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CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAY (CHILDREN AGES 2 ½ to 3 ½)

Child Development Day will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Markesan Elementary School. Please turn to page two for more information.

FOUR-YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Markesan Elementary School will hold Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Screening on Friday, March 1, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for children who plan to attend Four-Year-Old Kindergarten in the fall of 2024; (Children must be four before September 1, 2024.) The registration will be held at the elementary school.



On this day, students will be engaged in play-based learning activities typical of a 4K day. Staff members will monitor students in the classroom setting. The speech pathologist, school counselor, and psychologist will be available to answer any questions from families. This process will take about 45 minutes. Please call Bev McElroy at the elementary school (920-398-4301) with your child's name, birth date, and address to make an appointment for screening. Parents need to bring their child's birth certificate and immunization record.

FIVE-YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Markesan Elementary School will hold Five-Year-Old Kindergarten Screening on Friday, March 1, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for children who did not attend the Markesan Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Program during the 2023-2024 year, but plan to attend Five-Year-Old Kindergarten in the fall of 2024; (Children must be five before September 1, 2024.) The registration will be held at the elementary school.



On this day, students will be engaged in play-based learning activities. Staff members will monitor students in the classroom setting. The speech pathologist, school counselor, and psychologist will be available to answer any questions from families. This process will take about 45 minutes. Please call Bev McElroy at the elementary school (920-398-4301) with your child's name, birth date, and address to make an appointment for screening. Parents need to bring their child's birth certificate and immunization record.

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2024-2025 HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are scheduled to do registration during the second week of February. Parents are encouraged to talk with their son or daughter about courses for the next school year. The course descriptions and other information for registering are on the district website. Any updated information for registering will be available after the first of the year.

UPCOMING HORNET HABITS EVENTS

Markesan Elementary School will be starting the year with two special events. On January 12, it is Hornet Habit Night at the high school. Elementary students will receive a ticket for free admission to the boy's varsity basketball game against Waupun with the JV starting at 5:45. An adult must attend with the students. Thank you to Didion for sponsoring the student tickets for this event.

On February 7, we plan to have a sledding night at the elementary school from 4:30-6:00. Keep an eye out on Facebook for updates since this event is weather permitting.

2024 SUMMER REC BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, & TBALL SIGN UPS

WHO: Any 4K-8th grade student residing in the Markesan School District interested in playing league baseball, softball or T-ball in the summer of 2024

WHAT: Attend ONE of the in person sign ups listed below to register your child(ren).

In addition to registering to play, you may also purchase new hats/visors and gently used cleats during sign ups. Please bring a check or cash along to pay at sign up.

WHERE: High School Library

WHEN: Mondays-Jan.29 (4:00-6:00 p.m.), Feb.12 (5:00-7:00 p.m.)

Wednesdays- Jan.24 (3:30-5:00 p.m.), Feb.7 (4:00-6:00 p.m.)

Thursdays-January 18-(5:00-7:00 p.m.)

Questions- please contact Lacey Bruce at brucelac@markesan.k12.wi.us or 920-398-4219



Markesan District Schools **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** DECEMBER 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
Weston Jahnke



Grade 7
Arlison Lopez-Flores



Grade 8
Erika Huerta



Grade 9
Reid Leedle



Grade 10
Ginger Austin



Grade 11
Chloe Jerome



Grade 12
Anders Bengry

GRADE 3 GINGERBREAD HOUSES

On Friday, December 1 the third graders made gingerbread houses at the elementary school. They invited parents and grandparents in for the afternoon to help them decorate their gingerbread houses. They had a lot of fun and made some creative gingerbread houses. We want to thank all the parents and grandparents who donated frosting, gingerbread supplies, and their time to help prepare, build, and clean-up for our project.



SPELLING BEE 2024

The Markesan School District Spelling Bee will be held January 10, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the high school gym. The winner will go on to compete in the regional Spelling Bee. Good luck, Spellers!

CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAY (CHILDREN AGES 2 ½ to 3 ½)

Child Development Day will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Markesan Elementary School. We will be screening children ages 2 ½ to 3 ½. The purpose of this screening is to:

1. Educate families concerning child growth and development.
2. Develop awareness of community resources available in the areas of education, child care, medical/health and family services.
3. Identify young children in need of further assessment.



Please call Bev McElroy at 398-4301 to set up an appointment. We strongly encourage you to participate in this free child development screening. If your child cannot participate on this date and you have concerns, please call to set up another screening appointment. If your child attended the screening last year and you have no further concerns, another screening is not necessary.

Markesan District Schools
FACILITY STUDY FACT SHEET

A facility study is a proactive and strategic approach to ensuring our educational facilities are safe, functional, and adaptable to the evolving needs of both students and our community.

FACILITY STUDY FINDINGS

The facility study revealed our facilities are generally in “fair” condition with some areas rated as “good” and one marked as “poor.”

The middle/high school exhibits better overall condition compared with the elementary school.

The full report is available on our district website-markean.k12.wi.us/facilitiesplanning.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

After conducting a facility study and engaging in community and staff input sessions, the following proposed improvements are recommended by the district for community consideration.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Improve safety for vehicle pick-up/drop-off areas
- New 4K-5K classrooms
- Grade 1 space upgrades
- Grade 4 and 5 classroom renovations
- Relocate cafeteria to existing gymnasium
- New gymnasium addition
- New accessibility for Grades 2-3 to second floor Art and Music
- New accessibility for Title on second story space
- ADA access to both floors
- Accommodate Special Education space needs
- Preliminary project budget range is \$35,900,000 - \$40,600,000

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- New secure entry
- New office addition
- Renovate cafeteria
- Renovate middle school gym/auditorium
- Renovate middle school locker room
- Renovate Special Education space
- New agriculture science lab
- New greenhouse
- Preliminary project budget range is \$13,200,000 - \$13,900,000

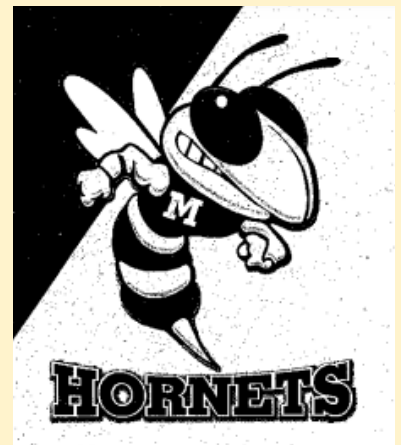
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Jason Breaker, District Administrator

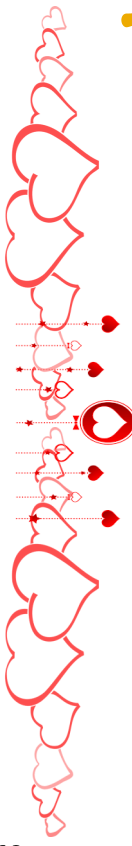
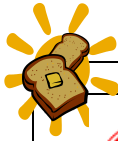
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FEBRUARY ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 <p>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.</p>			1 Waffles Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	2 Mini Cinni's Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk
5 Omelet Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	6 Cereal Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	7 French Toast Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	8 Donut Holes Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	9 Muffin Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk
12 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	13 Crackers String Cheese Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	14 Pancakes Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	15 Cereal Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	16 Mini Donuts Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk
19 Cinnamon Toast Yogurt Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	20 Breakfast Bites Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	21 Cereal Bar Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	22 Egg & Cheese Sandwich Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	23 Breakfast Cookie Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk
26 Blueberry Donut Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	27 Omelet Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	28 WG Long John Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	29 Cereal Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	

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 serving of fruit or vegetables is required daily. All meals are subject to change without notice. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



