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# Wildcat News

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## OCTOBER NEWS FROM MRS. WITT!

Edgar Families,

It is hard to believe that we have already completed the first month of school! We have had an amazing month with the students as they were so excited to be back in school and learning with their friends. We appreciate the great attendance for our BACK TO SCHOOL parent meetings. We hope you found it to be good information so we can partner together to make this the best school year ever for your child (ren).

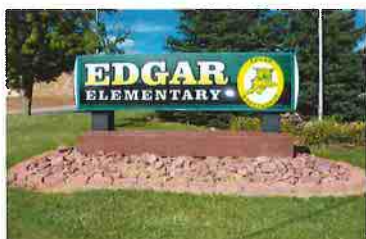
We had our first CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY on Friday and honored our September Students of the Month and new this year our September GRADE/CLASS of the Month. Congratulations to all! We can't wait to see who is selected for October!

Our annual fundraising efforts end this Friday, October 4th. We are working with the Meadow Farms Fundraising group and they are featuring two different catalogs: The Ultimate Gift Collection and The Kringle Candle Collection. The money raised in this fundraiser allows us to do so many extra things for our students, such as: special assemblies and events (Opera for the Young, Kindness Retreat, REGI Raptors Group, STEM Space Shuttle and special guest Author visits), monthly books for students at the Celebration Assemblies, MEAD Wildlife fieldtrips and our Family Fun Nights. PLEASE make sure that you complete the top of the order form with your name and address AS ALL ORDERS WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR HOUSE 21 days after I submit the order which should be within one week of all orders being returned to Edgar Elementary School.

PARENT/TEACHER Conferences are set for Tuesday, October 15 and Wednesday, October 16 from 3:30-7:30. We ask that you please sign up for a time on the PTC Fast online conference scheduler. The goal is for 100% participation in our fall parent/teacher conferences.

We hope you can join us on Tuesday, October 22 for a special author visit and Family Fun Night with THE NAME JAR. Please watch for the flyer that will be coming home with students next week.

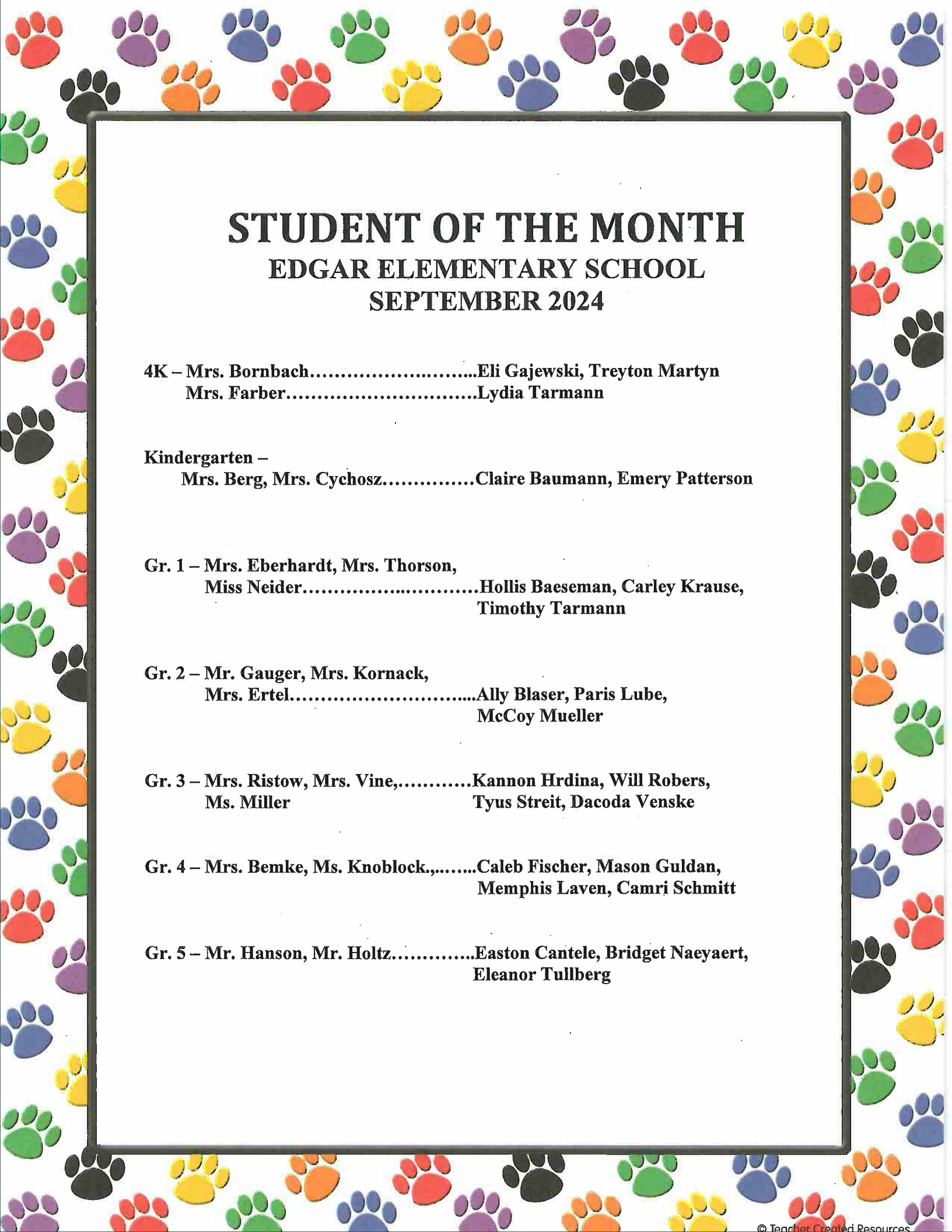
I am looking forward to an amazing month of October! Mrs. Witt



