



Black Hawk School District

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April 2026

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INCOMING FRESHMEN HS ORIENTATION

Who - 8th graders and at least 1 Parent/Guardian

What - Black Hawk High School Orientation and Registration for Classes

When - Thursday, May 21, 2026
@ 6:00 p.m. (Anticipated duration 45 - 60 minutes)

Where - High School Gymnasium

April 7, 2026

The date of the \$800,000 recurring referendum for the Black Hawk School District is approaching. Please take time to be informed and vote. If you have not been able to get your questions answered, you can contact me to arrange a time to ask questions or share thoughts. chawil@blackhawk.k12.wi.us or (608) 234-1581.

STUDENT *of the* MONTH

AT BLACK HAWK HIGH SCHOOL IS 18-YEAR-OLD



Taylor Stegall

DAUGHTER OF BETH & JUSTIN STEGALL



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FFA, Future Business Leaders of America, Track and Field, Student Council, Forensics, and National Honor Society.

HONORS

High Honor Roll and Distinguished Honor Roll.

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Nursing classes/clinicals.

HOBBIES

Reading, swimming, and camping.

VOLUNTEERING

FFA events and Student Council events.

FUTURE PLANS

I plan on getting my Rn and working while I complete my BSN

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403 West 8th St.
(608) 325.7766

Blanchardville
319 South Main St.
(608) 523.4215

Argyle
101 Spruce St.
(608) 544.9117

South Wayne
212 West Hwy 11
(608) 439.7766

Darlington
15815 State Road 81
(608) 773.3512

New Glarus
618 State Road 69
(608) 527.9766

Congratulations Top Sellers!

**ADALIE GROSSEN
AVA VAUX
CLARA RUEGSEGGER
GUNNAR WERREN
ELLIOT HAGEN
JAXON HEINS
PRESLEE LARSE
ALLISON MALONE
KATE PICKETT
ALEIGHA SCHULTZ-LINCICUM
LILLEA SCOTT
IZABELLA WINCHELL**

**Thank you for your
hard work selling
Cookie Dough! ~
Black Hawk MS
Student Council**

On March 5th, the 10th and 11th grade classes attended a **Youth Apprentice Job Fair** at Monroe High School. The students spent about an hour and a half walking around to 20 tables set up by employers within Green County. These employers were giving the students the opportunity to learn about the trades. These employers are also businesses that accept students through youth apprenticeship programs.



The event gave students the chance to talk with local employers about their professions, job experiences, and what led to their career choice. These employers are also available for students to apply to and work in the youth apprenticeship program and earn employment hours, experience and sometimes specific certifications. Some of the local employers were Woodford State Bank, Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center, City of Monroe Park and Rec, Colony Brands, Kundert Construction, Asters Assisted Living, Fowler Dental Clinic, JP Cullen, Monroe Truck, Precision Drive and Control, Kuhn North America and Mid-state Concrete to name a few. The goal of attending this event was to provide our students with information about the trades in our community and expose them to youth apprenticeships opportunities to participate in while in high school. Youth apprenticeships are excellent ways to expand student interests in future careers.

KINDERGARTEN FUN

Mrs. Pickett's class celebrated St. Patrick's Day by decorating the room. We used lots of streamers and balloons. Then during P.E. class we got some fun movement by keeping the balloons in the air, passing them and finally by sitting and popping them. Great way to celebrate being Irish.



Mrs. Pickett's students got the feel of paper mache' the 2nd week in march. They put 2 layers around a balloon. The second layer they used colored copier paper. When they weren't looking Mrs. Pickett cut out the handles to make Easter baskets. They turned out sturdy and pretty.



Mrs. Petitjean's 5th Graders Publish Book



In January, Mrs. Petitjean's 5th graders spent time writing a folktale, tall tale, myth, or legend. They spent February putting them into published pages and adding colorful handdrawn illustrations. At the beginning of March, they received their final books from Studenttreasures Publishing!

Becoming published authors was so much fun!



2026 Black Hawk / Warren Football Freshmen & New Player-Parent Meeting



Place: Black Hawk school upper commons

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

This meeting is to get paperwork and schedules for the upcoming season, to get information and introduction to our program for all incoming freshmen and any new players at both Black Hawk and Warren schools.

***At least one parent along with the player needs to attend**



FFA NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026



FIRE CONFERENCE

FEW OF OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA MEMBERS ATTENDED THE FIRE CONFERENCE TO START "MAPPING THEIR JOURNEY" IN FFA AND MEET OTHER MEMBERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE.

THEY EXPLORED AG CAREERS, LEARNED ABOUT OFFICIAL DRESS AND ETIQUETTE, INVESTIGATED FFA LEADERSHIP ROLES, DUG INTO FFA HISTORY, DISCOVERED OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRISCIENCE/STUDENT PROGRAMS, AND SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF SAES (HOW TO GET INVOLVED THROUGH HANDS-ON PROJECTS).

