



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021

Every Child....Every Class....Every Day

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR / JORDAN SINZ

Greetings, Wisconsin Heights School District community members. The letter below was sent to all district families on Tuesday, December 22, 2020. As a means of sharing these important updates with all stakeholders, it is being included in the January edition of the district newsletter. The pandemic has tested us in many ways and has magnified the fact education is a collaborative effort. We are blessed to be working together. I wish you and your family the best as we embark on 2021!

December 22, 2020

Dear Wisconsin Heights Families,

On Monday, December 21, the School Board heard school reopening plans aligned to the recently updated Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) guidelines. As has been the case since the start of the school year, the District's approach is to thoughtfully expand in-person learning gradually.

Below are the most crucial points of consideration:

- ◇ (PHMDC) K-12 School **Requirements and Recommendations**
 - What are they recommending for county schools?
- ◇ Local census tract data
 - What do case counts look like in Mazomanie and Black Earth? How does this compare when calculated on a per 100,000 basis?
- ◇ Our lived experience in our evolving instructional model - including staff capacity
 - Are protocols, procedures, and people holding up with our present number of students in-house and online?

Based on these factors, we plan to expand in-person learning in the Wisconsin Heights School District on:

1. **January 25, 2021** – the start of hybrid in-person learning for students in grades 3 – 5. Parents of children in grades PK – 2 who had previously opted for online instruction will also be able to opt into in-person learning on this date.
2. **February 16, 2021** – start hybrid in-person learning for students in grades 6-12.

This phased-in approach provides time for families and the District to make logistical adjustments. In particular, the District needs time to ensure safe and efficient busing for students/families. Please know as these targeted start dates draw closer, adjustments to the daily instructional schedules may occur.

Building principals will convey detailed information as we assess the crucial considerations noted above. Please continue to communicate with school staff about your needs. Our staff is committed to providing the best possible education for students, and your feedback is critical to our improvement.

As always, if you have any questions, contact your child's principal or me. I wish you the very best as we continue our effort to educate students safely.

Sincerely,

Jordan Sinz
District Administrator
Wisconsin Heights School District

School Tax Levy

CHERRYL KNOWLES, Business Official

As our community members have now received their tax bills we would like to review the process the school district went through to approve the tax levy for the referendum and help you understand your tax bill.

At the Wisconsin Heights School District Annual Meeting on October 26th, the Board of Education approved two different tax levies. One of the tax levies was, like in previous years, the levy that included the operational referendum that was passed in April 2019. The second levy was approved including the capital referendum debt levy, in case the capital referendum passed on November 3rd. By statute, we have until October 31st for the board to approve our tax levy for that current fiscal year so that is why both levies were passed at the annual meeting.

The reason that we have included the capital referendum on the 2020-21 budget was so we could make our first payment on our debt. By doing this we also lowered our long-term debt borrowing amount which will save us over \$300,000 in interest cost over the term of our debt.

As you are receiving your tax bills you will notice there are three parts to the school tax levy.

1. Regular tax levy
2. Operational referendum tax levy
3. Capital referendum tax levy

There is a section on your tax bill which is for informational purposes only for voter approved temporary tax increases. You will see the levy for your municipality for each referendum as well as the amount of tax that you are paying for those referendums.

Black Earth Elementary News

SCOTT MOORE, Black Earth Principal

The New Year is upon us! I think it is safe to say that we are all looking forward to the end of 2020! From all of us at Black Earth Elementary, we hope you have a safe and enjoyable break.

In-Person Expansion Survey

On Tuesday, December 22, 2020 a survey was sent out to all 4K-2nd grade online families inquiring about a potential expansion of our in-person learning. The deadline for this survey is Monday, January 4 at 11:59 PM. Information will be communicated by Friday, January 8, 2021. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Mazomanie Elementary News

DALE GREEN, Mazomanie Principal

Happy New Year!

We are preparing for Mazomanie Elementary (Grades 3-5), moving to in-person learning as a half-day hybrid model with a targeted start date of Monday, January 25, 2021.

