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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

Please join us in sharing a love of reading with our students at Markesan's Scholastic Book Fair. The whole elementary school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair on Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

The Book Fair will run from 3:10 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary School Gym. Mark your calendar for this event where you can purchase books with a 20% discount off each purchase. Cash, checks, credit cards, and Scholastic ewallet are accepted forms of payment. Don't miss this opportunity to light up a child's face with the excitement of reading a good book!

Can't make the Book Fair? Check out the Book Fair website at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/markesanelementaryschool1> See you at the Book Fair on October 4!



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.

FALL CONCERTS

Markesan's Fall Concert Programs are just around the corner. The middle school and high school choirs and bands will be performing on Wednesday, October 25. The choir program will be a pops program and is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. This program includes the sixth grade choir, the middle school choir and the high school choir.

The Markesan bands will be kicking off their concert at 7:00 p.m. This will be the sixth grade band's very first concert. The middle school band and the high school Marching Hornets will be performing music from the fall football series, as well as debuting new pep band charts for the basketball season.

Both concerts will be held in the Markesan middle school gym and are free to the public. Hope to see all of you there.

FALL PLAY-NOVEMBER 10-11

This year's fall play is "The Single Man" written by Don Zolidis. Performances will be Friday, November 10 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school gym. Ticket prices will be \$5 for adults and \$3 dollars for students.

After a death threat is found on the set of the hit television show, THE SINGLE MAN, the producers strike upon a brilliant idea: Have suave mustachioed investigator Henri Poisson fill in for the terrified bachelor in order to root out the

presumptive killer. But with eight single ladies vying for his attention on the show, will Poisson be able to discover the killer in time? Who will get the rose, and who will get the thorns? A hilarious murder mystery spoof.

If you are a fan of THE BACHELOR television show, you will be sure to enjoy this play.

COMMUNITY INPUT SESSIONS ON FACILITIES

Join us on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 in the Markesan Elementary Library and Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 in the Middle School Cafeteria 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/FacilitiesPlanning.



Markesan District Schools **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** SEPTEMBER 2023

Congratulations to the Markesan Middle School and High School students of the month. Students are selected by faculty and staff members based on their leadership and citizen qualities.



Grade 6
Payton Drager



Grade 7
Lila Vinz



Grade 8
Parker Preuss



Grade 9
David Oft



Grade 10
Braden Burk



Grade 11
Madelyn Vande Brink



Grade 12
Larkin Michels

GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING YOUR CHILD HOME

As we emerge from a COVID world, Markesan Schools would like to remind parents of our guidelines.

When should I keep my child home from school? Answers: Keep your child home when...

***Oral temperature above 100.0 F. He/she should be free of fever for 24 hours without medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen.**

- *Cold symptoms serious enough to interfere with child's ability to learn.
- *Cough causing difficulty breathing or moderate to severe chest pain.
- *Undiagnosed rash or open sores with drainage.
- *Headache severe enough to interfere with learning.
- *Abdominal pain accompanied by elevated temperature, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- ***Diarrhea or vomiting within the past 24 hours.**
- *Sore throat serious enough to interfere with swallowing or accompanied by fever or rash.
- *Head lice infestation. Students may return to school once live lice treated and nits (eggs) removed.
- *"Pinkeye," if drainage present or discomfort/itching interferes with learning.
- *Any bacterial infection until student has been on antibiotics therapy for 24 hours.

VISION SCREENING AT SCHOOL

By: Sam Mertens, RN, NCSN

The Markesan District Schools local Lions will be assisting with vision screening using the Spot Vision Screen Camera this fall. We saw great success with the screening in past years, so we are going to screen the entire Elementary this year.

You may wonder what this screener camera is. According to Welch Allyn "the Spot Vision Screener is a handheld, portable device designed to help users quickly and easily detect vision issues on patients from 6 months of age through adult. Spot screens both eyes at once from a nonthreatening 3-foot distance." It is used to screen for visual acuity, eye alignment, unequal refractive power (one eye sees better than the other), and astigmatism. The actual screening process takes about 30 seconds to complete.