# Important Dates



- OCTOBER 1.....FAMILY FUN NIGHT @ 6:00  
MINDFUL MOVEMENTS
- OCTOBER 2.....GR – 5K MEAD FIELDTRIP
- OCTOBER 3.....GR – 1 MEAD FIELDTRIP
- OCTOBER 4.....GR – 2 MEAD FIELDTRIP
- OCTOBER 9.....GR – 3 MEAD FIELDTRIP
- OCTOBER 10.....GR – 4 – MEAD FIELDTRIP  
VISION/HEARING TESTING
- OCTOBER 11.....GR – 5 – MEAD FIELDTRIP  
VISION/HEARING TESTING
- OCTOBER 15.....PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES  
3:30-7:30 PM
- OCTOBER 16.....PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES  
3:30-7:30 PM
- OCTOBER 17-18.....NO SCHOOL – TEACHER  
INSERVICE
- OCTOBER 22.....FAMILY FUN NIGHT @6:00  
NAME JAR
- OCTOBER 30.....SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
@6:00 PM
- OCTOBER 31.....CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY  
@2:00 PM



# **STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

## **EDGAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### **SEPTEMBER 2024**

**4K – Mrs. Bornbach.....Eli Gajewski, Treyton Martyn**  
**Mrs. Farber.....Lydia Tarmann**

**Kindergarten –**  
**Mrs. Berg, Mrs. Cychosz.....Claire Baumann, Emery Patterson**

**Gr. 1 – Mrs. Eberhardt, Mrs. Thorson,**  
**Miss Neider.....Hollis Baeseman, Carley Krause,**  
**Timothy Tarmann**

**Gr. 2 – Mr. Gauger, Mrs. Kornack,**  
**Mrs. Ertel.....Ally Blaser, Paris Lube,**  
**McCoy Mueller**

**Gr. 3 – Mrs. Ristow, Mrs. Vine,.....Kannon Hrdina, Will Robers,**  
**Ms. Miller Tyus Streit, Dacoda Venske**

**Gr. 4 – Mrs. Bemke, Ms. Knoblock,.....Caleb Fischer, Mason Guldán,**  
**Memphis Laven, Camri Schmitt**

**Gr. 5 – Mr. Hanson, Mr. Holtz.....Easton Cantele, Bridget Naeyaert,**  
**Eleanor Tullberg**

# SEPTEMBER

## CLASS OF THE MONTH



## GRADE 2

# Menus for October 2024

Edgar School District

Top Line: Breakfast 4K-12  
 Middle Line: Main Line Lunch 4K-12  
 Bottom Line: Ala Carte 6-12

All lunches are served with a choice of 2 fruits and 2 veggies, students must pick one of each.

The full salad bar is also included with a hot lunch meal.

There will also be a full cooler full of PBJ meals, salads and sandwiches available on the ala carte side for 6-12. These will be full lunches.

Lunch Prices for 2024-25  
 4K-5: \$ 2.70  
 6-12: \$ 3.05

Just a reminder to keep your students lunch account up to date. There are Free/Reduced applications available in both the High School and Elementary offices.

Reminder that if your student needs milk with their cold lunch they must enter their lunch numbers into the computer. Milk with cold lunch this year will be \$ .45.

Please do not hesitate to call or email with any questions.

rlarson@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us  
 715-352-3321

Menu is subject to change

Tuesday, October 1		Wednesday, October 2		Thursday, October 3		Friday, October 4			
Homemade Muffins		Pancake Wrap		Grab and Go		Parfait			
Soft Tacos		Orange Chicken		Popcorn Chicken and Mac and Cheese		Bagel, Sausage and Scrambled Eggs			
Potato Bowl		Burgers		Chicken Sandwich		Calzones			
Monday, October 7		Tuesday, October 8		Wednesday, October 9		Thursday, October 10		Friday, October 11	
Waffles and Sausage		Parfait		Breakfast Sandwich		Grab and Go		Cinnamon Rolls	
Chicken Sandwich		Burgers		Chili and Cheese Sticks		Hot Turkey and Mashed Potatoes		French Bread Pizza	
Rotini and Meat Sauce		Ham and Cheese Stromboli		Boneless Chicken Wings		Chicken Alfredo		French Toast Sticks	
Monday, October 14		Tuesday, October 15		Wednesday, October 16		Thursday, October 17		Friday, October 18	
Breakfast Pizza		Homemade Muffin		Pancake Wrap		NO SCHOOL		NO SCHOOL	
Rotini and Meat Sauce		Walking Tacos		Homemade Pizza		NO SCHOOL		NO SCHOOL	
BYO Ramen Bowl		Chicken Fajitas		Chicken Tenders					
Monday, October 21		Tuesday, October 22		Wednesday, October 23		Thursday, October 24		Friday, October 25	
Omelet and Biscuit		Parfait		Pancake Wrap		Grab and Go		Parfaits	
BBQ Popcorn Chicken		Burgers		Chicken Alfredo		French Toast Sticks		Dippers	
Taco Salad		Chicken Nuggets and Rice		Soup and Sandwich		Philly Beef		Hot Dogs	
Monday, October 28		Tuesday, October 29		Wednesday, October 30		Thursday, October 31			
Waffles and Sausage		Homemade Muffins		Breakfast Sandwich		Halloween Donuts			
Mini Corn Dogs		Tachos		Chicken Tenders and Curly Fries		Hot Ham and Cheese			
Meatball Subs		Scalloped Potatoes and Ham		Dippers		Orange Chicken			





## October

- Happy Halloween
- Is your lunch Balance healthy?