The half-day model will follow the current Black Earth Elementary hybrid schedule with morning and afternoon in-person sessions. When we make the transition, we will more than likely need to adjust our current schedule for students staying in the virtual model. We will know what the virtual schedule will be once we have our student numbers at each grade level.

We will be communicating the groupings as well as other scheduling information to families by Friday, January 8th, 2021. Please call Dale Green at 608-767-2737 x 5012 or email dgreen@wisheights.k12.wi.us if you have further questions.

We appreciate your support as we continue our planning.
Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2021!

January Elementary Events

Wednesday, January 1st | No School - Happy New Year!

Monday, January 4th | School Resumes

Monday, January 4th | Online parent survey closes

Friday, January 15th | Teacher Work Day - NO SCHOOL for students

Monday, January 18th | Teacher PD Day - NO SCHOOL for students

Middle/High School News

ELIZABETH DOSTAL, MS/HS Principal

Since 1980, every three years over 20,000 Dane County youth in grades 7-12 are surveyed regarding their opinions, concerns, attitudes, behaviors and experiences to provide educators, community agencies, parents, policy-makers and funding bodies the data needed to inform grant writing, program development and public policy. The last survey was administered in 2018. Results are available at https://www.dcdhs.com/yth/yth_asmt_2018.aspx

Surveying our students is more important this year given the prolonged pandemic and the concerns about the impact on student well-being and mental health. **We will be administering the Dane County Youth Assessment the week of February 8, 2021.**

A committee led by the Dane County Youth Commission in partnership with United Way of Dane County, the City of Madison, Public Health Madison & Dane County and every Dane county school district develop and fund the survey that collects information on the life factors impacting youth including:

- How youth spend their time
- Parents and family
- Health, nutrition and safety behavior
- Emotional and mental health
- Sexual activity (Students who are not sexually active skip these sections)
- Drug and alcohol use
- School experience
- Peer relations & bullying
- Community relations and support

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and district policy, please be advised that:

- No student names will be collected. The survey is completely anonymous and confidential.
- Participation is voluntary. The participation of every student is greatly appreciated. ***However, if you prefer that your son or daughter not participate, you may opt them out of participating by contacting Debbie Schmidt at deschmidt@wisheights.k12.wi.us or (608)767-2595 x2518. Please provide opt out notification by January 22, 2021.***
- Your child has the option to opt out of the survey the day of administration or to skip questions while taking it.
- Parents may review the 2021 survey in a hard copy form at the **District Office** located at **10173 US Highway 14, Mazomanie, WI 53560**. **Matt Green** can be contacted at mgreen@wisheights.k12.wi.us and **(608)767-2595, Ext. 1006**.
- The survey will be administered electronically. No one in the school or district will see any individual student responses.
- Survey results will be tabulated by project vendor K12 Associates.

If you have questions about the survey please contact Liz Dostal at edostal@wisheights.k12.wi.us, Connie Bettin, Dane County Division Administrator of Prevention & Early Intervention at bettin@countyofdane.com or 242-6422, or Meghan Benson, chair of the Dane County Youth Commission at meghan.benson@ppwi.org.

Athletic News

ANDREW PICKETT, MS/HS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

For current up to date information go to <http://www.capitolconferencesouth.org/public/genie/487/>

High School Basketball Information

With the approval from the school board we will be having high school basketball. We are working on finalizing the schedule and locations. Please check our [website](#) for the most current information and see the district's Facebook page for live streaming links.

Swim Schedule

January 5th - 6:00 PM vs Edgewood at Sauk Prairie High School
January 12th - 6:00 PM vs Baraboo at Baraboo Jack Young Middle School Pool
January 19th - 6:00 PM vs Fort Atkinson at Sauk Prairie High School
January 23rd - 1:00 PM at Baraboo Jack Young Middle School Pool

Hockey Schedule

January 5th - 7:00 PM vs Deforest at SPARC
January 9th - 2:00 PM vs Tomah at Sparta Hockey Rink
January 12th - 7:00 PM vs Reedsburg at SPARC
January 14th - 7:00 PM vs Baraboo at SPARC
January 19th - 7:00 PM vs Beaver Dam at Beaver Dam Family Ice Arena
January 21th - 7:00 PM vs Onalaska at SPARC
January 26th - 7:00 PM vs Edgewood at SPARC

*All athletic schedules are subject to change. Please see the Wisconsin Heights webpage for the most current and updated information.

