

# PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

## What's Happening in the Ashwaubenon School District

### Soft Skills Determine Life Success

FALL 2017



It seems school districts across the country are increasingly focusing on the academic performance and at times, overly concerned about proficiency scores. Student safety and learning are certainly a main part of our mission to develop students who are high achieving throughout their lives. But, where do “soft skills” fall in the mix?

I believe the most important factor for life success is not necessarily the academic achievement, but that soft skills determine life success! Ashwaubenon puts a lot of energy into the academic as well as soft skill development of our children, but we need your help. I challenge all parents and community members to help us model and teach our young people the importance of soft skills such as: **Reliability** (being on time, attending school/work), a solid **Work Ethic, Communication** (face-to-face conversation versus text communication), displaying good **Listening** skills, displaying **Teamwork, Problem Solving** skills and simply remembering the **Golden Rule**-treating others as you would like to be treated.

I compliment our staff for the hard work they do starting at the elementary levels to teach children to be **Kind, Safe** and **Responsible**. This carries into our middle school, where a team of teachers and administrators focus on a system called Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS). Students at the middle school participate in mock interviews and learn the importance of making good eye contact, dressing for success, offering a firm hand shake and communicating effectively. This is further extended at our high school level where there is a focus on building relationships and connecting with students to guide them through goal setting, interview skills and career planning. Students are reminded of the importance of proper cell phone use, appropriate language, “being present”, and engaging in classroom expectations. We are raising the respectful expectations of cell phone use this year, and I salute our staff and administration for their efforts in reducing cell phone distractions.

We continue to have a lot to be proud of academically. I congratulate all staff as our high school was recently named to the 7th Annual Advanced Placement Honor Roll and our elementary and middle schools were recognized at the state level for their exemplary work with PBIS. Our principals recognize the importance of hiring individuals who have a positive attitude, knowing that if a person has a positive attitude, they are willing to grow skills to improve throughout life. **Positive Attitude + Work Ethic = Success!**

Parents and community members, I challenge you to help us grow, emphasize and model such skills for all of our youth...their life success will depend on it! As always, if we can be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us. As we all work with our youth, help us model a quality “Jaguar Way” with high academic and exceptional lifelong soft skills.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving...we continue to be thankful for your support and involvement in our schools!

In Gratitude,  
Brian H. Hanes, PhD  
Superintendent of Schools

Ashwaubenon School District VIDEO STREAMING	
What to Watch	Where to Watch it
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Board Meetings</li> <li>Grade 4K-8 Content (e.g. PBIS Character Videos)</li> <li>Everything else with the exception of AHS Athletics</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://gg.gg/asdyoutube">gg.gg/asdyoutube</a> OR</p> <p> Simply go to YouTube and search for Ashwaubenon School District</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AHS Athletics</li> </ul>	<p> <a href="http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/ashwaubenon-high-school-ashwaubenon-wi">www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/ashwaubenon-high-school-ashwaubenon-wi</a></p>

# LEARNING

## Assessments... Why?

As you review the listing of assessments that the students of Ashwaubenon participate in, you may be wondering “Why?”

Assessments serve two purposes for us; they provide us with information as to how our students are performing against the state expectations (summative) and provide staff with information regarding student learning and where the learning needs to head next (formative). The state assessment system, the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS), is a summative assessment and is “designed to provide information about what students know in core academic areas and whether they can apply what they know”. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires all states to test all students in literacy (reading and writing) and math in grades 3-8 and once in high school. ESSA also requires students be assessed in Science once each grade span (3-6, 7-9, and 10-12 grades). The Forward, ACT with Writing/WorkKeys, ACT Aspire, Dynamic Learning Maps, Access for English Learners, and the Assessment of Reading Readiness all provide us with summative information that is used to determine if our curriculum is in keeping with the state expectations for each grade level. The data comes to us for review in June or July and provides us with a look back with regards to student learning. We value this information and utilize this data during the school data review process.

