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MARKESAN DISTRICT SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER



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COMMUNITY INPUT SESSIONS ON FACILITIES

Join us on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 in the Markesan Elementary Library to discuss the Facilities Master Plan. During the meeting we will learn about the planning process, engage in conversation about our current buildings and our future needs.

For more information contact: Jason Breaker, District Administrator, 920-398-4202, email: breakjas@markean.k12.wi.us or visit our webpage: [www.markesan.k12.wi.us/Facilities Planning](http://www.markesan.k12.wi.us/Facilities%20Planning).

Two other 6:30 meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 4 in the Elementary Library and Tuesday, October 24 in the Middle School Cafeteria.

ELEMENTARY PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture retake at the elementary will be on Friday, October 6.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Picture Day for the middle and high school will be Tuesday, September 12.

WELCOME OUR NEW HIRES

Julia Skamra, Grade 6 Teacher
Beth Guenther, Family and Consumer Education Teacher
Ryan Schmidt, High School Science Teacher
Ronda Mocco, Grade 3 Teacher
Sara Windle, Middle/High School Online/Study Hall Facilitator

ACADEMIC AWARDS

On Wednesday, October 11 high school students will be recognized for their academic achievements. The Academic Awards Ceremony will be at 6:15 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. A letter will be sent home with more information.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK PICTURES AND BIOGRAPHIES

If you are a senior this year, the yearbook staff needs your senior picture, baby picture, and biography. All pictures and biographies are due no later than November 1, 2023.

Seniors must be centered in the photo facing the camera, both eyes visible. Pose must be a waist-up shot. No full body shots. No hands near face—arms and hands should not be above the waist.

Please send ONE digital senior picture to Mrs. Hoffmann on CD or storage device. We cannot accept pictures via email because they become blurry when published.

Your photographer can include all senior pictures from our school on one disk addressed to: Markesan High School Yearbook Staff, 100 East Vista Blvd., PO Box 248, Markesan, WI 53946.

Seniors will receive a biography form the first week of school from their advisor. Baby pictures should be submitted in digital format and will be returned to the seniors in January 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hoffmann at 920-398-4226 or hoffmjea@markesan.k12.wi.us.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE CHANGED

By Sam Mertens, BSN, RN, NCSN

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year!

*Some families need to think about immunization requirements. Families need to pay particular attention if you have a child **entering Kindergarten or 7th grade** (*previously 6th grade*).

Wisconsin requires a minimum of immunization or a written waiver.

Now is the time to plan before the state deadline in October.

*Students entering **Grades 7 through 12** are required to have a Tdap (the adolescent combination vaccine for tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) within the past 5 years of entering the grade.

*Students entering Grades K through 12 will require a second varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. If your child had a natural case of chicken pox, then the vaccine is not necessary.

You need to supply the school with the name of the vaccine and the date (month, day, and year) the vaccine was given. Be sure to keep a permanent record for yourself.

In the future, your child may need to supply these dates to other schools or employers.

A Student Immunization Record was sent home in May to the families who have children in the grades affected by the law. *You may need to double check with your physician or the Immunization Registry to be sure the missing immunizations have not been given.* Please be sure not to wait to address this need as area doctor clinics and the Health Department become very busy with long waits.

If you have questions, please call your doctor, the local Health Department, or the school nurse, Sam Mertens, RN at 920-398-4112. You can find additional information about immunization requirements at <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/index.htm>.

Please remember you need to provide the information to the school for it to be in our records.