If you have not registered yet please do so online at the following link.

<https://wisconsinheightsar.schooltoday.com/>

Students must have all physical and athletic forms turned in prior to practice. If you have any questions please contact Jamie Van Den Bergh at 608-767-2586 or jvandenbergh@wisheights.k12.wi.us.

Building Resilience for Mental and Emotional Health

DR. MATT GREEN, Director of Pupil Services

Save the Date! **Thursday, February 11th, 2021**

7:00 PM for parents virtually

1:00 PM for MS/HS students virtually

[Tasha Schuh](#), a nationally recognized speaker, will bring her message of building resilience for mental and emotional health to the Wisconsin Heights school community. Tasha's story of tragedy, transformation, and triumph inspires students and adults to understand, no matter how dark things can get, there is hope.

A highly sought after speaker, she has inspired thousands of students throughout the nation, from upper elementary to high school. With the alarming rise in mental health concerns recently, along with the need for suicide prevention education, Tasha will positively redirect students to combat the issues schools face today.

This presentation is sponsored by the WHSD Equity Advisory Council and HS Social Justice Group.

If you have any questions about Tasha's upcoming presentation, please contact Matt Green, Pupil Services Director at mgreen@wisheights.k12.wi.us or 608-767-2595 ext. 1006.

School SBIRT

DR. JULIE HORNER, School Psychologist & DEBRA SCHMIDT, Mental Health/Student Support

Hello Vanguardian Staff, Parents, and Students:

Wisconsin Heights Pupil Services was recently awarded a second annual grant from the Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center to implement the School SBIRT Project for grades 6-12!



What is SBIRT?

SBIRT stands for *Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment*. Originally developed for delivery in busy health care settings, SBIRT offers an efficient, evidence-based, and comprehensive service to address selected behavioral health concerns among adolescents (e.g., depression, attention, conduct, alcohol/other drug involvement).

Project Brochure: <https://www.wishschools.org/resources/SBIRT%20Brochure.pdf>

What does SBIRT involve?

A pupil services staff member would meet with a student based on a reported concern. The student would be administered a screener (GAIN-SS) to assess for wide-ranging adolescent concerns. The staff member would discuss the screener results with the student (and later the parents) and help the student determine a *change target* (i.e. a behavior to improve). Goal setting and drive for change would be discussed with the student.

What is Screening?

SBIRT begins with the administration of a standardized screening instrument. Although several public domain instruments exist, the Global Appraisal of Individual Need - Short Screen (GAIN-SS) is the instrument selected for implementation in this project. The GAIN-SS takes approximately 3-5 minutes to administer and quickly ascertains a student's level of risk for mental health, conduct problems, alcohol/drug involvement, and crime/violence. There is no cost to administering the GAIN-SS. Results are kept confidential and not shared with others outside the student, parents, and staff member.

How are parents involved in School SBIRT?

Parents must give consent for student participation in SBIRT. Parents are also notified of the general results of screening. If the student's problem symptoms persist and staff suggest further services, parents will need to be involved in the next steps.

Can I refer my child/student/self?

Yes, feel free to contact our pupil services staff, school principal, or assistant principal.

District SBIRT Contacts: Julie Horner, School Psychologist; Debbie Schmidt, Mental Health/ Student Support; Matthew Green, Pupil Services Director; Elizabeth Dostal, MSHS Principal.

We're here to help!

Please, please reach out to us if you need ANYTHING. We are here to support you, problem-solve with you, and listen. We can connect you to community resources and/or help you navigate the distance learning waters.

