



# Black Hawk School District

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## May 2025

[www.blackhawk.k12.wi.us](http://www.blackhawk.k12.wi.us)

The following members of the Black Hawk Forensics team competed at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech and Dramatic Arts Association (WISDAA) state festival on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus on Friday, April 11. Medalists (from left to right) are Madelyn Place, silver, Public Address; Mya Milz, gold, Group Interpretive Reading; Keira Brunner, gold, Group Interpretive Reading and silver, Expository Speaking; Molly Edler, silver, Moments in History; Jaci Kammes, silver, Moments in History; Payton Stietz, gold, Group Interpretive Reading; and Mason Schultz, bronze, Impromptu"



Maddy Place, Mya Milz, Keira Brunner, Molly Edler, Jaci Kammes, Payton Stietz, Mason Schultz

# **Black Hawk Booster Club Meat Raffle & Silent Auction!**



**Where:** Village Inn, South Wayne

**When:** *Saturday, May 3 - 1 hour before  
Derby race and 1 hour after the race*

**Why:** Upgrading the outdoor field  
speaker system

**Unable to attend but want to donate towards the  
outdoor speakers? Contact a Booster Club Member!**

*Valerie Dunlavey, President (608) 558-5400*

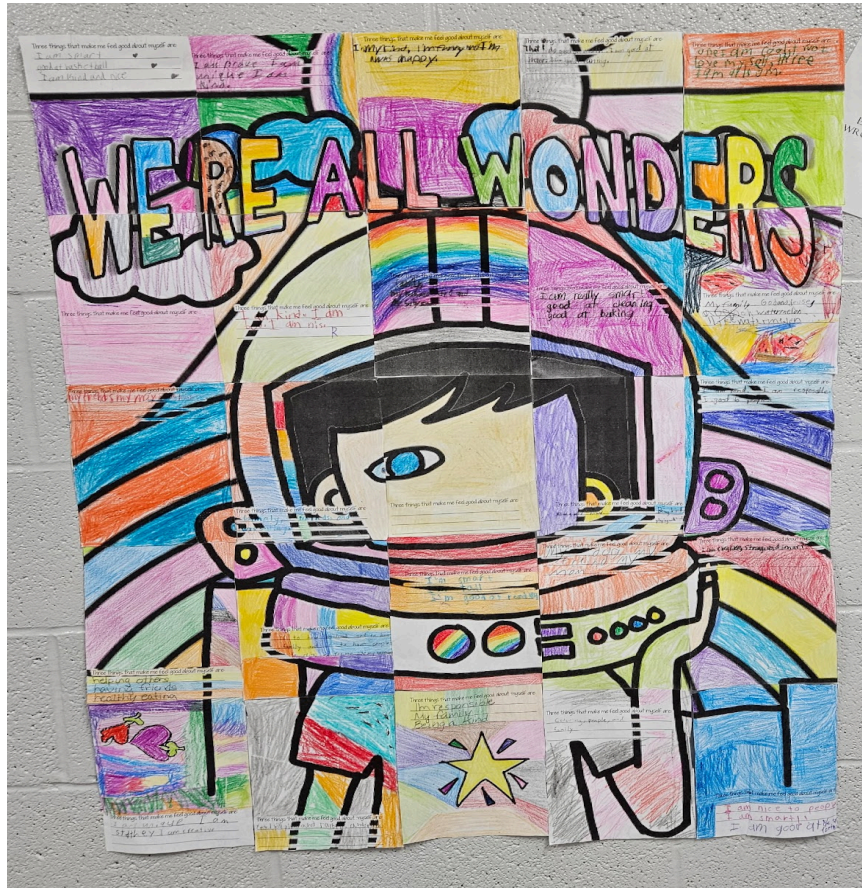
*Joni Marty, Treasurer (608) 558-1215*

*Linda Figi, Secretary (608) 558-9225*

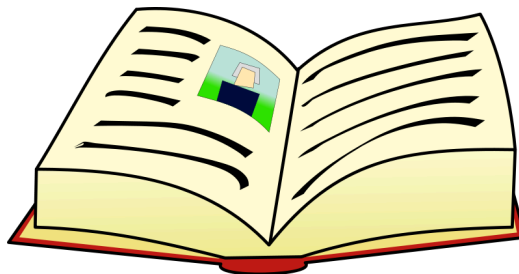
***Thank You for your continued support!***

## Guidance

During 3rd grade guidance class we completed a collaboration poster. Each 3rd grader colored a square of the poster. On their individual square, they had to write three things that made them feel good about themselves. The class also listened to the book *We Are Wonders*. The guidance theme was each of us are unique and special. We should be happy with our uniqueness/interests and not feel we have to change or like something to fit into a peer group.



## 5th Grade Concludes Book Madness Competition.



Each 5th grader had to choose their favorite book of all time to present to the class. The finals came down to Luke Lehman with Dog Man Wuthering Heights vs. Elliot Wisnefski with Cat Kid Comic Club. It was a great competition. Elliot Wisnefski came in as Champion! Congratulations, Elliot, and good job to all the 5th graders for participating in the competition. Keep reading!!

## SPONSORS NEEDED!!!!

We are currently looking for hudl sponsors for the 25-26 school year! Please reach out to a **Booster Club Member** for more information. A sponsor letter is also attached! Without all of our sponsors we would not be able to provide the hudl livestream network at no cost throughout the school year!

## THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING 24-25 HUDL SPONSORS:

<u>PLATINUM MEMBERS</u> \$1000 +	<u>GOLD MEMBERS</u> \$500-\$999	<u>SILVER MEMBERS</u> \$250-\$499
Linda Meythaler & Family	Pinnacle Lawn- Owen Huschitt	Meyer Insurance
Village Inn/South Wayne Mart/Pecatonica Oil	Community Bank	Woodford Bank
Black Hawk Booster Club	PDC	Pat Baumgartner & Family
		The Vault

<u>FRIENDS OF THE BOOSTER CLUB</u>
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MONSON SEPTIC PUMPING & PORTABLE RESTROOMS, LLC
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NICK & NIKKI KOMPROOD



## BLACK HAWK BOOSTER CLUB



Dear Friend(s) of the Black Hawk Booster Club,

Thank you for supporting our fundraising endeavors to continue to help offset the rising costs associated with school athletics. This includes assisting the district with equipment, uniforms, sound system, scoreboards, banners and much more. The Booster Club has contracted with HUDL to offer free live streaming service for the community. This will be for home sporting events as well as other events held in the gym such as Veteran's Day program, concerts and graduation.

