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Everything you need to know about Meadowbrook Elementary is found on our website: [Meadowbrook](#)

January Menu

To see what is for breakfast and lunch this month; please [click here](#). Want to join your child for hot lunch? Please let us know if you would like to order hot lunch; by notifying the office no later than 9:00 am on the day you plan to visit. You are also welcome to bring in lunch to enjoy with them.



Referendum Update

The Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution on an operational referendum for the April 3, 2018 spring election ballot. This referendum differs from the April, 2017 referendum, in large part, because of the duration. The Board listened to the community through surveys and the Community Task Force Committee. The feedback was clear that the recurring nature of the April, 2017 referendum was not acceptable.

Jeff Eilers
jeffeile@hssd.k12.wi.us The 5 year duration on the current referendum allows the district to address the immediate needs of class size, compensation, and facilities maintenance. As the Board works to address its financial challenges, we are committed to providing as much information as possible. For more information about the referendum, please visit www.hssd.k12.wi.us/referendum. If you have any questions for the Board of Education, please reach out to your board member listed in this article.

HSSD Board of Education Announces Referendum Plans for April 3, 2018 Election

For more information, please [click here](#).

HOWARD-SUAMICO SCHOOL DISTRICT
- REFERENDUM -
APRIL 3, 2018

Upcoming Events at Meadowbrook

Friday, Jan. 26 - Studio K.I.D. Meeting 7:45-8:30

3/4 grade Choir 8:00 am

3rd grade Peer Group 11:50-12:20

Bulldog Blast - Hat Day

2nd Quarter Report Cards are ready

Thursday, Feb.1 - Bulldog Bash

Friday, Feb.2 - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Feb.6 - PSA Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, Feb.8 - Student Council 7:45 am-8:30 am

Sweet Mimi's Fundraiser for PSA

Friday, Feb.9 - Studio K.I.D. Meeting 7:45 - 8:30

4th Grade Peer Group 11:20-11:50

February Birthdays eat with Mrs.

Zimmer



Are your child's headphones/ear buds in working condition? They are used on a daily basis in most classrooms so it is important that each child has their own; and they are in working condition. Occasionally they need to be replaced mid year. Do you come across a pair that aren't yours? They are probably on loan from the library; please have your child return them ASAP; so they are available for another child to use if the need arises.



Kids like to go online and use cell phones to email, chat, watch videos, send messages, play games, and do homework. But sometimes the language they use with each other can get mean or rude. It's important for kids to appreciate that their words can cause unintentional harm, whether used online or in person.

Sometimes meanness is accidental, but, when people use digital tools such as the Internet or text messages to deliberately make another person feel angry, sad, or scared, that's cyberbullying. Examples of cyberbullying include sending hurtful

FIVE YEARS
\$5.85 million per year

- ➔ Reduce class sizes
- ➔ Employee compensation
- ➔ Facility maintenance

Neutral property tax impact
NO INCREASE



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February is National Children's Dental Health Month. The district has partnered with the Bridging Brighter Smiles organization to provide dental health services to students at school. [Please click here to read about the program and how you can take advantage of](#)

[this program.](#)

Staff Spotlight

So who has been teaching for 31 years and loves to relax with their dog? **It's Mrs. Stebor!**

Mystery for this week:

This person graduated from UW Stevens Point, and loves to write with colorful pens. They also have two children who attend Meadowbrook and they themselves graduated from Bay Port!

The answer will be revealed in next week's newsletter!



Inclement weather may necessitate the closing or delay of school. If schools are closed this will also include the cancellation of all extra curricular activities and events at the community pool unless otherwise stated. Many local television stations now give you the option to sign up for text alerts; and

also feature a listing of closing and delays on the home page of their web site. You will also be notified by phone and email of any closings or delays via the District's automated message system.



texts or instant messages, posting embarrassing photos or video, spreading mean rumors online or with a cell phone, or doing mean things to someone's character in an online world.