- Julie Horner, School Psychologist – jhorner@wisheights.k12.wi.us
◊ (608) 767-2595 x 4108
- Debbie Schmidt, Mental Health/Student Support – deschmidt@wisheights.k12.wi.us
◊ (608) 767-2595 x 2518
- Matt Green, Pupil Services Director – mgreen@wisheights.k12.wi.us
◊ (608) 767-2595 x 1006

Also, visit the school district website for answers to FAQ's and recent updates. Please see our student services tab for mental health resources.

MS/HS Counseling Department

KURT WONG, School Counselor

New

Job/Volunteer opportunities are posted on the website under the Middle/High School [Resources tab](#).

Seniors

College Financial Aid Presentation

The FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid) financial aid presentation by the Edgewood College financial aid advisor can be found under the Middle/High School Academics & Career Planning tab. Please view this link for the presentation. <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cYQbDIJ5Y9>

Scholarship Information

All scholarship information is posted on the website under the Middle/High School Academics & Career Planning tab. The scholarships are posted in order of their deadline.

Seniors should be working on their college applications. If you need any help email Mr. Wong at kwong@wisheights.k12.wi.us or call at 608-767-2586 x3003.

Admissions officials look at:

- High school rank in class and GPA (grade point average) and the strength of a student's courses over all four high school years
- ACT and/or SAT scores
- School and community activities
- Teacher recommendations, if required
- Student essays, if required
- Overall quality of student effort in preparing the application – following directions, proper spelling, typing or neat handwriting, etc.

UW Universities/Colleges: Application priority dates and deadlines vary from campus to campus and sometimes among different programs at one campus. It is to your advantage to apply early! UW-Madison has the earliest priority acceptance deadline which is November 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wong or the institution to which you are applying.

The Admission Decision – High school seniors notified of admission before finishing their senior year are expected to graduate, successfully complete course work in progress at the time they applied, and maintain the class rank required for admission. UW System institutions reserve the right to rescind admission if a student fails to meet conditions on which admission was based.

MATC will start processing applications as soon as they receive them. You will need to look up the specific programs you are applying to because prerequisites vary. You will also be able to find out if there is a waiting list or not. From the Madison College homepage <http://madisoncollege.edu/> click on Apply.

Madison College's online application is secure and easy to use:

- Save your work and come back to it later.
- Receive immediate notification of receipt via e-mail.
- No delay – application processing starts right away.

Some programs may have unique admission requirements or early such as assessment test scores, course requirements, or early admission deadlines. From the Madison College homepage, click on the link to "Academic Programs" and find your program to check for any additional requirements.

College/Technical School Applications

Students should email Ms. Shaffer in order to have a transcript sent to any school they are applying to.

At the present time there is no charge to have a transcript sent. Once the request is received, the Guidance Department will mail the transcript out. Get your college applications in as soon as possible.

Elementary Counseling Department

LINDSEY MARTIN, Elementary Counselor

Second Step: Our virtual Second Step guidance curriculum is well underway. Contact me if you want the class code for your child's Second Step lessons.

United Way 2-1-1: Check out this great organization. They help families navigate area resources, especially during the pandemic. Simply dial 2-1-1 or visit www.unitedwaydanecounty.org/get-help/2-1-1/.

United Way of Dane County COVID-19 Response

“Sometimes an internet search doesn’t cut it. United Way 211 is here to help you navigate those tough issues. We’re available 24/7 and offer free, confidential assistance. Every day we connect people with local programs and services that can help. Whether you need financial assistance, food resources, housing search, addiction treatment, health care, mental health, or heating and utilities assistance, our specialists will talk to you to find out what you need and walk you through all the options to find the right service or program to fit your needs.”



