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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. 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.

FOUR & FIVE YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Markesan Elementary School will hold Four & Five 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 Kindergarten in the fall of 2024. If your child attended 4K during the 2023-2024 school year you will not need to schedule a screening. Children must be four or 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 typical of a school 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.

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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.

ELEMENTARY TOURS-FACILITY PLANNING

On Thursday, February 29 we will be offering tours and a question and answer session at Markesan Elementary from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. This will be an informational session in conjunction with the district facility planning. Please enter through the bus doors.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Middle/High School Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 21 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This conference is an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to check on your student's second semester progress and ask questions. You may also pay any student bills at the middle/high school office.

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).

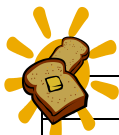
In addition to registering to play, you may also purchase new hats/visors and gently used cleats during sign ups. Please bring a check or cash along to pay at sign up.

WHERE: High School Library

WHEN: Wednesday, Feb.7 (4:00-6:00 p.m.) or Monday, Feb.12 (5:00-7:00 p.m.)

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





ELEMENTARY MARCH BREAKFAST



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.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Waffles Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk
4 Crackers String Cheese Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	5 Mini Cinni's Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	6 Pancakes Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	7 Muffins Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	8 Cereal Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk
11 No School	12 No School	13 No School	14 No School	15 No School
18 Cereal Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	19 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	20 Donut Holes Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	21 French Toast Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	22 Pop Tarts Yogurt Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk
25 WG Long John Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	26 Breakfast Bites Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	27 Mini Donuts Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	28 Cereal Fruit Cup Juice Cup Milk	29 No School



MARCH HOT LUNCH MENU



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Egg/Cheese Sand Sausage Tater Tots Cooked Broccoli Juice
4 Pizza Dippers Pizza Sauce Tri-Taters Baby Carrots Fruit	5 Hamburger or Cheeseburger/Bun Sweet Potato Fries Baked Beans Fruit	6 Chicken Nuggets Savory Rice Peas Fruit Bread	7 Tacos With all the Fixings Refried Beans Corn Fruit	8 French Toast Omelet Hash Browns Cooked Broccoli Fruit
11 No School Spring Break	12 No School Spring Break	13 No School Spring Break	14 No School Spring Break	15 No School Spring Break
18 Chicken Smackers Potato Smiles Cooked Cauliflower Fruit Bread	19 Macho Nachos Black Beans Corn Fruit	20 Chicken & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Fruit Dinner Roll	21 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Romaine Salad Green Beans Fruit Garlic Toast	22 Fish French Fries Peas Fruit or Uncrustable & String Cheese MS/HS
25 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Creamy Coleslaw Celery Fruit	26 Chicken Patty/Bun Curly Fries Cooked Broccoli Fruit	27 Cheese Quesadilla Fiesta Rice Black Beans Corn Fruit	28 Mini Corn Dogs Potato Wedges Cooked Carrots Fruit	29 No School

Markesan District Schools **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** JANUARY 2024

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
Raelyn Laper



Grade 7
Lainey Jahns



Grade 8
Keaton Jerome



Grade 9
Gavin Slark



Grade 10
Mario Herrera



Grade 11
Carter Reihbandt



Grade 12
Avriana Plautz

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

The December 13, 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 eleven members present. Mr. Clark stated Item 7.1 – Facilities Assessment Update would follow Item 3 – Staff/Student Reports on the agenda. Motion by Abendroth/Lemke to approve the agenda as presented and amended carried 11-0. Mrs. Frederick left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no citizen statements.

There were no staff/student reports.

Clint Selle, Bray Architects and Dave Mertens, C.D. Smith Construction presented information relative to the facilities assessment.

Motion by Kuehn/Waterbury to approve the following consent items as presented: November 8, 2023 meeting minutes; November bills/December payroll (vouchers #118590-118669, 118671-118675, 118691-118754, 2311011, 2311131, 2311211-2311212, 2311221, 2311271-2311272, 2311301, 202311012-202311014, 202311021, 202311031, 202311061, 202311101, 202311141, 202311151, 202311211, 202311271, 202311281 = \$761,138.25; payroll #118676-118690 = \$332,029.87; total = \$1,093,168.12); 2024-2025 Calendar; ACT 143 – 2023 school safety drills; donation – Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative – elementary school science – \$350.00; donation – Francis R. & Ruth E. Oberreich Foundation – drama department – \$500.00;

employment – assistant varsity track coach – Kailie Heinz; employment – JV2 boys basketball coach – Brent Anderson; employment – middle school girls basketball coach – Troy Miller and long range library plan carried 11-0.

