## JAGUAR NATION



FALL 2021-22



#### **Message from Superintendent Weyers**

Dear Families, Students, and Staff,

We have had a fantastic first three months of the 2021-22 school year. It has been wonderful to see our students involved in so many activities, and we had our first high school dance since COVID began.

During the month of December we can take time to not only reflect on the past year, but to establish priorities for the new year ahead. Here in Ashwaubenon, we feel confident about our student-centered vision and believe

the strength that comes from our home and school partnership makes achieving our 2021-22 goals a reality. A prime example of this partnership was our recent parent/teacher conferences. These conferences allowed opportunity for a more detailed conversation of how your child is progressing and a venue for us to reaffirm our commitment to maximizing the potential of every Ashwaubenon student.

At this special time of the year, I would also like to remind our students, staff, and community of the importance in supporting the numerous charitable organizations in our area. Whether individually or in groups, students, staff, and families have the ability to make the holidays (this season) brighter for those less fortunate. Every day I am pleased to see staff, students, families, and community members willing to help make someone else's day a little better. We are always Stronger Together.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their efforts so far this school year. The future success of our district is built on not being satisfied with where we are; instead, success is built on the efforts of our students and staff to improve each day. Please know that I firmly believe it is the people that make the Ashwaubenon School District so special.

As we move into 2022, our unwavering commitment to the growth and well-being of our staff, students, and community remains steadfast. We wish you all the best during this holiday season and thank you for trusting us with your most valued gifts - your children.

> With Unity, **Kurt Weyers**

### A GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start! Our students have been working hard to grow as learners, and it is incredible to watch the changes taking place. The ASD staff is very proud of what all our students have done and continue to accomplish!

### **OPTING INTO TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS**

Parents/Guardians can opt in to receiving text messages from the Ashwaubenon School District by texting the word **YES** to the number **67587** from your cell phone. Your cell phone must be on file with us in PowerSchool.





## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SCHOOLS

### Parkview Middle School Provides HOPE

Hope Squad is a national peer-to-peer suicide prevention program. About 45 students from Parkview Middle School and another 30 from Ashwaubenon High School make up the ASD Hope Squad. These students are nominated by their classmates as trustworthy peers and trained by advisors. Our goal is to educate students, parents, and community members to raise awareness to reduce the stigma surrounding seeking support for mental health challenges.

We would like to extend our thanks to Ken and Marge Bukowski, who made a \$3000 donation to the program, as well as to the Packers Foundation for their \$5000 grant. These funds will allow us to create a parent and community advisory council to work hand in hand with these student leaders to expand our reach. Our culminating event this year will be a community wellness event for families where they can have a safe, supportive space to have fun and talk freely about mental health in our community.





### **Ashwaubenon High School**

- The One-Act Play student club members participated in sectionals this fall led by teacher advisor Makayla Zipp.
- Police Liaison Jeff Everett's police dog Force spread some cheer this Halloween by dressing up as a butterfly.
- The AHS Fall musical production of the Broadway hit *Into The Woods*, was held in November. The cast and crew gave an outstanding performance. Thank you to parents and community members that volunteered their time and talents to this production.
- Congratulations to Kennedy Kramer, Tyler Kasper, and Hanna Payne who were selected to represent the AHS Music department in the WSMA Honors Choir series in Madison, WI.
- Congratulations to Lauren Carlton who placed 43rd at the Cross Country State Meet.
- Congratulations to the following Jaguar football players on being named to the Wisconsin Football Coaches
   Association (WHCA) All State Academic Team: Scott Cavin, Miles Lasee, Andrew Pludeman, Cooper Routheau, Trevor
   Secor, and Josh Witt.
- The Girls Tennis Team won the conference championship and qualified as a team for the WIAA State Girls Tennis Tournament for the 3rd year in a row; Courtney Behnke, Delaney Christensen, and Puja Patel qualified for the Individual State Tennis competition.
- Students Jazlynn Phillips, Madison Nyman, and Amelia Miner worked to host a blood drive at the High School with the American Red Cross on November 3rd; approximately 30 units were collected/donated.