HEIGHTS UNLIMITED
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Heights Unlimited offers food, personal essentials and clothing to those in need in the following ZIP codes:
53503, 53515, 53517, 53528, 53560

Service Hours

Tuesday, 4-6:30 pm

Visit Facebook page for weather-related or other closings

Address and Social Media

1529 State Street, Suite B

(just west of BP Station on Hwy. 14)

Mailing Address: PO Box 194

Black Earth, Wisconsin 53515

608-767-3663

Info@HeightsUnlimited.net

Facebook.com/HeightsUnlimited

Website: HeightsUnlimited.net

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Notes from the Music Department

ANIELA HAAS, EMALIE STERNBEG & GINA ADEMINO



Happy 2021! Here are the result for the Wisconsin Heights High School Band and Choir members that participated in Cycle 1 of the District level Solo/Ensemble music festival:

- Kiernan O'Toole** - Class A French Horn Solo, received a 1
- Sophie Reader** - Class A Oboe Solo, received a *1 and is qualified for State
- McKindsey Cymbalak** - Class C Clarinet Solo, received a 1
- Alyssa Parrell** - Class C Trumpet Solo, received a 1
- Emma Schaefer** - Class A Vocal Solo, received a 1
- Emma Schaefer** - Musical Theater Solo, received a *1 and is qualified for State
- Cora Schaefer** - Class A Vocal Solo, received a *1 and is qualified for State
- Cora Schaefer** - Musical Theater Solo, received a 1
- Sydney Groshek** - Class B Vocal Solo, received a 1

Congratulations to all that participated! Students performing a Class A solo and received a *1 rating advance to the State level. Good luck to Sophie Reader, Emma Schaefer, and Cora Schaefer, who have qualified for State this month!

Band members in grades 5-8 shared their musical talent with family last month with a “living room concert” or “musical holiday card.” Some middle school students learned how to play and record themselves with a backing track.

The Music Boosters will meet on Monday, January 4th at 6:30 PM. via Zoom. Contact Gina Ademino for the link if you would like to attend (gademino@wisheights.k12.wi.us).

Media Center News

MARY JANE EDERER, Library Media Specialist

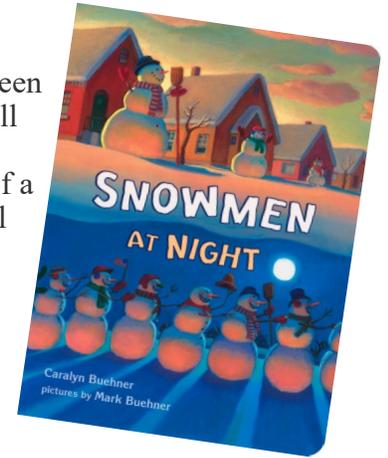
“Feast for 10” Book Walk Book Winners

Thank you to everyone who participated in the “Feast for 10” book walk! At the end of the walk there was an opportunity to enter a drawing for a free book, and we are happy to announce that Gus Cavanaugh, Nancy Bogue, and Beckett Winandy were all selected to receive a free book this month!

Our Next Reading Adventure!

Looking for a family activity this month? The book walk along Wolf Run Trail has been updated with a Winter themed book--*Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner--that will be available through January 31. While reading this book not only will you question what your snowman does while you sleep, but you will delight in finding the shapes of a cat, a rabbit, a Santa face, and a T-rex hidden in the illustrations! The very last panel of the book includes a QR code that you can scan to enter a drawing for a free book.

To enjoy this story with your children, park near the green houses on the east side of the High School building, begin your walk along Wolf Run Trail and read the book together as you enjoy the weather! This event is being sponsored by the WHSD Libraries and the Black Earth Public Library.



Need Books?

We have them! Library books can be checked out from any of our school libraries! Students can check out five books at a time for pick up at their local schools. For more information and to check out books, please visit your child’s library page on Schoology or complete the book request form on our [library](#) pages.

We also have access to e-books and audiobooks for students through Sora. Videos explaining how to access Sora can be found on our Schoology pages, but if you’re having trouble with this product, please feel free to contact Ms. Ederer at mederer@wisheights.k12.wi.us, and I will be happy to help you set up your account.

If you are having problems finding a good fit or you can’t get to school to pick up books between 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM, please contact Ms. Ederer. We can make other arrangements for you!

Digital Citizenship Tips and Tricks!