Mr. Zacharias reported regarding the 2023-2024 budget.

The Notice of School Board Election was included in the packet for review.

The inclement weather school delay and closing procedure was included in the packet for review.

The WASB Convention is scheduled for January 17-19, 2024 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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

The November 8, 2023 Personnel/Finance Committee meeting minutes were included in the packet for review.

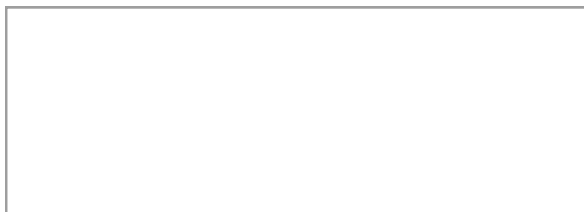
The next meeting of the Personnel/Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of the Markesan District Schools is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Kuehn/Waterbury to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. carried 10-0.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of the Markesan District Schools is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school multi-purpose room.



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

DALTON - FAIRWATER - GREEN LAKE - KINGSTON - MACKFORD - MANCHESTER - MARKESAN - MARQUETTE

COMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

1(Th)-Girls Basketball MS-Randolph-Away 4:30
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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-Away
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 Lutheran-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
12(M)-**Forensics Meet**-Ripon-Away
13(Tu)-Girls Basketball MS-Horicon-**Home** 4:30
13(Tu)-Girls Basketball JV,V-Omro-Away 5:50,7:15
13(Th)-Boys Basketball JV2,JV,V-Pardeeville-Away 4:15,5:45,7:15
15(Th)-Girls Basketball MS-Montello-Away 4:30
15(Th)-Girls Basketball JV,V-Rio-Away 5:45,7:15
15(Th)-Boys Basketball JV2,JV,V-Cambria-Friesland-Away 4:15,5:45,7:15
16(F)-**Early Out** 12:45
17(Sa)-**Solo Ensemble**
19(M)-Boys Basketball JV2,JV,V-CWC-**Home** 5:45,6:00,7:15
22(Th)-Boys Basketball JV,V-Rio-**Home** 5:45,7:15

COMING EVENTS FOR MARCH

2(Sa)-Wrestling MS Invite-Appleton North-Away 8:30
3(Su)-**FFA Toy Show**
5(Tu)-Wrestling MS Tri-**Home** 4:15
6(W)-**FFA District Speaking Contest-Home** 3:25-7:45
7(Th)-Wrestling MS Tri-Berlin-Away 4:00



DISTRICT SPELLING BEE RESULTS

Congratulations to our top spellers
in Grades 4-8.

4th Grade: Cullen Lenz
5th Grade: Nicholas Castillo
6th Grade: Payton Drager
7th Grade: Adelyn Zerull
8th Grade: Sawyer Niquette

These top spellers then competed in our
District Spelling Bee.

Congratulations to Adelyn Zerull who
is our District Spelling Bee winner and
will go on to represent Markesan in the
Regional Spelling Bee on February 21.



CROSSING GUARDS & BUS DRIVERS!!!

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER and HORNET HABIT YOUTH NIGHT

On February 22, there will be a fundraiser held at the Markesan High School for the Guderjahn family who recently lost their husband/father. The Guderjahn family has four boys who attend school in our district and two girls who have graduated in recent years from Markesan High School.

This fundraiser is coinciding with the annual Hornet Habit Youth Night at the Markesan High School. The Markesan boys' basketball team will be playing against Rio that night.

The Markesan National Honor Society is sponsoring a

Spaghetti Dinner, a bake sale and a 50/50 raffle. There will also be an opportunity for people to buy raffle tickets to potentially win prizes donated by staff and others.

The cost of the meal will be \$7. The meal will include a serving of spaghetti with sauce, a piece of bread, salad and a dessert. Other baked goods will be available for purchase. Serving will begin around 5:00 p.m. and will go until the start of the varsity game. All money raised from the evening will go to help the Guderjahn family. Please join us on February 22 for dinner to support the Guderjahn family.