MARKESAN DISTRICT SCHOOLS 2023 FALL TESTING CALENDAR

Test	Dates	Description	Students
ELL Screener from WIDA online	September 2023	Required by state of Wisconsin within the first 30 days of school	<u>Only</u> for new K-12 students who have not participated in Access testing and indicate a need for screening on the Home Language Survey
Star from Renaissance Learning online	September 2022 Winter 2023	Reading, Math -classroom and Title teachers plan testing schedule to learn what students already know and what they are ready to learn next, to monitor student growth, and to determine which students may need additional help.	Grades 2-8
NWEA FALL MAP Testing online	September 18-October 10, 2023	To assess all students in Reading and Math. Yearly testing allows the district to measure skills and growth to a continuous scale. Schedules developed by classroom teachers	Grades 1-5
4K/K screener UWSP Individual and paper/pencil	October 2023	To assess reading readiness skills -letter, word, spelling and reading fluency <i>Wis. Stats. 118.016 requires each pupil enrolled in 4-year-old kindergarten to 2nd grade in a school district or in a charter school to be annually assessed for reading readiness.</i>	All students- Grades 4K-K

OCTOBER ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Muffins Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	3 Omelet Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	4 Blueberry Donut Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	5 Cereal Bar Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	6 French Toast Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk
9 Mini Cinni's Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	10 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	11 Cereal Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	12 Breakfast Cookie Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	13 Breakfast Bites Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk
16 Pop Tart Yogurt Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	17 Waffles Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	18 Cereal Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	19 No School	20 No School
23 Pancakes Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	24 Donut Holes Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	25 Cereal Bar Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	26 Egg & Cheese Sandwich Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	27 Mini Donuts Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk
30 WG Long John Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	31 Cereal Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	Breakfast is served everyday at the elementary school except on a 2 hour delay day. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you qualify for free or reduced breakfast. Menu subject to change without notice.		



OCTOBER HOT LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Chicken Patty Bun Curly Fries Green Beans Fruit	3 Cheese or Sausage Pizza Creamy Coleslaw Celery Fruit	4 Ham Patty Bun Scalloped Potatoes Baked Beans Fruit	5 Chicken & Noodles Romaine Salad Cooked Carrots Fruit Bread	6 Uncrustables String Cheese French Fries Peas Fruit
9 Egg & Cheese Sandwich Tater Tots Cooked Broccoli Juice	10 Club Wrap Lettuce & Tomato Potato Smiles Sweet Peppers Fruit	11 Chicken Nuggets Savory Rice Green Beans Fruit Bread	12 Tacos With all the Fixings Refried Beans Corn Fruit	13 Pork Patty Mashed Potatoes Cooked Cauliflower Fruit Bread
16 Pizza Dippers Pizza Sauce Tri-Taters Baby Carrots Fruit	17 Chicken O's Baby Bakers Mixed Vegetables Fruit Bread	18 Mini Corn Dogs Sweet Potato Puffs Peas Fruit	19 No School	20 No School
23 French Toast Omelet Cooked Broccoli Hash Browns Fruit	24 Macho Nachos Black Beans Corn Fruit	25 Chicken Smackers Potato Wedges Cooked Cauliflower Fruit Bread	26 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Romaine Salad Green Beans Fruit Bread Stick	27 Hamburger or Cheeseburger/Bun Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans Fruit
30 Cheese Quesadilla Fiesta Rice Black Beans Corn Fruit	31 Pizzaburgers French Fries Cooked Carrots Fruit	Note: Grades 9-12 are offered more selections to meet the calorie requirements. Lunch includes your choice of 1% white milk, skim milk or nonfat chocolate milk. Reduced fat dressing is served with salads and fresh vegetables. A 1/2 cup serving of fruit or vegetables is required to be taken daily. All meals are subject to change without notice. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.		



MARKESAN DISTRICT SCHOOLS 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual budget hearing for Markesan District Schools was called to order by Jon Clark on July 24, 2023 at 8:00 pm with 1 member of the press, 2 school officials, 10 members of the Board of Education, and 2 students present. Motion by D. Fenske, seconded by P. Waterbury to nominate Clark chair of the meeting and passed with a voice vote. Brad Krueger, Board of Education Clerk, was in attendance and thus served as clerk of the meeting.

T. Zacharias reviewed the tax levy and 2023-24 budget.

The projected tax levy is \$5,599,845.

Clark declared the budget hearing closed at 8:04 pm.

Clark reported that the 2022 annual meeting minutes were approved by the Board of Education on August 10, 2022 and are included in the annual meeting booklet.