Parents will be notified via letter if a professional vision exam is recommended. This screen is in no way intended to replace a professional eye exam because it does not detect disease or other problems with the eyes or surrounding structures.

If you do not want your child screened, please notify the school in writing by October 7. If you opted out of screening in past years, you will still need to notify the school in writing annually.

MRS. JENSEN VISITS MRS. SYMONS' ROOM

On Friday, September 15, Mrs. Symons' room had a visitor from the library. Mrs. Jensen read a story about a snake that visited a school.

After hearing the story, the students were given their own rock to paint. The students painted their rock which will become part of a bigger snake that will be part of an outdoor display. Pictured below are a few students showing their painted rock.



NOVEMBER ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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.		1 French Toast Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	2 Muffins Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	3 Mini Cinni's Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk
6 Cinnamon Toast Yogurt Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	7 Breakfast Cookie Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	8 Waffles Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	9 Cereal Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	10 Blueberry Donut Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk
13 Breakfast Bites Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	14 Crackers String Cheese Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	15 Cereal Bar Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	16 Pancakes Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	17 Donut Holes Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk
20 Cereal Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	21 Egg & Cheese Sandwich Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	22 No School	23 Thanksgiving No School 	24 No School
27 Pop Tart Yogurt Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	28 Mini Donuts Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	29 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	30 WG Long John Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #FFD700;">CARRY</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-style: italic; color: #FFD700;">A Thankful</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #FFD700;">HEART</p>

NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH MENU



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NOTES: 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. Students must take a serving of fruit or vegetable daily. All meals are subject to change without notice. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.		1 Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Cooked Broccoli Fruit Bread	2 Hot Dog Macaroni & Cheese Mixed Vegetables Fruit Bread	3 Fish in a Bun Curly Fries Peas Fruit Or Uncrustable String Cheese MS/HS
6 Grilled Chicken Bun Potato Smiles Cooked Cauliflower Fruit	7 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Creamy Coleslaw Sweet Peppers Fruit	8 Hamburger Or Cheeseburger in Bun Tater Tots Green Beans Fruit	9 Tacos With all the Fixings Refried Beans Corn Fruit	10 Grilled Cheese Chili & Crackers Baby Carrots Fruit
13 Mini Corn Dogs Potato Wedges Baked Beans Fruit	14 Chicken Fajitas Fajita Vegetables Corn Fruit	15 Pizza Dippers Pizza Sauce Tri-Taters Celery Fruit	16 Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Stove Top Stuffing Green Beans Cranberries Dinner Rolls	17 French Toast Omelet Hash Browns Cooked Broccoli Fruit
20 Cheese Quesadilla Fiesta Rice Black Beans Corn Fruit	21 Chicken Smackers French Fries Cooked Cauliflower Fruit Bread	22 No School	23 Thanksgiving No School 	24 No School
27 Pork Patty Mashed Potatoes Gravy Mixed Vegetables Fruit Bread	28 Chicken Nuggets Savory Rice Peas Fruit Bread	29 Macho Nachos Black Beans Corn Fruit	30 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Romaine Salad Green Beans Fruit Bread Stick	



 **Markesan District Schools-“Opening Doors For Kids”**
 DALTON - FAIRWATER - GREEN LAKE - KINGSTON - MACKFORD - MANCHESTER - MARKESAN - MARQUETTE

