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Wildcat News

To educate all learners to reach their potential as productive citizens

A Message From Our Superintendent, Mr. Lynn Halverson

The Blair-Taylor School District is excited to share that the 2025–26 school year is off to a strong and positive start. This summer, we welcomed high-quality educators to our team, each bringing valuable skills, experiences, and energy to our school. Having great teachers in front of our students is the most important factor in student success, and one of the primary goals of our current operational referendum has been to attract and retain outstanding staff. Thanks to the ongoing support of our community, we are proud to say that we are delivering on this promise. More than ever, Blair-Taylor is fortunate to have a dedicated team of professionals leading, teaching, mentoring, and supporting our students every single day.

Commitment to Growth - Improving schools requires more than staffing—it also requires a commitment to continuous growth. We know that every student enters our classrooms with a unique set of strengths and needs—social, emotional, and academic. Our staff already does an excellent job differentiating instruction, but we are also embracing new tools and strategies to expand learning opportunities. Personalized learning platforms, for example, help allow each student to learn at their own pace and in ways that fit their abilities. As the saying goes, this approach helps us to “pitch it where they can hit it,” ensuring every learner has the opportunity to succeed.

Current Operational Referendum Progress - We are pleased to provide an update on the progress of our current operational referendum. When we asked for community support, we made clear commitments: to attract and retain high-quality staff, rebuild the district’s fund balance to avoid short-term borrowing, and maintain the academic and extracurricular offerings for students. We are proud to report that we are on track to achieve each of these goals. Even though District property values increased more than expected, the district worked hard to keep its promises. By carefully managing resources, we were able to underlevy as necessary in alignment with referendum commitments and reduce the mill rate, honoring the financial assurances made to residents.

Looking Ahead - Meaningful change in education takes time, consistency, and teamwork. With the dedication of our talented staff, the trust and encouragement of our families, and the strong support of the Blair-Taylor community, the district is on a path of steady improvement. Together, we will continue to build on our successes, face challenges with determination, and make decisions that keep students at the center of everything we do.

As we move through the 2025–26 school year, we look forward to sharing progress and celebrating achievements with you. With a united community, a dedicated team of educators, and focus on growth, the future continues to be bright for Blair-Taylor School District.

Thank You - Finally, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to all of our residents. Your continued support of the Blair-Taylor School District allows us to attract and retain high-quality staff, maintain strong programs for students, and responsibly manage district finances. We appreciate your trust and partnership, and we remain committed to using these resources wisely to ensure every Blair-Taylor student has the opportunity to succeed and have our Community thrive!

From the desk of Mrs. Lisowski



Mrs. Beth Lisowski

MS/HS Principal

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October 15

MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences (3:30-7:30)

October 17

Teacher Inservice-
No School for Students

October 27

Fall MS/HS Band Concert

November 10

Blood Drive

November 11

Veterans Day Program

November 21

Last Day of Trimester 1

November 26, 27 & 28

No School for Students

December 10

Hand Bell Concert

The Importance of Good Attendance

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in student success. Each day in school provides valuable learning opportunities, helps students stay on track with lessons and assignments, and builds important skills that will serve them well beyond the classroom. Missing even a few days can make it harder to keep up academically and can create gaps in understanding that affect future learning.

For middle and high school students, good attendance is also critical for developing responsibility, time management, and strong work habits. Being present every day allows students to actively participate in class discussions, group projects, and extracurricular activities, all of which enrich the school experience and help build lasting relationships with peers and teachers. Parents and guardians play a vital role in supporting consistent attendance. Communicating with teachers and the school about absences, helping students establish a routine, and encouraging punctuality are all important ways families can contribute to student success.

It's also important to recognize that attendance is about quality as well as quantity. Students should come to school ready to engage, learn, and participate in the community. Arriving on time, prepared, and focused helps make each school day meaningful.

At Blair-Taylor, we believe that every day matters. By making attendance a priority, students give themselves the best chance to succeed academically, socially, and personally. Together, let's encourage our middle and high school students to be present, engaged, and ready to make the most of every school day!

Winter Weather Guidelines

At Blair-Taylor, the safety of our students and staff is always our top priority, especially during winter weather. The district follows carefully established guidelines when deciding whether to open, delay, or close school due to snow, ice, or other hazardous conditions.

While we make every effort to make the best decision for the entire district, we recognize that each family's circumstances may differ. Parents and guardians are encouraged to use their judgment and make the decision that best ensures their child(ren)'s safety. You know your child best and are the most reliable judge of their well-being.

We encourage families to stay informed through local news, the district website, and communication alerts during winter weather events. Your safety and the safety of your children is our highest priority—please prioritize caution and care when traveling or attending school in severe conditions.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe during the winter months!

Supervision at School Events

We love seeing our students and families come together to support Blair-Taylor events! Whether it's cheering on our Wildcats at a basketball game, watching a wrestling match, or enjoying a concert in the auditorium, these gatherings are special opportunities to celebrate student talents and school spirit.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, we ask that elementary and middle school students be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times. Students should remain seated with their families during events and should not be running or roaming the building unsupervised.

Keeping students with their families helps create a positive atmosphere, prevents distractions during performances and competitions, and ensures the safety of all who attend.

Thank you for partnering with us to make concerts, basketball games, wrestling matches, and all of our school events safe and enjoyable for the entire community. Your support helps make these events a success!



Exciting New Electives and Opportunities for Middle School Students

This school year brings an exciting opportunity for our middle school students: a wider variety of engaging electives! In addition to the traditional elective offerings, students now have the chance to explore many new courses designed to spark curiosity, develop life skills, and nurture creativity.

New elective options include:

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| • Survival Skills | • Basic Household Chores | • Handbells |
| • STEM | • Engineering | • Ukulele |
| • Cooking | • Farm to Table | • Piano |
| • Pen Pals | • Gardening | • Computer Programming |
| • Strategy Games | • Yoga & Wellness | |

Our middle schoolers will still enjoy access to our strong traditional electives such as Business, Agriculture, Physical Education, Health, Spanish, Technology Education, and Family & Consumer Sciences.

New Learning Experiences Beyond the Classroom

This year, our 7th and 8th grade students will also be visiting the Emerging Technology Center in Whitehall. At this state-of-the-art facility, students will explore cutting-edge fields such as 3D modeling and printing, computer science, drones, autonomous vehicles, robotics, AI development, and more. These hands-on experiences will give students a glimpse into the future of technology and potential career paths.

This expansion reflects our commitment to helping students discover new interests, build essential life skills, and develop a well-rounded educational experience. We're thrilled to see how these opportunities will inspire our students throughout the year!

Four-Legged Friends Make a Big Impact at Blair-Taylor

Blair-Taylor students are being greeted this year by some very special “staff members” — four therapy dogs who are helping bring calm, connection, and joy to our school days. Two dogs work with our middle/high school students, while two more support our elementary classrooms. Best of all, each dog is the personal pet of a Blair-Taylor staff member, making their presence here even more meaningful.

At the Middle/High School, students can spend time with Oliver, a three-year-old Goldendoodle who belongs to Mrs. Lisowski. Oliver loves car rides, playing outside, and greeting students with his big “Wildcat spirit” smile.