Common Sense Media offers these steps to follow if your child is being cyberbullied:

- **Sign off the computer.** Ignore the attacks and walk away from the cyberbully.
- **Don't respond or retaliate.** If you're angry or hurt, you might say things you'll regret later. Cyberbullies often want to get a reaction out of you, so don't let them know their plans have worked.
- **Block the bully.** If you get mean messages through IM or a social-networking site, take the person off your buddy or friends list. You also can delete messages from bullies without reading them.
- **Save and print out bullying messages.** If the harassment continues, save the evidence. This could be important proof to show parents or teachers if the bullying doesn't stop.
- **Talk to a friend.** When someone makes you feel bad, sometimes it can help to talk the situation over with a friend.
- **Tell a trusted adult.** A trusted adult is someone you believe will listen and who has the skills, desire, and authority to help you. Telling an adult isn't tattling -- it's standing up for yourself. And, even if the bullying occurs online, your school probably has rules against it.

For more information about ways to handle cyberbullying, contact Mrs. Michelle Wick, Technology Integration Specialist at michwick@hssd.k12.wi.us or 920.662.5091. If you would like to learn more about this topic please visit, [Common Sense Media](#).



In March parents of 4th graders will be asked to choose a 5th grade music class. Course descriptions and registration information will be available on March 14th, and parents and students will learn about band, chorus, and orchestra classes at Lineville. A selection must be made and the registration completed within two

weeks.

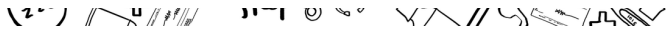
Parents who desire more information at this time are invited to visit the music class websites, which are linked to the Lineville home page: <http://linevillehssd.weebly.com>



2018 BAY PORT YOUTH TRACK CLUB OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES 3 - 4 - 5 - 6

The program includes a T-shirt, free entry into Bay Port track meets, an introduction to and instruction in track and field events, and a ribbon for every child during our club meets. All track club activities will occur at the Bay Port High School track facilities. Please meet on the asphalt area behind the concession stand.

	APRIL 25		PRACTICE	4:15 - 5:45
	WED.	MAY 2	PRACTICE	4:15 -
5:45	WED.	MAY 9	CLUB MEET	4:15 -
5:45	WED.	MAY 16	CLUB MEET	4:15 -
			5:45	



Click [here](#) to read about how you can minimize the effects of the flu; and how you can tell the difference in the symptoms you or your family are experiencing.

Let's Talk!
with Mrs. VanAsten and Mrs. Heim,
Speech-Language Pathologists

Already a few weeks in; welcome to 2018! With a new year comes the promise of a fresh beginning. We pose the question to our students; What do you want to start fresh with this year?. We find that an easy attribute to "freshen up" on is one's social and pragmatic skills. In the age of texting, Tweeting, Instagraming - you name it!-, it's easy for students to forget basic social skills. Some of the most basic social and pragmatic skills a person can possess are also some of the most important. This includes making eye contact with people you are speaking with, being an attentive listener, and having appropriate body basics. Making eye contact with a person can sometimes feel intimidating, but it's a great way to increase the connection between two people as they speak. You can show you are being an attentive listener by responding to a person's comments either non-verbally (such as nodding in agreement to something they say) or verbally (by asking them a question related to the topic they are talking about). Having good body basics is a great way to show respect. Standing about an arm's length away from your speaking partner is typically a suitable distance that makes both people feel comfortable. Parents and students alike can model appropriate social skills at the dinner table, soccer practice, or anywhere! Good social skills are a key to effective communication. Until next month, we wish you all the best in the new year!!

Mrs. Katie VanAsten
Mrs. Julie Heim

We will accept younger children, but understand our practices and club meets are geared toward boys and girls in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. If you have any questions, please call Girls Head Coach Victor Murphy (662-9857) or Boys Head Coach Andy Nuthals (662-7151). Our activity is outdoors and weather dependent. If weather is severe we will cancel. Because of the large number of commitments at this time of the year, missed days will not be rescheduled. To register your child; please click [here](#).

Community Calendar

Our schools now use the Activity Scheduler from rSchoolToday as our School Calendaring system. All of the information is updated in real-time. This link [rSchoolToday Calendar](#) walks you through the process to view the events you choose. Once you choose what you want to see on the report it gives the option to subscribe to the calendar.

February 3 Einstein Expo presented by WPS at Shopko Hall, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Expo Admission is \$4 at the door, (free for ages 2 & under). A day of fun, hands-on science, technology, engineering & math activities for families.

February 9 - Bay Port's "Carnival for a Cure" event organized by the Sting Cancer club. Click [here](#) for more info.