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**EDGAR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL INVITE YOU TO  
THE FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES!**

**DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> and WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

**TIME: 3:30-7:30 P.M.**

**PLACE: Edgar School District**

**CONFERENCES:** Parents can schedule their own parent/teacher conferences using the website called PTCFast.com. This website makes it easy for you to schedule your own conference as well as make any changes if needed! Please follow the directions below to schedule your own parent/teacher conferences:

1. Go to the Edgar School District website and click on the PARENT TAB and then scroll down and click on the last link PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
2. Click on all teachers you wish to schedule a conference with and press SUBMIT
3. If you selected more than one teacher to schedule a conference with you will be prompted to answer a question:
  - Are the conferences for one student, more than one student or return me to the conference list to re-choose my conferences
4. You will then need to provide the following information:
  - Child's first name, child's last name, your name, your email address, phone number is optional and then press SUBMIT
5. You will then get this message:
  - Thank you for registering. Please check your email at the address you provided. You will find an email with the subject header "Select Date/Time for Teacher Conference Now". Just press the link in the email and you will be able to pick a time slot for the conference.
  - Note: Email sometimes does not get delivered immediately, please allow up to 15 minutes. You might also check your Spam folder.
6. Open your email and click on the link provided to schedule your parent/teacher conference. You will receive an email reminder
7. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER OR THE INTERNET FOR SCHEDULING A CONFERENCE, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE OFFICES AND THEY WILL SCHEDULE FOR YOU!



## 2023 Wisconsin Act 20 (Act 20)

- ACT 20 is a law created to ensure each child attending a public school (including independent charter schools) is able to read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade.
- To achieve this goal, ACT 20 requires schools to provide high quality, science-based early literacy instruction and interventions and to monitor early literacy skill development for all students in grades 5K-3.
- ACT 20 includes the following requirements for early literacy curriculum, instruction and assessment:
  - Universal science-based early literacy instruction that includes phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, phonics, writing, vocabulary, oral language, background knowledge, fluency, and reading comprehension and does not include three-part-cueing.
  - Universal screening of early literacy skills for all students in grades 4K-3.
  - Diagnostic assessment of early literacy skills for students in 5K through grade 3 who perform below the 25th percentile on the early literacy screening.
  - Personal Reading Plan for students who score below the 25th percentil on the screener that includes intervention and weekly progress monitoring for students who perform the 25th percentile on teh early literacy screening.
  - Communication with parents and caregivers regarding early literacy curriculum, instruction, intervention, and assessment.
- ACT 20 applies to all students in 4K through grade 3, including students with IEPs.
- DPI has selected aimswebPlus by Pearson for early literacy screening in 4K through grade 3. At Edgar, we will use aimswebPlus to screen our students in reading and math in grades 4K-5 and FASTBridge will continue for students in grades 6-8.

# HERE'S THE IMPACT OF **READING 20** MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

**20:00**

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**1.8 MILLION**  
words per year  
and scores in  
**90th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

A student who reads

**5:00**

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**282,000**  
words per year  
and scores in  
**50th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

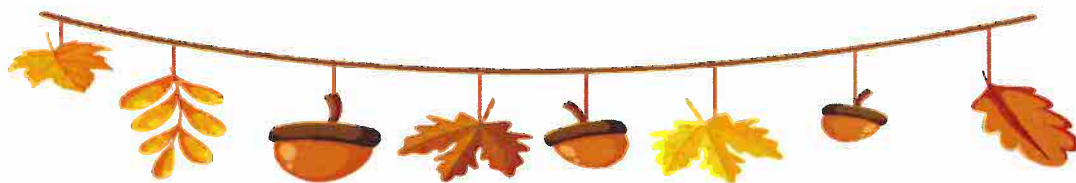
A student who reads

**1:00**

minute per day

will be exposed to  
**8,000**  
words per year  
and scores in  
**10th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

 **SCHOLASTIC**



## October Greetings from the 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Classroom!

Mrs. Sara Farber

Mrs. Kristin Bornbach

The school year is off to a great start in our 4K classrooms! We are busy playing, learning, making new friends, and completing many fun learning activities. It is hard to believe the first month of school is complete. Hello to October!

Looking ahead in our 4K classrooms this upcoming month, our theme will be "Making Friends!" We will begin learning alphabet letters, Aa, Mm, Pp, and Ss. In our social studies and science lessons we will be learning about rocks, what scientists do, and following school and classroom rules. In our math lessons, we will be learning about shapes and numbers 1-5. In our social-emotional lessons, we will learn more about feelings and why we have feelings.

October also has many other important things. We will be taking our first field trip to Helene's Hilltop Orchard for a fun afternoon in autumn. Pumpkins, corn maze, petting animals, and jumping in the bouncy shed are all things we look forward to.

We also look forward to seeing parents in our school building for parent-teacher conferences. We have many positive things to share with our families. We have had a great start to this school year. This will be an exciting time as well!

October is also a month with teacher in-service days. Please mark your calendars that on October 17th and October 18th, there will be no school in our district as teachers will have professional development days.

At the end of the month, we will have a friendly Halloween celebration in our classroom! Look for those details as the time gets closer!

Thank you to our parents for your continued support in helping your child be prepared for school each day! Thank you for remembering snacks, important papers as well as backpacks and school folders. We appreciate you all very much!

Enjoy the autumn season!

## Kindergarten News

Mrs. Berg and Mrs. Cychosz

October is a month of field trips for us. We are so excited to go to the Mead Wildlife center! We will be starting a nature journal, learning about feathered friends, animal tracks and going on a nature hike.



In October we will be learning about fire safety. The highlight of our unit is always our visit to the Edgar Fire Station. The firefighters give us a tour of the station, and show us how to be safe in the event of a fire.



In math we are learning how to subitize- as we practice the numbers 0-5. Subitizing means you do not have to count each dot to know how many dots you have. Using your knowledge of numbers you can look at the dots and tell instantly how many you have.

We are also learning how to use a five frame to help us organize and think about numbers.

## First Grade News!

Mrs. Eberhardt, Mrs. Thorson, and Miss Neider

The first month of school has flown by! We are off to a great start! October will be another busy month. In **math**, we wrapped up Unit 1: adding, subtracting and using data. We will start unit 2: addition and subtraction story problems. We learned the difference between rules and laws in **social studies**. We will begin our first **science** unit, *Light, Sound and Communication*. We are looking forward to some fun hands-on activities! In **reading**, we have begun our WONDERS curriculum and our new HD BLAST for phonics. First grade is doing fantastic with catching on to the new ELA routines. We are working on rhyming words, concept of print, genres and comparing stories. In **writing**, students have been learning about sentences, using capital letters and end marks.