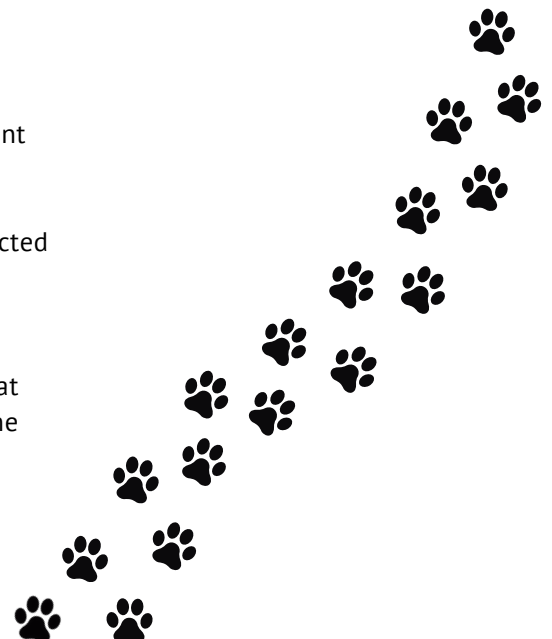
Maybelle, who works with Ms. Monson, is a friendly, calming presence who can often be found making her rounds in the ag room, offering students a much-needed break or a gentle nuzzle.

In the Elementary School, Maggie belongs to Mrs. Butzler and brings a steady and loving presence to classrooms and hallways. She’s especially good at listening to students read or just sitting quietly with those who need a little comfort. Winston, Ms. Kowalke’s companion, spends much of his time in kindergarten classrooms, helping our youngest Wildcats feel secure and confident as they begin their school journey.



Therapy dogs are more than just pets; they’re trained to provide emotional support, reduce stress, and help create a calmer environment for learning. Students can read to them, visit during breaks, or simply enjoy their presence during the school day. Teachers and staff have already noticed students appearing more relaxed, focused, and connected after spending time with the dogs.

Having these therapy dogs — all personal pets of our dedicated staff members — highlights the strong relationships and community spirit at Blair-Taylor. We are proud to offer this program and thrilled to see the positive impact it’s having on our students’ well-being.



From the desk of Mr. McCutchen

Kicking Off the Year with the Paw Stamp Challenge!

Our Blair-Taylor Elementary PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) team is excited to launch a brand-new schoolwide challenge to start the year strong: the Paw Stamp Challenge!

The Goal:

Together, our BT students will work to earn 5,000 paw stamps between the first week of school and the end of Week 6.

How It Works:

Students earn paw stamps by showing the Wildcat Way—being Safe, Respectful, Responsible, and Honest—throughout the school day. Each classroom keeps track of their paw stamp totals, and progress will be announced daily to build excitement.

The Celebration:

When we hit 5,000 paw stamps, we'll celebrate as a whole school community with a special assembly. (Students can look forward to another one of our legendary blow-up animal suit races!)

This challenge is a fun way to reinforce positive behavior, build school spirit, and celebrate the great choices our Wildcats are making each day. Families—be sure to ask your child how they're earning their paw stamps!

Parent Tip: Encouraging the Wildcat Way at Home

You can help your child make the most of this challenge by reinforcing the same positive behaviors at home:

- **Safe:** Talk about safe choices, like walking indoors and wearing a seatbelt.
- **Respectful:** Encourage kind words and listening to others.
- **Responsible:** Give small jobs at home (setting the table, feeding a pet) to practice responsibility.
- **Honest:** Praise your child when they tell the truth, even in tough situations.

Celebrating the Wildcat Way at home and at school helps students see that positive choices matter everywhere!



Mr. Jared McCutchen

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A New Resource for Student Growth: The CARE Room

We are excited to share a new opportunity for elementary students this year—the C.A.R.E. Room (Calming and Recovering Environment). The CARE Room is a welcoming space where students can pause, reset, and strengthen the skills that help them thrive both in the classroom and beyond.

The CARE Room isn't just about responding to challenges—it's about building skills for success. By focusing on the "why" behind behaviors and offering supportive strategies early, students gain tools they can carry with them for life.

What Makes the CARE Room Special:

- A safe and supportive environment where students can practice calming strategies, problem-solving, and self-regulation.
- Early, positive interventions designed to help students grow new skills and return to learning ready to succeed.
- Strong collaboration with teachers and families so that students experience consistent support across all areas of their lives.
- A focus on student strengths, celebrating growth, resilience, and progress.

How the CARE Room Supports Students

Students may be referred by teachers or staff if they would benefit from extra guidance in building social-emotional or behavioral skills. Every plan is individualized, and parents are always involved in the process to ensure each child feels supported at school and at home.

Meet Our CARE Room Teacher

The CARE Room will be led by Paige Butzler, who will work closely with students, teachers, and families. Mrs. Butzler's role is to provide encouragement, strategies, and resources so that each child has the opportunity to feel successful and confident in their learning journey.

We are proud to bring this positive and proactive resource to our schools. With the CARE Room, we are not only addressing challenges—we are creating a space where students can grow, reset, and shine.

Investing in Student Success

The CARE Room was made possible through a generous grant written and received by our school social worker, Erica Anderson. Awarded by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, this grant provides over \$90,000 to fund the classroom and support this initiative. Thanks to this funding, Blair-Taylor is able to take another important step in ensuring that the needs of all students are met—academically, socially, and emotionally.

From the desk of Mrs. Brouillet

Dear Families,

As we dive into another exciting school year, I want to take a moment to share some important information and upcoming events that support the growth and success of all our students – from our youngest learners to our future graduates preparing for life beyond high school.

Understanding Child Development Milestones

In early childhood, reaching developmental milestones is an important indicator of a child's progress in areas like communication, motor skills, social-emotional development, and cognitive growth. These milestones serve as helpful benchmarks for both families and educators to ensure children are on a healthy developmental path and to identify any areas where additional support may be needed.

We encourage all families to stay informed about typical child development stages. Early identification of delays or concerns can make a significant difference in your child's long-term success and well-being.

Resources for Wisconsin Families

Wisconsin offers a wide array of parent and family resources to support special education needs, including:

- Wisconsin FACETS – Provides support, education, and training to parents of children with disabilities. www.wifacets.org
- DPI Special Education Resources – Information on rights, services, and supports for students receiving special education in Wisconsin. dpi.wi.gov/sped
- Birth to 3 Program – Early intervention services for children under the age of 3 with developmental delays or disabilities. <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/birthto3/index.htm>

We encourage all families to explore these resources and reach out with any questions or for assistance navigating the supports available.



Mrs. Becky Brouillet

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Preparing College and Career Ready Students

At Blair-Taylor, we are deeply committed to preparing all students to be college and career ready. This means ensuring our students graduate not only with academic skills but also with the confidence, independence, and adaptability needed to thrive in adulthood.

For our students receiving special education services, this includes personalized transition planning, development of job skills, and opportunities for real-world experiences that support long-term independence. Whether a student's path includes higher education, technical training, supported employment, or community involvement, our goal is to foster the skills and supports that best serve each individual learner.

Promoting Independence and Life Skills

Independence is a critical life goal for all students. Our special education programming includes intentional instruction and support in areas such as:

- Self-advocacy and decision-making
- Daily living skills
- Communication and social interaction
- Workplace readiness and vocational experiences

These efforts, combined with strong collaboration between families, educators, and community partners, ensure our students are empowered to reach their fullest potential.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting the success of all learners. If you have questions about services, resources, or upcoming events, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Becky Brouillet
Director of Special Education



JOIN THE ART CLUB

Do you enjoy being creative, trying new materials, or just relaxing with friends after school? Then Art Club is the place for you!

