

PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

What's Happening in the Ashwaubenon School District

FALL 2016

Parents + Outstanding Staff + Village = Success!



Greetings! We have outstanding district staff that work hard to impact students in our schools. With that in mind, we also recognize that **parents are a child's most important teacher**. Of course you would expect me to continue saluting parent daily involvement, encouragement, modeling and simply being tuned into how your child is doing in school. If you are a village resident, indeed **"it takes a village to raise a child"**, and we are truly grateful for your interest and involvement in our schools. Like districts across the nation, we are experiencing a growing need to support the learning and socio-emotional development of our children. If you are interested in volunteering in our

schools in a manner that fits you, please contact us.

In this publication we express our appreciation to the over 1,000 parents who took part in the "Parent Satisfaction" survey at the end of last year. We were very happy to read the overall feedback indicating that parents rank our district at a 4.29 rating out of 5.0 (highest rating). We received numerous personalized positive comments as well as suggestions for improvement. If you participated, we thank you and will continue to be responsive to your feedback. To continue to reflect on your responsiveness, a similar survey will be administered again at the end of this school year.

I often share my personal bias that we are in the most important profession in the world as educators. With your help we can truly set up a bright future for each and every child. Thanks for the ongoing interest and pride that you take in our schools. The positive partnership that we continue to have between the school district and our village is second to none!

Proudly,

Brian H. Hanes, PhD
Superintendent of Schools

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Coffee with the Superintendent

The New
Ashwaubenon
Community
Center

900 Anderson Drive
8:30 am to 9:30 am

- November 11
- December 9
- January 13
- February 10
- March 17
- April 21

Performing Arts Center & Aquatics Center Open House
NOVEMBER 10, 2016

LEARNING

STAR Assessment

We are now utilizing a new assessment tool across multiple grades in the district. Grades 5K through grade 10 are utilizing the STAR Math and STAR Reading Assessments from Renaissance Learning. STAR Assessments are an adaptive assessment, and based on a student's answer, increase or decrease in difficulty. The test takes, on average, 22 minutes and provides feedback regarding student learning related to the State standards. Through this assessment, we will gain valuable information on where to support students and extend student learning.

Testing began with Parkview Middle School on the first day of school and concluded at all buildings during the last week in September. Testing went smoothly, and all students and staff are to be commended for how seamless the process was. Staff spent time familiarizing themselves with the assessment procedure to ensure that students understood the reasoning behind the test and how the information would be used to support their learning.

In the past, the elementary schools have used the MAP assessment tool from Northwest Education Association. Parkview Middle School and Ashwaubenon High School have used common assessments created in district. The use of a standardized district wide assessment is powerful because we will be able to monitor student progress across multiple years and talk the same language around student learning as it relates to State standards. We learned that the STAR Assessment can also be used as a predictor to student success on the ACT Aspire and ACT. This will further our efforts to ensure that all students are college and career ready.

We will be testing district wide at three points during the school year: September, January and May. We have already begun reviewing the data that was available moments after the assessment was completed.

After the September assessment, teams from each school attended a training session presented by Renaissance Learning. Staff feedback was positive and conversations about the best way to support students continued after the end of the training. We look to use staff feedback and assessment data as benchmarks along the way to our building and district goals around literacy and math.



One Word Campaign

Valley View Elementary staff kicked off the new school year with a campaign to help keep students focused. Staff were asked to write down one word to complete the sentence, **"I will make this school year..."**



2016-17 AEF Grants Awarded

The Ashwaubenon Education Foundation awarded eight district teachers grants totaling \$7,037. AEF grants are used to fund innovative learning activities, projects, and events that would not be funded through the school budget. 2016-17 grant recipients include:

Sparking Innovation

Corey Hansen - Parkview Middle School

Courtyard Science

Dan Albrent - Ashwaubenon High School

Digital Astronomy

Brack Gillespie - Ashwaubenon High School

Fairy Tales S.T.E.M. Kits

Kathy Kurowski
Cormier School & Early Learning Center

Story Walk

Michele Schmidt, Amy Steavpack
and Carri Weigman
Cormier School & Early Learning Center

FUNctional Fit Bits

Kerry Janquart - Ashwaubenon High School

To learn more about the Ashwaubenon Education Foundation, the granting process, or to make a donation visit:

www.ashwaubenoneducationfoundation.com.

SCHOOLS



School of Merit

Congratulations to Pioneer Elementary for being named a 2015-16 School of Merit for their work with PBIS.



Date with Dad

Dads, grandpas, uncles and friends participated in Valley View's Date with Dad.



2016 Harvest Fest

Cormier School & Early Learning Center families enjoy Harvest Fest.



Welcome Back Meeting

Ashwaubenon High School choir members performed the National Anthem at the District Staff Welcome Back Meeting.



Packers Experience

Valley View students in grade 4-5 received a visit from the Packer's Youth Football Outreach.

Shopko Foundation Grant

Parkview Middle School teacher Vanessa Talus was awarded a Shopko Foundation Grant of \$825. This grant will be used to purchase alternative seating for Vanessa's special education classroom. Alternative seating allows movement in the classroom, helping to raise cognitive function and strengthen a student's ability to stay focused. Students are excited to try out the new seating!



Breast Cancer Walk

In October, Cormier School staff and their families took part in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk. They walked in support of their colleagues who are fighting and beating breast cancer!