Lastly, we are finishing up our fall testing and are excited to continue working on our math and reading skills! Please continue to read with your child for 15-20 minutes a day and practice those spelling words!



## Second Grade News

Tammy Kornack, Darren Gauger, and Kellyn Ertel

We are off to a great start. Our second graders are enjoying our learning environment. It is so important to be using our literacy skills, so please encourage your child to read daily and turn in their reading log. We have been reading everyday at school and taking accelerated reader tests. Our students have also started writing in their journals and are practicing the paragraph format.



Adequate sleep is critical in early childhood. Brain foundations that last a lifetime are still being built in second grade. The brain does important work while children sleep, hence the need for so much rest. Please ensure your child goes to bed at an appropriate time to allow his/her brain to get the time it needs to work without environmental stimuli. The National Sleep Foundation recommends 10 to 11 hours of sleep a night for seven and eight-year-olds.

Ask your child about growth and fixed mindset. We have been studying this concept in order to begin the process of metacognition (thinking about learning). When we teach our children that they actually have control over growing their brains through the actions they take, it is empowering! We tell our learners that when they work hard by asking questions, practicing, and actively participating in their learning, they grow, make connections, and build their neurons. Learning from mistakes and applying effort is the most powerful way to become "smarter". Praise effort (you worked so hard) as opposed to comments about intelligence such as (you are so smart).

We just completed our Fall screener-AIMSWEBPlus. This evaluation helps to identify students' reading skills, such as phonemic awareness, decoding, and comprehension, allowing for targeted instruction tailored to individual needs. By using the data, the teachers can implement effective interventions that align with the science of reading principles, helping students build a strong foundation in literacy. Early identification and support not only enhance reading proficiency but will help to foster a lifelong love for learning, setting the stage for academic success.



# Third Grade October News

Mrs. Ristow, Mrs. Vine & Ms. Miller

## What We Learned

In Math, we are working on reading and creating graphs. Using a scale is emphasized and how to choose the numbers for your scale. Please look for the 'cool down' sheets being sent home daily. Discuss with your child what they are learning in math using this sheet as your guide. Please have them explain to you what their cooldown is about. In the coming weeks, we will be sending home strategy cards for multiplication and division to practice with your child.

Third Graders had a wonderful time visiting the Little Red Schoolhouse. They were transported back in time when they had a school day like the kids would have in 1904. If you are willing to donate your child's outfit or part of an outfit please let us know we will gladly take it for future classes!

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 9th-Third-grade students will be having a field trip to the Meed Wildlife Center. Please remember to dress according to the weather and remember to pack a lunch or order the school's lunch.

PT Conferences- Oct. 15-16th. We are looking forward to Parent/Teacher Conferences! We would love to speak with you about all the good things your child is doing! Please sign up on [PTCFast.com](https://PTCFast.com) when it becomes available to get your preferred time. Our goal is 100% attendance.

Halloween-We will be celebrating our Halloween party on Thursday, October 31st. A reminder note will come home with the students who are signed up for treats. We will send a picture of that sign-up sheet in Seesaw.

## Reminders

Please remember to read 20 minutes per night. We will not be factoring A.R. quizzes into a report card grade, but they contribute to the personal goal of 4 points per month we have set for your child.

## Contact Info

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns you may have. We can be reached via email at [grade3@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us](mailto:grade3@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us), in Seesaw, or by phone at 715-352-2727.

## Grade 4 News

by Mrs. Bemke, Miss Knoblock and Miss Moore

The Fourth Grade Learners are well on their way to new discoveries as they ventured into their new 21st Century Learning Community. Fourth graders have learned how to log into their google accounts using their chromebooks and have connected to our Google Classroom pages. In Math we have learned about factors and multiples. We encourage all learners to practice basic multiplication math facts on a daily basis, for this will help them develop math fluency as they apply these skills in our daily math lessons. We will begin our next unit of study in Math which will focus on fractions. Together we will focus on developing a greater number sense as we discover how fractions, or parts of numbers are put together to make a whole.

In ELA, learners are reading expository texts and reading informational literature in class to understand how authors use writing skills and crafts to present information. Students are working together in small groups to develop greater reading skills. Our unit's theme has been taking a look at how Science can help predict Earth's Natural Disasters. We are also reading realistic fiction to discover how our actions can affect others. This has led our learners to discuss the topic of what we can learn about our Earth and how it is constantly changing, as well as learning about ourselves. We are preparing to write an argumentative essay by developing the ability to analyze informational sources to develop knowledge on a subject and how to use that information in our writing. Together we will build strong writing skills, as we learn about the writing process and begin our first formal writing piece in the form of an argumentative essay.

In Social Studies learners practiced thinking like a historian. We will be learning about our beautiful state of Wisconsin, as we explore all of its geographical features and the natural resources Wisconsin has to offer us. We are excited to have the opportunity to learn more about the business of agriculture through the "Food for America" program that our High School FFA members have become involved with. Our class will have the opportunity to visit the Borchardt Farm for a first hand experience of agriculture. We look forward to learning more about Wisconsin's agriculture.



## **Fifth Grade News**

**Mr. Hanson & Mr. Holtz**

Our School year is off to an AWESOME and KIND start! "180 Days of Awesome and Being Kind" and we are right on track for the month of September! Students have been doing a fantastic job following the Wildcat Way and building relationships with not only their peers but also with teachers. Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be a Friend are our 4 Wildcat Ways and this group of 5th graders are doing an EXCELLENT job with each of them! Our focus for this school year is kindness! We are sooo excited to have them as leaders of the elementary school!

Our days are busy and we are working on our routines, stamina, and classroom norms. We have been doing a lot of beginning of the year activities to help the students understand what our expectations are, how days are shaped, and what standards we are covering. Below you can see what our "Big Ideas" or focus areas have been thus far in all our subjects. The year is off to a great start and we will be getting more and more into our curriculum as the days move forward.