With this partnership, there will be great advertising opportunities available for businesses. We have several different pricing options available for you.

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL DESIRED (please check one)	SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES	COST 2025-2026 school year
	PLATINUM – Logo on Hudl & sports posters & name listed in sports programs	\$500-1,000
	SILVER-logo on Hudl and name listed in sports programs	\$ 250
	FRIENDS OF THE BOOSTER CLUB-name listed in sports programs	\$ 100

If you are interested in supporting the Booster Club and student athletes, please mark the level of sponsorship and return with a check payable to Black Hawk Booster Club and mail to Black Hawk Booster Club c/o Black Hawk School District, 202 E Center St, South Wayne, WI by **June 1, 2025**. Please also include an e-mail address and phone number, so we can contact you regarding obtaining your ad and/or business logo.

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Contact name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact e-mail

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone #

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Members of the Black Hawk Booster Club

April 9, 2025

Dear Parents or Guardians,

For many kids, summertime means food, friends, and fun. For families who count on school breakfast and lunch, however, the summer months can be stressful and family food budgets have to be stretched even further. Free summer meals (breakfast and lunch) funded by the USDA, will be available to kids and teens ages 18 and younger at the Black Hawk School District DURING THE WEEKDAYS OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL SESSIONS (June 9 THROUGH June 22). Children DO NOT NEED TO BE ENROLLED IN SUMMER SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FREE BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES.

BREAKFAST will be served from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. LUNCH will be served from 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Many summer meal sites offer fun learning and recreational activities so kids and teens can eat a healthy meal while staying active and being with friends. Sites are also registered with the USDA and are held at safe local places like schools, churches and community centers.

#### FREE SUMMER PROGRAM MEAL DETAILS:

Meals are FREE TO ALL CHILDREN AGES 18 AND YOUNGER who come to a summer school meal site. Free summer meals will help families SAVE MONEY and stretch their already tight food budgets. Food served is HEALTHY AND FOLLOWS USDA NUTRITION GUIDELINES. Summer meal sites are at fun, safe places for kids and teens to be active and visit with friends. No application or proof of income needed. You can just bring your child to a summer meal site in your community.

If you or someone you know is interested, go to <http://www.fns.usda.gov?summerfoodrocks> or call 1-866-348-6479 (NATIONAL HUNGER HOTLINE) to find a site and learn more or text "FOOD" to 877-877 to find a site near you.

We look forward to serving your children this summer.

Sincerely,

William Chambers  
District Administrator

# STUDENT *of the* MONTH

AT BLACK HAWK HIGH SCHOOL IS 17-YEAR-OLD



## Olivia Signer

DAUGHTER OF TRAVIS & TIFFANY SIGNER



### FUTURE PLANS

I will be attending Highland Community College to pursue a degree in Nursing.

### SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Volleyball, Basketball, Entrepreneurship, FFA

### HONORS

National Honor Society, Honor Roll, National Proficiency Application, Green Hand Degree, Chapter Degree

### ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Club Volleyball, Therapy Dog International

### HOBBIES

I love to fish, swim, ranger ride, tube, & spend time with my friends & family.

### VOLUNTEERING

Throughout highschool I have volunteered over 100 hours of my time. I visited the school & nursing homes through Therapy Dog International, worked concession stands, kept basketball & baseball stats, packed bags at the food pantry, & student helped in the 4k class rooms.

Sponsored by:



**The Bank  
of New Glarus**

**thebankofnewglarus.bank**

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Gratiot, WI 53541  
608-922-6422





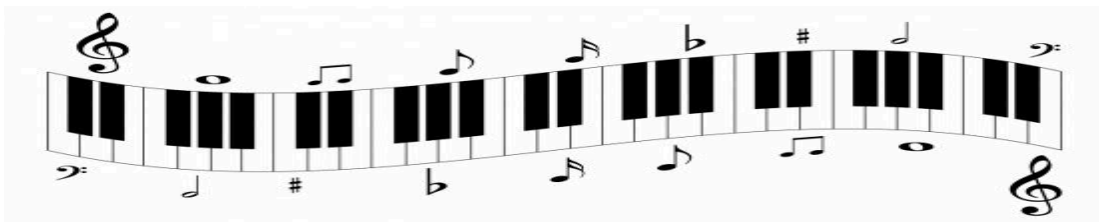
# THANK YOU!



## Happy Earth day



**THANK YOU TO COURTNEY MARTINS WITH DC RISE REAL ESTATE FOR COMING TO OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CLASSES AND PLANTING FLOWERS WITH US ON EARTH DAY! SHE ALSO SHARED RESUSABLE BAGS WITH THE CLASS!**



The Black Hawk Band is looking for Band Instrument donations. If you have any band instruments that are not being used, please think about donating them to the Black Hawk Bank. It is growing, but the inventory is rather tight. We will take anything in any condition. Monetary donations are appreciated, too!



## Congratulations Coach Milz

Coach Cory Milz was inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame on April 5th. Coach Milz coached football for 27 seasons and was the Black Hawk head football coach for 18 of those 27 seasons.

Coach Milz was the head coach for 3 state championships, 1 state runner-up, and an assistant coach on a state runner-up. He finished his 18 season career with a 70% winning percentage, 15 playoff appearances, 5 conference championships, and 4 state championship appearances.

Coach Milz joins former Black Hawk head football coach Dennis Murphy in the WFCFA hall of fame.