Parents will often ask, “What can I do to help my child perform at his/her best?” The most complete answer is to establish routines for learning within the home - a set time and place for homework and sleep, for example. Encourage good study habits and set aside time each day for homework or for reading and learning. Learning never ends and your interest in learning and encouragement for learning speaks volumes. During the testing time, the daily routine you’ve established should set your child up for success. A good night’s sleep and breakfast will certainly help, too.

The assessments utilized in the WSAS provide a snapshot for us regarding your child’s learning. This snapshot provides school, parents and the student with information regarding his/her progress in the journey of learning. Continued support from school and home help ensure that your child stays on the road to learning.

If you have questions about the state assessment, you can contact your child’s teacher or building administrator. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction also offers good information for parents and can be found at this link: <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/parent-info/resources>.

## 2017-18 ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

### Forward Exam

- Test window runs from March 19th to May 4th.
- ELA and Math will be assessed in grade 3 through 8.
- Science will be assessed in grades 4 and 8.
- Social Studies will be assessed in grade 4, 8 and 10.
- New software will be used for behind-the-scenes test management.
- The Text-to-Speech/Read Aloud accommodation is now reserved exclusively for visually impaired students. (This is the accommodation that allowed both directions and passages to be read.)

### ACT with Writing/WorkKeys (11th grade)

- ACT w/writing test date is February 28th (Makeup date is March 21st, Emergency date April 19th).
- ACT WorkKeys test date is March 1st (Makeup date is March 22nd, Emergency date April 20th).
- Emergency dates have been added for students who have a long-term illness and miss the first dates.
- Several new supports have been added for EL students.

### ACT Aspire (9th and 10th grades)

- Test window runs from April 24th to May 26th.

### Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

- Test window runs from March 19th to May 4th.
- Special education staff conducting assessments must again go through online training.
- We have not yet heard if we exceeded the 1% cap on participation last year.

### Access for ELLs

- Test window runs from December 4th to February 2nd.

### Assessment of Reading Readiness

- District must assess 4K through 2nd grade at least once.
- District may select the tool (PALS, MAP, etc.).

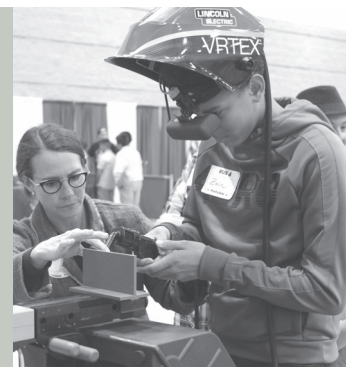
2017-18 Student Enrollment	Fall 2017	Fall 2016
Resident students	2148	2211
Non-resident students	1125	1107
<b>Total students enrolled in ASD</b>	<b>3273</b>	<b>3318</b>
Resident students enrolled outside the district	106	97

# SCHOOLS



## Find Your Inspiration!

Parkview's 8th grade students attended the "Find Your Inspiration" Career Fair on October 10th at the KI Convention Center. Students found the fair offered many opportunities to explore occupations and careers that they may not have known much about before. Students were given multiple hands-on opportunities to explore.



## Silver Level Award

Valley View staff was recognized by the DPI and Wisconsin Rtl Center at the state "Silver" level for their work with PBIS programming.



## Valley View Staff Wear Pink

Valley View staff wore pink to honor and support all former and current staff members who are fighting breast cancer (or other forms of cancer) or who have beaten cancer. Their strength and resiliency make them HEROES!



## Reading is Fundamental

Clifford was at Cormier School to help us celebrate Reading is Fundamental (RIF). Every student selected their very own book to keep. It was an exciting day. Thank you to the Ashwaubenon Lioness Club for the donation and support at the RIF event.

## National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced that Ashwaubenon High School students Bailey Conratt, Ella Meinhardt and Maggie Nipps are among 16,000 semi-finalists in the 63rd Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$32 million that will be offered next spring.