Art Club meets once a week after school from 3:10 – 5:00 p.m., and it's open to all high school students—no experience required. Students are free to work with whatever materials inspire them, from painting and clay to glass and mixed media. In the past, members have created everything from vibrant paintings to clay bowls and even glass sculptures!

Attendance is flexible—come when you can! However, students who attend regularly will have the chance to qualify for an exciting art-related field trip to the Twin Cities this spring.

Whether you consider yourself “good at art” or not, Art Club is about exploring, experimenting, and having fun. We encourage everyone to join us, discover new skills, and enjoy the creative process!

If you have any questions about the Art Club, please contact Ms. Windjue at windjmar@btsd.k12.wi.us



Blair-Taylor Middle Senior High FCCLA attended the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in July

Ella Reese and Olivia Foster, members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapter at Blair-Taylor Middle Senior High School recently competed at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference (NLC) held in Orlando, FL from July 5-July 9, 2025. The conference welcomed thousands of students from across the nation for a week of competition, leadership development, and career exploration.

The National Leadership Conference brought together thousands of student leaders from across the country to compete in Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events, attend leadership workshops, and network with other FCCLA members. Ella Reese and Olivia Foster represented Wisconsin in the Professional Presentation event Level 1 (grades 6-8) and earned a Silver medal.

“Presenting our project, Addressing the Need for Mental Health Services in Schools, which focused on the importance of mental health awareness in middle and senior high school, at the National Leadership Conference was an amazing opportunity. I’m proud of what we accomplished and enjoyed the chance to network with people that had similar goals from all around the world in a place where there were no judgements,” said Ella Reese.

The National Leadership Conference provided Ella and Olivia with a dynamic experience that strengthened leadership skills, built career readiness, and encouraged meaningful connections with peers nationwide. Through competitive events, workshops, and networking opportunities, they gained valuable insight into future career paths and the power of youth-led impact. Ella and Olivia look forward to applying these experiences to future leadership roles, continued involvement in FCCLA, and creating positive change in their school and community.

About FCCLA

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective student-led nation-based organization supporting youth on their journey to become the leaders of tomorrow and helping them address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has over 240,000 members and more than 5,200 chapters across the nation.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical intracurricular student organization with a central focus on careers that support families. Participation in national FCCLA programs and chapter activities aids members in becoming strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

Mrs. Gill



Piano Lab Funded

Blair-Taylor School District is excited to announce the installation of a brand-new piano lab, a major enhancement to our music program made possible through generous community support!

The lab was funded by a grant from the Black River Falls Area Foundation, along with matching funds from the Blair-Taylor Share and Share Fund. Mrs. Hulne completed and submitted the grant last school year, and it was fully approved and funded in June. The pianos were delivered the week before school started.

The new lab features state-of-the-art digital pianos, headphones for focused learning, teacher feedback ability, and equipment designed to support group instruction and individualized practice. It offers students across grade levels the opportunity to learn piano skills in a modern, hands-on environment – many for the first time!

In addition to strengthening our music curriculum, the piano lab also encourages creativity, discipline, and confidence – all essential skills for success in and out of the classroom.

We are deeply grateful to both the Black River Falls Area Foundation and the Share and Share Fund for their belief in the power of music education. Their support is helping us shape a more vibrant, well-rounded learning experience for every student.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT DATES

The Blair-Taylor Music Department would like to extend an invitation to you for our events this next school year. Make a note of the following dates so you do not miss the wonderful performances from our students:

- **October 27**
 - MS & HS Band Concert 6:30 pm
 - **November 8**
 - Dairyland Honors Band & Choir Concert 5:00 pm - *select HS students*
 - **November 11**
 - Veterans Day (*MS/HS Bands*)
 - **December 10**
 - Handbell Christmas Concert 6:30 pm
 - **December 19**
 - Kindergarten Program 1:00 pm
 - 1st & 2nd Grade Program 2:00 pm
 - **January 26**
 - Band Concert 6:30 pm (*6 BAND, MS BAND & HS BAND*)
 - **February 19**
 - Solo/Ensemble @ Whitehall
 - **February 27**
 - Couleeland Honors Band - *select MS students*
 - **March 20**
 - 6th Grade Megaband 1:00 pm
 - **March 28**
 - Solo/Ensemble @ GET
 - **May 2**
 - State Solo/Ensemble @ UWEC
 - **May 11**
 - Band Concert 6:30 pm (*6 BAND, MS BAND & HS BAND*)
 - **May 23**
 - Graduation (*HS BAND*)
 - **May 25**
 - Memorial Day (*HS BAND*)
 - **May 29**
 - 3rd - 5th Grade Concert 2:00 pm
 - **June 2 ****
 - Kindergarten Graduation Program
- ** date dependent on snow make-up days



BLAIR-TAYLOR FFA



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STATE FFA CONVENTION

In June, 6 members traveled to Madison for the Wisconsin State FFA Convention. They participated in the Flag Ceremony, served as Voting Delegates, Managed Meals, and received the National Chapter Award. We also had two members receive plaques and checks for Gold Proficiency and winning Section 3: Brenna Thorson and Kat Barczak.

Jacob Olson, Jake Kling, and Josie Edie also received their State FFA Degrees. This is the highest honor a state FFA association can award its members, recognizing outstanding achievement in their FFA journey and agricultural education. Congrats to these members and thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the program over the last 6 years!



FAIRS AND OFFICER TRAINING

We had numerous students participate in the Trempealeau and Jackson County Fairs, but we also had members participate in Eau Claire County, Northern Wisconsin State Fair, and the Wisconsin State Fair, with a lot of success. The projects range from animals to photos to displays, and much more. Officer Training took place in Warrens at Jellystone, and the officers planned a great and fun year for us!



Contact Ms. Monson at monsog@btsd.k12.wi.us if you'd like your student to join FFA.

Interested in helping out as an adult? We have two alumni, Blair and Taylor, who are always looking to welcome new members! Reach out to Ms. Monson if interested.

WELCOME TO BT



Breaanna Baker

I am originally from Rochester Minnesota. I have bachelor degree's in psychology and criminal justice through Bemidji State University and I have recently received my master of science degree in school counseling through Winona State University. In my free time I enjoy hiking, traveling, watching sports and movies, as well as spending time with friends and family. I am excited to join Blair Taylor Elementary as the school counselor and I look forward to a great school year!

Paige Butzler

I'm so excited to continue my teaching journey as a Wildcat! I graduated from Winona State University and have spent the past eight years as a special education teacher. I have a passion for working with kids and love seeing them grow—not only academically, but also socially and emotionally. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family. My husband, Tyler, and I have a 5-year-old son, Rhett, and a 3-year-old daughter, Ellie, and we've been enjoying the fun of farm life. I'm thrilled to step into this new role with such a wonderful community and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you!