# March

Employee of the Month

**Rachel Wolff**  
**HS Math Teacher**

Congratulations, Ms. Rachel Wolff. The March Employee of The Month. Rachel was nominated by multiple individuals for giving great effort and having high standards in the classroom, ensuring that those students who wish to pursue higher learning have the skills and tools to be successful at the university level. She gives her time to her students by running our morning Warrior Wake-Up program, working at student events, and working well after school hours to help her students. Ms. Wolff organized and hosted over 200 students from area schools in March for the Six Rivers math competition. That was a lot of work!

**Black Hawk**



**School District**

 **Ticket of**

**Elementary**  
Brantley Stienman  
Wolfric Knight  
Lydia Skattum

**Middle School**  
Adalie Grossen  
**High School**  
Xavier Sweeney

**Thanks**  
for Fueling  
My Ride with  
**Positive**  
**Energy!**

**Appreciation**





# April

## FFA NEWSLETTER



### Easter Egg Hunt

On April 5<sup>th</sup> we held our Easter Egg Hunt! We did a lot of fun activities including finding Easter eggs, making flowers, painting bunnies, "feeding the bunny", and dying eggs! After our activities we even got a visit from the Easter bunny🐰 We then had pizza for lunch! We had so much fun today and hope everyone had a Happy Easter🐣



### Banquet

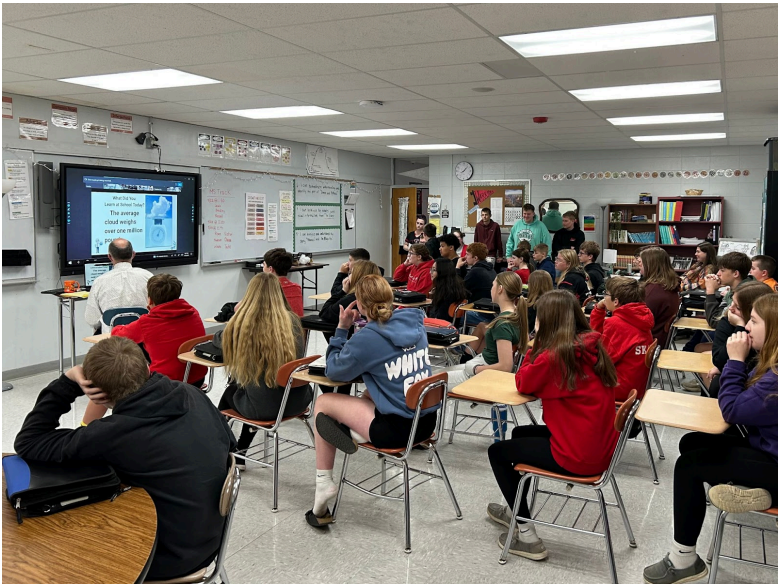
On April 6<sup>th</sup> we held the 57<sup>th</sup> annual Black Hawk FFA banquet! Awards, degrees, scholarships, new and old officers were all recognized with a brunch to follow! Alyvia Ruegsegger was elected as the President! Payton Stietz as the Vice President! Jaci Kammes as the Secretary! Taylor Stegall as the Treasure! Emily Figi as the reporter! Mason Shultz as Sentinel!

### Alumni Auction

On April 19<sup>th</sup> the Alumni held their Alumni Auction! This year we auctioned off donated items! We thank all those who donated, bought, and supported!



On Friday, April 25, Brad Van Epps, a.k.a. **"Brad the Book Guy,"** broadcast his bi-weekly book talk from Black Hawk with seventh- and eighth-grade students. Students heard synopses and recommendations of some of Brad's favorite books and even made a TikTok with students.





The 5th Graders enjoyed the day at Woodford Park for Earth Day on April 23rd. They participated in several different stations, including: soil, water, habitats, animal calls, archery, hunting safety, lumber, Native American artifacts, making charcoal, forestry, fishing, and trapping.



## Supporting Your Child's Literacy at Home: Resources for Elementary Parents

Helping your child become a confident reader is one of the most important things you can do at home. Below are trusted, engaging resources you can use to support your child's reading development.

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### Web-Based Literacy Resources for Parents

#### Reading Rockets

[www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org)

Offers reading strategies, book recommendations, reading tips by age/grade, and helpful videos. Includes a section specifically for parents in English and Spanish.

#### PBS Kids – Reading Games and Activities

<https://pbskids.org>

Interactive games with beloved characters that support phonics, vocabulary, and reading comprehension.

#### Scholastic Parents

[www.scholastic.com/parents](http://www.scholastic.com/parents)

Articles, activities, and curated book lists for children by age and grade. Includes printable resources.

#### Starfall

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

Ideal for K–2 readers. Offers engaging phonics games and early literacy activities.

#### Storyline Online

[www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)

Features celebrities reading picture books aloud. Great for listening comprehension and engagement.

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### Printable & Take-Home Resources

#### National PTA - Family Guides to Student Success

[www.pta.org/home/family-resources](http://www.pta.org/home/family-resources)

Downloadable, grade-specific reading expectations and home activity suggestions.

#### The Literacy Shed

[www.literacyshed.com](http://www.literacyshed.com)

Offers creative writing prompts and comprehension videos. Useful for grades 2 and up.

### Literacy-Supporting Apps

#### Epic!

Digital library with thousands of books for kids. Free for educators, low-cost for families.

#### HOMER Learn & Grow

An award-winning literacy app tailored to your child's reading level and interests.

#### Teach Your Monster to Read

Fun phonics and reading games designed for beginning readers.

# 2025

JACOB'S SWAG FOUNDATION &  
MONROE GOLF CLUB PRESENT:

## ROOF PUTT CHAMPIONSHIPS

FRIDAY, MAY 16  
\$50 PER PLAYER  
4PM-9PM



What's Roof Putting



64 Player Match Play Format  
Tournament Entry, Tee Shirt,  
Appetizers, Logo Ball,

First Place - \$300, 2nd place - \$200  
Consolation Winner - \$100



- Outdoor refreshment services available
- DJ/MC - Joe Monroe
- Professionally officiated by esteemed members of the community!