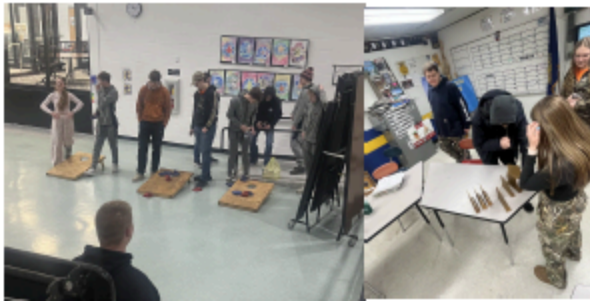


LDES SECTIONALS

WE TOOK 14 MEMBERS TO THE SECTIONAL LDES HELD IN PRAIRIE DU CHIEN. WHERE WE HAD MEMBERS COMPETE IN PREPARED SPEAKING, EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING, PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE, HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ-BOWL, AND CONDUCT OF CHAPTER MEETING.

FFA WEEK

MONDAY: WE KICKED OFF THE DAY WITH COOKIES—THANKS TO LISA HAGEN/BAKING ME HAPPY. IN CLASS, WE PLAYED OFFICER JEOPARDY. AT LUNCH, THE MILK CHUG WINNERS WERE 1ST LANDON NALLY AND 2ND BRANDON MCCOY.



TUESDAY: STARTED THE DAY OFF BY HANDING OUT CHEESE STICKS TO STUDENTS. IN OUR AS CLASSES, WE DID A SCAVENGER HUNT WHERE STUDENTS SEARCHED FOR THE OFFICERS' PLAQUES AROUND THE CLASSROOM AND SHOP, AND THE SENIOR CLASS WON. AT LUNCH, WE HELD A BAG TOURNAMENT, AND THE WINNER WERE GRANT QUINN AND MAX FOX.

WEDNESDAY: WE STARTED THE DAY BY HANDING OUT BEEF STICKS. IN AG CLASSES WE DID AN EGG TOSS, WHERE BRAYLON BIDLINGMAIER AND CARSON PLATH WON WITH 59 FEET. WE ALSO DID STUD STYLING, JACOB WOODRUFF WON. AT LUNCH, WE DID OFFICER MOST LIKELY TO, AND THE OFFICERS WITH THE MOST VOTES GOT PIED IN THE FACE.



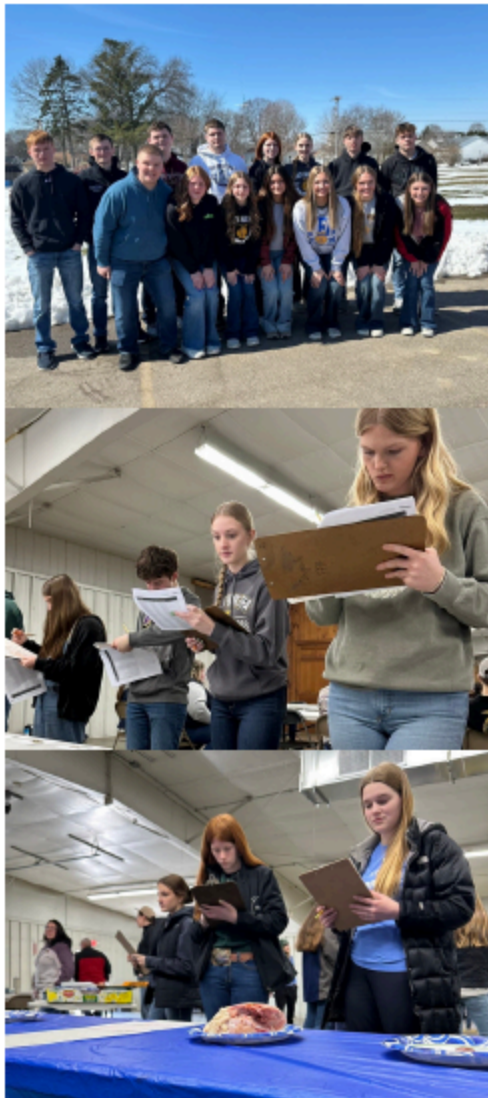
THURSDAY: WE STARTED THE DAY BY HANDING OUT CUTIES TO STUDENTS AS THEY WALKED INTO SCHOOL. IN AG CLASSES WE PLAYED MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES. DURING LUNCH, WE DID A SARAN WRAP BALL GAME WITH THREE BALLS AND LOTS OF PRIZES. THE WINNERS WERE REESE AND ZOEY!