## New Playground Equipment

Pioneer Elementary held a ribbon cutting for their new playground set. Thank you to our Pioneer PcTO, parents, students, AGSA (Ashwaubenon Girls Softball Association), Shopko, Ashwaubenon Lioness, and many anonymous donors! We would also like to thank Ashwaubenon Park and Rec for helping with the installation.



Students and parents had the opportunity to vote for their favorite playground set design from multiple vendors during the 16-17 school year. The winning playground set was then installed in mid June.



# COMMUNITY

## 2017 Child Advocacy Award Recipients



Kathy O'Brien • Bill Williams  
Scott Phinney

## 2017 Most Valuable Partner Recipients



Unity Hospice (Jennifer Boeckman)  
Goodwill Industries (Dawn Van Ekenvort)  
Ashwaubenton Engineering & Technology Advisory Board (Mark Weber)

## Meet Your New School Board Members



Jennie Vyskocil  
Treasurer  
Elected April 2017



Michelle Garrigan  
Member At Large  
Appointed October 2017

## 2017-18 Ashwaubenton PAC Performing Arts Series

Ashwaubenton residents save 10% off regular ticket prices for events in the Series! Use promo code **RESIDENT** when ordering. All shows start at 7:30 pm.

### December 9, 2017

**The Drifters**

*(Sponsor: Kwik Trip)*

### May 12, 2018

**Salute to America**

*(Sponsor: RG Hendricks & Son Const.)*

### December 22, 2017

**Daddy D's Christmas**

*(Sponsor: Western Racquet & Happel Trust)*

### June 9, 2018

**Rock 'N Roll Revisited**

*(Sponsor: Brodhagen Dental Care)*

### February 2, 2018

**Recycled Percussion**

*(Sponsor: Green Bay Packaging, Inc.)*

Ticket available through:

**Ticket Star**

1901 S. Oneida Street

920-494-3401 or 800-895-0071

### March 10, 2018

**Close To You: Music of the Carpenters**

*(Sponsor: Aurora BayCare Medical Center)*

### April 14, 2018

**Late Nite Catechism**

For an updated list of events, visit  
[www.AshwaubentonPAC.org](http://www.AshwaubentonPAC.org).

## AQUATIC CENTER

The Ashwaubenton Community Aquatic Center offers activities for all ages. Visit <https://ashwaubenton.com/government/departments/parks-recreation/community-pool/> for a video tour and to learn more about:

- Aqua Fitness Classes - aquatic therapy/exercise/water walking
- Open/Lap Swim Schedules
- Swim Lessons - for all ages
- Facility & Rental Reservations - pool party rentals

For more information call 920-492-2331

# REMINDERS



**All Ashwaubenon school students can ride Green Bay Metro buses for free.** Grade 9-12 students must show a current school ID. Grades K-8 students can simply mention they are Ashwaubenon students.

Learning the bus system is a simple and enjoyable experience with the help of Trip Planner. Trip Planner is free to anyone who wants to learn the bus system.

For route information and the tools to plan your trip, visit Green Bay Metro's website at [www.greenbaymetro.org](http://www.greenbaymetro.org) or call their friendly dispatchers at 448-3450.

**Green Bay Metro website:**

<http://greenbaymetro.org>

**Trip Planner website:**

<http://greenbaywi.gov/metrotransit/trip-planner/>

**Trip Planner instructions:**

<http://greenbaywi.gov/metrotransit/trip-planner-helpful-hints/>

**Where's My Bus app:**

<http://greenbaywi.gov/metrotransit/where-is-my-bus/>

**GB Metro bus routes that service Ashwaubenon School District:**

[www.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/busing.cfm](http://www.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/busing.cfm)

## 2017-18 Coffee with the Superintendent

You are invited to join Superintendent Brian Hanes for coffee. Dr. Hanes will provide a brief update about what's happening in our schools and district. More importantly, he will discuss whatever topics or questions that are raised by those in attendance. Everyone is welcome to come and go throughout the 60-minute discussion. We hope to see you for coffee!