SCAN HERE



REGISTER  
NOW

First Round (Field of 64) : Starts at 4:15PM  
Second Round (Sweet 16): Starts at 7:15PM  
Consolation Round (4 Random Draws): Starts at 8:15PM  
Final Round (Final Four): Starts at 8:30 PM

## 2026-2027 Budget - Impending Referendum

Currently we do not know what the 2026-2027 Black Hawk School District budget will look like. Actually, we truly do not know what the 2025-2026 budget will look like. We had to make some educated estimates with respect to some pieces of the puzzle to come up with a number for the April 1, 2025 referendum. I am confident that the district will be coming back to the community again in the 2026 calendar year asking for the approval of an operational referendum.

A result of influences outside of local control, the Black Hawk community will need to consider an operational referendum in 2026. Some of those factors include the following. What will the legislature approve for school funding for the 2025-2027 biennial budget? Will the legislature raise the low revenue limit to 12,000 in the first year with an additional amount for the second year, which would greatly benefit the district? Will they increase the special education reimbursement? Will other categorical aids increase? Each piece can and will affect what the district may ask the community to support in an operational referendum in 2026.

Other pieces of the puzzle that will affect the funds requested of the community will include factors such as enrollment, open-enrollment, homeschool numbers, cost of utilities, and cost of outsourced services. The district is looking at ideas that may affect open-enrollment and homeschool numbers, but the results of those measures are uncertain. Costs of utilities and outsourced services are mostly out of control of the district, even though when these costs can be bid out they are. Cutting opportunities for students is another option to potentially reduce financial needs for the district.

With so many unknowns, I cannot speak to specific numbers or needs at this time. I am certain that the system has left it up to local control to provide the funding the community feels is appropriate for its version of a quality education. I am confident that it is essential to start conversations now on what the community wants to offer students, and how those choices will affect the community as a whole.

I welcome community members to engage in discussions about your school district. What can be done better to serve the students, what is done well, what can be done more efficiently, and what are the essential functions of a school district.

Sincerely,

Willy Chambers

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## Revtrak



### Pay fees online!

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

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



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Green County Public Health

**Green County Public Health**  
gcpublichealth.org  
info@greencountywi.org  
(608) 328-9390

## Measles Information for Schools and Childcare Providers

With measles cases on the rise across the U.S.—including three deaths—it's more important than ever to protect your students, staff, and families from this highly contagious disease. As of April 10, 2025, the CDC has reported **712 measles cases in the United States**. At the time we are sending this letter, no measles cases have been reported in Wisconsin this year.

There is more measles activity because fewer people are getting the MMR vaccine. The CDC recommends that 95% of people in a community are vaccinated against measles to prevent the spread of the disease effectively. In Green County, **only 76% of children ages 5-6 are fully immunized against measles, which is a cause for concern.**

Measles is highly contagious and can spread before symptoms appear. It is not seasonal but spreads more easily during periods of high travel. Children under 5 and adults over 20 are most at risk for serious illness when they are not vaccinated.

### What You Should Know About Measles

- Measles symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, sore throat, and a rash that spreads over the body.
- An infected person can spread measles from **4 days before** the rash appears to **4 days after**.
- **Quarantine for those exposed and unvaccinated lasts 21 days**, which can seriously disrupt school and childcare operations.

### How to Protect Your Students and Staff

#### Take These Steps Now

- Encourage staff and families to verify their or their children's MMR vaccine status
- Inform them they may need to show proof of immunity, or they will need to quarantine if exposed
- Recommend those unvaccinated or unsure of their status speak with a healthcare provider
- Reinforce good hygiene, like handwashing, covering coughs, and staying home when sick

#### Check Immunization Status

- The **MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) vaccine** is 97% effective after two doses.
- People can check their immunization records through the **Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR)**.

#### Accepted Proof of Immunity Includes:

- Born before January 1, 1957 (Note: This does **not** apply to health care settings)
- One or more doses of a measles vaccine for preschool-age children and low-risk adults
- Two doses for school-age children, healthcare personnel, travelers, and college students
- A blood test showing immunity (serologic proof)
- Laboratory confirmation of prior measles illness

If you have any questions, please call Green County Public Health at (608) 328-9390.

Thank you for working with us to keep our community safe and healthy.

Green County Public Health

**SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION  
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

Under AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), all primary and secondary schools are required to develop and implement a plan for managing all building materials which contain asbestos. Included in the AHERA Act is the requirement to annually notify all workers and building occupants (or their guardians) of asbestos-related activities.

Beginning in 1988, all buildings owned, leased, or “under the control of” the School District were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors, with building material samples analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the School District prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for managing the asbestos.

Where the asbestos-containing materials are found, the District has in place an Operations and Maintenance program.

The District has accomplished the following compliance mandates regarding the administration of asbestos in school buildings:

- Environmental Management Consulting, Inc. (EMC) was contracted to be the school's consultant for asbestos for the school year.
- The District is continuing with the Operations and Maintenance Program as designed for the School District. This ensures that all asbestos materials are kept in good condition.
- Periodic “surveillance” in each area containing asbestos has been completed every six months by our consultant. Also, the buildings are re-inspected by an accredited inspector every three years.

In the past year the district conducted the following asbestos removal activities:

- Removal of asbestos from the flooring systems in the 1921 building before building demolition
- Removal of asbestos - 9" tile in the main East/West Corridor and North-South Corridor of the 1956 portion of the building
- Removal of asbestos - 9" tile in rooms 14,15, and 18 in the 1956 portion of the building
- Removal of asbestos in the underlayment of the flooring system in the lower level of the 1938 building which includes rooms 35, 36, and 37 and the adjacent hallway.