Lauren Koss

I am so excited to join to Blair-Taylor School District and be apart of this awesome community as the new Physical Education Teacher! I graduated in May from UW-La Crosse with my Bachelors in Adapted PE, Physical Education and School Health Education. I cannot wait to make physical activity a fun learning experience for all of our students at BT Elementary school. When I am not at school I love to stay active by going on walks, hikes, bike rides and playing lots of golf with my fiancé and our pup Cooper. I am also a big sports fan and am excited to come cheer on the Wildcats during all sports seasons. I am so excited to meet all of the awesome students at BT Elementary!

Stacy Spors

I am so excited to be joining Blair-Taylor as a 1st grade teacher as I enter my 26th year of teaching. I taught special education for 18 years at West Salem and Melrose-Mindoro and have been the reading interventionist/reading specialist at Melrose-Mindoro for the past 7 years. My husband, Mark, daughter, Paige, a senior at Melrose-Mindoro, my chocolate lab, Bella and two adopted cats, Cat and Ashley live near Melrose. In my free time, I enjoy reading, crafting, going for walks, biking, shooting trap, kayaking, fishing, and spending time with my family. I look forward to my new adventure at Blair-Taylor.



NEW STAFF

Kat Luchterhand

I am so very excited and honored to be joining the Blair-Taylor team as a third grade teacher! I have had the amazing experience of being both an educator and coach for the past 22 years, most of which have been spent at the elementary school level. My career in education has included teaching grades 1 through 6 and coaching across all levels in multiple sports (i.e. cross-country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball--and--my most favorite--track and field). I live in Neillsville with my husband Adam (who is also a teacher/coach) and our three boys: Marcus (16), Lucas (12), and Aiden (10). Our family also has an energetic dog named Charlie and a calm, cuddly cat named Smokey. When we have free time, we enjoy coaching/watching our kids play sports, traveling, fishing, and cheering on the Badgers, Bucks, Brewers, and Packers. Our most cherished and treasured tradition is taking an annual fishing trip up to Canada--which we have been blessed with doing since 2007. What I am most excited for this upcoming school year is meeting my new students and their families, being able to watch my niece Andrea (Waldera) dominate her Senior season, and becoming a part of this wonderful Wildcat family and community.



Jenna Kowalke

I have been teaching kindergarten for 13 years. I grew up in West Salem and graduated from West Salem High School in 2007. After high school, I went to the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities for my Bachelor's and Master's Degrees (GO GOPHERS). I started my first year of teaching kindergarten in Minneapolis, while I was getting my Master's Degree. After teaching a year in a big city, I knew that big city life was not for me. I then moved back to the area, and started teaching kindergarten at Melrose-Mindoro Elementary. I taught for 12 years at Mel-Min. I enjoy kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing, reading, puzzles, sports (GO PACK GO), and spending time with my family and friends. I now reside in Black River Falls with my 2 dogs--Montgomery (St. Bernard) and Winston (Golden Retriever). Winston will be joining me here at B-T as one of our school Therapy Dogs! We are both very excited to be a part of the Wildcat family!



Brianna Saff

I am incredibly excited to be joining Blair-Taylor as a high school science teacher. I'm coming to B-T with a love and familiarity of small schools and communities. I grew up in Pittsville, WI, graduating high school in 2011. I then called UW-Eau Claire home for many years - earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 2015 and my teaching certification in Biology & Broadfield Science in 2018. This year will mark my 7th year as an educator. I now live just south of Osseo with my husband, Jake, and our 3 children - Breckyn (5), Maisyn (2), and River (10 months). When I'm not keeping up with the kids or coming up with another house project for my husband, I enjoy reading, playing board games, and doing puzzles - bonus if it includes an iced coffee in my hands!



LIBRARY MATTERS with Mrs. McNamer

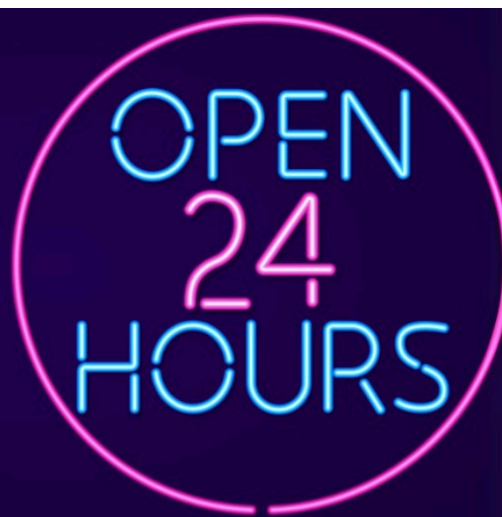
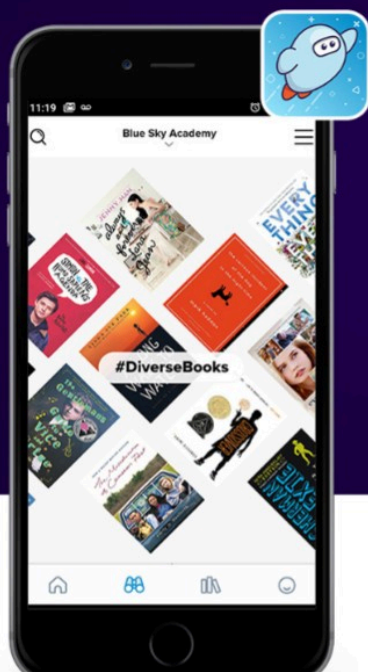


Mrs. Kris McNamer
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Our school year is off to a great start in the library! The MS/HS library has been busy throughout the day with distance learning classes, while middle school ELA classes have been making regular visits to the library for check outs and other needs. Elementary students from 4K/Headstart through fifth grade have dedicated skills and check out days. Even kids in the BT Childcare Center visit once a month for storytime. Students are excited to share their library books with you at home, so make sure to check their backpacks for new books weekly!

This year we will be reintroducing Battle of the Books (BOB) to students in 4th-8th grades. BOB is a statewide reading challenge aimed at our upper elementary and middle school readers. Students read books deeply so that they retain information about plot, character, theme, setting, and other elements. Students then compete against other schools to find the team that knows their books the best. BOB is designed to foster a love of reading and to encourage students to read outside of their favorite genres. Please encourage and support your BOB readers at home to keep reading!

BT students can read even when school is closed using the Sora reading app! Sora is free and available to all students in the district. Visit <https://soraapp.com/library/wsdlcwi> and sign in with your student's school Google account. Sora offers free audiobooks, ebooks, and magazines. Feel free to reach out with any questions on using Sora.



Read on Sora
The student reading app.

TITLE I Reading Corner

GROWING STRONG READER TOGETHER

We're excited to share some big changes to our literacy team this year! After several rewarding years in the classroom, Mrs. Hammond in second grade and Mrs. Smith in third grade, we are stepping into new roles to support our Wildcats in reading. Mrs. Hammond is now serving as the Reading Coach and Interventionist, and Mrs. Smith is the new Reading Interventionist. In these roles, we'll be working with teachers and students across grade levels to strengthen foundational skills, enrich word study, and provide targeted intervention. We can't wait to bring our passion for literacy and dedication to helping every Wildcat reader grow and succeed.

This year, our school is focusing on the building blocks of reading that include phonics, word study, and understanding how words work. When students learn how to break apart and put together words, they become stronger, more confident readers.

From 4K through fifth grade, we'll be teaching these skills in every classroom and giving extra small-group support when needed. Our goal is simple: help every child unlock the power of reading, so they can learn, explore, and succeed in every subject.