T. Zacharias discussed and reviewed the annual treasurer's report and the district's fund balance sheet summary showed a district composite balance of \$8,631,855.48.

Motion by D. Fenske, seconded by L. Baggett, to approve the 2023-24 tax levy as presented passed by a voice vote.

Fund 10: \$5,306,122 Fund 38: \$101,727 Fund 39: Fund 41: \$100,000 Fund 80: \$92,000 Total: \$5,599,845

Motion by W. Kuehn, seconded by P. Waterbury, to adjourn passed by voice vote. Time of Adjournment: 8:11 p.m.

U.S. DEPT. OF EDUCATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

If your family lives in any of the following situations: in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground; on the street; in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations; or doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing, **then, your preschool-aged and school-aged children have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. Your children have the right to:**

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education, including preschool education, provided to other children.
- Continue in the school they attended before you became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. If a school sends your child to a school other than the one you request, the school must provide you with a written explanation and offer you the right to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before your family became homeless or the school they last attended, if you or a guardian request such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.

When you move, you should do the following:

- Contact the school district's local liaison for homeless education (see phone number below) for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school. (Or, someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct you to the person you need to contact.)
- Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances.
- Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

If you need further assistance, please call the school district's local liaison, Leslie Drehmel, Elementary School Counselor, at 920-398-4316 or call the National Center for Homeless Education toll-free Helpline number 1-800-308-2145.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

The July 12, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education of the Markesan District Schools was called to order by President Clark at 6:33 p.m. with ten members present. Motion by Fenske/Kuehn to approve the agenda as presented carried 10-0.

Mr. Clark reviewed the voting procedure. Motion by Krueger/Schwandt to approve the voting procedure as presented carried 10-0.

Three candidates expressed interest in the Towns of Mackford, Fox Lake and Alto seat. The following candidates were present to answer questions from the Board of Education: David Cotterill and Amy Newton. The following candidate appeared via telephone to answer questions from the Board of Education: Jandelyn Plane.

The ballots were distributed, collected and tallied showing Amy Newton as receiving five votes, David Cotterill as receiving three votes and Jandelyn Plane as receiving two votes.

The ballots were again distributed, collected and tallied showing Amy Newton as receiving six votes and David Cotterill as receiving four votes; therefore, Amy Newton was appointed to the Board of Education – Towns of Mackford, Fox Lake and Alto seat.

Motion by Kuehn/Waterbury to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. carried 10-0.

The July 12, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education of the Markesan District Schools was called to order by President Clark at 7:07 p.m. with eleven members present. Mr. Clark stated Item 6.4 – Facilities Assessment Presentation – Bray Architects / C.D. Smith Construction would follow Item 3 – Staff/Student Reports on the agenda. Motion by Abendroth/Fenske to approve the agenda as presented and amended carried 11-0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Clark welcomed Amy Newton to the Board of Education.

There were no citizen statements.

There were no staff/student reports.

Clint Selle, Bray Architects presented information relative to the facilities assessment.

Motion by Fenske/Krueger to approve the following consent items as presented: June 14, 2023 meeting minutes; June bills/ July payroll (vouchers #117568-117608, 117610-117659, 117670-117672, 117675-117688, 117698-117748, 2306061, 2306071, 2306201, 2306211-2306212, 2306221-2306222, 2306261, 2306271, 2306281, 2306301-2306302, 202306021, 202306051, 202306061, 202306081, 202306091, 202306131, 202306141, 202306151-202306152, 202306161, 202306201, 202306211, 202306221, 202306231, 202306271, 202306302 = \$2,144,428.21; payroll #117660-117669; 117689-117697 = \$778,710.34; total = \$2,923,138.55); 2022-2023 Seclusion and Restraint Report; 2023-2024 Academic Standards; 2023-2024 Educational Options; 2023-2024 Coach/Advisor Handbook; donation – Edna Erna Pugh Trust – choral tiered risers – \$2,500.00; donation – Jim Talma Family – outdoor bench at the batting cage – \$750.00; employment – elementary school teacher (Grade 3) – Ronda Mocco; employment – high school science teacher – Ryan Schmidt; employment – spelling bee co-coordinators – Lisa Rauls and Jennifer Schmuhl; job description/vacancy notice – assistant varsity girls basketball coach; employment – assistant varsity girls basketball coach – Jeff Hoffmann; resignation – head varsity boys basketball coach – John Koopman; job description/vacancy notice – head varsity