A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review by contacting the District Office. Questions related to this plan or any other asbestos concerns should be directed to RJ Paulson  
<mailto:paurob@blackhawk.k12.wi.us>

# ***BLACK HAWK/WARREN FOOTBALL 2025***

**INCOMING FRESHMAN / NEW PLAYER  
ORIENTATION MEETING  
(2025 FRESHMAN PLAYER & PARENT MEETING)**

***SUNDAY, MAY 4***

***4:00 PM***

***BLACK HAWK UPPER COMMONS***

***AT LEAST ONE PARENT ALONG WITH  
THE PLAYER NEEDS TO ATTEND.***



We are excited to introduce the **School To Work (STW) and Youth Apprenticeship (YA) programs** for the 2025-26 academic year. These programs are designed to provide high school juniors and seniors with valuable hands-on employment experience in a career pathway of their choice. The programs serves as a bridge between classroom learning and real-world application, helping students make informed decisions about their future careers.

## Program Overview

- Students gain work experience in local businesses or within family-owned businesses.
- Students may work up to **four class periods** per school day
- Students working **four or more hours after school** may apply for a waiver to start their school day later.
- Participation requires meeting specific requirements and regulations outlined below.

## STW/YA Program Requirements

1. Signed consent from a **parent/guardian, School To Work Coordinator, principal, and school counselor**.
2. Submission of **required paperwork** (Student Registration and Training Agreement).
3. Weekly submission of **work hours**, signed by the employer.
4. Completion of a **quarterly Employment Core Values document** with reflections.
5. **Quarterly employer evaluation** on employability skills.
6. Maintain a **minimum 2.0 GPA (C average)**.
7. **Three consecutive weeks of academic ineligibility** will result in removal from the program.
8. **YA students may work up to 4 class periods**
9. **STW students may only work up to 2 class periods** per day.
10. Students may not remain **unemployed for more than two weeks**.
11. A minimum of **10 work hours per week** is required.
12. Students must maintain **passing grades** in both STW coursework and employment evaluations.
13. Only **one in-school or out-of-school suspension per semester** is allowed.
14. Good hygiene must be practiced, especially for students working in physically demanding environments.
15. Submission of **all required paperwork before the first day of school** is recommended.
16. **Students cannot be terminated from employment** to remain in the program.

## Youth Apprenticeship Additional Requirements

- Students must complete **450 hours of work** between September 1 and the following school year.
- Students must complete **180 hours of related instruction** in their career area.
- Related instruction should align with the student's career pathway (e.g., an agriculture student taking AG classes).

## After School Work Hours & Attendance Waivers

Students who work **three or more hours in the evening** may apply for a **Waiver of Attendance** to adjust their school schedule. Upon school board approval, students may **miss up to four class periods** to accommodate their work schedules.

## Class/Work Experience & Job Shadowing

- **Class/Work Experience:** Students obtain off-campus employment in a career-related field. These hours count toward the STW/YA program requirements.
- **Job Shadowing:** Students gain exposure to their career interests by volunteering and observing professionals in their chosen field. This experience helps develop essential work skills, responsibility, and communication.

## Curriculum Overview

### First Semester

1. **Career Exploration & Preparation:** Resume building, job applications, interview preparation, and professional communication skills.
2. **Business Placement:** Students work in local businesses relevant to their career interests.
3. **Business Development:** Guidance for students interested in starting a business or contributing to a family business.
4. **Continuous Evaluation:** Regular assessments, reflections, and goal setting.

### Second Semester

1. **New Student Integration:** Late-joining students follow the first-semester curriculum for seamless transition.
2. **Career Exploration Continuation:** Students may switch jobs to explore different career interests.
3. **Soft Skills Workshop:** In collaboration with CESA 3 and Lafayette County Advisory Council, students develop essential workplace skills such as communication and interview techniques.

## Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Overview

YA is a **one or two-year** apprenticeship program for high school juniors and seniors. Students gain **real-world job experience** while continuing their high school education and receiving industry-related instruction.

### YA Program Structure

- **Level One:** Junior or Senior Year
  - **450 work hours minimum**
  - **2 semesters of related coursework**
- **Level Two:** Junior & Senior Year
  - **900 work hours minimum**
  - **4 semesters of related coursework**

## YA Career Pathways

The YA program offers opportunities in **11 career clusters**, including:

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communication
- Finance
- Health Sciences
- Hospitality, Lodging & Tourism
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

## Required Forms & Deadlines

To streamline the process, the following forms must be submitted:

1. **Youth Apprenticeship Registration Form** – Captures initial student interest.
2. **Youth Apprenticeship Employment Training Agreement** – Confirms the student's commitment to the program.

**All training agreements must be submitted by February 2, 2024 to CESA 3.**

## Related Instruction

Students must take **two semesters of related coursework** each year. Courses may be taken at **local high schools or two/four-year institutions**, with **CESA 3 covering up to 6 credits per year** (pre-approval required).

**Fall 2025 Dual Credit course enrollment through Colleged Up or Smart College Now will be due on March 7.** Ms. Crotty has application forms. There will be a meeting on February 27 for sophomores and juniors highlighting the programs and application process. Students who wish to be in Youth Apprenticeship next year, will also need to look at the course lists and go through the process of looking for course(s) related to their career pathway to submit to Mr. Cooley.

We are thrilled to offer these incredible learning opportunities and look forward to supporting our students as they take steps toward their future careers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Gary Cooley

STW/YA Coordinator

[coogar@blackhawk.k12.wi.us](mailto:coogar@blackhawk.k12.wi.us)



## **Black Hawk / Warren Football**

### **2025 Upcoming Events/Schedules**

*\*Additional dates may be scheduled*



**Sunday, May 4**

4:00 PM

**Incoming Freshman Orientation**

**Black Hawk & Warren.**

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

**Monday, May 26 - May 30**

**Weight room workouts & Iron-Warrior Testing**

**Monday, June 2**

**Summer weight room workouts begin**

**Mon., July 14 – Thur., July 17**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. South Wayne

\*Own transportation

**BH/W Skills Camp – Skill Position Try-Outs**

Young men wishing to try out for quarterback, receivers/tight end, and running backs must attend.