### ***Math***

We had a great kick off to our Math curriculum by exploring Math with Smarties! We have and will be working really hard with our *Illustrative Math* curriculum and different ways to represent our learning. We are stressing to the students to have a deeper understanding of their math through multiple ways to represent their work! We want quality of work, rather than quantity of problems! We are over half way through our first unit which covers volume. Students have shown great engagement and have put forth great efforts thus far. Keep up the great work!

### ***Language Arts***

Students read the book *I Survived the Attacks of 9/11* and we just finished reading *Wonder*. We have spent a lot of time talking about the attacks, the heroes on that day, and the victims. For the book *Wonder*, we will focus on the precept "When have the chance to be right or kind, always choose kind." for the whole year! We feel it fits perfectly into 5th grade and our Wildcat Way! Again, the kids are doing AWESOME!

### ***Social Studies and Science***

This year we are trying something different. We will be having one subject for three weeks and then the other the next three weeks. This will also give us the opportunity to have enough time to complete labs, activities, and projects. We have many green thumbs in Science as we are doing great with a sunflower plant lab! We are also beginning to work with our new curriculum, *Mystery Science*. It has been a hit so far! We began our year of social studies with our first *Yum Yum Boxes* from India and Africa. We are now beginning research projects about the 50 states and learning more about geography.

### ***At home***

We know you are very busy at home. We try to make sure the students have ample time to get all their work done at school so you can have family time! We hope you will find time to play games together and read each night! We challenge every student (and teacher) to read 40 books this year! WE can do it because WE are AWESOME!

Thanks for all your efforts and support! We could not have the start of the year and continued success in the classroom without you! Take care! Smile!

# IMPROVING READING FLUENCY

*By: Jodi Smith & Ashley Schilling (Title One Reading/Interventist)*

**Wisconsin Act20 Law requires all students Gr 1-3 to be tested in the area of Reading Fluency (and Letter Sound Fluency for Grades 4K-K).**



**Fluency** is defined as the ability to decode text with accuracy, automaticity and **prosody** (the appropriate use of phrasing and expression to convey meaning).

## Why Focus on Fluency?

With the ability to decode text quickly and efficiently, the reader can better recognize the words with automaticity, which allows the brain to focus on the content of the text.

## Tips for Helping Your Child to Improve their Fluency:

- Be sure all letter sounds are automatic for your child
- Begin with reading smaller words accurately and quickly
- Chunk words or break apart larger words into smaller parts
- Read out loud to your child (model reading fluency)
- Repeat read (you read a sentence and have your child repeat what you are reading)
- Choral read (or read together at the same time as your child).
- Reread familiar text to build fluency
- Reread the same page or passage multiple times or days in a row
- Have your child read out loud every day.
- Use apps that read out loud to your child when you are unable to

Resources: [www.readinghorizons.com](http://www.readinghorizons.com)

Library News  
Miss Hamann

We have had an exciting start to the school year in the library. In September we celebrated Dot Day based on the book The Dot by Peter H Reynolds. This book encourages students to change "I CAN'T do it!" to "I can't do it, YET" It is a powerful message that is so important for learning and growing.

Below, you will find information on our October Book Fair it will be the only Book Fair this year! Thank you in advance for your support of our library.

## The Book Fair is Almost Here!



October 10-October 16, 2022

7:30 am-3:30 pm

Family Nights

Tuesday and Wednesday,

October 15th-16th

3:30-7:00 pm

The Book Fair Flyer is coming home soon. Our in-person fair will take cash, checks (made out to School District of Edgar), or credit cards. **We are required to collect sales tax on all items sold at the book fair.** Consider signing up for e-Wallet as a cash-less option. It works like a gift card for your students. See the back of the flyer for more information.

Families can also shop online to get some great books for students in Grades PreK through 8+. Our online store is open from **October 14-27th**. Visit <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/edgarelementaryschool1>.

Thank you for supporting reading and the Edgar School Library. If you have questions, please contact me, Linda Hamann, at [lhamann@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us](mailto:lhamann@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us)

## **Physical Education News**

Mr. Lukasko, Mr. Handrick, Mr. Decker

The first month of school flew by and we had some beautiful weather to enjoy our great outdoor spaces! Our students have been working on getting used to new routines and procedures in the physical education environment by exploring a variety of body control and space awareness activities.

All grade levels completed a thorough playground games unit in their PE classes. We learned about the basic, and not so basic activities and rules of the playground! The students get to enjoy playing on a great playground space while improving their physical fitness through active play! The older elementary students in grades 3-5 have been introduced to and/or reviewed the rules of how to play kickball, a variety of basketball activities, tetherball, four square, Gaga Ball and using the playground fitness equipment properly.

With the great weather we've had, we also explored the school forest where we learned about the rules of the school forest, played a variety of chasing/fleeing/dodging games, and had fun doing scavenger hunts in small teams! We are excited to get into some manipulative units coming up next month!

Remember your PE shoes as we have physical education EVERY DAY!





Hello everyone!

It has been a great start to the school year! I am happy to say I have been in every grade teaching Guidance class already! I have a few announcements I want to make starting the school year.

1. October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Our guidance curriculum, *Character Strong*, launched some new lessons on bullying. I am excited to be talking to each grade this month about the definition of bullying, how to identify when bullying is happening, and what to do in a bullying situation. I have our bullying prevention parent newsletter attached.
2. At the beginning of each school year, I like to share our Edgar community resource page so families have access to our amazing resources. This resource page is also attached.
3. I will be out on maternity leave tentatively at the end of October and returning sometime in January/early February. With that being said, Guidance class, individual counseling, and group counseling will continue when I return. If you have any questions or concerns while I am gone, please reach out to some of our other student services staff. They are happy to help in any way they can.

