

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I hope everyone took some time to be with family and friends over this holiday season. As we move into the second half of the school year, basketball and wrestling are in full swing, and academically, we are gearing up for the end of first semester at the middle-high school and plugging away at the second trimester at the elementary. Many other exciting things are happening as well.

Trempealeau Valley Consortium:

The consortium with Blair-Taylor, Arcadia, Independence, and Whitehall is working to improve educational opportunities for students. Next year's juniors and seniors can take capstone classes in the career technology areas of Agriculture Science, Business Education, Family and Consumer Science, and Technology Education. Agriculture Science capstone courses offered through the consortium include Environmental Science, Animal Science, Agronomy, Food Processing, and Tractor Restoration. Business Education capstone courses offered include Accounting II, Finance, Administrative Services, and Advertising. Family and Consumer Science capstone courses include Understanding Childhood, Health Science, and Culinary Arts. Technology Education capstone courses offered include Welding, Construction, and Automotive. Students may travel to a school other than their own to take one or more of these course offerings. As you can see, working together gives our students some great opportunities to grow in a career area of interest that not only prepares them for the future, but also, in most cases, includes technical college credit to help students jumpstart their post-secondary education.

Training for Safety - ALICE:

The Blair-Taylor School District continues to work on our lockdown procedures known as the A.L.I.C.E. plan. A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. As mentioned earlier this year, the philosophy of A.L.I.C.E. is to use technology and information in a way so that staff and students can make informed decisions in a crisis and remove as many people as possible from the danger zone. The plan provides realistic training so that those involved in a crisis have a better chance of surviving. Throughout the second semester, we will be practicing scenarios in preparation for an emergency. In any type of challenging situation, it is best if people practice skills needed to make informed decisions. Please contact me or your child's principal if you have any questions about A.L.I.C.E. or the training.

Jeffrey S. Eide, Superintendent

Elementary November Wildcat Way Students of the Month



Front Row: Landon J., Emma H., Mathew B., Austin C., Jaeda S., Sadie K., Lauren K., Evan B.,
Back Row: Yarelih C., Samantha K., Alexia L., Colin M., Callie W., Jacob K., Ella H., Addison L., Kenzie W., EmmaLee J., Katerina B.

Wildcat Way and Wall of Inspiration

-Jeffrey S. Eide, Superintendent

You may have heard about the “Wall of Inspiration” and the “Wildcat Way Wall.” A community committee has been working hard over the past year, developing a vision of recognizing community members who have been an inspiration to others and recognizing students who are following our four pillars of walking the wildcat way: being respectful, responsible, safe and honest. The development of these two walls will cost \$24,500. Through generous donations, we have secured \$19,500. If you are interested in donating toward this vision, or you would like more information, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. We are blessed with incredible community support. It is always fun to show off our beautiful facility, and having a place to highlight our outstanding community members and students will add another dimension of beauty and wildcat pride.



Nature Case

-Jeffrey S. Eide, Superintendent

Prior to the creation of the United Campus, we had a beautiful nature case in our elementary school. Unfortunately, we were unable to move the nature case up to the new building; however, we saved the wildlife, knowing we would like to have a new nature case for the United Campus.

I am pleased to say that this is becoming more of a reality, thanks in huge part to the hard work and dedication of our resident artist, Wava Jacobchick, and her family. Mrs. Jacobchick has created a website for the nature case display, where you can see all the progress made on the future nature display. The website is <http://btnaturecase.wixsite.com/btnaturecase>. In addition to spending countless hours on the artwork of the display, Mrs. Jacobchick has written grants to help secure needed funding for the nature case display. At this time, we have not received a response regarding the grant submissions. We will need about \$19,800 to complete the project. Currently, we have raised over \$4,000. If you are interested in supporting the Nature Case project, please feel free to contact me or contact Wava Jacobchick through the nature case website.



--Wava Jacobchick's mural for the nature case, in progress.



From the Desk of the 7-12 Principal...

PAWS:

We are seeing some real academic success this year with a few improvements we have made to our PAWS program, based on suggestions by both students and teachers. PAWS stands for Personal Academics with Support. It is the time at the end of the day when nearly all middle and high school students and teachers have study time. Students can work with different teachers daily. Also, they may attend organizational meetings, music lessons, or enrichment activities. We have seen evidence of fewer low grades. Keep up the good work!

Spring State Assessments:

The state of Wisconsin requires all students to be evaluated using state or nationally normed assessments. The following provides some information about these assessments.