**Monday, July 21**

6:00 PM

**7-on-7 & Lineman Challenge vs EPC**

**@ Warren, IL**

Leave Black Hawk at **4:45 PM**

**Wednesday, July 23**

6:00 PM

**7-on-7 & Lineman Challenge vs Stockton & Le-Win**

Leave Black Hawk at **4:45 PM**

\*pick up Warren players on the way

**Tuesday, August 5**

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

@ South Wayne

**Stress Test and Lift-a-thon.** All football players 10-12 must participate in our stress test evaluations, **before you are issued Equipment.** We test your strength, speed, and quickness.

**Tuesday, August 5**

Before Practice

**Equipment Issue for Freshman – Seniors**

Expectations Meeting. All forms must be turned in.

**Tuesday, August 5**

Warren Depart - 3:00 p.m.

Field: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Return - 8:30 p.m.

**First Football Practice**

Locker Room: 3:20 p.m.

**All freshmen through seniors**

## **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

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### **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) 439-5400 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 Fig

**Member**-Clayton Ruegsegger

**Member**-Mindy Stauffacher

**Member**-Cali Schliem

# Parents Club News

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)

Look 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



# School District of Black Hawk

## Regular Board Meeting

March 12, 2025



The school board meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Dee Paulson in the upper commons. It was originally scheduled in the conference room but due to the fact that we had a large audience it was moved to the Upper Commons. The following members were present Jim Baumgartner, Dee Paulson, Val Dunlavey, Cali Schliem, Clayton Ruegsegger, Mindy Stauffacher and Jason Figi. Also present was the administration of Chambers, Milz, Erickson, Tammy Zimmerman and 20 guests.

Motion by Schliem and seconded by Baumgartner to consent to agenda which includes minutes from February 18, 205, financial report, and adoption of the agenda. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Reports: Chambers: We have been notified that City Electric Supply Company, which contracted with JP Electric, is seeking payment of \$185,035.15, which is owed to them. This affects Sjostrom and Sons. I am making you aware of this so if you catch wind of it, you are not caught off guard. Please see the attached document.

We are working with Zac Hess to potentially secure a grant for the area to: *Help prevent and reduce the initiation and progression of substance use and its related problems by supporting the development and delivery of community-based substance use prevention services that strengthen protective factors, reduce risk factors, build resilience, and promote well-being (all the good stuff).* The grant currently includes Black Hawk, Albany, Juda, and Pecatonica. We are hoping to bring on a couple more schools. Please see the attached document.

I have communicated with different entities to gain access to sites to present information about the referendum. If any Board members can attend these meetings when they occur, I believe it will add some credence to the information.

- I talked to Steve Monson about the VI's back room some evening, of this meeting, it should be open for use except any Wednesday is not good, but other evenings will work.
- I talked to Chris McGlynn about the Gratiot Village building and have received permission to use the facilities.
- I talked to Phil Carrol about the SW Fire Department, he arranged a time for me on March 18 at 6 PM.
- I left a message for Steve Tuescher and then talked to Adam Foster about the Wiota Fire Department space. Steve Tuescher reached out today and I will be presenting at the Wiota Fire Department at 6 PM on March 19.
- I talked to Jason Figi about the Cadiz Town Hall and have received permission to use the site.
- I have talked to Lauren Meinert about the Jordan Town Hall and have received permission to use the site.

I have received two bids for air conditioning in the Speech space. In this case Monroe Heat and Sheet Metal provided a significantly better bid. This is part of the construction project. Meyers had given me a rough verbal of about \$6,000. See attached bids.

In the next couple of months, I will likely bring a savings idea to you from a company called the DataWrangler. It is not cheap to engage in, but has typically allowed companies/districts to recover the investment in 3 to 6 months.

Homeland Heating and AC decided they are not ready to provide service contracts. They may be interested in the future.

The replacement of the flooring in Rachel's room will start on the 21st.

Milz:

1. Tara Kammes, M.S. student council advisor, completed running a cookie dough fundraising effort to continue to raise funds for middle school related activities, such as the annual ski trip and incentive activities for 4th and 5th grades. We want to thank her for continuing the work that needs to be done to continue what has become a tradition here at Black Hawk Middle School. Ms. Kammes rewarded the top sellers by taking them to Sherrel Jean's diner for malts and sundaes.
2. Thanks to the FFA officer team, their parents, and others for organizing and hosting the annual FFA Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 16. Our officer team did an outstanding job organizing activities and events for FFA week.
3. Elementary staff hosted for students during the week of March 4 – 8, Read Across America Week, a spring fling for the elementary students. Each day was a different dress up day and reading challenge for our students. High school students were paired up with elementary students for some collaborative reading.
4. Congrats to the following forensics students for advancing to the State Festival on Friday, April 11 at UW-Madison: Mason Schultz in Impromptu, Maddy Place in Public Address, and Jaci Kammes and Molly Edler in Moments in History. There are a few more that will compete at a later date for the same opportunity.
5. Juniors completed the ACT test on Tues., March 11. Thank you to the village and SW fire dept. for letting us use the fire station as a testing center. Freshmen and sophomores will be taking the Pre-ACT beginning April 1, middle school and 3rd-4th with the Forward Exam beginning March 31. 4K-3rd grade, also will do another quarterly AIMSWeb testing to look at growth in accordance with ACT 20 legislation.
  - A. Intervention groups
  - B. Reading Corps
  - C. MS teachers have been using IXL to address the middle school students' gaps in WI standards during Flex.
  - D. HS teachers have been working with 9th/10th graders on remedial grammar/writing conventions skill building during Flex.
  - E. HS teachers are comparing feedback / assessment data on student writing using common rubrics.
  - F. Looked at gaps in WI state standards in our yearly scope and sequences and have begun addressing some content gaps that are now being implemented in the high school English courses.
6. March 12, today, Mr. Erickson took his biology students to BioPharmaceutical Technical Institute in Fitchburg. They participated in lab activities led by current researchers in biotechnology, and gained experience working in a modern laboratory environment.
7. Ms. Wolff and I have been organizing the Six Rivers Math competition that Black Hawk H.S. will host on Wed. March 19. 220 students from all the conference schools will be here from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. competing in solving varying math problems. We are holding classes for all of our students, but we had to get a little creative for space to accommodate the overflow. Thank Haley Larse for helping Ms. Wolff organized some volunteers to assist in proctoring the math contests.
8. Musical, Freaky Friday, will be performed at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 4; Saturday, April 5 @ 2 pm and 7 pm; and Sunday matinee performance at 2 p.m. on April 6. I believe they are planning a pre-performance dinner at 5:00 p.m. on the 4th. Would like to thank Mr. Duff-Bowers, Mr. Amweg for their work in preparing our students for this performance. Students are working very hard right now, putting in some long days, we are proud of their efforts. Also, I would like to thank Ms. Tara Kammes and Mr. Gary Cooley for assisting with set design.
9. Freshmen – juniors have registered for 2024-2025 classes. I am currently working on the schedule for next school year, and planning on current levels of staffing.