Lisa Witt- Elementary Principal- [lwitt@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us](mailto:lwitt@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us)

Alyssa Narloch- School Psychologist- [anarloch@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us](mailto:anarloch@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us)

Jamie Koehler- Middle School Counselor- [jkoehler@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us](mailto:jkoehler@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us)

Rich Twomey- Special Education Coordinator- [rtwomey@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us](mailto:rtwomey@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us)

Let's make it a great year! I am looking forward to working with so many wonderful students and their families this school year!

Jenny Pritzl

Elementary School Counselor



As always, please contact me with any questions, concerns, or if you are looking for additional resources at [jpritzl@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us](mailto:jpritzl@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us) or (715) 352-2727 ext. 125.



# Edgar Community Resources

## **ABUSE & EMERGENCY SHELTER**

### **The Women's Community**

(715)842-5663 (Office)  
(715)842-7323 (24 Hour Support)  
1(888)665-1234 (Toll Free)  
(800)799-7233 (National Domestic Violence Hotline)  
[www.womenscommunity.org](http://www.womenscommunity.org)  
Provides shelter, rental assistance, legal advocacy, information, support, and bilingual services to abuse victims & their children.

### **The Hagar House**

(715)298-9994  
Email: [info@thehagarhouse.org](mailto:info@thehagarhouse.org)  
[www.thehagarhouse.org](http://www.thehagarhouse.org)  
Provides a faith-based long-term home for women and their children in crisis and works towards measurable goals for women to gain independence.

## **CHURCHES**

### **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**

(715)352-3011  
[stjohn-edgar.org](http://stjohn-edgar.org)  
Father Alan Wierzb

### **St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

(715)352-2491  
[www.ststephenedgar.com](http://www.ststephenedgar.com)  
Pastor Gail Sowell

### **The Mill Church Edgar**

(715)391-1020  
[themill.church](http://themill.church)  
Zach Burris

### **Edgar Community Church**

(715)997-4827  
[www.edgarcommunitychurch.com](http://www.edgarcommunitychurch.com)  
Pastor Nick Bancuk

## **COUNSELING/SUPPORT**

### **Peaceful Solutions Counseling**

(715)675-3458  
[www.peacefulsolutions.org](http://www.peacefulsolutions.org)  
Provides therapy to children of all ages and their families.

### **New Insights Counseling**

(715)226-6441  
<https://newinsightswausau.com/>  
Provides therapy to children of all ages. Ann Dixon, a past counselor from True North, has branched out to start up her own agency called, New Insights Counseling.

### **Bridge Community Health Clinic**

<https://www.bridgeclinic.org/>  
Their care philosophy is a whole-person based approach to health and wellness for all ages and stages. The Edgar School District has an office for Bridge Community Counselors to meet with students during the school day. If you are interested in this option, please contact one of the district's three school counselors. At this time, they are only servicing 5th grade, Middle School, and High School Students at the Edgar School District.

Jenny Pritzl (Elem.)- (715)352-2727 ext. 125  
Jamie Koehler (Middle)- (715)352-2727 ext. 189  
Kaylee Olund (High)- (715)352-2727 ext. 112

### **Family Resource Centers**

*Children's Wisconsin- Wausau Office*  
[www.cssw.org](http://www.cssw.org)  
(715)848-1457  
Provides centers-based parenting education and support. Also offers in-home parenting education through the Start Right Family Visiting program.

(715)660-0493 (Parenting Warmline)  
This is your non-emergency connection to speak with an expert on the day-to-day trials of child rearing and receive practical parenting information, tools, and advice.

## **DISASTER RELIEF**

### **The Salvation Army**

(715)845-4272  
(715)845-6583 (After-hours hotline)  
[www.sawausau.org](http://www.sawausau.org)  
Provides material assistance of food, clothing, and shelter to eligible individuals in an emergency or disaster situation.

Food Pantry Hours: Mondays & Thursdays  
10:30-2:30 p.m.

Bread and Produce Distribution: Monday through Friday, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Feeding Program: In-person lunches are served Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and carry-out lunches are served from 12:00 to 12:30 for anyone in the community needing a nutritious meal.

## **FOOD ASSISTANCE**

### **Edgar Circle of Joy Food Pantry**

(715)352-2532  
Offers emergency food or food vouchers for residents in the Edgar & Marathon City areas the first Wednesday of the month 9-11am and third Wednesday 2-4pm at the Edgar Village Hall.

**The Neighbors' Place Food Pantry**

(715)845-1966

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

Distributes donated and government commodity foods in Wausau 4 days a week: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 10:30am-1:30pm; Wednesday 1:30-4:30pm

**The Babies' Place: Hygiene & Diaper Bank**

(715)845-1966

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

The Neighbors' Place launched The Babies' Place in 2021 to raise awareness around diaper need in our community and provide access to diapers, education, and resources for families. The Babies' Place supplies menstrual hygiene products and infant formula in addition to diapers and infant hygiene products. Monday & Wednesday from 1:30pm-4:40pm Tuesday & Thursday from 10:30am-1:30pm

**Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) Nutrition Program**

Call: (800)642-7837

Text: (608)360-9328

Email: [help@wellbadger.org](mailto:help@wellbadger.org)

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/index.htm>

Provides pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, and young children who qualify for WIC benefits with checks to purchase foods that meet their nutritional needs.

**HEALTH SERVICES****Bridge Community Health Clinic**

(715)848-4884

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

A primary care clinic that provides general medical, dental, and counseling services to all patients, regardless of their insurance status. Discounted fees for income-eligible patients.

**PERSONAL NEEDS & HOUSEHOLD GOODS****Back to Basics and Bare Necessities**

Email: [workplacevolunteercouncilmc@gmail.com](mailto:workplacevolunteercouncilmc@gmail.com)

Distributes personal hygiene items, new undergarments, and socks to agencies with clients in need.