Walk to School Day

On October 5th, Parkview Middle School students participated in "Walk to School Day".

COMMUNITY

2016 Child Advocacy Award Recipients



District Adult Crossing Guards

2016-17 Student Enrollment

	Sept. 2016	Sept. 2015
Resident students	2211	2216
Non-resident students	1107	1053
Total students enrolled in ASD	3318	3269
Resident students enrolled in other districts	97	96

Monthly DI Paper Drive

Ashwaubenon School District's Destination Imagination (DI) teams continue to hold monthly paper drives the second Saturday of each month at Valley View Elementary School (2200 True Lane). The monthly paper drives help to raise money for all District DI teams and promote community awareness of the importance of helping the environment by recycling paper.

The community is encouraged to drop off unwanted newspaper, printer paper, copy paper, magazines, junk mail, corrugate boxes, cereal boxes, pasta boxes, soda boxes, etc. DI team members will be present on these dates to assist with the unloading of paper.



Upcoming paper drive dates are:

- November 12, 2016
- December 10, 2016
- January 14, 2017
- February 11, 2017
- March 11, 2017
- April 8, 2017
- May 13, 2017
- June 10, 2017

Volunteer in our Schools

Volunteers are vital to the success of our educational programs in the Ashwaubenon schools. The District invites any community member interested in volunteering in the schools to contact our Coordinator of Community Volunteers, Kathy O'Brien.

There are a wide variety of opportunities to volunteer within the District. Participating as a reading or math coach, helping with special programs or organizing a special activity within a classroom are just some examples of what is available. Please consider being part of this wonderful experience by contacting:

Kathy O'Brien
 Coordinator of Community Volunteers
 Phone: 920-492-2905, Ext. 2005
 E-mail: kobrien@ashwaubenonk12.org

2016 Most Valuable Partner Recipient



PDQ Cashwash

The District recognized PDQ Carwash for the co-op opportunities they provide to AHS special needs students. They teach students job related skills in an authentic paid life transitional work setting.

REMINDERS

The Village of Ashwaubenon & The Ashwaubenon School District invite the community to the

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
& AQUATIC CENTER

GRAND OPENING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016

Join us for an evening celebration featuring tours of the new aquatic center and performing arts center and a concert featuring songs from the 1970's to today performed by the Air Force Band Starlifter

Starlifter
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EARLY SHOW
Doors Open 5:00 PM
5:30 concert
followed by
self-guided tours

LATE SHOW
Doors Open 7:15 PM
Self-guided tours
followed by
8:00 concert

TICKETS REQUIRED

Tickets are free
(limit 8 per household)
& available at the
following locations:

School District Office
1055 Griffiths Lane
Village Hall
2155 Holmgren Way
Cormier School
Parkview Middle School
Pioneer Elementary School
Valley View Elementary School
Ashwaubenon High School





ASHWAUBENON
SCHOOL DISTRICT

1055 Griffiths Lane
Green Bay, WI 54304
Phone: 920-492-2900

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Special Points of Interest

PAC & AQUATIC CENTER OPEN HOUSE NOVEMBER 10, 2016
STAR Assessment • School News • Community News

Year at a Glance

NOVEMBER - 2016

November 7 End of Quarter 1
November 9 Gr. 4K-12 no school
November 9 Gr. 4K-8 conferences 12-8 pm
November 16 Gr. 4K-5 conferences 4-8 pm
November 17 Gr. 6-8 conferences 4-8 pm
November 23-25 Thanksgiving Break - no school

DECEMBER - 2016

December 1 Gr. 9-12 conferences 4-8 pm
December 23 - Jan 2 Winter Break - no school

JANUARY - 2017

January 3 School Resumes
January 19 Full Day 4K-8; Early Release Gr. 9-12
January 20 Gr. 4K-12 no school
January 20 End of Semester 1

FEBRUARY - 2017

February 17 Gr. 4K-12 no school
February 23 Gr. 9-12 conferences 4-8 pm
February 28 Gr. 11 ACT Testing, then released;
Gr. 9, 10, 12 no school

MARCH - 2017

March 2 Gr. 9-12 conferences 4-8 pm
March 7 Gr. 4K-5 conferences 4-8 pm
March 8 Gr. 6-8 conferences 4-8 pm
March 9 Gr. 4K-12 no school
March 9 Gr. 4K-8 conferences 12-8 pm
March 10 Gr. 4K-12 no school
March 24 End of Quarter 3
March 27-31 Spring Break - no school

APRIL - 2017

April 14 Gr. 4K-12 no school - Good Friday
April 17 Gr. 4K-12 no school

MAY - 2017

May 4 Gr. 9-12 conferences 4-8 pm
May 29 Memorial Day - no school

JUNE - 2017

June 7 Full day 4K-8; Early Release Gr. 9-12
June 8 Gr. 5K-12 Early Release; no 4K classes
June 8 Last Day of School; End of Semester 2

SUMMER SCHOOL: 6/19/17 – 7/14/17 (projected)

EARLY RELEASE DISMISSAL TIMES

Grades 4K-5 11:00 am (no lunch)
Grades 6-8 11:30 am (no lunch)
Grades 9-12 11:30 am (no lunch)

For a full 2016-17 school year calendar, visit:
<http://www.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/docalendar.cfm>