As part of Wisconsin Act 20, families will also receive information about their child's reading progress through a new system called NextPath. NextPath provides updates on how students are doing with foundational skills and where they may need extra support. This tool helps keep parents connected and ensures we're all working together to help our Wildcats grow as readers.

We're excited to partner with you to make this a great year for our Wildcats!



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Mrs. Kris Smith

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Hand Hygiene



Handwashing is an easy, cheap, and effective way to prevent the spread of germs and keep kids and adults healthy. When your family is healthy, you don't have to worry about missing school, work, or other activities.

Help your child develop handwashing skills

Parents and caretakers play an important role in teaching children to wash their hands. Handwashing can become a lifelong healthy habit if you start teaching it at an early age. Teach kids the [five easy steps for handwashing](#)—wet, lather, scrub, rinse and dry—and the key times to wash hands, such as after using the bathroom or before eating. You can find ways to make it fun, like making up your own handwashing song or turning it into a game.

Give frequent reminders

Building handwashing skills takes time. At first, your child will need regular reminders of how and when to wash hands. It is especially important to remind children to wash their hands after using the bathroom, before eating, after touching pets, after playing outside, and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing their nose. But once handwashing becomes a habit and a regular part of your child's day, they will practice it throughout their lives.

Lead by example by washing your hands

Young children learn by imitating the behaviors of adults in their lives. When you make handwashing part of your routine, you're setting an example for your children to follow.

If soap and water aren't available

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that has at least 60% alcohol, and wash your hands with soap and water as soon as you can.

Baby wipes

Baby wipes may make your hands look clean, but they're not designed to remove germs from your hands. CDC recommends washing hands with soap and water when possible.



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
Public Instruction

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Below are guidelines to help parents and school districts determine when to keep children/students home from school. The recommendations are based on guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state public health professionals. They were developed to help prevent the spread of potentially contagious disease. Home is the best place for a child who is ill. If your child is sick with a diagnosed communicable disease, please notify the school as soon as possible. This notification will greatly assist others who, due to medical reasons and/or treatments, have weakened immune systems and may require immediate and specialized care.



FEVER

With fever greater than 100.4° F*. Student may return when fever-free for **24 hours** (WITHOUT use of fever-reducing medicine).



VOMITING/DIARRHEA

Any unexplained vomiting episode. May return **24 hours** after last episode. Diarrhea = three or more unexplained episodes of watery or loose stool in **24 hours** **OR** sudden onset of loose stools. May return 24 hours after last episode.



COUGH

Serious, sustained coughing, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing.



RASH

Any new rash accompanied by a fever. May return after rash goes away or clearance given by a health care provider.



SKIN LESIONS/SORES

Drainage from a sore that cannot be contained within a bandage **OR** sores are increasing in size **OR** new sores are developing day-to-day.



OTHER

Symptoms that prevent the student from active participation in usual school activities **OR** student is requiring more care than school can safely provide.

* Many authorities use either 100 (37.8 degrees Celsius) or 100.4 F (38.0 degrees Celsius) as a cut-off for fever, but this number actually can range depending on factors such as the method of measurement and the age of the person. CDC has public health recommendations that are based on the presence (or absence) of fever. What is meant by this is that the person's temperature is not elevated beyond their norm. In order to provide clarity the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction supports the use of 100.4°F.



EXPLORING EUROPE

Student Travel to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland



This past summer, a group of students embarked on a 10-day educational travel adventure through three of Europe's most beautiful and historic countries—Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. The trip combined sightseeing, cultural immersion, and hands-on learning, giving students the opportunity to experience history and culture beyond the classroom.

Austria

Students began their journey in Vienna, where they toured the Schönbrunn Palace of the Habsburg emperors, tasted a traditional wiener schnitzel dinner, and enjoyed a night of classical music at the oldest concert hall in the city. In Salzburg, students experienced Mozart's birthplace and the setting for *The Sound of Music*. Highlights included the fortress above the city, the Mirabell Gardens, and the baroque architecture. A group favorite of the trip was a visit to the Swarovski Crystal Worlds Museum where students explored the dazzling art installations made entirely from crystals.

Germany

In Munich, students explored the bustling Marienplatz square, admired the famous Glockenspiel, visited the Olympic Park of the 1972 summer Olympics, and enjoyed traditional Bavarian cuisine. One of the most meaningful experiences was the guided tour of Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site, home of the first concentration camp during World War II, where students reflected on the atrocities of the Nazi regime and honored the memory of those who suffered during this period. Next, the group traveled into the Bavarian Alps to see Neuschwanstein Castle, the fairytale landmark that inspired Disney. Nearby, they had the thrill of riding the Alpine Coaster, racing down winding tracks with panoramic views of the mountains.

Switzerland

The final leg of the trip took students to Lucerne, where they strolled across the Chapel Bridge, admired the Lion Monument, and enjoyed lakeside views surrounded by the Alps. From Lucerne, students embarked on a cruise across Lake Lucerne and a train ride to the top of a Swiss mountain providing breathtaking views. A sweet highlight was a hands-on Swiss chocolate-making workshop, where students crafted and tasted their own creations.

Throughout the trip, students were encouraged to step outside their comfort zones, try new foods, and immerse themselves in the culture. The experience not only broadened their understanding of European culture but also created unforgettable memories that will stay with the students for years to come.

Sports News with Coach Storlie

Winter sports are just around the corner, and we are looking for another very exciting winter season! Coming of our Fall sports season which was very positive for all athletes involved we will carry that excitement into the next sports season.

All squads look for that quest of not only a conference title, but to advance on a long trip in the WIAA tournament play. We wish all teams success and enjoy the season and playing for the Wildcats.

We hope to see you at the games, but if you cannot attend you can catch most of the action on your computers. As always, "It is a great day to be a Wildcat!"



Coach Randy Storlie

Athletic Director

storlr@btsd.k12.wi.us

Blair-Taylor Middle School Winter Sport Schedule as of September 27th

Please remember that winter sports are scheduled to change due to weather conditions. So please check with the school, or your child's coaches, if sport activities are still on when the weather becomes questionable.

Middle School Boys Basketball 2023

		Bus	Game
Nov 4	Lincoln		5:00
Nov 6	at Eleva-Strum	3:30	5:00
Nov 10	at Whitehall	4:15	5:00
Nov 13	Black River Falls		5:00
Nov 17	at Lincoln	3:45	5:00
Nov 20	Mel-Min		5:00
Dec 2	Indee/Gilmanton		5:00
Dec 4	Eleva-Strum		5:00
Dec 8	at Mel-Min	3:45	5:00
Dec 11	Whitehall		5:00
Dec 18	at Black River Falls	3:45	5:00

Middle School Girls Basketball 2024

		Bus	Game
Jan 13	Indee/Gilmanton		5:00
Jan 15	at Arcadia	3:45	5:00
Jan 19	Black River Falls		5:00
Jan 22	Lincoln		5:00
Jan 26	at Mel-Min	3:45	5:00
Jan 29	at Black River Falls	3:45	5:00
Feb 2	at Eleva-Strum	3:45	5:00
Feb 5	CFC		5:00
Feb 9	Arcadia		5:00
Feb 16	at Lincoln	3:45	5:00
Feb 19	Eleva-Strum		5:00

Middle School Wrestling 2024

		Start
Jan 15	at Osseo	5:00
Jan 22	at Independence	5:00
Jan 23	at Arcadia	5:00
Jan 29	at CFC	5:00
Feb 3	at DeLong	5:00
Feb 10	at Mondovi	5:00
Feb 12	Blair-Taylor	5:00
Feb 19	at Chippewa Falls	5:00
March 3	at GET	5:00

GO CATS

Blair-Taylor High School Winter Sport Schedule as of September 27th

Please remember that winter sports are scheduled to change due to weather conditions. So please check with the school, or your child's coaches, if sport activities are still on when the weather becomes questionable.