FRIDAY: WE STARTED OUR FINAL DAY BY HANDING OUT GO-GURTS TO STUDENTS AS THEY WALKED INTO SCHOOL. IN AG CLASSES WE DID A SERVICE ACTIVITY, MAKING DOG TOYS FOR THE GREEN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY. THE LUNCH ACTIVITY WAS AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL



EDGE AND MISSION **CONFERENCE**

WE TOOK 3 MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND 4 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. WE WENT TO TWO SESSIONS THE FIRST NIGHT, AND THEN WENT TO A DANCE. THE NEXT DAY WE HEADED BACK TO THE CONVENTION CENTER FOR 3 MORE SESSIONS, AND THEN HEADED HOME.



JANESVILLE CDES

WE HAD 4 DIFFERENT TEAMS COMPETE. INPOULTRY TEAM MEMBERS WERE ALYVIA RUEGSEGGER, ALEXA RUEGSEGGER, KEIRA BRUNNER, AND EMILY CURRAN. DAIRY CATTLE MEMBERS WERE PAYTON STIETZ, COLE DUNLAVEY, AND BRYCE EDLER. THE AGRONOMY TEAM WAS MAX FOX, KAITLYN STEGALL, CADE PICKETT, AND DALIA WILLIAMS. WILDLIFE WAS MASON SCHULTZ, JACI KAMMES, GRANT QUINN, AND AIDEN MOSLEY. WE HOPE TO GET RESULTS SOON.

SINCERELY,
YOUR 2025-2026 FFA
REPORTER
EMILY FIGI



FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



OWEN ERICKSON
2ND GRADE



MARIANA NAVARRO
6TH GRADE



TAYLOR STEGALL
12TH GRADE

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The Book Fair is coming.....April 27–May 1



This year, based on the profit earned at the fall **Book Fair**, students will receive a coupon for **\$8.00** to spend at the spring **Book Fair**. More details to come as we get closer to [Book Fair](#) time. Hope to see you there.

Mrs. Petitjean's 5th Graders Complete Iditarod Unit

As part of our Iditarod unit, students are reading and learning about the Iditarod Dogsled Race in Alaska. We start with the historical "Great Serum Race." Each student gets to randomly choose a musher to follow over the course of the event. We practice letter writing, and continuously revisit a KWL chart, adding more questions and filling in what we've learned throughout the race. This year, students were lucky to have snow to also get out for some mushing!



Parent's Club

Parent's Club meets in the upper commons at 6:00 pm on the 1st Thursday of the month (we do NOT meet every month), please follow the Parent's Club Facebook page for updates on meetings and other events happening!

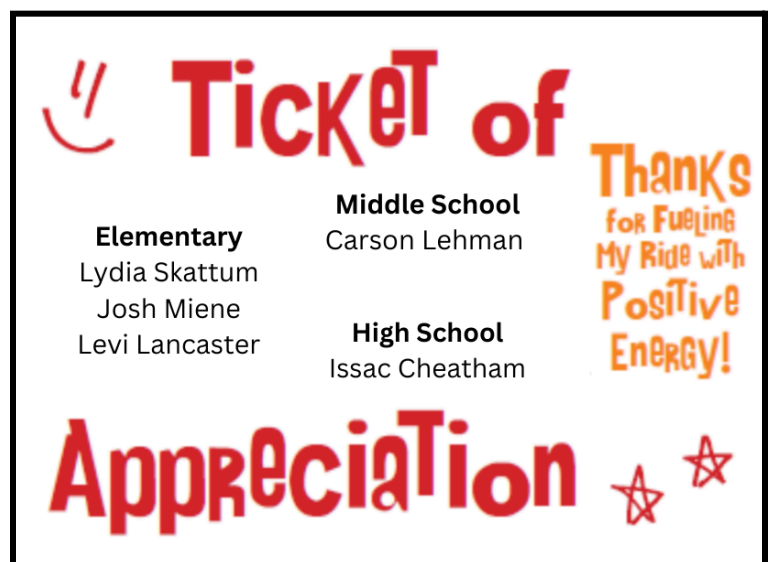
A few things you can do to support the Parent's Club throughout the year:

- Scan your boxtops.. if you haven't downloaded the APP, please do so, it's a super easy way to help!
- The scrip program, grab some gift cards for birthdays, weddings, showers, or just for yourself. It's a great opportunity to support the Parent's Club (keep a lookout, these sheets will be coming home in your child's backpack)!
- Keep an eye out for future fundraisers and activities! A great way to do this is to follow our Facebook page (Black Hawk Parent's Club)

Keep a look out for fun upcoming events from the Parent's Club, like our Facebook page to make sure you don't miss anything!!

As always, thank you for your support! We cannot do our part in providing the things we do for our faculty and students if not for your support!