The **Wisconsin Forward Exam** has been developed to replace the Badger Exam, which replaced the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam, to assess English language arts and mathematics skills for students in grades three through eight, science knowledge and skills for students in grades four and eight, and social studies knowledge and skills for students in grades four, eight, and 10. The testing window for all students in Wisconsin to be evaluated using the Wisconsin Forward Exam is March 20th through May 5th. We will establish an assessment schedule for students based on several factors, such as optimal testing times of the day, comfortable settings for testing, adequate breaks between assessments, and individual student needs. Once the schedule is set, we will send information home, so that you can help prepare your child to do his or her best.

The **ACT Aspire** assessment is given to ninth and tenth grade students to assess their knowledge and skills in the areas of English, reading, math, science, and writing. A student's performance on this assessment will help predict how he or she will perform on both the ACT and ACT WorkKeys when he or she reaches 11th grade. These early high school assessments will help identify students who need extra help to learn skills they will need for the ACT and, more importantly, for career and college experiences after graduating. The ACT Aspire test window is April 24th to May 26th.

The **ACT Plus Writing** exam is given to all juniors in Wisconsin to assess reading, math, English, science, and writing. The ACT can be used by students for a variety of purposes, including college admission, scholarships, course placement, and NCAA eligibility. Juniors also will take **The ACT WorkKeys**, which contains the following subtests: Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information. ACT WorkKeys helps students identify areas of strength that may be applied to future careers. ACT Plus Writing will be given statewide on February 28th. ACT WorkKeys will be on March 1st.

Good Attendance is a Key to Success:

Preparing for life after high school takes a great deal of work. Being in school on time daily gives students the best opportunity for successful preparation. It can be difficult to catch up with school work after excessive absences, which can cause students additional stress. Being in school on time not only gives students the best opportunity for academic success, it also prepares students for future employment opportunities where excessive absences could result in loss of a job. *We have very few students being tardy to school this year. Way to go!*

Our student handbook, found on the middle and high school pages of the Blair-Taylor website, provides details about the attendance expectations for students. It is important to note that a student who has five or more unexcused absences in a semester may be referred to Truancy Court. *Please remember to call the office (608-989-2525) or send a note within two days when your child is unable to attend school, so that he or she will not be recorded as unexcused.* More than 15 days of excused absences may result in the requirement of doctors' notes to excuse further absences. Unexcused absences will result in a two-hour detention.

Senior Graduation:

Mark your calendar, if you haven't already! Graduation will take place on **Saturday, May 27th, at 1:00PM** in the middle/high school gymnasium. Doors will be opened at 11:00AM. Everyone is welcome to attend. Graduates receive their gowns when they arrive at the school and turn them in before receiving their diplomas. Families are welcome to take pictures at school with their graduate before he or she returns the gown.

Senior Portfolio Presentations:

The school board requires that all students present their **portfolios**. Presentations will take place on May 12th. Parents and other family members are encouraged to attend the presentations, as they are a wonderful reflection of a student's experience in high school and plans for the future.

Senior Awards Night:

Senior Awards Night takes place the Sunday before graduation. This year it will take place on May 21st, at 6:30 pm, with refreshments being served at 6:00pm. All seniors are invited to attend.

8th Grade Recognition:

Another important event is the Recognition Event held in honor of the eighth-grade students as they prepare to transition to high school. This event will take place on Friday, May 26th, at 2:00 in the gymnasium. Students are asked to dress up. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dana T. Eide, 7-12 Principal





From the Desk of the Elementary Principal...

As we enter 2017, I find myself wondering where the time flies! At the elementary, we have been busy. We are in the middle of our first year implementing Literacy Collaborative. Thus far, our students have enjoyed this guided reading approach and especially enjoy the interactive read alouds. I want to thank the dedicated teaching staff at Blair-Taylor for diving into this initiative to better serve our students; we are extremely fortunate to have such caring and dedicated staff.

We have continued to promote the Wildcat Way. As a school, we have seen behavioral improvements in comparison to last year. These behavioral improvements provide a more conducive environment for student learning, resulting in more academic and social success for all students. I look forward to seeing the academic and social gains our students make as we finish the 2016-17 school year.

PAWS is in full swing. We began PAWS Cycle 2 on December 13th. Students are receiving thirty minutes of intervention or enrichment each day, depending on individual needs.

