Rosenstock)

This picture book tells the true story of Theodore Roosevelt's camping trip to Yosemite. The president learns from naturalist John Muir that too many trees are being chopped down. When Roosevelt returns to the White House, he works to get laws passed that create our national parks.

■ *Caps for Sale* (Esphyr Slobodkina)

"Caps! Caps for sale! Fifty cents a cap!" Your child will love this simple, rhythmic classic. No one wants to buy the peddler's caps—but the local monkeys sure do like wearing them. Now, the peddler must hatch a plan to get his caps back. (Also available in Spanish.)



Ready to read

When your child recognizes her name on her classroom cubby or turns the pages of a familiar book and recites the story, she's making the connection between printed words and spoken ones. Celebrate her early reading efforts and help her move toward independent reading with these activities.

Shared reading

As you read aloud to your youngster, run your finger under the words. This shows her that the words tell the story. Encourage her to follow along and read any parts she can, or try reading the words together. If there is a repeating phrase, let her read it. ("I'll huff, and I'll puff, and I'll blow your house down!") Suggest that she move her finger beneath the words, too.

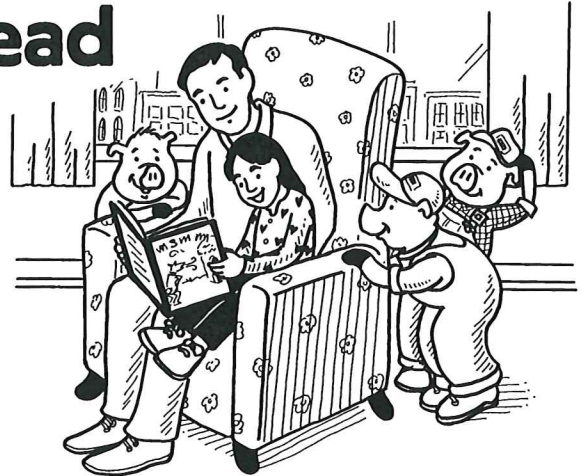
"I know what that says!"

Before children read by themselves, they rely on clues like logos, colors, and shapes to recognize words all around them. This is good practice for using pictures and context clues to read books.

Let's write together

Between email messages and electronic calendars, you might not write by hand too often these days. But it's good for your youngsters to see you using pencil and paper—just like they do in school. Try these suggestions:

- Brainstorm family plans on paper. Ask everyone to write ideas for what they'd like to do on the weekend (picnic, bowling). Share lists, and vote on an activity.
- Make a guest list for a party or get-together. Your children could write names they know, including their own. Then, have them watch you write the rest.
- On a wall calendar, help your youngsters write their events ("Soccer game," "Dentist"). Let other family members add items, too, and remind your children to read the calendar each day.♥



At the grocery store, you might say, "Read the cereal boxes, and find the ones we usually buy." Or have her point to produce signs and tell you what they say. ("That says *bananas*.")

Listen to your child read

Ask your youngster to read books she brings home from school or ones she has heard many times. It's fine if she recites from memory—that's often how reading begins. Nudge her toward real reading by telling her to point to specific words on the pages. For example, if she says, "Goodnight cow jumping over the moon," you could ask her to touch the words *cow* and *moon*.♥