Haley Larse, President
Courtney Grossen, Vice-President
Nicole Lewis, Treasurer
Chris Ruegsegger, Secretary



FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Brooks Duff-Bowers
High School Special Education

Congratulations to Mr. Brooks Duff-Bowers for being selected by his peers as Black Hawk School's Employee of the Month for February. Mr. Duff-Bowers serves the District as our High School Special Education instructor, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, E-sports coach, Sources of Strength advisor, and our Musical Director. Brooks goes above and beyond to help all of our staff build an understanding and accommodations for many of our students who are experiencing school in different capacities. Mr. Duff-Bowers is a tremendous asset to the students and staff at Black Hawk.

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Forward Exam

Grades 3-8 will take the Forward Exam. Sophomores will take the Social Studies portion of the Forward Exam. The testing window is March 16-April 24th. A schedule for Middle School testing will be posted on Schoology. Elementary teachers will provide details pertaining to their class testing schedules.



School Pictures are Ready!

View and order at <https://shop.jostenspix.com/login>

***Retakes are now online**

BLACK HAWK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Event Code: FE232725

BLACK HAWK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Event Code: FE232625

BLACK HAWK HIGH SCHOOL

Event Code: FE232525



**Images are secured using the email address provided to us by the School*

On March 23rd, 18 senior students attended the career expo held by Colony Brands. While at this three hour event, students listened to an overview/history of Colony Brands, listened to Human Resource staff talk about the company and the many ways their employers obtain and work in specific areas. The students continued the tour with presentations by the following departments Creative Design (Photography department), Quality Assurance, Product Design/Brand Marketing and Marketing Analytics. The Colony provided the student with lunch. An extra bonus to the students was a 250 dollar scholarship just for attending the day. These students will receive their individual participation certificate at our scholarship awards night on May 20th.



During first grade guidance, we have been discussing feelings, identifying feelings, ways to handle/process our feelings and what our face looks like during specific feelings. We then focused on worries/anxieties. We discussed that all day long we have thoughts and reactions. We talked about these thoughts being like little gears in our head. We play the what if game. What if I get the answer wrong, what if no one wants to play with me, what if my teacher asks me to do a problem on the board in front of my peers, what if I forgot my lunch and dislike school lunch or what if I miss the bus. Each first grader colored a monster picture. It was their Worry Monster. Each student then stated a worry, something they worry about. We feed the worries to the worry monster to help us realize we can handle/process difficult situations.



Revtrak



Pay fees online!

Visit Rev Track <https://blackhawk-k12.revtrak.net/> to pay lunch money, milk money, school fees, sports fees, instrument rentals, and more.

If you have any questions, please call the school office at 608-439-5371.

Contribute to helping BH Students as you desire.

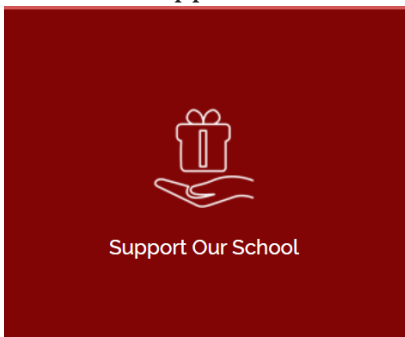
As times get tougher all around for school districts, Black Hawk finds itself struggling to continue to offer the "extras" for our students to ensure that their educational and school experience at Black Hawk is a meaningful one. As our budgets get slashed and our costs go up, we are looking for different ways to raise funds to offer these tools and sponsor events. If you are in a position to help support some of our projects, classrooms, organizations, and events.....check out our new "Support Our School" link on Revtrak. Helping our students in a way that is meaningful to you has never been easier. Go to:

1. www.blackhawk.k12.wi.us

2. Click on Revtrak.



3. Click on Support Our Schools



4. Choose the area to which you wish to give a supportive gift, indicating as much specific information as you wish.

Support Our School

- STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND
- STUDENT READING RESOURCES
- STEM - (SCIENCE, TECH, ENGINEERING, MATH)
- CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT FUND
- GENERAL ATHLETICS FUND
- ATHLETIC TEAMS
- HOMECOMING & FIREWORKS FUND
- STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
- MUSIC PROGRAMMING
- SCHOOL BUILDING MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND
- OTHER

Thanks for your support!

When is sick too sick for school?

A regular attendance routine is important for your child's well-being and learning. These tips can help you decide when to keep your child home when they don't feel well.



SEND ME TO SCHOOL IF...

- I have a **runny nose** or just a **little cough**, but no other symptoms.
- I have **NOT had a fever overnight** and **have NOT taken fever reducing medicine** during that time.
- I have a **mild stomach ache**.
- I have **not thrown up** overnight and can drink liquids without throwing up.
- I have a **mild rash** and no other symptoms.
- I have **eye drainage WITHOUT fever**, eye pain or eyelid redness.