As we continue the school year, I want to remind everyone that we are a team working together. As a school and community, we have high behavioral and academic expectations for the benefit of our students. We will continue to celebrate student accomplishments, reteach when necessary, and have consequences when appropriate.

Lastly, I want to thank the parents and community members for supporting our students to continue improving Blair-Taylor Elementary.

Thank you,
Lynn S. Halverson

The Wildcat Way

Blair-Taylor Elementary is now on its second year of implementing "The Wildcat Way." Like last year, we are encouraging students to be Safe, Responsible, Respectful, and Honest. We continue to teach our students the expected behaviors in all school environments to maximize the learning that takes place each and every day. We recognize and celebrate when our students make good choices. We also re-teach expectations when appropriate.



Is the Wildcat Way initiative working? Yes. Comparing 2015-16 data to 2016-17 data, the number of "minors" have decreased by 2.04 referrals per day. "Majors" have decreased by 0.63 referrals per day. And all referrals have decreased by 2.67 referrals per day. This data is evidence that the Wildcat Way is working to promote positive choices and a healthy learning environment for all at Blair-Taylor Elementary.

We conducted mid-year Wildcat Way lessons on January 4th, 5th, and 6th. All students at the elementary were reminded and taught the Wildcat Way behaviors for the following environments:

- Hallway/Sidewalk
- Lunchroom/Commons
- LMC
- Restrooms
- Events in the Gym
- Bus
- Auditorium
- Offices
- Playground
- All Technology

Please take time to talk to your child about what they learned on January 4th, 5th, and 6th.

Wisconsin Forward Exam

The test window for the Wisconsin Forward Exam is March 20th—May 5th. Elementary students in 3rd, 5th, and 6th grades will be assessed in the areas of math and English language arts. Students in 4th grade will be assessed in the areas of math, English language arts, science, and social studies. There will be additional information from DPI in the coming months regarding preparation for this assessment, including practice tests. More communication with parents will take place as additional information comes from the Department of Public Instruction.



Playground

With cold temperatures during the winter months, all elementary students need to wear boots, snow pants, winter coats, hats, and gloves during outdoor recess.

Elementary Report Cards will be sent home on February 1st.



School Counseling News

Hilary Walters, 7-12 Counselor
989-2525, ext. 204; walteh@btsd.k12.wi.us

Mental Health & Suicide Awareness:

On Monday, February 6th, from 6-7pm, we will be hosting Barb Barczack, a Trempealeau County public health nurse. The presentation is for anyone looking to deepen their understanding of youth mental health. The evening will provide information about mental illness, suicide, and risk and protective factors. Our goal for the evening is to have participants better recognize and respond to the warning signs of depression and suicide.

Scholarships:

Seniors are encouraged to check the Blair-Taylor High School website (<http://www.cms4schools.com/btsd/high/scholarships.cfm>) for up-to-date scholarship information. **NEVER** pay for a scholarship search!!

2016-17 ACT Schedule

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | (Late Registration) + fee |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| February 11, 2017 | January 13, 2017 | January 14-20, 2017 |
| April 8, 2017 | March 3, 2017 | March 4-17, 2017 |
| June 10, 2017 | May 5, 2017 | May 6-19, 2017 |

Students need to login to www.actstudent.org to register for the ACT. Students planning to apply to Marquette or University of Minnesota-Twin Cities will need to take the writing portion of the ACT as well. Students applying out of state are encouraged to check with admissions guidelines of their colleges. Free ACT Prep is available at: www.number2.com www.march2success.com

In accordance with state testing requirements, all juniors will be taking the ACT on February 28th, 2017. This exam will take place at the school during the school day. Students should put forward their best effort on this exam as it can be used as an official score for both 2 and 4-year college options. On February 29th, all juniors will take the ACT WorkKeys assessment, which will measure foundational work skills essential to career success.

Accuplacer Testing:

Western offers convenient online registration for testing on the La Crosse main campus as well as regional locations in Black River Falls, Independence, Mauston,

Tomah, and Viroqua. The available tests may vary by location.

You will need to schedule your test session in advance. Register online (<https://www.westerntc.edu/Schedule-your-test>) to view available dates and times for each campus, or contact the location nearest you.

**Students who participate in the free and reduced lunch program are encouraged to see Mrs. Walters for a fee waiver for the ACT and Accuplacer.