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-Laonia-Away 4:00
- 3(Tu)-Volleyball MS Dual-Hustisford-Home 4:30
- 3(Tu)-Volleyball JV, V Dual-Rio-Home 5:45,7:30
- 4(W)-Elementary Book Fair
- 4(W)-Community Meeting-Elementary Library 6:30
- 5(Th)-Cross Country Invite-Lourdes Away 4:00
- 5(Th)-Football MS-Fall River-Home 5:00
- 5(Th)-Volleyball Tri JV2,JV,V-Horicon-Away 5:00
- 6(F)-FFA Safety Day
- 6(F)-Football V-Cambridge-Home 7:00
- 7(Sa)-Volleyball JV2 Tourn-Abundant Life-Away 9:00
- 7(Sa)-Volleyball V Conf 8:00
- 9(M)-Volleyball MS Dual-Horicon-Away 4:30
- 9(M)-Football JV-Cambridge-Away 6:00
- 10(Tu)-Volleyball MS Dual-Montello-Home 4:30
- 11(W)-Academic Awards 6:00
- 11(W)-Board of Education Meeting 7:00
- 12(Th)-Cross Country Conf-Princeton-Away 4:00
- 13(F)-Football V-Marshall-Home 7:00
- 14(Sa)-Volleyball MS Conf-Dodgeland-Away 8:00
- 18(W)-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 19(Th)-Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School
- 20(F)-No School
- 21(Sa)-Cross Country Sectional-Colby-Away 10:30
- 24(Tu)-Boys Basketball MS-GL/PR-Home 4:30
- 24(Tu)-Community Meeting-Middle School Cafeteria 6:30
- 25(W)-Fall Choir & Band Concerts 6:00, 7:00
- 26(Th)-Boys Basketball MS-Cambria-Friesland-Home 4:30
- 31(Tu)-Boys Basketball MS-Rio-Home 4:30

COMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- 2(Th)-Boys Basketball MS-Dodgeland-Home 4:30
- 3(F)-End of First Quarter
- 7(Tu)-Boys Basketball MS-Pardeeville-Home 4:30
- 9(Th)-Boys Basketball MS-Horicon-Away 4:30
- 10(F)-Fall Play 7:00
- 11(Sa)-Fall Play 7:00
- 11(Sa)-Girls Basketball V Scrimmage-Waterloo-Away 9:00

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

The August 9, 2023 (7:00 p.m.) meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Clark at 7:04 p.m. with nine members present. Mr. Krueger and Mrs. Newton were absent. Motion by Abendroth/Lemke to approve the agenda as presented carried 9-0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no citizen statements.

There were no staff/student reports.

Motion by Fenske/Waterbury to approve the following consent items as presented: July 12, 2023 (6:30 p.m.) meeting minutes; July 12, 2023 (7:00 p.m.) meeting minutes; July 24, 2023 annual meeting minutes; July bills/August payroll (vouchers #117749, 117751-117770, 117773-117802, 117814-117826, 117828-117835, 117837-117844, 1177845-1177862, 2307071, 2307111, 2307112, 2307121, 2307131, 2307191, 2307211-2307212, 2307221, 2307251, 2307312-2307313, 202307061, 202307070, 202307101, 202307111, 202307121, 202307131, 202307141, 202307152, 232307191, 202307212-202307213, 202307241, 202307261, 202307271 = \$580,412.01; payroll #117771, 117803-117813 = \$102,754.02; total = \$683,166.03); 2023-2024 Return to School Plan (Review per ESSER III Requirements); donation – Edna Erna Pugh Trust – activities and athletics – \$14,700.00; employment – head varsity boys basketball coach – Skip Laper; handbooks: 2023-2024 Elementary School Student and Parent Handbook, 2023-2024

Driver Transportation Handbook, 2023-2024 Middle School Student and Parent Handbook, 2023-2024 High School Student and Parent Handbook, 2023-2024 Co-curricular Code Handbook and 2023-2024 Teacher Guidelines Handbook; resignation – head varsity gymnastics coach – Carol Klitz and job description/vacancy notice – head varsity gymnastics coach carried 9-0.

Mr. Zacharias reported regarding the 2023-2024 budget.

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

The next meeting of the Curriculum Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The July 12, 2023 Personnel/Finance Committee meeting minutes were included in the packet for review.

The August 7, 2023 Personnel/Finance Committee meeting minutes were presented for review.

The next meeting of the Personnel/Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 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, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Abendroth/Kuehn to adjourn to closed session at 7:16 p.m. carried 9-0. A roll call vote was taken.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

The August 9, 2023 (5:30 p.m.) meeting of the Board of Education of the Markesan District Schools was called to order by President Clark at 5:30 p.m. with six members present. Mrs. Frederick and Mr. Kuehn arrived at 5:32 p.m. Mr. Krueger,

Mrs. Lemke and Mrs. Newton were absent. Motion by Waterbury/Fenske to approve the agenda as presented carried 6-0.

The Board of Education discussed 2021-2024 strategic planning.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of the Markesan District Schools is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school multi-purpose room.