KEEP ME AT HOME IF...

- I have a **temperature higher than 100.4**
- I have **thrown up two or more times** in the past 24 hours.
- My **stool is watery** and I may not make it to the bathroom in time.



SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF...

- I have a **temperature higher than 100.4 AND any of the following**: ear pain, sore throat, rash, stomachache, headache or tooth pain.
- I have **stomach pain and fever**, I have **bloody or black stool**, or I am **dehydrated** (tired and sleepy, dry mouth) and/or I have **not urinated** in the last 8 hours.
- I have a **persistent cough** or **trouble breathing**, or have a fever with the cough.
- I have **eye swelling, eye pain** or an **eye injury**.
- I have a **rash that has blisters**, is draining, is painful, looks like bruises, and/or I have a fever with the rash.

If you don't know whether to send your child to school, have specific concerns regarding your child's physical or mental health, or are worried your child will spread illness, contact your child's health care provider, a local urgent care or the school nurse. These tips are not meant to take the place of local health department/school district health guidance including about contagious illnesses such as Covid-19 and the flu.



For more information visit [attendance works.org/resources](https://attendanceworks.org/resources)

Recycling and Other Dumpsters

(Dumpsters are located next to Riechers Meats)

As always, the staff and Board thank everyone who has donated to the metal/aluminum can drive. The funds have proven to be beneficial to the staff and students of the school district. The district greatly appreciates the efforts of Powers Auction Service in providing this opportunity.

A couple of notes that we would like to make:

- Please do not place items with Freon/coolant in the recycling dumpster
- Please do not place TV's or Computer/Related technology in the dumpster
- Please do not place trash in the recycling dumpster
- The other dumpsters (serviced by Faherty) are for school uses only. We do appreciate the donations. Improper use of the dumpsters costs the district and may result in a net loss.

Sincerely,
Willy Chambers




School Board of Education



The Board holds regular School Board Meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm. Meetings are held in South Wayne. All board meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noted. Residents are encouraged to attend and can call (608) 439-5371 for information. Agendas are posted on the Black Hawk School District's Website and Facebook page.

President-Dee Paulson
Vice President-Jim Baumgartner
Treasurer-Val Dunlavey
Clerk-Jason Figi
Member-Clayton Ruegsegger
Member-Mindy Stauffacher
Member-Cali Schliem

April 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 130p Early Release 4K Screening (3K)	2 No School (Easter Break) 5p BB @ Parkview 5p SB @ Belleville	3 No School (Easter Break) 	4
6 No School (Easter Break)	7 Track @ Belleville 5p SB @ Argyle w/ Darlington 	8 6p School Board Meeting	9 5p-SB @ Argyle w/Barneveld 5p-BB @ Argyle w/Barneveld Track @ Forreston (IL)	10 5p SB @ Monticello/New Glarus 5p BB @Monticello/ Albany	11 8a SB @ Orangeville
13 5p SB @ Argyle w/Belmont 5p BB @ Argyle w/Belmont	14 5p SB @ Pecatonica 5p BB @ Pecatonica MS Track @ Darlington	15	16 Track @ Cassville 	17 State Forensics @ UW Madison Track @ Brodhead SB @ Argyle w/Benton-Shullsburg BB @ Argyle w/Benton-Shullsburg	18 PROM 
20 SB @ Potosi/Cassville BB @ Potosi/Cassville 	21 SB @ Argyle w/Highland BB @ Argyle w/Highland Track @ River Ridge MS Track @ Cassville	22 7p NHS Induction Ceremony	23 Track @ Pec (IL) MS Track @ Evansville	24 SB @ River Ridge BB @ River Ridge MS Track @ Cuba City	25
27 SB @ Argyle w/Juda-Albany Track @ Darlington MS Track @ Monroe	28 BB @ Barneveld SB @ Barneveld	29 Large Group 	30 Track @ Cuba City		



Breakfast Menu

Milk Choice 1% White, Fat Free Chocolate or Strawberry
 Whole Wheat Peanut Butter & Jelly Served Daily WG-Whole Grain
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Muffin Granola Bites Apple Milk	2 No School	3 No School
6 No School	7 Pop Tarts or Cereal Bar Cheezits Apple Milk	8 French Toast Apple Sauce Mixed Fruit Milk	9 Waffles Granola Bites Apple Milk 	10 Pancakes Granola Bar Peaches Mixed Fruit Milk
13 Strawberry Bagel Peaches Pears Milk 	14 Banana Bread Cheese Stick Applesauce Peaches Milk	15 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar Yogurt Apple Milk	16 Pancake Wrap Mixed Fruit Applesauce Milk	17 French Toast Sticks Chex Mix Pears Applesauce Milk
20 Assorted Cereals Yogurt Juice Peaches Milk	21 French Toast Peaches Pears Milk	22 Waffles Chex Mix Applesauce Peaches Milk	23 Blueberry Waffle Peaches Mixed Fruit Milk 	24 Strudel Stick Yogurt Apple Milk
27 Mini Cinnamon Bagel Yogurt Grapes Milk 	28 Chocolate Chip French Toast Peaches Pears Milk	29 Cinnamon Roll Mixed Fruit Peaches Milk	30 Long John Applesauce Juice Milk	