10. FFA Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for this Saturday, April 5, 2025. They will use ½ of the gym and hope for good weather.

11. Thank you and welcome to Chris Ruegsegger, who will be working as a long term substitute teacher in 5K. I feel the district is very lucky to have someone of her qualifications filling this position.

12. Melissa Pickett was chosen by her peers as the Feb. Employee of the Month. Melissa does an outstanding job in her regularly scheduled position but also is not hesitant to jump in and lend a hand where needed with a positive, friendly attitude. She is a big part of continuing the Warrior Backpack program along with Tiffany/Travis Signer and many volunteers from the Parent's Club.

13. We have 13 students signed up to dual credit courses in 2025-2026. Because Y.A./Work Release guidelines for periods out of school are changing, students who wish to be out of school for 4 periods would need to take complementary courses within their occupational cluster. There will probably be more students in the spring semester looking for classes that fit that designation.

14. Mr. Behlke took a team to the JA Titan business simulation competition in Madison on Wed. 3/12. The Entrepreneurship II class team consisted of Shane Wand, Jackson Berget, Owen Seffrood, Javin Stietz, Brody Argall, and David Eckerman.

15. March 17 - Ms. Crotty is taking most of the seniors to the Colony Brands Career Expo, held in Monroe.

16. Second grade classes will be attending a play at the Dubuque Theatre on March 28.

Erickson: The Winter Season has concluded Girls Basketball started with 9 and finished with 9. Maddy Lange passed the career point achieving 1000 points becoming only the 8<sup>th</sup> Girl to achieve that. Lange was also selected on the first team all-conference. Maddie Place was picked for the second team. The Boys' Basketball started with 17 and ended the season with 16. The season highlight was the last game they led most of it and played very well.

The wrestling season finished well and Owen Seffrood won his second undefeated state championship. A pep Rally was held before heading to state and a reception was held on Monday following his state championship.

Schedules for the 2025-26 had to make some adjustments for a few reasons such as moving a game to a Saturday and moving the start time up for a Friday game due to mainly lack of football officials. Also looking at the Wrestling schedule for the 2025-26 season as we will likely not have any conference affiliation.

Baseball and Softball Coop meetings were held and community input was gathered. There has been a very good turnout for these meetings that were held. As a result of the meetings the School Boards will be voting on moving forward with renewing the Coops as recommended by Administration.

Spring sports track has started and the first meet is less than a week away.

As always I appreciate the volunteer workers at games and contests. I want to mention Cindy Bechtolt, Lucy Roper, Don Hawkinson, and Tom Wellnitz who all worked a vast majority of the basketball games.

Board of Education Report: March 21, 2025 employee appreciation will have morning snacks for all staff and Taco Bar at the Village Inn starting at 11:30am for all staff.

Public comment was called for 8 Citizens who talked about the Baseball/Softball Coop with Argyle most were in favor of it happening. Some voiced concern about taking away from South Wayne Businesses and the Park District if no Baseball/Softball games were held in South Wayne. One thing is the summer league is not combining with Argyle and that will stay in South Wayne.

Cynde Larsen, Chief Academic Officer from Southwest Technical College gave a presentation about the programs and working to offer dual credits to students.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to approve the Black Hawk Schools Academic and Career Planning Program. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to approve having a Board Employee Dinner. The motion carried on a voice vote. Stauffacher will be checking on availability at the Village Inn

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Stauffacher to raise milk price to \$.40 effective April 1, 2025. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Dunlavey to approve Jenny Schiferl as summer school office manager from 8:00am to 12:00pm for the 15 days of summer school. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Paulson to approve Argyle/Black Hawk Softball Coop contingent upon the school board of Argyle approving a prorated amount of not less than 25%. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Paulson to approve Argyle/Black Hawk Baseball Coop contingent upon the school board of Argyle approving a prorated amount of not less than 25%. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to approve using a Financial Monitoring Tool that was presented last month. The tool has timelines that the Administration will be using moving forward. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Time clock parameters were discussed and Tammy Zimmerman will come up with outlines for Board Approval at next month's regular meeting so we can look them over and approve them. No action was taken on this item.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to convey to executive session at 9:05pm. President announcement of executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c and Wisconsin State Statutes, Family Medical Leave Act staff member. YES- Baumgartner, Paulson, Schliem, Dunlavey, Stauffacher, Ruegsegger, Figi, NO-None.

The board returned to open session at 10:05pm. The Board did approve a FMLA leave for a staff member in executive session.

Act on matters deliberated in closed session: None

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to adjourn at 10:05pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Next Regular meeting is April 9, 2025

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk

# **School District of Black Hawk**

## **Special Meeting**

### **March 20, 2025**



The school board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Dee Paulson in the upper commons. The following members were present Jim Baumgartner, Dee Paulson, Val Dunlavey, Cali Schliem, Clayton Ruegsegger, Mindy Stauffacher and Jason Figi. Also present was the administration of Chambers and 8 guests.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to consent to agenda which includes adoption of the agenda. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Report: None

Board of Education Report: It is requested that information is sent to the board in a more timely manner instead of getting information to the Board with not all facts and making a decision in an instantaneous amount of time. Not all information is given to the Board to make a decision timely and clearly. Dunlavey feels that the Board has enough time to review these items and address any questions to Chambers ahead of the meeting especially on contentious matters. Dunlavey also mentioned that there was a community meeting held and we knew that we would be voting on the Coop at the March meeting. The Coop contract was sent to the Board the Friday before the meeting.