Girls Basketball 2024

All conference JV games will start at 5:45

		Bus	Game
Nov 18	at Osseo-Fairchild	4:30	
Nov 21	Mel-Min		
Nov 25	at Independence/Gilmanton	4:50	
Dec 2	at Immanuel	4:00	
Dec 5	Alma/Pepin		
Dec 11	at CFC	4:10	
Dec 12	at Onalaska	4:00	5:30
Dec 15	at Whitehall	5:00	
Dec 19	at Lincoln	4:30	6:00 / 7:30
Jan 6	Eleva-Strum		
Jan 8	at Alma	3:50	5:45
Jan 9	at Augusta	4:10	
Jan 12	Arcadia		
Jan 15	Osseo-Fairchild		
Jan 17	DeSoto		1:00 Varsity
Jan 20	at Mel-Min	4:15	
Jan 23	Independence/Gilmanton		
Jan 29	Immanuel		
Feb 3	CFC		
Feb 6	Whitehall		
Feb 7	JAG Royall		
Feb 10	Lincoln		6:00 / 7:30
Feb 12	at Eleva-Strum	4:30	
Feb 16	Augusta		
Feb 24-28	Regional		
March 5-7	Sectional		
March 12-14	State		

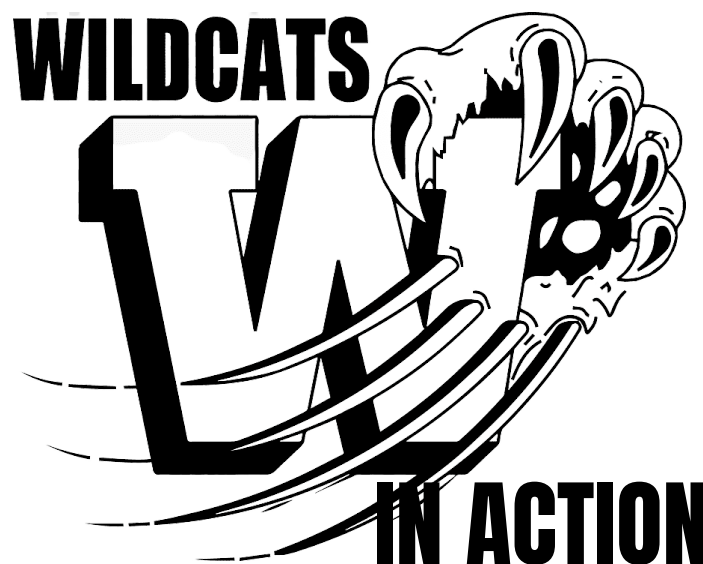
Boys Basketball 2024

All conference JV games will start at 5:45

		Bus	Game
Nov 20	at Fall Creek*	3:15	5:00 pm
Nov 25	Osseo-Fairchild		
Dec 4	at Mel-Min	4:30	
Dec 9	Immanuel		
Dec 12	CFC		
Dec 16	Whitehall		
Dec 19	at Lincoln	4:40	6:00 / 7:30 pm
Dec 23	Spencer		
Jan 2	Arcadia		
Jan 5	Eleva-Strum		
Jan 8	at Alma-Pepin	3:50	V - 7:15 pm
Jan 13	at Indee/Gilmanton	4:50	
Jan 16	Augusta		
Jan 17	DeSoto		2:30 pm Varsity
Jan 19	at Osseo-Fairchild	4:45	
Jan 27	Mel-Min		
Jan 30	at Immanuel	4:10	
Feb 2	at CFC	4:10	
Feb 5	at Whitehall	5:00	
Feb 7	at JAG Royall	8:45	11:10 Varsity Only
Feb 10	Lincoln		6:00 / 7:30 pm
Feb 13	at Eleva-Strum	4:30	
Feb 17	Alma/Pepin		
Feb 20	Independence/Gilmanton		
Feb 23	at Augusta	4:10	
March 3-7	Regional		
March 12-14	Sectional		
March 19-21	State		
	*scrimmage		

Wrestling 2024

		Start
Dec 4	at Stanley-Boyd	5:00 pm
Dec 6	at Royall	9:00 am
Dec 9	at Arcadia	6:00 pm
Dec 11	Mondovi	7:00 pm
Dec 12	at EC Memorial (Girls)	4:30 pm
Dec 13	at Tomah	9:00 am
Dec 19	at Whitehall	4:00 pm
Dec 29+30	at River Falls (Boys and Girls)	7:00 am
Jan 10	at Kickapoo	9:30 am
Jan 17	at Weston	9:00 am
Jan 22	at Indee	6:00 pm
Jan 24	at Sparta B+G	9:00 am
Jan 29	at CFC	6:00 pm
Jan 31	at North (Girls)	9:30 am
Jan 31	at Indee	9:45 am
Feb 5	at Osseo-Fairchild	6:00 pm
Feb 9	at Holmen	4:30 pm
Feb 14	Regional	
Feb 21	Sectional	
Feb 26	State	