Lunch Menu

Milk Choice 1% White, Fat Free Chocolate or Strawberry
 Whole Wheat Peanut Butter & Jelly Served Daily WG-Whole Grain
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Ham Sandwich Goldfish Crackers Carrot Sticks Pears Milk	2 No School	3 No School 
6 No School	7 Pulled Pork/Bun Goldfish Crackers Broccoli Strawberry Cup Milk	8 Chicken Strips Granola Bites Green Beans Apple Milk 	9 Mac & Cheese Cheesestick Carrots Applesauce Milk	10 Corn Dog Cheezits Cauliflower Orange Milk
13 French Bread Pizza Cheesestick Corn Apple Milk 	14 Hamburger/Bun Cheese Slice Sweet Potatoes Mixed Fruit Milk	15 Brat/Bun Green Beans Apple Milk	16 Chicken Fajitas Yogurt Peas Applesauce Milk	17 Pizza Dippers Cheezits Broccoli Grapes Milk
20 Beef Ravioli WG Doritos Carrots Applesauce Milk	21 Tacos Baked Scoops Broccoli Strawberry Cup Milk	22 Breaded Pork Patty/Bun Green Beans Apple Milk	23 Chicken Nuggets Granola Bites Corn Peaches Milk 	24 Fish Sticks Granola Bites Cauliflower Orange Milk
27 Chicken Patty/Bun Goldfish Crackers Cauliflower Pears Milk 	28 Pizza Cheezits Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	29 Quesadilla Broccoli Slushie Milk	30 Popcorn Shrimp Yogurt Chex Mix Corn Peaches Milk	

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK
APRIL 7, 2026

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the School District of Black Hawk on April 7, 2026, the following proposed Revenue Limit Resolution of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT
BY \$800,000 FOR RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Black Hawk, Lafayette and Green Counties, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$800,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses.

Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the School District of Black Hawk, Lafayette and Green Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$800,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses?"

Explanation

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election question as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on the question is a vote to authorize the School District of Black Hawk budget to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$800,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses.

A "no" vote on the question is a vote to deny the School District of Black Hawk the authority to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$800,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on the question vote "yes", the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$800,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

Location and Hours of Polling Places

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 202 East Center Street, South Wayne, Wisconsin.

All polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.¹

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

Town of Cadiz – Green County
Karen Signer
W8445 County B
Browntown, WI 53522
(608) 558-9910
(Office hours by appointment)

Town of Jordan – Green County
Billie Reynolds
N3288 Loop Rd
Monroe, WI 53566
(608) 325-5593
(Office hours by appointment)

Town of Darlington – Lafayette County
Tom Jean
15456 County Shop Rd
Darlington, WI 53530
(608) 574-4055
(Office hours by appointment)

Town of Gratiot – Lafayette County
Phil Carroll
PO Box 282
Gratiot, WI 53541
(608) 574-7363
(Office hours by appointment)

Town of Monticello – Lafayette County
Theresa Burgess
2150 Thompson Ln
Shullsburg, WI 53586
(608) 482-0506
(Office hours by appointment)

Town of Wayne – Lafayette County
Diana Krebs
1311 County B
Browntown, WI 53522
(608) 558-1211
(Office hours by appointment)

(Continued)

Town of Wiota – Lafayette County
Donna Paige

Village of Gratiot – Lafayette County
Chris McGlynn

¹ THIS NOTICE MUST CONTAIN A STATEMENT ABOUT THE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED FOR EACH POLLING PLACE. IF ANY POLLING PLACES ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE OR IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, CONTACT THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION.

7818 County Rd N
South Wayne, WI 53587
(815) 291-4266
(Office hours by appointment)

PO Box 189
Gratiot, WI 53541
(608) 482-0981
(Office hours by appointment)

Village of South Wayne – Lafayette County
Phil Carroll
107 E Center St
PO Box 305
South Wayne, WI 53587
(608) 439-1011
(Office hours by appointment)

Notice of Meeting of the School District Board of Canvassers

By no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the school district board of canvassers shall convene, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, for the purpose of conducting the school district canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.53(3). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Information to Electors²

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, an elector shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If an elector does not have acceptable photo identification, the elector may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the elector is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If an elector is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the elector provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.³

Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

² This section should be adapted depending upon what type of voting procedure is used.