**Community Closet- United Way of Marathon County**

<https://www.unitedwaymc.org/community-closet>

Email: [communitycloset@unitedwaymc.org](mailto:communitycloset@unitedwaymc.org)

(715)848-2927

The Community Closet provides new and gently used clothing to guests who express a need, without requiring an income verification. *Guests will be eligible to receive up to 10 items of clothing and one pair of shoes per household member, as often as once per month.*

**SHOPPING HOURS**

Mondays: 3pm – 5pm

Tuesdays: 3pm – 5pm

Thursdays: 9am -12pm

**SUICIDE PREVENTION****Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 988**

<https://988lifeline.org/>

The 988 Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones.

**Hopeline - Text Crisis Line**

741741 (Text Short Code)

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

Confidential text service for Wisconsin residents geared toward addressing the issue of suicide in teens and young adults.

**Suicide Prevention Line**

(715)845-4326 or 1(800)799-0122

24-hours/day suicide prevention and crisis intervention in Marathon County.

**HOUSING & RESOURCE ASSISTANCE****North Central Community Action Program (CAP)**

Wausau: (715)842-0681

Emergency housing assistance and perform necessary advocacy and mediation services to facilitate enrollment into mainstream resource programs in Marathon County, such as:

- Wisconsin Works Program (W-2)
- SSI, SSDI
- Food Share
- FSET Food Share Employment and Training
- Home Energy Assistance
- Medical Assistance
- Section 8 Housing Voucher program
- Badger care

# BULLYING PREVENTION

## Family Connection

PurposeFULL  
People

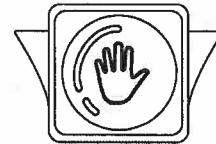
### Overview

To help students achieve their best and make schools safe and welcoming, we need more than just anti-bullying policies. CharacterStrong uses strategies that are proven to work and focus on key social and emotional skills. In the curriculum, students will experience a blend of anti-bullying methods with other important skills like empathy, communication, and resilience. This helps schools deal with bullying better while also teaching students to understand and care for each other. This approach makes it easier for schools to embrace bullying prevention strategies and build an environment of kindness and respect.

### What is bullying?

Bullying is **hurtful** and **repeated**, but it also...

- Is unwanted physical or emotional pain
- Involves an imbalance of power
- Can happen online (cyberbullying)



**BULLYING**  
hurtful, repeated behavior

PurposeFULL  
People

### Conversation Starters



- What are some ways you can include others and make sure everyone feels welcome?
- How can you can report bullying?

### Book Recommendations

- **The Juice Box Bully: Empowering Kids to Stand Up for Others** by Bob Sornson and Maria Desmondy
- **The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade** by Justin Roberts

# BULLYING PREVENTION

PurposeFull  
People

## PurposeFull Pursuit

With your student, review the scenario below and practice using the stoplight as a way to respond to bullying. Create more scenarios that are relevant to your student for additional practice.

During recess, Arisha loves to sit down and draw in her notebook. But every day for the past week, Sonia grabs her notebook and rips the drawing she is working on. Arisha feels embarrassed and sad that her drawings are ruined. She doesn't know what to do. She wants to tell a teacher, but she is afraid it will make things worse.

- Is this bullying or not? How do you know?
- What should you do if this is happening to you?
- What should you do if you notice this is happening to someone else?



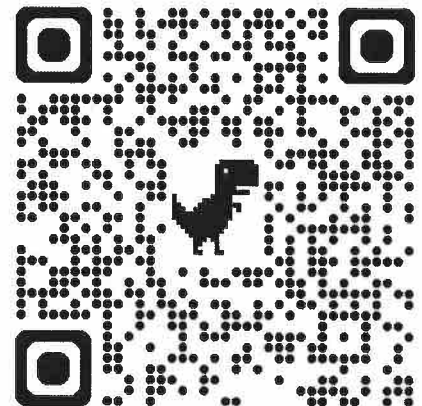
- Speak up
- Remove
- Distract

- Show comfort
- Invite others over
- Ask questions

- Get help
- Find an adult
- Call it out / name it

## Additional Family Resources

Access our Bullying Prevention family page to learn more!



[Characterstrong.com/familystrong](https://characterstrong.com/familystrong)



School District of Edgar

# Assessments

2024-2025

Elementary,  
Middle & High  
School

## FastBridge

### 6th-8th Grades

- Tests Reading & Math Skills.
- Gives teachers more precise data to identify at-risk students and intervene quicker to prevent students from falling even further behind.

## \*YRBS

### 6th-12th Grades

- Surveys health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults.
- See attached letter for opt-out.

## ACT Plus Writing

### 11th Graders

- Tests English, Math, Reading, Science & Writing.
- Can be used when applying to college.

## \*BASC/BESS

### 7th, 9th & 11th Grades

- Assess the behavioral and emotional risks and overall mental health status.
- Questions refer to Adaptive Skills, Externalizing Problems, Internalizing Problems, and School Problems.

## AimswebPlus

### Elementary

AimswebPlus is an online assessment and reporting system that helps schools monitor and benchmark student progress in reading and math skills.

## FORWARD

### 3rd-8th, & 10th Grades

- Tests English, Math, Science & Social Studies.
- Gauges college and career readiness according to the Wisconsin Academic Standards.

## B.E.S.T.

### Elementary

- Assess the extent to which children exhibit social-emotional and behavior concerns in the school setting, which distracts them from learning.
- Data is used for academic and behavioral growth in school.

## Pre-ACT

### 9th-10th Grades

- Assesses student readiness in English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing.
- Scores are used in context of college and career readiness.



## Calendar of Dates:

Sept. 23- Oct. 4	aims- webPlus
Sept. 23- 27	Fast- Bridge
Oct. 14-28	BEST
Oct. 21-25	BASC/ BESS
Jan. 20-30	aims- webPlus
Jan. 27-31	Fast- Bridge
Feb. 1-28	YRBS
March 17- 31	BEST
March 18	ACT
March 18	Pre-ACT
March 24- 28	BASC/ BESS
March 31- April 4	FOR- WARD
March 31- April 4	DLM
April 22- May 2	aims- webPlus
April 28- May 2	Fast- Bridge

For more information, please visit our Assessment Website:  
<https://sites.google.com/gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us/assessments/home>



Community Services

# Family Matters

September-December 2024

## Family Events

### Ask the Expert

#### Safe Surfing: Protecting Your Child in a Digital World

October 8th, 2024 6-7:30pm

Children's WI 705 S. 24th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

Presented By: **Brittany Burnett**, Advocate Case Manager with the Child Advocacy Center.