Children in this digital age spend between 5 to 9 hours of total screen time, which can include gaming, watching TV, viewing online videos, social media and texting. This can start early and it increases dramatically as kids become tweens and teens. [Common Sense Media](#) offers advice and answers frequently asked questions for a variety of age level. [Common Sense Media Screen Time FAQ](#).

It is important to teach children to moderate their own screen time habits, and finding the right balance for your family is essential. [HealthyChildren.org](#) states, “All children and teens need adequate sleep (8-12 hours, depending on age), physical activity (1 hour), and time away from media. Designate media-free times together (e.g., family dinner) and media-free zones (e.g., bedrooms). Children should not sleep with devices in their bedrooms, including TVs, computers, and smartphones.”

Parents can create a personalized media plan with their children’s needs in mind with this [online tool](#). See the tool in action before trying it. ([Video](#))

Child Development Screening Services 2021

Under a federal program called “Child Find,” school districts are required to offer screenings and evaluations to help identify children who need specialized instruction in motor, social, communication, self-help and/or learning skills. Children who are found to have a qualifying disability can receive Early Childhood Special Education Services (ECSE). Child Find is a continuous process of public awareness and activities provided by the Wisconsin Heights School District. All resident families with children ages two-five are invited to take part in our fourth annual Child Development Screening Services on February 15th from 11:00-6:00 PM.



The flyer is enclosed in a black rectangular border. At the top center, it reads "Wisconsin Heights" in blue, followed by "Child Development Screening Services" in black. Below this, the date and time are listed: "February 15, 2021 (11:00-6:00pm) at Black Earth Elementary School". On either side of the text are small line drawings of two children holding hands. The main body of the flyer contains a paragraph of text explaining the purpose of the services and providing contact information for the Pupil Services Office.

Wisconsin Heights
Child Development Screening Services
February 15, 2021 (11:00-6:00pm) at Black Earth Elementary School

The purpose of the Child Development Screening Services is to provide families of children ages 2-5 an opportunity to be screened in all areas of development. Any child who will be two-years-old by January 1, 2021 is invited to attend this free event. Please call the Pupil Services Office at the Wisconsin Heights School District to reserve a time slot for your child (608) 767-2595, ext. 1005.

Why is your Child’s Developmental Health Important?

Research shows that recognizing and addressing delays early in a child's development increases their success in learning throughout their schooling. Find out how to ensure your child is on the right track for success by signing up for the Wisconsin Heights Child Development Screening Services.

What programs does the Wisconsin Heights School District offer for children between the ages of 3 and 5?

The Wisconsin Heights School District offers three educational programs for young children, Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), 4-year-old Kindergarten, and Kindergarten.

- Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) is for children who qualify for special services due to a qualifying disability. Children between the ages of 3-5 may qualify for special services. Possible services include Speech and Language Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Physical Therapy; and cognitive, social-emotional, or adaptive services provided by an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher. These services can be provided within a range of environments including the following: inclusion into a 4K or Kindergarten class, a separate three-year-old ECSE class, a home, or daycare setting. Placement is determined by the age and needs of each individual child. Any child who has a documented disability and who turns three years old prior to or within the 2021-22 school year is eligible for ECSE services for the 2021-22 school year.
- Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) is a half day program for any child who will be four years old prior to September 1, 2021. Four-year-old-Kindergarten is universal and open to all children within the Wisconsin Heights School District. The curriculum is developmentally appropriate, with both child and teacher directed activities. The emphasis is on active learning and addressing all areas of child development.
- Kindergarten (5K) is for any child who will be five years old prior to September 1, 2021.

Age Eligibility at a Glance for the 2021-22 School Year

- Children 5 years of age by September 1, 2021 are eligible for Kindergarten (5K)
- Children 4 years of age by September 1, 2021 are eligible for 4K
- Children 3 years of age at any time during the 2021-22 school year *may be eligible for Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) with a documented disability. The Wisconsin Heights School District is responsible for screening, referring, and evaluating children suspected of having a disability.*

Important Dates!