boys basketball coach; resignation – Grade 10 (sophomore) class advisor – Kimberly Drager; job description/vacancy notice – Grade 10 (sophomore) class advisor; transportation to nonpublic schools and varsity volleyball tournament – September 8-9, 2023 – Wisconsin Dells, WI carried 11-0.

Mr. Zacharias reported there were no 2022-2023 budget amendment(s).

Mr. Breaker presented a recommendation for Hutchinson Property Services to complete varsity baseball and softball infield and drainage work in the amount of \$83,500.00. Motion by Lemke/Newton to approve the recommendation for Hutchinson Property Services to complete varsity baseball and softball infield and drainage work in the amount of \$83,500.00 as presented carried 11-0.

Mr. Breaker presented a recommendation to purchase a wrestling mat from Dollamur Sport Services in the amount of \$11,599.00. Motion by Lemke/Fenske to approve the recommendation to purchase a wrestling mat from Dollamur Sport Services in the amount of \$11,599.00 as presented carried 11-0.

Mr. Zacharias reported regarding the 2022-2023 budget.

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Mrs. Newton reported no conflict(s) of interest.

The spring extra-curricular activity reports were included in the packet for review.

Mr. Koopman, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Schneider and Mr. Breaker presented administrative/staff reports.

The next meeting of the Personnel/Finance Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of the Markesan District Schools is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

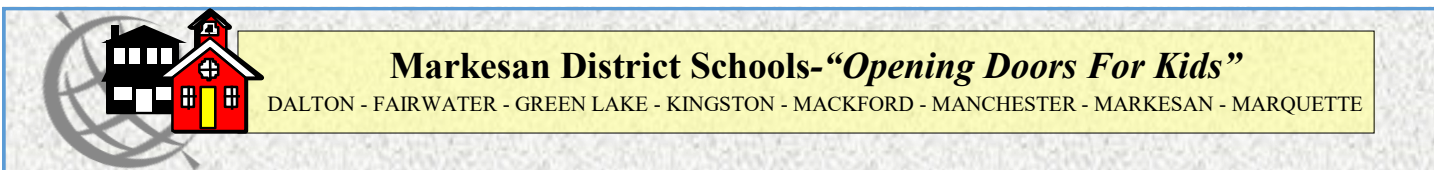
Motion by Abendroth/Kuehn to adjourn to closed session at 8:24 p.m. carried 11-0. A roll call vote was taken.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of the Markesan District Schools is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school multi-purpose room.

ACCESS TO STUDENT INFORMATION

20 USC Sec. 7908—Parents may request in writing that their child's name, address and phone number not be released to the recruiters of the Armed Forces. Requests should be sent to: Kim Drager, Markesan District Schools Guidance Office, PO Box 248, Markesan, WI 53496-0248.



COMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1(F)-Football V-Waterloo-**Home** 7:00
- 4(M)-**No School**-Holiday
- 5(Tu)-Cross Country Invite-**Home** 4:30
- 5(Tu)-Volleyball Tri JV2,JV,V-CWC-Away 4:30
- 5(Tu)-Football JV-Waterloo-Away 6:00
- 7(Th)-Cross Country Invite-Poynette-Away 4:30
- 7(Th)-Volleyball Dual MS-GL/PR-Away 4:30
- 7(Th)-Volleyball JV2,JV,V-GL/PR-**Home** 5:45,7:30
- 7(Th)-Football MS-Randolph-Away 6:00
- 8(F)-Football V-Dodgeland-Away
- 8(F)-Volleyball Invite V-Just a Game
- 9(Sa)-Volleyball Invite-Just a Game
- 11(M)-Volleyball Tri JV2-GL/PR-Away-5:00
- 11(M)-Football JV-Dodgeland-**Home** 6:00
- 12(Tu)-Cross Country Invite-Waupun -Away 4:00
- 12(Tu)-Volleyball MS Dual-Pardeeville-**Home** 6:00
- 12(Tu)-Volleyball JV, V Dual-Fall River-**Home** 5:45,7:15
- 14(Th)-Cross Country Invite-Johnson Creek-Away 4:00
- 14(Th)-Volleyball MS Dual-Randolph-Away 4:30
- 14(Th)-Football MS-Marshall-Away 6:00
- 15(F)-Football V-Palmyra-Eagle-Away
- 16(Sa)-Volleyball V Tourn-Berlin-Away 9:00
- 18(M)-Volleyball MS Dual-Randolph-Away 4:30
- 18(M)-Volleyball JV Multi-**Home** 5:00
- 18(M)-Football JV-Palmyra-Eagle-**Home** 6:00
- 19(Tu)-Volleyball MS Dual-Rio-**Home** 4:30
- 21(Th)-Cross Country Invite-Horicon-Away Senior Night 4:00
- 21(Th)-Volleyball MS Dual-Cambria-Friesland-**Home** 4:30
- 21(Th)-Volleyball JV, V Dual-Cambria-Friesland-**Home** 5:45,7:30
- 21(Th)-Volleyball JV2 Dual-Dodgeland-**Home** 5:45
- 21(Th)-Football MS Waterloo-**Home** 5:00
- 22(F)-Football V-Clinton-**Home** 7:00
- 23(Sa)-Volleyball V Invite-Westfield-Away 9:00
- 25(M)-Volleyball JV Multi-Princeton-Away 5:00
- 25(M)-Football JV-Clinton-Away 6:00
- 26(Tu)-Volleyball MS Dual-CWC-Away 4:30
- 26(Tu)-Volleyball JV, V Dual-Randolph-Away 6:00,7:30
- 28(Th)-Volleyball MS Dual-Dodgeland-**Home** 4:30
- 28(Th)-Football MS-Pardeeville-Away 6:00
- 29(F)-**Early Out** 12:45
- 29(F)-Football V-Horicon/Hustisford-Away 7:00
- 29(F)-Cross Country Invite-Lake Mills GC 7:20

COMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

- 2(M)-Volleyball MS Dual-Fall River-Away 4:30
- 2(M)-Football JV-Horicon/Hustisford-**Home** 6:00
- 3(Tu)-Cross Country Invite-Laconia-Away 4:00
- 3(Tu)-Volleyball MS Dual-Hustisford-**Home** 4:30
- 3(Tu)-Volleyball JV2,JV,V Dual-Rio-**Home** 5:45, 7:30
- 5(Th)-Cross Country Invite-Fox Lake GC 4:00
- 5(Th)-Football MS-Fall River-**Home** 5:00
- 5(Th)-Volleyball Tri JV2,JV,V-Horicon-Away 5:00
- 6(F)-Football V-Cambridge-**Home** 7:00

2023-2024 MDS CALENDAR

- September
 - 4(M)-Holiday
 - 29(F)-Early Out
- October
 - 18(W)-Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - 19(Th)-P-T Conf/Inservice/No School
 - 20(F)-No School
- November
 - 3(F)-First Quarter Ends
 - 22(W)-No School
 - 23(Th)-Holidiay
 - 24(F)-No School
- December
 - 25-29(M-F)-No School
- January
 - 1(M)-No School
 - 12(F)-Second Quarter Ends
 - 15(M)-Inservice
- February
 - 16(F)-Early Out
- March
 - 11-15(M-F)-No School
 - 22(F)-Third Quarter Ends
 - 29(F)-No School
- April
 - 1(M)-Inservice
- May
 - 10(F)-Early Out
 - 24(F)-Graduation
 - 27(M)-Holiday
 - 30(Th)-Last Day of School
 - 31(F)-Inservice