FEBRUARY HOT LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Ham Patty in Bun Parsley Potatoes Cooked Carrots Fruit	2 Pizzaburgers French Fries Green Beans Fruit
5 Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Peas Fruit	6 Pork Patty Mashed Potatoes Cooked Carrots Fruit Bread	7 Chicken Nuggets Savory Rice Mixed Vegetables Fruit Bread	8 Tacos With all the Fixings Refried Beans Corn Fruit	9 Hamburger or Cheeseburger/Bun Potato Smiles Baked Beans Fruit
12 Grilled Cheese Chili & Crackers Baby Carrots Fruit	13 Chicken Fajitas Fajita Vegetables Corn Fruit	14 French Toast Omelet Hash Browns Cooked Broccoli Fruit	15 Chicken Smackers Curly Fries Peas Fruit Bread	16 Pizza Dippers Pizza Sauce Tri-Taters Cooked Carrots Fruit
19 Corn Dog Macaroni & Cheese Baked Beans Fruit	20 Macho Nachos Black Beans Corn Fruit	21 Chicken Fries Baby Bakers Cooked Cauliflower Fruit Bread	22 Spaghetti With Meat Sauce Romaine Salad Green Beans Fruit Garlic Toast	23 Fish in a Bun Potato Wedges Peas Fruit Or Uncrustables MS/HS
26 Cheese Quesadilla Fiesta Rice Black Beans Corn Fruit	27 Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Fruit Bread	28 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Creamy Coleslaw Sweet Peppers Fruit	29 Lasagna Romaine Salad Green Beans Fruit Bread Stick	

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

The November 8, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education of the Markesan District Schools was called to order by President Clark at 7:00 p.m. with ten members present. Mrs. Baggett was absent. Motion by Waterbury/Kuehn to approve the agenda as presented carried 10-0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no citizen statements.

Abigail Slate reported regarding recent National Honor Society and Student Council activities.

Motion by Fenske/Lemke to approve the following consent items as presented: October 11, 2023 meeting minutes; October 23, 2023 meeting minutes; October bills/November payroll (vouchers #118334-118444, 118446-118448, 118450-118463, 118465-118489, 118507-118563, 118565-118589, 2310031, 2310111, 2310171, 2310191-2310192, 2310201, 2310221, 2310301-2310302, 2310311, 202309271, 202309281, 202309291, 202310031, 202310051, 202310061, 202310101, 202310121, 202310151, 202310171, 202310201, 202310241 = \$934,699.11; payroll #118490-118506 = \$348,190.34; total = \$1,282,889.45); 2024-2025 Calendar; donation – Edna Erna Pugh Trust – Grade 7 camp – \$3,000.00; donation – Markesan Baseball Club and Markesan Softball Club – diamond grooming equipment – \$1,690.00; employment – high school student council co-advisor – Kylee Brabant; employment – JV softball coach – Jon Stellmacher; resignation – middle school football coach – Dean Slark and job description/vacancy notice – middle school football coach carried 10-0.

Mr. Breaker presented a recommendation to purchase a floor scrubber for the elementary school from Pike Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$8,400.00. Motion by Abendroth/Waterbury to approve the recommendation to purchase a floor scrubber for the elementary school from Pike Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$8,400.00 as presented carried 10-0.

Mr. Breaker presented a recommendation to upgrade the air handler unit #5 drives at the middle/high school from JMB & Associates in the amount of \$6,804.00. Motion by Abendroth/Krueger to approve the recommendation to upgrade the air handler unit #5 drives at the middle/high school from JMB & Associates in the amount of \$6,804.00 as presented carried 10-0.

Mr. Breaker presented a recommendation to upgrade technical education in the amount of \$6,929.89. Motion by Kuehn/Krueger to approve the recommendation to upgrade technical education in the amount of \$6,929.89 carried 10-0.

Mr. Zacharias reported regarding the 2023-2024 budget.

The following fall extra-curricular activity reports were included in the packet for review: cross country, football and volleyball.

The October 23, 2023 Executive Committee meeting minutes were presented for review.

The October 11, 2023 Personnel/Finance Committee meeting minutes were included in the packet for review.