**Ashwaubenon Community Center**

**900 Anderson Drive**

**8:30 am to 9:30 am**

**Friday, November 3, 2017**

**Friday, December 8, 2017**

**Friday, January 12, 2018**

**Friday, February 9, 2018**

**Friday, March 16, 2018**

**Friday, April 13, 2018**



The Cormier "Kids" Alumni group met at Cormier School on Saturday, September 23, for some reminiscing.

## Ashwaubenon School District Hosts Tech Nights

Ashwaubenon School District's Technology & Engineering Education Department is hosting a series of Tech Nights during the 2017-18 school year. The Tech Nights offer opportunities for Ashwaubenon School District families to experience and learn about the basic skills that are taught in the District's Technology and Engineering courses. These sessions are open to all ages, but parent supervision is required.

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION
November 15	3D Printing Basics	Parkview Middle School, Room 214
December 20	Woodworking 101: Holiday Decorations	AHS Woodshop, Room 155
January 17	CNC Basics	AHS Beaux Mettler Innovation Center, Room 142
February 7	Design Process to Solve Problems	AHS Beaux Mettler Innovation Center, Room 142
March 21	Lawnmower Tune-up	AHS Automotive & Welding Shop, Room 148
April 18	Car Care Basics	AHS Automotive & Welding Shop, Room 148
May 23	Woodworking 101: Tic-Tac-Toe Game	AHS Woodshop, Room 155

For more information, please contact Dave Stroud, AHS Technology & Engineering Teacher, at (920)492-2955 ext. 5151 or [dstroud@ashwaubenonk12.org](mailto:dstroud@ashwaubenonk12.org).



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**Special Points of Interest**

Soft Skills Determine Life Success • ASD Hosts Tech Nights  
17-18 Assessment Schedule • PAC/Aquatic Center Schedules

## 2017-18 Year at a Glance

### NOVEMBER - 2017

Nov. 7 Gr. 4K-5: conferences 4–8pm  
Nov. 8 Gr. 6-8: conferences 4–8pm  
Nov. 9 Gr. 4K-12: No school: Teacher Inservice/  
Conferences  
Nov. 9 Gr. 4K-8: conferences 12–8pm  
Nov. 10 Gr. 4K-12: No school  
Nov. 10 End of Quarter 1  
Nov. 22-24 4K-12 No school: Thanksgiving Break

### DECEMBER - 2017

Dec. 7 Gr. 9-12: conferences 4–8pm  
Dec. 25- Jan. 1 4K-12 No school: Winter Break

### JANUARY - 2018

Jan. 2 School resumes  
Jan. 25 Gr. 9-12: Early Release. Gr. 4K-8: Full Day  
Jan. 26 4K-12 No School: Teacher Inservice/Work Day  
Jan. 26 End of Semester 1

### FEBRUARY - 2018

Feb. 16 4K-12 No school: Teacher Inservice  
Feb. 22 Gr. 9-12: conferences 4–8pm  
Feb. 27 Gr. 9, 10 No school; Gr. 11 ACT testing AM,  
Gr. 12 Community Service Day

### MARCH - 2018

March 1 Gr. 9-12: conferences 4–8pm  
March 6 Gr. 6-8: conferences 4–8pm  
March 7 Gr. 4K-5: conferences 4–8pm  
March 8 Gr. 4K-12: No school: Teacher Inservice/  
Conferences  
March 8 Gr. 4K-8: conferences 12–8pm  
March 9 Gr. 4K-12: No school  
March 26-30 4K-12 No school: Spring Break

### APRIL - 2018

April 2 4K-12 No school: Teacher Inservice  
April 6 End of Quarter 3

### MAY - 2018

May 3 Gr. 9-12: conferences 4–8pm  
May 28 4K-12 No school: Memorial Day

### JUNE - 2018

June 7 Gr. 9-12: Early Release. Gr. 4K-8: Full Day  
June 8 Gr. K-12 Early Release (no 4K classes)  
June 8 Last day of school; End of Semester

### SUMMER SCHOOL: June 18–July 13, 2018

For a full 2017-18 school year calendar, visit:  
<http://www.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/docalendar.cfm>