November 2025 Breakfast & Lunch Menu

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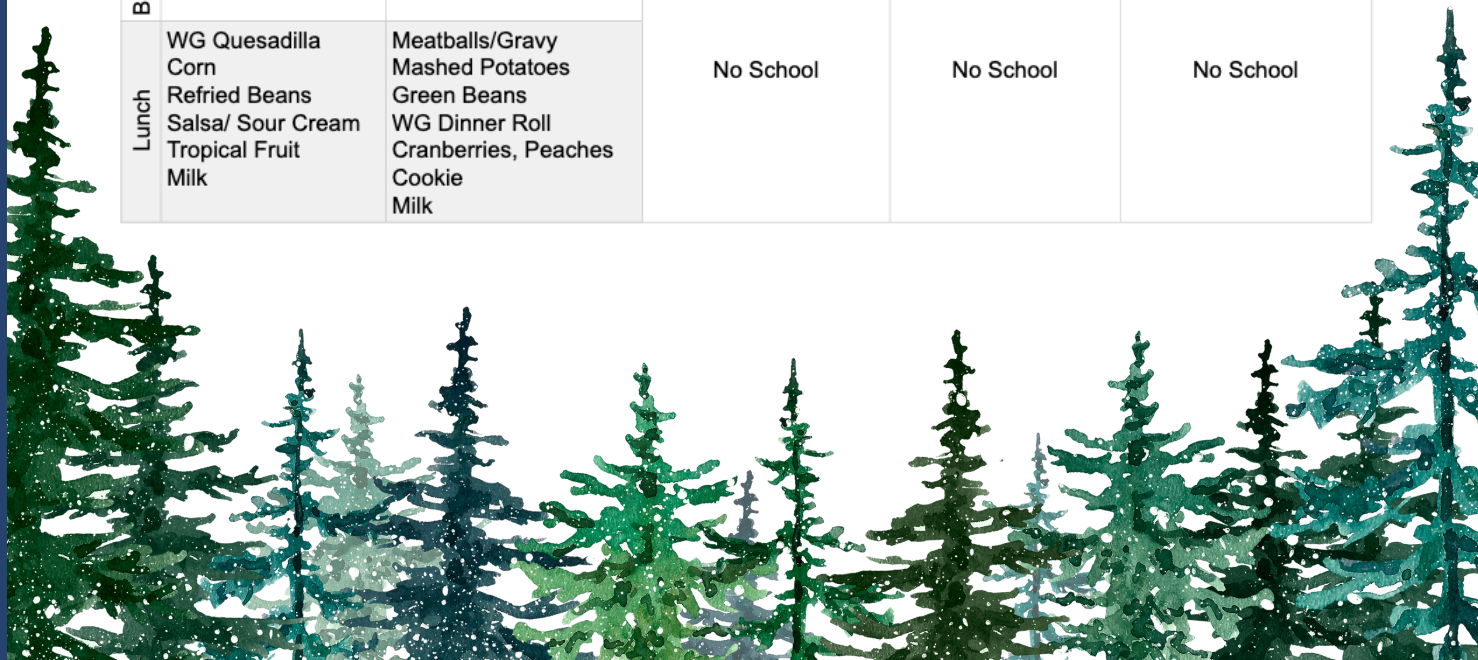
	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7
Breakfast	Banana Bread Apple slices Juice / Milk / Cheese	Pancakes Banana Juice / Milk / Cheese	Cinnamon Rolls Craisins Juice / Milk / Cheese	Breakfast Sandwich Applesauce Juice / Milk / Cheese	Hard Boiled Eggs Appleway Bar Orange slices Juice / Milk / Cheese
Lunch	WG Pizza Green Beans Pineapple Fruit Slushie Milk	WG Ravioli WG Breadstick Peas Tropical Fruit Milk	WG Pancakes Sausage Links Seasoned Potatoes Banana / Craisins Mini Donut Milk	WG Nachos Salsa / Sour Cream Fiesta Beans Corn Applesauce Milk	WG Boneless Wings Potato Wedges Broccoli Apple Slices WG Scooby Snack Milk
	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14
Breakfast	Mini Bagel Apple Slices Juice / Milk / Cheese	French Toast Banana Juice / Milk / Cheese	Cini Minis Blueberries Juice / Milk / Cheese	Breakfast Pizza Strawberries Juice / Milk / Cheese	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Orange slices Juice / Milk / Cheese
Lunch	WG Corn Dog Curly Fries Baked Beans Pears Milk	WG Popcorn Chicken Mashed potatoes/Gravy Corn WG Dinner Roll Peaches Milk	WG Fish Sticks Tater Tots Peas Fruit Cocktail WG Goldfish Crackers Milk	WG Cavatappi Spaghetti sauce Meatballs Broccoli GW Garlic Bread Pineapple Milk	Hamburger Cheese WG Bun Potato Chips Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk
	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21
Breakfast	Frudel Apple Slices Juice / Milk / Cheese	Waffles Banana Juice / Milk / Cheese	Long John Craisins Juice / Milk / Cheese	Breakfast Bagel Applesauce Juice / Milk / Cheese	Cheese Omelet Toast Orange slices Juice / Milk / Cheese
Lunch	WG Mac & Cheese WG Pretzel Broccoli Strawberry Cup Milk	WG Breaded Pork Chop Cheesy Potato Casserole Carrots Blueberries Craisins Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup WG Cheesy Pull-a Parts Peas Cheese Cubes Saltine Crackers Applesauce Milk	Turkey Gravy Stuffing Mashed Potatoes Corn WG Dinner roll Cranberries Pears Pumpkin Bar Milk	Hot Ham & Cheese WG Bun WG Doritos Baked Beans Apple Slices Milk
	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28
Breakfast	Pancake on a Stick Apple Slices Juice / Milk / Cheese	Pancakes Banana Juice / Milk / Cheese	No School	No School	No School
Lunch	WG Chicken Nuggets Seasoned Diced Potatoes Carrots Peaches WG Crackers Milk	Pulled Pork WG Bun Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Baked Beans Cottage Cheese Apple slices			



December 2023 Breakfast & Lunch Menu

As of September 27th. Meal offerings may change.

	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5
Breakfast	Bagel Cream Cheese Apple Slices Juice / Milk / Cheese	French Toast Sticks Banana Juice / Milk / Cheese	Mini Donuts Pineapple Juice / Milk / Cheese	Breakfast Bake Melon Juice / Milk / Cheese	Combo Bar Orange Slices Juice / Milk / Cheese
Lunch	Meatball Sub WG Hoagie Marinara/Mozz WG Garlic Pasta Cali Blend Peaches Milk	5" WG Deep Dish Pizza Broccoli Apple Slices Fruit Slushie Milk	Cheesy Meatloaf Au Gratin Potatoes WG Dinner Roll Green Bean Casserole Pineapple Milk	WG Chicken Tenders Smile Fries Corn Pears Cookie Milk	Tater Tot Hotdish WG Breadstick Carrots Strawberry Cup
	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12
Breakfast	Banana Bread Apple Slices Juice / Milk / Cheese	Waffles Banana Juice / Milk / Cheese	Cinnamon Rolls Craisins Juice / Milk / Cheese	Breakfast Sandwich Applesauce Juice / Milk / Cheese	Yogurt WG Granola Berries Juice / Milk / Cheese
Lunch	WG Orange Chicken Rice Ramen Noodles Carrots Mandarin Oranges Brownie Milk	WG Soft shell Taco Fiesta Beans Corn Salsa / Sour Cream Tropical Fruit Milk	Hot Dog WG Bun Baked Beans WG Doritos Mandarin Oranges Milk	WG Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Peas Saltine Crackers Applesauce Milk	WG Boneless Wings French Fries Broccoli Pineapple Scooby Doo Crackers Milk
	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19
Breakfast	Frudel Apple Slices Juice / Milk / Cheese	Pancakes Banana Juice / Milk / Cheese	Long John Blueberries Juice / Milk / Cheese	Breakfast Pizza Strawberries Juice / Milk / Cheese	Sausage Gravy WG Biscuit Orange Slices Juice / Milk / Cheese
Lunch	WG Calzone Marinara Cali Blend Peaches Milk	BBQ Rib WG Hoagie Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables Apple Slices Milk	WG Pancakes Sausage Patty Diced Potatoes Banana Appleway Bar Milk	WG Chicken Patty WG Bun Sweet Potato Fries Broccoli w/Cheese Fruit Cocktail Milk	Chili WG Cheesy Breadstick Peas Grapes Saltine Crackers Milk
	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25	Dec 26
Breakfast	Pancake on a Stick Apple Slices Juice / Milk / Cheese	French Toast Sticks Banana Juice / Milk / Cheese			
Lunch	WG Quesadilla Corn Refried Beans Salsa/ Sour Cream Tropical Fruit Milk	Meatballs/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans WG Dinner Roll Cranberries, Peaches Cookie Milk	No School	No School	No School



January 2024 Breakfast & Lunch Menu

As of September 27th. Meal offerings may change.