³ Remove this sentence if only touch screen voting system(s) are used.

An elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("Automark," "ExpressVote," Clear Access or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an **optical scan ballot** on referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **paper ballot** is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The elector shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The elector may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the elector shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen ballot** is cast, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiling Ballots

If an elector spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.⁴

The elector may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

⁴ Remove this sentence if only touch screen voting system(s) are used.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Referendum Ballot

April 7, 2026

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To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
School District
Question: Shall the School District of Black Hawk, Lafayette and Green Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$800,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact William Chambers, District Administrator.

Done in the School District of Black Hawk
Jason Figi
District Clerk

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2026**



The meeting was called to order by President Dee Paulson at 6:53pm in the upper commons. The following members were present Dee Paulson, Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, Cali Schliem, Clayton Ruegsegger, Val Dunlavy and Jason Figi Also Present was Administration of Willy Chambers and Tammy Zimmerman and 14 Guest.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve to consent to agenda which includes the financial report as presented: which includes checks written, ACH payments, journal entries, cash receipts, and the cash reconciliation for the prior month, posting of the agenda, minutes from the January 14, 2026 meeting, resignation of Assistant Basketball Coach Payton Calow, resignation of Elementary Teacher Brianna Hagen at the conclusion of the current school year, approval of volunteer Boys Basketball Coach Josh Lehman. It was noted that we will have to Amend the motion that was made on November 12, 2025, meeting for the FFA trip and not rescind it. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Report: Chambers: The food service audit was yesterday and today. The two ladies, Jen and Karla, were very complimentary of the work done in the district. There were some very minimal compliance items that we will be correcting in the next two months. They said this was the smoothest and most compliant review they have done in years. Kudos to Rhonda, Dar, Melissa, and Tammy!

We received a total donation from Larry and Cali Lelle and Delta Airlines of \$10,000. Mr. Lelle has requested that it be directed towards STEM education.

Attached is an email from Tara Kammes, which includes the following paragraph:

Black Hawk had 2 students, Olive Akins and Clara Ruegsegger, place in our county contest held back in December. Olive got 1st, which meant she moved on to the area contest in January. She also placed 1st at the area contest and will be moving onto state which will be held in March. Clara placed 3rd which means she did not move on but did win prize money from the county.

Milz: No Report for Board

Erickson: Winter sports are winding down. In basketball, due to attrition to injuries as well as some other issues, both teams have had to cancel some JV games.

WIAA tournament has gone to an electronic seeding format so our teams have had a report and have a pretty good idea of where they will be traveling but it is still dependent on a few more games.

The wrestling teams have competed very well all year. The girls will wrestle at regionals on Friday, and the boys will wrestle in Sectionals on Saturday. The WIAA tournament has changed formats this season with the elimination of the regional format for boys.

Congratulations to Brigitte Stauffacher who finished 4th at the girl's mega conference meet. Also, to Evan Sigafus who was the conference champion at 126, Dax Paquin who finished runner-up at 215 and Maddox Hocking (a Shullsburg student/athlete) who finished runner-up at 285. All of the kids comped very well, and we've been pleased with the progress they have shown.

Along with Argyle we had posted the baseball coaching position and between the schools we received one person interested, Chuck Bredeson. He is being presented for approval at the Argyle School Board meeting tonight.

Preliminary numbers for track are high, and practice starts in less than a month. Baseball and Softball begin in just over a month.

Thanks to all that support our programs by doing somethings that are needed behind the scenes and front line: Office Beth Zimmerman, Jen Schifel Programs, Milz help when needed, Melissa Paickkett cash boxes. Tammy Zimmerman Ticket takers Cindy Lucy, Shelia, Roger, Raylen, Don Hawkinson, RJ, Jack, Helen, Scott, Justin, Booter Club, Bus Drivers.

Starting to look at COOP for Boys Basketball.

Board of Education – Administration needs to do a better job of ensuring that all documents are loaded and ready for the Board to review by Monday prior to meeting. Continue to have issues with items not being loaded timely and sometimes not at all. It is the duty of the Board to approve items that are presented and not make an assumption. Question about leaving the consent the way the Board is okay with leaving the consent with hires and resignations as is in the consent but if someone at anytime wants discussion it can be moved as a separate item under discussion at the meeting.