Had a discussion and options to deal with school forest in Gratiot options are sell, log out, issue was brought up due to the fact that a person bordering the property is encroaching on to the school owned land.

Coops what can be done to save money as the Coop will cost the District more money per student athlete due to the lack of students projected to participate in the sport. Increase sport fees, require parents to transport, reduce AD stipend, reduce the number of coaches asking for donations to support the program.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Schliem to approve the Softball Coop with Argyle for 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Schliem to approve the Baseball Coop with Argyle for 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to adjourn at 6:22pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by,

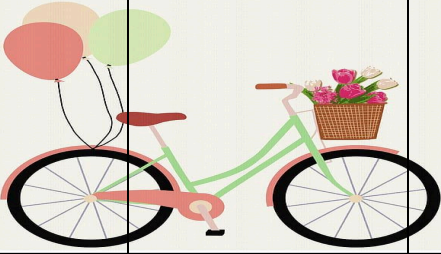

Jason Figi, Clerk

# May 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 130p Elementary Spring Concert (K-6th)  5p SB @ Benton-Shullsburg  Track @ Cuba City	<b>2</b> 430p SB @ Lena-Winslow  5p BB @ Argyle w/Highland  <b>School Lunch Hero Day</b>	<b>3</b> 7p MS/HS Spring Concert (7th-12th)
<b>5</b> 430p SB @ Monticello-New Glarus  5p BB @ Argyle w/Monticello-Albany  Track @ Lena (Boys Only)	<b>6</b> 5p SB @ Argyle w/Barneveld  MS Track @ Le-Win  <b>Teacher Appreciation Day</b>	<b>7</b> 6p Scholarship Night  <b>School Nurse Day</b>	<b>8</b> 430p Track (H) Warrior Senior Invite  5p SB @ Argyle w/Belmont	<b>9</b> 5p BB @ Argyle w/Potosi	<b>10</b>
<b>12</b> 4p Track @ Darlington  5p BB @ Argyle w/Barneveld  5p SB @ Pec	<b>13</b> 4p MS Track	<b>14</b> 1130a Seal a Smile  <b>130p Early Release</b>  6p School Board Meeting  7p NHS Induction Ceremony (Gym)	<b>15</b> 430p BB @ Lena/Winslow  5p SB @ Argyle w/Benton-Shullsburg	<b>16</b> 415p Track @ Belleville  6-8p Fab Lab Open	<b>17</b>
<b>19</b> HS Academic Awards (4th period)  Track @ UW Platteville	<b>20</b> 5p BB @ Pec  5p SB @ Argyle w/Juda-Albany  <b>Senior Finals</b>	<b>21</b> Elementary Olympics  6p 8th Grade Orientation  <b>Senior Finals</b>	<b>22</b> SB Regionals	<b>23</b> 5p BB @ Argyle w/Darlington  7p Graduation	<b>24</b>
<b>26</b>  <b>No School</b> Memorial Day	<b>27</b> 4K Screenings  <b>Finals</b>  1130a MS Academic Awards  WIAA Regional Track Meet (H)  SB Regionals	<b>28</b> 4K Screenings  <b>Finals</b>  7p Promotion	<b>29</b> ECH Screenings  <b>Last Day of School (Students)</b>  BB Regionals  SB Regionals	<b>30</b>  Staff Work Day/Inservice  Track Sectionals @ Bangor	

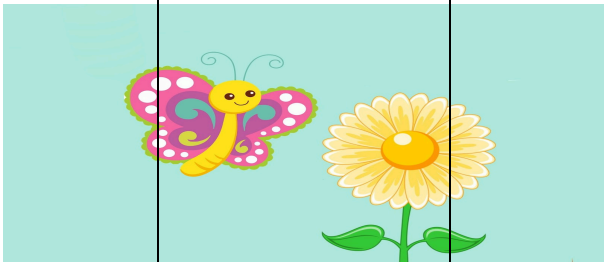

# Breakfast Menu

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 French Toast Peaches Milk	2 Sausage Patty Egg English Muffin Apple Milk
5 Banana Bread Cheese Stick Pears Milk	6 Chocolate Chip French Toast Peaches Milk	7 Waffles Granola Bites Apple Milk	8 Pancakes Granola Bar Fruit Milk	9 French Toast Sticks Granola Bites Pears Milk
12 Muffins Granola Bites Fruit Cocktail Milk	13 Berry French Toast Applesauce Milk	14 Strudel Stick Yogurt Fruit Milk	15 Sausage Breakfast Bagel Yogurt Apple Milk	16 Pancake Wrap Mixed Fruit Milk
19  Cook's Choice	20  Cook's Choice	21  Cook's Choice	22  Cook's Choice	23  Cook's Choice
26  Cook's Choice	27  Cook's Choice	28  Cook's Choice	29  Cook's Choice	

# 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 Pizza Dippers/Sauce Broccoli Apple Milk	2 Hamburger/Bun Cheese Slice French Fries Applesauce Milk
5 Chicken Patty/Bun Cheetos Cauliflower Pears Milk	6 Chicken Fajitas Cheetos Yogurt Peas Applesauce Milk	7 Pizza Cheezits Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	8 Beef Ravioli WG Doritos Carrots Apple Milk	9 Quesadilla Broccoli Fruit Slushie Milk
12  Cook's Choice	13  Cook's Choice	14  Cook's Choice	15  Cook's Choice	16  Cook's Choice
19  Cook's Choice	20  Cook's Choice	21  Cook's Choice	22  Cook's Choice	23  Cook's Choice
26  Cook's Choice	27  Cook's Choice	28  Cook's Choice	29  Cook's Choice	



School District of Black Hawk  
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# Student of the Month March



Matthew Reichling  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



Bradley Figi  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Olivia Signer  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade

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