Parents are invited to come learn about resources and applications available for keeping kids safe online. Learn what to look out for and how to safely plan with your child for internet and social media use. **Geared for children of all ages**, this valuable information is sure to give you the tools to protect your child online. Q&A to follow presentation. **Free childcare provided. Registration is required! Call 715-848-1457 to reserve a spot!**

#### Sensory Hour

3rd Tuesday of the Month 10am-11am

September 17th

October 15th

November 19th

December 17th

Children's WI 705 S. 24th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

This monthly event is designed for kids to explore and engage in a variety of sensory activities in a calm and welcoming environment. Perfect for children of all sensory needs, this hour of play encourages creativity, social interaction and developmental growth.

**Registration is required! Call 715-848-1457 to reserve a spot!**

SPACE IS LIMITED FOR EVENTS  
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND

Call: 715.848.1457 or

Email: [pdunn@childrenswi.org](mailto:pdunn@childrenswi.org)

#### Teen & Parent Escape Room Challenge

November 12, 2024 6-8pm

Children's WI 705 S. 24th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

Step into the world of Mystery Manor for a thrilling escape room challenge designed for teens and their parents! Recommended for ages 12-17. Work together to solve intricate puzzles, unlock secrets and escape the manor before time runs out. Afterward, enjoy pizza and soda as you celebrate your teamwork and problem-solving skills! This event is perfect for strengthening the teen-parent bond in a fun, engaging and mysterious way. **Registration is required! Call 715-848-1457 to reserve a spot!**



#### A Christmas Night



Friday, December 13th 5:00pm to 6:30pm

Children's WI 705 S. 24th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

HO, HO, HO!!! Join us for our 3rd annual Christmas Night! Enjoy popcorn and hot chocolate while making your own holiday ornament! Afterwards, relax and watch a short Christmas Classic with us. **Registration is required! Call 715-848-1457 to reserve a spot!**

#### Find us on... **facebook**

'Children's Wisconsin-Marathon  
County Family Resource Center'

Stay updated on our latest programming,  
and get great real-world parenting tips.



**Children's Wisconsin**

705 S. 24th Ave., Suite 400

Wausau, WI 54401

715-848-1457

[pdunn@childrenswi.org](mailto:pdunn@childrenswi.org)

Find us on the web at [childrenswi.org/wausau](http://childrenswi.org/wausau)

## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

September-December 2024

### Ongoing Services

#### LEAP (Learning Essentials about Parenting)

Parenting is a joy but challenging too!  
This 9-week series includes topics on: building self-esteem, child development, communication skills, media, positive discipline techniques and more.  
**Mondays 6-7:30pm & 11:30-1pm on rotation**

#### LENA Start Marathon County

Jump start your 0-54 month old for success in school and in life with this FREE 10 week program that emphasizes the importance of communication.

Learn more about how early talk builds babies' brains. Includes **FREE** books, incentives, gift cards and all materials. Virtual and in-person options.

*Must start on class one.*

**Register at [LenaStartMC.org](http://LenaStartMC.org)**

#### Triple P ONLINE

This FREE online program promotes positive parenting! Choose from 4 available class options to fit your needs: **Standard (0-12yrs)**, **Teen (10-17yrs)**, **Fear-less (6+ with anxiety) and/or Baby**.

Courses are self-guided so parents can go at their own pace! Participants will be paired with a virtual parent educator for additional support and questions. Open to all parents and caregivers.

Register at **[triplep-parenting.com/Wisconsin](http://triplep-parenting.com/Wisconsin)**

#### ★ Start Right Home Visiting ★

**Serving Marathon County for 30 yrs!**

This program works with families with kids prenatally up to 5 years old who live in Marathon County. Parent educators meet with parents of babies and young children on a regular basis to teach parents how children grow and develop while helping connect families to appropriate community resources. Services are free and are available in English, Spanish and Hmong.

#### Warm Line

This is your non-emergency connection to speak with an expert on the day-to-day trials of child rearing and receive practical parenting information, tools, and advice. Call 715-848-1457 and ask to speak with a Parent Educator.

### Play and Learn

#### Wednesdays

**9:30 am-10:30 am**

Wausau Library

300 1st St, Wausau

Connect with others who have young children and enjoy early learning activities to enhance your child's development and promote school readiness.

**For children ages 0 - 6yrs**

**Join us and have some fun!**

## NONDISCRIMINATION

### **NONDISCRIMINATION:**

*It is the policy of the Edgar School District that no person may be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, Career and Technical/Education, extra-curricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, color, age, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap as required by s. 118.13, Wis. Stats. This policy also prohibits discrimination under related federal statutes, including Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title II, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (handicap), and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Cari Guden has been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding non-discrimination policies. Please send inquiries to:*

Dr. Cari Guden; District Administrator  
Edgar School District  
203 E Birch Street  
PO Box 196  
Edgar, WI 54426  
(715) 352-2351  
cguden@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us

## **SCHOOL CENSUS INFORMATION**

### **School District of Edgar**

Please complete and return this form to the Edgar School District Office, 112 N. 2nd Ave., P.O. Box 198, Edgar, WI 54426. In order to reach all new families in our area, as well as all newborn babies, we are asking that this form be completed by anyone who has moved into the Edgar School District or has a new addition to their family.

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Spouse

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
House/Fire Number Street/Road City

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Township or Municipality \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL CHILDREN NEW TO THE DISTRICT (LESS THAN 21 YEARS OLD).

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>SCHOOL ATTENDING</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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If you have any questions, please call 715-352-2727 and ask for Michelle Socha.