Donated Items to the School District and Volunteer time:

Nikki Komprood	Warrior Table Cover	January
The Apple River State Bank	\$150	January
Willy Chambers	Snacks and Drinks for Warrior Care	January
Carol Reugsegger	Snacks and Drinks for Warrior Care	January
Melissa Pickett	Volunteered for taking tickets at the BBB vs Pecatonica 1-20-2026 game	January
Larry and Cali Lelle and Delta Arilines	\$10,000 for stem education	February

Staff	Activity	Date
Desie Breadon	weight room supervision	1-3 mornings/wk & 5 days/wk after school from November - May
Doug O'Brien	weight room supervision	1-3 mornings/wk & some days after school from November - May
Desie Breadon	game manager	12/12/2025
Brandon Behlke	weight room supervision	Substitute throughout the offseason when needed
Brandon Behlke	gameday assistance	Assistance with setting up for Audio/game prep during football season
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Brandon Behlke	DECA organizes activities	Trick or Can Event (DECA is a volunteer advisor role), JA activities (Titan, Stock Market Activity)
Brandon Behlke	clock operator	7/8 grade football game

Brandon Behlke	posters	design, create, and print posters throughout the school
Brandon Behlke	District TV admin	Manage announcement postings on televisions around the school
Brandon Behlke	Senior Slideshow	Organize and create a senior slideshow for graduation (January - May)
Brandon Behlke	Concessions	donated concession supplies
Brandon Behlke	Basketball	Volunteer assistant basketball coach
Brandon Behlke	teacher sub	Sub for others - no hours submitted
Gary Cooley	teacher sub	Sub for others - no hours submitted
Gary Cooley	metal and lumber donations	speak to people and businesses to secure donations
Gary Cooley	Concessions	try to help out with concessions - as many games as possible
Gary Cooley	repairs	wash and maintenance checks on school vans
Gary Cooley	transportation	transport all donations to school with a trailer
Gary Cooley	Auto Maintenance	Supply students with a vehicle and some automotive tools for automotive classes
Gary Cooley	lumber recycling	Pick up pallets and disassemble them for class projects
Gary Cooley	power tools	Find and purchase used tools for the Tech Ed program at no cost to the district
Gary Cooley	Brake Lathe	secured a donation for a Hunter brake lathe from Kaiser Ford - \$10,000 value, used
Gary Cooley	scrap lumber	haul and burn scrap lumber from the school
Gary Cooley	trailer	donate use of the trailer for the Homecoming Float
Gary Cooley	trash pickup	assist FFA with adopting a highway program
Gary Cooley	track	repair hurdles for Mr. Erickson
Gary Cooley	fundraisers	assist FFA and Tech Ed fundraisers
Gary Cooley	repairs	help students repair their vehicles

Public Comment was called for- None

Chambers went over went over Achievement Gap Reduction 2025-26 Fall Report

Cell Phone Policy- 1st time phone taken to office, 2nd time parent comes pick it up., 3rd offense phone is checked into office for 2 weeks, Concern that parents have to come pick it up. Discussion about the current policy is not working. The reason that this was brought up is if a parent does not pick it up it could sit in office overnight and over a weekend with students so dependent on phones as life lines it could create a situation that if something happened the student maybe would not have it in the event that an emergency did occur.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Baumgartner accept the retirement of Lisa Flanagan at the conclusion of the current school year. Thanks for your service to the District. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Ruegsegger to amend the motion made on November 12, 2025 for the FFA Leadership Conference and striking out the words requiring FFA/FFA Alumni to pay for teacher sub. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavy and seconded by Schliem to allow the Black Hawk School District to serve whole milk once it is confirmed that it will be reimbursed for students who qualify which will not happen until 2026-27 school year. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavy and seconded by Baumgartner to approve Student A Attendance waiver subject to obtaining student and parent signatures. The motion carried on a voice vote

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve Student B Attendance Waiver subject to obtaining the student and parent signatures. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Ruegsegger to hire assistant boys Basketball Coach Nate Eaton as recommended by Administration. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavy and seconded by Stauffacher to approve Skyward Contract from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavy and seconded by Stauffacher table the school calendar until next month regular meeting March 11, 2026. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavy and seconded by Figi to approve contract with Monroe Heating and Sheet Metal HVAC Service Contract from April 1, 2026-April 1, 2027, at a cost of \$9,181.00. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to set the organizational meeting at the Regular April Meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Stauffacher approve summer school from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm on Weekdays from June 8, 2026- June 26, 2026. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavy to convey to executive session 7:53pm president's announcement of the purpose of executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c and f Wisconsin State Statutes personnel- Motion carried on a voice vote YES- Dunlavy, Baumgartner, Stauffacher, Schliem, Ruegsegger, Paulson, Figi, NO-None, ABSENT None

The Board returned to open session at 9:10 pm

Action on matter deliberated in closed session. None

Motion by Dunlavy and seconded by Stauffacher to adjourn at 9:10 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Next Regular meeting March 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk



School District of Black Hawk
 PO Box 303
 South Wayne, WI 53587

Official School Board Ballot
 Nonpartisan Office
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School Board Members
 Vote for not more than 2

- Dustin Williams
- Brenda K. Peterson
- Clayton Ruegsegger

Write-in:

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