- **Look out for your parent child find questionnaire in the mail the week of Jan 4th, 2021.**
- **Return your child find questionnaire by Jan. 29th 2021.**
- **February 15th – Child Development Screening Services from 11:00 – 6:00 pm (last appointment at 5:30 pm) at Black Earth Elementary School. You are welcome to make an appointment for another available day or time.**

Food Service

REBEKKAH PLANO, Food Service Director

Happy New Year!

The Wisconsin Heights School District will continue offering free meals to all children, 18 and under in the community, through June 4, 2021, or until available funding runs out. Importantly, the USDA reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the nationwide waivers at any time.

There is a misconception that school meals are only for children who qualify for free or reduced price meals; this is false. All children qualify for free meals during this pandemic. The meals are not designated for some children and not for others. No one is taking resources away from the school or from other children and families by participating. In fact, picking up meals during this pandemic helps distribute foods and beverages already in our school kitchens and boosts funding we receive from the government to keep the programs running in this and coming school years. Your participation is important to us!

Frequently Asked Questions

Question (Q): Who can participate in school meal programs?

Answer (A): For school year 2020-2021, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) extended flexibilities to allow free meals to be available to all children, 18 and under in the community, regardless of household income.

Q: Can children who are too young to attend school participate? Can children who attend a private school or a different school district participate?

A: Yes!

Q: I cannot access the [online weekly meal pre-order form](#). Is there another option to place a pre-order?

A: Yes! Please call Rebekkah Plano at (608) 767-2595 extension 1008 for assistance.

Q: I missed the deadline (Thursdays at 12 PM) to pre-order meals. What should I do?

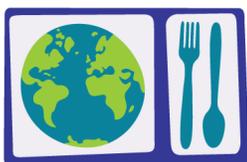
A: Please call Rebekkah Plano at (608) 767-2595 extension 1008 or email rplano@wisheights.k12.wi.us for assistance. The food service department may be able to prepare an extra meal(s) for your child(ren).

Q: Why is USDA offering school meals?

A: Food insecurity has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. School meals can help reduce food insecurity and stretch the household budget, and reduce stress from meal prepping. School meals are also healthy and meet federal nutrition standards. Studies show that students who participate in school meal programs consume more milk, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables during mealtimes and have better overall diet quality than students who don't participate.

Around the World in 80 Trays | January 19 to 22, 2021

The Around the World in 80 Trays campaign aims to increase international flavors in USDA School Meals Programs! Food can do more than just nourish the body, but it can also offer an invitation to participate in and explore the many diverse cultures of Wisconsin students. Join us in this week-long culinary adventure, kicking off after Martin Luther King Jr. Day. What better way to celebrate the unique cultural backgrounds of students across this great state than by remembering the legacy of MLK Jr. and his dream of equality and inclusion for everyone.



Around the
WORLD
in 80 Trays

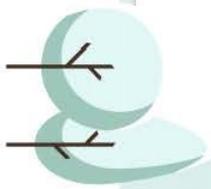
BREAKFAST

JANUARY 2021
 Wisconsin Heights School District

Refer to the [Food/Nutritional Services](#) webpage to access the [Weekly Meal Pre-Order Form](#) and for more information



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assorted Cereals	Chocolate Mini Donuts	Assorted Cereals	Bagel Breakfast Sandwich	Assorted Cereals
4	5	6	7	8
Pancakes	Sausage, Egg, and Cheese Tornado	Assorted Cereals	Cinnamon Rolls	No School
11	12	13	14	15
No School	Assorted Cereals	Banana or Pumpkin Bread	Assorted Cereals	Breakfast Pizza
18	19	20	21	22
Assorted Yogurt and Granola	Pancakes	Assorted Cereals	Assorted Muffins with a String Cheese	Biscuit Breakfast Sandwich
25	26	27	28	29
1	Happy New Year! No School			



All meals include a variety of fruits, vegetables, and a choice of fat free (skim) chocolate or low fat (1%) white milk.
 This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Pre-orders must be placed no later than 12 PM on the Thursday before curbside pick up.
 Menu subject to change without notice.