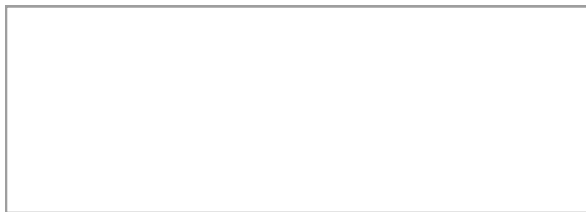
The next meeting of the Personnel/Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of the Markesan District Schools is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Fenske/Lemke to adjourn to closed session at 7:22 p.m. carried 10-0. 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 January 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school multi-purpose room.



Markesan District Schools-*“Opening Doors For Kids”*

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COMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY

- 1(M)-**No School**
4(Th)-Wrestling Quad-GL/PR-Away 5:00
4(Th)-Girls Basketball JV,V-Rio-**Home** 5:45,7:15
5(F)-Boys Basketball JV,V-Rio-Away 5:45,7:15
9(Tu)-Girls Basketball MS-Horicon-Away 4:30
9(Tu)-Girls Basketball JV-Oakfield-**Home** 5:45
9(Tu)-Girls Basketball V-Waterloo-**Home** 7:15
9(Tu)-Boys Basketball JV2,JV,V-Ripon-Away 5:45,7:15
11(Th)-Girls Basketball MS-Fall River-**Home** 4:30
11(Th)-Girls Basketball JV,V-Ripon-**Home** 5:45,7:15
11(Th)-Wrestling-Hustisford-Away 5:00
12(F)-**End of Quarter 2**
12(F)-Girls Basketball-Johnson Creek-Away 4:00
12(F)-Boys Basketball JV2,JV,V-Waupun-**Home** 5:45,7:15
13(Sa)-Girls Basketball-Johnson Creek-Away 9:00
13(Sa)-Wrestling Invite-Valders-Away 9:00
15(M)-**Teacher Inservice-No School**
16(Tu)-Girls Basketball MS-Montello-**Home** 4:30
16(Tu)-Girls Basketball JV,V-Berlin-Away 5:45,7:15
16(Tu)-Boys Basketball JV2,JV,V-Lomira-**Home** 5:45,6:00,7:15
18(Th)-Wrestling Quad-Montello-Away 5:00
18(Th)-Girls Basketball JV,V-GL/PR-**Home** 5:45,7:15
19(F)-Boys Basketball V-Horicon-Away 4:00
20(Sa)-Boys Basketball V-Horicon-Away 9:00
20(Sa)-Wrestling Invite-**Home** 9:30
23(Tu)-Girls Basketball MS-Pardeeville-**Home** 4:30
23(Tu)-Girls Basketball JV,V-Montello-Away 5:45,7:15
25(Th)-Girls Basketball MS-GL/PR-Away 4:30
25(Th)-Boys Basketball JV,V-GL/PR-Away 5:45,7:15
25(Th)-Wrestling Quad-**Home** 5:00
26(F)-Girls Basketball JV,V-Fall River-**Home** 5:45,7:15
30(Tu)-Girls Basketball MS-Rio-**Home** 4:30
30(Tu)-Boys Basketball JV2,JV,V-Montello-**Home** 4:30,5:45,7:15

COMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

- 1(Th)-Girls Basketball MS,JV,V-Randolph-Away 4:30,5:45,7:15
2(F)-Boys Basketball JV2,JV,V-Fall River-Away 5:45,7:15
3(Sa)-Wrestling Conf Tourn-Deerfield-Away 8:00
3(Sa)-Girls Basketball JV,V-Lodi-**Home** 1:30,3:00
5(M)-Forensics Meet-Princeton
5(M)-Girls Basketball MS-CWC-**Home** 4:30
5(M)-Boys Basketball JV2,V-Marshall-**Home** 6:00,7:15
6(Tu)-Girls Basketball MS-Cambria-Friesland-Away 4:30
6(Tu)-Girls Basketball JV,V-Pardeeville-**Home** 5:45,7:15
8(Th)-Girls Basketball MS-Dodgeland-Away 4:30
8(Th)-Girls Basketball V-Winnebago-**Home** 6:00
8(Th)-Boys Basketball JV,V-Randolph-**Home** 5:45,7:15
9(F)-Girls Basketball JV,V-Cambria-Friesland-**Home** 5:45,7:15