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SCHOOLS

## **Pioneer Elementary School Celebrates Reading!**

The Pioneer students and team celebrate reading each and every day! Three ways that we have been celebrating reading this year are:

- <u>Friday Feature Book Talks</u>: Students share what great books they are reading on Friday announcements. Students share out the title, author, genre, why we should read the book, and why the student enjoys the book. What a great way for students to learn from other students about great books. Students' excitement shines through on our announcements!
- <u>Book Vending Machine</u>: The Pioneer PcTO donated a book vending machine and books to go in it for our students to
  celebrate reading and the Jaguar Way! As students earn 100 Jag Tags, they have the opportunity to pick out a book of
  their choice from the vending machine. Students are excited about the choice of books and to earn this opportunity.
  Our goal is that all students will earn a book this year!
- <u>Give a Kid a Book</u>: Our PcTO has also donated two books per student this year to continue to celebrate reading! Students will pick out a free book of their choice in December and March. We will have upcoming monthly school wide events that will allow time for students to read.

Reading is fundamental and supports student learning growth in all subjects. We are excited at Pioneer to celebrate reading each and every day!



## "BEEing" Kind, Safe and Responsible at Cormier Early Learning Center

Cormier students have been working very hard learning our PBIS expectations. They are doing an excellent job "BEEing" Kind, Safe, and Responsible. This year they had to learn new expectations on the

newly built playground. They first learned about how to Be Kind, Be Safe, and Be Responsible on the playground and then throughout the month demonstrated these expectations. Each class received BEE Stickers when a staff member saw the class following each expectation. The students have been doing an amazing job and have earned all their BEE stickers for the classroom. Way to GO Cormier students!

# Family Reading Nights Return to Valley View Elementary School

For many years, Valley View staff members have hosted monthly Family Reading Nights in our LMC. During these events, families have a good book read aloud to them, complete activities or crafts, read as a family, and receive a

free book to bring home. After hosting virtual Family Reading Nights last year, Valley View is excited to return to school for these events this year. Our first Family Reading Night featured the book Evie's Field Day: More Than One Way to Win, fun games including bean bag toss, potato sack races, egg relays, and more, and as always, students were able to select a book to bring home. In November, we are partnering with the Ashwaubenon branch of the public library to host an event on November 18. We are excited to continue to instill a love of reading within our students at these monthly events!



## **UPCOMING DATES**

#### **DECEMBER 2021**

Dec. 10: 2hr Early Release (No 4K) Dec. 23 - 31: Winter Break (No School)

### **JANUARY 2022**

Jan. 3: **Classes Resume** 

Jan. 14: 2hr Early Release (No 4K)

Martin Luther King Day (No School) Jan. 17: Jan. 20:

11:30am Early Release for AHS

(Full Day 4K-8)

Jan. 21: No School; End of Semester 1

### REFERENDUM UPDATES

Some amazing updates to our school buildings have taken place. Both Pioneer **Elementary School and Cormier Early Learning Center underwent construction** over the summer that has created a safer environment for our students, families, staff and visitors.

The main entrance to Pioneer Elementary School has been relocated to allow the bus traffic to be separated from the parent traffic. The entrance also now includes three sets of doors in order to enter the building, providing increased security into the school. This change also allowed for two additional kindergarten classrooms to be constructed.

Cormier Early Learning Center's main entrance also now includes three doors for entry into the building. In addition to the added entry features at Cormier, there is now a circle drop off area for parents, and buses are utilizing the new bus lanes on Broadway for efficient and safe student pick up and drop off. Lastly, the playground area where students previously walked outside the building to get to, is completely enclosed and accessible directly from the school.

A huge thank you to the community for supporting these referendum projects!

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### **Pioneer Elementary School Updates**



### **Cormier Early Learning Center Updates**

