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#### **SPRING 2025**

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



Dear Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members,

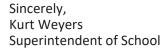
As we reach the second semester of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress our 3,200 students have made. It has been a year of growth, both academically and personally, and I am very proud of all our students for their hard work, perseverance, and dedication. This goes along well with our theme of GRIT. Our teachers and staff continue

to inspire and support our learners, creating an environment where every student has the opportunity to reach their potential. From academic achievements to extracurricular successes, we are seeing students reach new heights. Most recently, this has been showcased through our high school's DECA Team, Dance Team, and Bovs Swim Team.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be part of the 2025 NFL Draft coming to Ashwaubenon in April, an event that will bring energy and excitement to our community. Please find more information about school and road closures surrounding this momentous event in this edition of our Jaguar Nation.

As most of you know, I have decided to retire after 35 years in education at the end of this school year. My official last day is June 30, 2025. It has been my extreme honor and privilege to serve as your superintendent of schools, and I am incredibly proud of all we have accomplished together. Our school district is in good hands, as we have recently hired Dr. Andrew Bake as your new superintendent of schools. Dr. Bake will continue to lead us forward with vision and dedication.

Finally, as we continue to celebrate our students' successes, we encourage everyone to embrace the opportunities for the remainder of the year. Thank you for your ongoing support in making this a successful and enriching school year for our 3,200 students.



## 2025 SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration opens Monday, April 7th at 4:00 PM and closes Friday, April 25th at 4:00 PM.

- It's first-come, first-served, so act fast! Once courses are full, they're closed.
- Parents will register for Getting Ready for 4K, Getting Ready for Kindergarten, Getting Ready for Middle School, and Driver's Education through PowerSchool Forms (not the Student Scheduler).
- We're excited to see our kids back, smiling, and having fun this summer!

### Summer School Dates Tuesday, June 10th – Thursday, July 3rd



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## CORMIER **BIGGEST BEDTIME STORY**

Cormier hosted a magical evening of storytelling, reading, and family fun at the **Biggest Bedtime event. So** many families came together for the joy of reading! Teachers selected books and themes and then families could wander throughout the rooms to listen to the books and complete the activities. Smiles were in surplus throughout the event.

## **PROPERTY TAX BILL UPDATE**

## Welcome

## **NEW ASD SUPERINTENDENT**

## **DR. ANDREW BAKE**

"I am honored that the board has selected me to carry on my work with our students, families, staff, administrative team, and board of education to maintain Ashwaubenon's rich history of excellence in education. I look forward to continuing to work tirelessly with our outstanding staff to increase student achievement and maintain an environment that provides opportunities for the success of all of our learners."

We have been asked questions about the recent tax bills and the referendum that was passed in November. It is important to know that the November referendum was not included in the levy this year. The referendum will be included in the 2025 levy amount.

This year, the District property tax levy increased only \$14,174 compared to last year. This was an increase of 0.08% which is much less than the 7.00% increase many residents saw on tax bills. The District can only control the total dollar levy amount. The State controls other factors regarding how the levy is allocated to the property owners in the District. This table shows the ten-year history of property tax levy for the School District. As you can see our levy is more than \$700,000 less than it was ten years ago. (The increase in the 2023-24 levy is related to the April 2023 referendum.) Please contact Keith Lucius at 920-492-2905 ext. 1005 or Kurt Weyers ext. 1003 with any questions about the tax levy.

ASHWAUBENON SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX LEVY & MILL RATE HISTORY			
SCHOOL YEAR	TOTAL LEVY	CHANGE	CHANGE %
2014-15	\$19,140,444		
2015-16	\$19,145,161	\$4,717	0.025%
2016-17	\$18,256,727	(\$888,434)	-4.641%
2017-18	\$17,821,962	(\$434,765)	-2.381%
2018-19	\$16,466,315	(\$1,355,647)	-7.607%
2019-20	\$16,257,237	(\$209,078)	-1.270%
2020-21	\$16,643,395	\$386,158	2.375%
2021-22	\$17,320,720	\$677,325	4.070%
2022-23	\$15,171,530	(\$2,149,190)	-12.408%
2023-24	\$18,390,248	\$3,218,718	21.216%
2024-25	\$18,404,422	\$14,174	0.077%

### **PARKVIEW & HIGH SCHOOL BUILD A BOOK CAMPAIGN**

Amrusha Prathigudupu and Jacob Kahkola, students at Ashwaubenon High School, collaborated with 7th grade ELA students at Parkview for a DECA project aimed at enhancing global education. DECA is an international business and marketing club that helps develop future leaders. These two amazing high school students initiated the Build a Book campaign as part of a community giving effort.