LUNCH

JANUARY 2021

Wisconsin Heights School District

Refer to the [Food/Nutritional Services](#) webpage to access the Weekly Meal Pre-Order Form and for more information.

Join us as we celebrate the **Around the World in 80 Trays** event! This week-long culinary adventure serves to increase international flavors in USDA School Meal Programs!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grilled Chicken Sandwich 4	Grilled Cheese Sandwich 5	National Bean Day Chicken Nuggets 6	Max Sticks with Marinara 7	Happy New Year! No School 1
National Milk Day Pasta with Meatballs, Marinara, and Mozzarella Cheese 11	Hot Dog on a Bun 12	Crispy Chicken Sandwich 13	Turkey and Cheese Sub 14	No School 15
No School 18	Around the WORLD in 80 Trays Taco Tuesday 19	Around the WORLD in 80 Trays Beef Shepherd's Pie 20	Around the WORLD in 80 Trays Cheese Pizza 21	Around the WORLD in 80 Trays Sweet Thai Chili Chicken 22
Cheeseburger on a Bun 25	Macaroni and Cheese 26	Mini Corn Dogs 27	Crispy Chicken Sandwich 28	Alaskan Pollock Nuggets 29

All meals include a variety of fruits, vegetables, and a choice of fat free (skim) chocolate or low fat (1%) white milk. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. **Pre-orders must be placed no later than 12 PM on the Thursday before curbside pick up.** Menu subject to change without notice.

Wisconsin Heights 2020-2021 School Calendar

Board Approved 5/26/2020

JULY 2020						
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OCTOBER 2020						
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NOVEMBER 2020						
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DECEMBER 2020						
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JANUARY 2021						
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FEBRUARY 2021						
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MARCH 2021						
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JUNE 2021						
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Inservice- No School		First Day of School		Early Release
No School		No School Parent / Teacher Conferences		Last Day of School

Registration Day (2:00 PM – 6:00 PM) Aug 12
Inservice – New Teachers only Aug 19-20
Inservice – All Teachers Aug 24-27
Open House Aug 27
First Day of School (PK-12) Sept 1
NO SCHOOL Sept 7
Early Release Sept 16
PT Conferences; NO SCHOOL Oct 21
NO SCHOOL (Teacher PD Day) Oct 22
NO SCHOOL Oct 23
End of 1st Quarter (6-12) Nov 4
End of 1st Trimester (PK-5) Nov 24
NO SCHOOL Nov 25-27
WINTER BREAK Dec 24 – Jan 3
First Day Back From Break Jan 4
End of 2nd Quarter (6-12) Jan 14
NO SCHOOL (Teacher Workday) Jan 15
NO SCHOOL (Teacher PD Day) Jan 18
NO SCHOOL (Teacher PD Day) Feb 15
PT Conferences: Regular School Day for Students,
Conferences Held 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Feb 25
PT Conferences: NO SCHOOL Feb 26
End of 2nd Trimester (PK-5) Feb 26
End of 3rd Quarter (6-12) Mar 19
Early Release Mar 26
SPRING BREAK Mar 29 – April 2
Early Release May 28
Graduation May 30
NO SCHOOL May 31
Last Day of School – Full Day June 4
End of 4th Quarter and 3rd Trimester June 4
Snow make-up day, if needed June 7
Curriculum Week June 7 - 11

NOTES:

1. **Early Release Times**
 K-5 - 11:20 AM MS/HS - 11:50 AM
2. **Staff Development on**
 Early Release Days 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
3. **Parent-Teacher Conferences**
 October 21 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 February 25 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 February 26 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM*
**Teachers are off in the afternoon*

STAFF NOTES:

175 Instruction Days
 2 PT Conference Days
 7 Inservice Days
 1 Teacher Workday
 3 Paid Holidays (Labor Day,
 _____ Thanksgiving, Memorial Day)
 188 Contract Days
*Teachers choose which workday they work between January
 15th or the day after the last day of school.*

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