	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 7	Jan 8	Jan 9
Breakfast	WG Mini Bagel Applesauce Juice / Milk / Cheese	WG Waffles Banana Juice / Milk / Cheese	WG Long John Craisins Juice / Milk / Cheese	Cheese Omelet Sausage Patty Kiwi Juice / Milk / Cheese	WG Breakfast Bagel Strawberries Juice / Milk / Cheese
Lunch	WG Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Broccoli w/cheese Pears Scooby Doo Crackers Milk	Cheeseburger WG Bun Potato chips Green Beans Pineapple Milk	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Peas Applesauce Saltines Milk	Nachos Taco Meat/Cheese sauce Salsa/Sour Cream Corn Fiesta Beans Tropical Fruit Milk	WG Orange Chicken Rice/Woodles Carrots Mandarin Oranges Fortune cookie Milk
	Jan 12	Jan 13	Jan 14	Jan 15	Jan 16
Breakfast	WG Frudel Apple Slices Juice / Milk / Cheese	WG Pancakes Banana Juice / Milk / Cheese	WG Cinnamon Roll Cherry Infused Raisins Juice / Milk / Cheese	Scrambled eggs Sausage Patty Orange slices Juice / Milk / Cheese	Combo Bar WG Eggo crackers Kiwi Juice / Milk / Cheese
Lunch	BBQ Rib WG Hoagie Potato Wedges Baked beans Peaches Milk	WG Pizza Green Beans Applesauce Slushy Milk	WG Mac & Cheese WG Pretzel Cali Blend Grapes Milk	Hot Ham & Cheese Tater Tots Mixed Vegetable Pears Strawberry Ice Cream Milk	WG Boneless wings Buffalo, BBQ, Garlic Parm Smile Fries Carrots Fruit Cocktail Milk
	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23
Breakfast	WG Banana Bread Apple slices Juice / Milk / Cheese	WG Biscuit Sausage gravy Banana Juice / Milk / Cheese	WG Cinni Minis Blueberries Juice / Milk / Cheese	Breakfast Bake WG Toast/Jelly Orange slices Juice / Milk / Cheese	No School
Lunch	WG Chicken Tenders French Fries Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	Scalloped Potatoes Ham Corn WG Dinner Roll Cheese Stick Craisins Tropical Fruit Milk	Chicken Noodle soup WG Uncrustable Peas Applesauce Saltines Milk	WG Breaded Pork Patty Garlic Pasta Broccoli/Cheese Peaches Milk	
	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30
Breakfast	WG Assorted Muffins Apple slices Juice / Milk / Cheese	WG Waffles Banana Juice / Milk / Cheese	WG Mini Donuts Craisins Juice / Milk / Cheese	WG Breakfast Sandwich Applesauce Juice / Milk / Cheese	Breakfast Pizza Blueberries Juice / Milk / Cheese
Lunch	WG Pizza Dippers Marinara Corn Tropical Fruit Pudding Milk	WG Chicken Patty WG Bun Curly Fries Mixed Vegetable Pears Milk	WG Calzone Marinara Broccoli Strawberry Cup WG Goldfish Crackers Milk	Pasta Meatballs/Red sauce WG Breadstick Green Beans Peaches Milk	Philly Beef/Cheese WG Hoagie Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk





BLAIR-TAYLOR SCHOOL
DISTRICT PRESENTS

VETERANS DAY
Program

All Veterans are welcome to the
Blair-Taylor Veterans Day
Program in the High School Gym

Featuring performances from
the Blair-Taylor MS & HS bands

TUESDAY
NOV 11, 2025
9:30 AM

HOSPITALITY BRUNCH TO FOLLOW
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BLAIR TAYLOR CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Blair-Taylor School District is preparing for the holiday season by offering support to families who may need extra help with gifts or food. Families looking for support are encouraged to return the **form on the next page** to Cole Van Schyndel (Middle/High School Counselor) by **November 7th**. Anyone looking to sponsor or donate, can also contact Cole Van Schyndel.





Christmas Project

The Blair-Taylor School District is gearing up for the holiday season, and we are once again offering opportunities to support families who may need a little extra help with gifts and/or food during this time of year.

Families who participate can be assured that all information will be kept **strictly confidential**. We will work with you directly to arrange a time to pick up gifts and/or food at the school.

If your family would benefit from this support, please complete and return the attached form (one for each child) to your school counselor by **November 7th**. You may also call or email if that is easier. While we will make every effort to fulfill requests, support will depend on the number of requests we receive.

If you or your organization would like to help sponsor a family or student, please contact **Cole Van Schyndel, Middle/High School Counselor**, by **November 7th**. Your generosity directly impacts our students and their families, and we are deeply grateful for the continued support from our community.

Sincerely,

Cole Van Schyndel - Middle/High School Counselor ✉ vanscc@btsd.k12.wi.us ☎ 608-989-2525 ext. 301

Please fill out all the information below to accurately help our children

Name of Parent: _____ Phone Number: _____

Children in the household:

Name:	Age:	Special WishList Item(s):

My Child _____ needs the following clothing items:

Size	Item	Circle Which Dept? (Infant, Toddler, Boys/Girls, Juniors, Women's/Men's)
	Socks	
	Underwear	
	Pajamas	
	Jeans	
	Shirts	
	Shoes	
	Winter Gear	

Favorites (color, hobbies/interests, likes/dislikes, etc)

My Child _____ needs the following clothing items:


Size	Item	Circle Which Dept? (Infant, Toddler, Boys/Girls, Juniors, Women's/Men's)
	Socks	
	Underwear	
	Pajamas	
	Jeans	
	Shirts	
	Shoes	
	Winter Gear	
Favorites (color, hobbies/interests, likes/dislikes, etc)		

My Child _____ needs the following clothing items:

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	Socks	
	Underwear	
	Pajamas	
	Jeans	
	Shirts	
	Shoes	
	Winter Gear	
Favorites (color, hobbies/interests, likes/dislikes, etc)		


Fruit-a-licious Breakfast Cup

1 Start With Yogurt



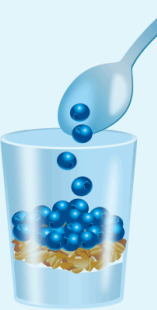
Spoon yogurt into your cup.

2 Add Some Crunch




Spoon cereal on top of the yogurt.

3 Pick Fruit




Add some fruit on top of the cereal.

4 Make a Pattern




Add more yogurt, then cereal, then fruit.

5 Enjoy




Ingredients




low-fat yogurt
cereal

Choose fruits


apple




pineapple



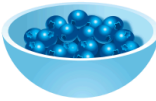
raisins




peaches



blueberries



banana



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Notice of School Board Election (S.120.06(6)(b), Wis. Stats.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified electors of the Blair-Taylor School District that a School Board election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, to elect school board member to the seat currently held by Lindsey Byom as District Director At-Large whose 1-year term expires in April 2026. The incumbent is eligible for re-election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any qualified elector desiring to be a candidate for this position on the school board shall file a Declaration of Candidacy at the Blair-Taylor School District Office, N31024 Elland Road, Blair, WI not earlier than Monday, December 1, 2025 and not later than Tuesday, January 6, 2026, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The forms may be delivered or mailed to the address noted above prior to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. District boundary information is available in the district office.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Dated this 19th day of September, 2025.

David Thompson, Clerk
Blair-Taylor School District

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