Amrusha and Jacob taught 7th grade students how to use the site, Book Creator, as a place to store their digital books. The students at Parkview created over 200 original stories to be shared with the Mathrusya Child Home, a charitable orphanage dedicated to providing shelter, care, and education to underprivileged children aged 4 to 16, in India.

The DECA duo wrote letters to secure donations for their project and used the money to have the books printed in India and delivered to the orphanage. They raised enough money that they were able to donate school supplies and scholarships, as well.

Mrs. Turnbull, who worked with students on this project said, "Amrusha and Jacob were an absolute joy to work with! Their collaboration with our middle schoolers was inspiring, as they opened hearts and minds to the amazing possibilities that come from books. Together, they're helping to create a brighter future!"



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN APPLE WINNERS**



imn DeCleene Valley View Cormier 4K 5th Grade

Congratulations to our 2025 Golden Apple Recipients Davi Ann Mueller, AHS Language Arts/At-Risk Interventionist and Corey Hansen, Parkview STEM Instructor. Davi Ann and Corey were selected from out of 5,000 area educators and 40 Golden Apple Teachers of Distinction.

Ashwaubenon had 117 teachers nominated for the Golden Apple. Of the 117 nominations, six were recognized as a Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction. Congratulations to Ashwaubenon's 2025 Teachers of Distinction Autumn DeCleene, Connor Drevs, Taylor Ratzburg, Corey Hansen, Ellen Moon and Davi Ann Mueller.







## **PIONEER & VALLEY VIEW BOOK OF THE YEAR**

Pioneer and Valley View collaborated, this year, on a Book of the Year project. Through a grant and student council funds, books were purchased for every family, in both elementary buildings. Teachers recorded chapters and shared them with families through a Book of the Year website. The schools held assemblies to introduce this top-secret project. Community partners have partnered with Pioneer and Valley View to offer family-friendly events for students to enjoy, throughout the three-week project. Students, families, and community businesses worked together to celebrate reading in the schools.



Connor Drevs Taylor Ratzburg Pioneer Kindergarter



Distinction 2025



Corey Hansen Parkview STEM



Ellen Moon AHS Band



Davi Mueller AHS Language Arts











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#### **POSTAL CUSTOMER**

### 2025 NFL DRAFT WELCOME TO ASHWAUBENON!

We are very excited to be part of a thrilling event in our community: the NFL Draft coming to town in April. This momentous occasion will not only bring national attention but also provide our students, families, and community members with the opportunity to engage with professionals in sports, education, and business. Please find below the dates our Ashwaubenon Schools will be closed the week of the draft, as well as the dates of road closures in Ashwaubenon and Green Bay in the Titletown area.

#### School Schedule

- Early Release Wednesday, April 23rd
- No School- Thursday, April 24th
- No School- Friday, April 25th. Last August we started school three days early in order to make-up the two days that we will miss in April for the NFL Draft.

#### **Road Closures**

The 2025 NFL Draft will require a number of road closures and other travel impacts before, during and after the event. These closures may last for hours, days or weeks depending on the location of activities associated with the event. For planning purposes, the following streets will have travel impacts and/or closures (subject to change):

#### S. Oneida Street

• S. Oneida Street (March 28 thru May 10). This closure includes a portion of Armed Forces Dr.

#### Lombardi Avenue (S. Military Ave to Holmgren Way)

- Eastbound Lombardi Ave. (Week of April 13 thru May 2)
- This also includes S. Ridge Road (Lombardi Ave. to Lodge Kohler)
- Westbound Lombardi Ave. (Week of April 19 to April 30)

#### Other travel impacts (approximately April 22 to April 28)

- Holmgren Way (Lombardi to Mike McCarthy Way)
- Mike McCarthy Way (S. Oneida to Holmgren Way)
- Brett Favre Pass/Tony Canadeo Run (Holmgren Way to Badger State Brewing)