Big Cats Little Cats:

We are underway with our second year of the Big Cats Little Cats mentoring program. The Big Cats Little Cats program has matched caring, responsible high school aged students with elementary students who are looking for a friend and positive role model. They meet twice a month to play a game, talk, or participate in program activities. We are continuously accepting applications for Big Cats. Applications can be picked up in the 7-12 office or the counseling office. Community members wishing to donate to this program can do so in the form of board games, recreational items (footballs, basketballs, etc.), coloring books/crayons, or monetary donations for group celebrations. Donations can be brought to the elementary or 7-12 counseling offices. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Senior Exit Interviews:

All seniors graduating in May will participate in a Senior Exit Interview, during which they will showcase their portfolio and share their high school experience. We are looking for 10-15 local business professionals and/or community members to sit in on the interview process. Parents are also welcome to listen to their son/daughter present his/her portfolio. The interviews are scheduled for Friday, May 12th, between 8:30am-2:30pm. Please contact Hilary Walters, school counselor, if you are interested in participating in this experience.

Senior Awards Night:

Senior Awards Night is scheduled for Sunday, May 21st, at 6:30pm in the high school commons/auditorium. Refreshments will be served in the high school commons beginning at 6:00pm. Awards Night is a special night at Blair-Taylor High School. We are amazed each year by the generous contributions our local communities give to assist students in continuing their education. Several non-monetary awards are presented at this event as well. This is a chance to recognize those who put forth their talents in the classroom and in other activities. If they want them to be recognized at Senior Awards Night, seniors should notify Mrs. Walters no later than May 15 of any awards, scholarships, or grants they have received.



Child Development Day

Each year, the Special Education Department, in conjunction with Western Dairyland Head Start and various agencies, conducts pre-school screenings. All children should be screened at least one time prior to kindergarten. Vision and hearing should be checked twice before kindergarten. Child Development Day is held for students and parents to learn about child development and for the child to be screened for potential need areas. This year's Child Development Day will be held on February 2nd, 2017. To set up a screening time, please contact 608-989-9835.

Pupil Nondiscrimination

The Blair-Taylor School District's mission is to educate all learners to reach their potential as productive citizens. To ensure this mission, we invite our residents, parents, students, and staff to participate in the Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation Process. We value your input and invite you to this discussion on January 23, 2017, at 6:00 pm. At this time, we will review district data and discuss ideas for improvement.



NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Blair-Taylor Schools (Policy #112) does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability in educational programs or school activities. Discrimination will not be present in rules of appearance, in standards of compliance with the rules, nor in disciplinary measures, including suspension and expulsion. The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy; however, a formal complaint resolution procedure is available to address allegations of policy violations. See School Board of Education Policy # 112 for details.

Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to: Mr. Jeffrey Eide, Superintendent, Blair-Taylor School District, N31024 Elland Road, Blair, WI 54616, (608) 989-2881.

Blair-Taylor School Board Members

President

Troy Tenneson
N25277 US Hwy 53
Ettrick, WI 54627
Home: 608-525-5672
Cell: 507-459-3451
e-mail: tennet@btsd.k12.wi.us

Vice-President

Perry Kujak
W14419 Hillcrest Rd.
Blair, WI 54616
Home: 608-989-2510
Cell: 608-797-6160
e-mail: kujakp@btsd.k12.wi.us

Clerk

Fern Aleckson
W16010 State Road 95
Taylor, WI 54659
Home: 715-662-4295
e-mail: faleckson@yahoo.com

Treasurer

Keith Lien
31 Church Street
P.O. Box 67
Taylor, WI 54659
Cell: 715-530-1143
e-mail: lienk@btsd.k12.wi.us

Directors

Dr. Blaine Koxlien
P.O. Box 67
Blair, WI 54616
Work: 608-989-2528
e-mail: koxlib@btsd.k12.wi.us

Dave Smikrud
312 S. Peterson Ave.
Blair, WI 54616
E-mail: smikrd@btsd.k12.wi.us

David Thompson
N25955 Joe Coulee Road
Blair, WI 54616
Cell: 608-792-3165
e-mail: thompd@btsd.k12.wi.us

The school board meets at 5:30 on the third Monday of each month, alternating between the community center in Taylor and the board room in the K-12 building.

You may apply for **open enrollment** from **February 6-April 28, 2017**

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts.

Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, 4-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment application period for the 2017-18 school year is from February 6-April 28, 2017. **The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2017. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.**

Parents may apply online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

Can I apply to a virtual charter school under open enrollment?

A pupil may only open enroll to an online/virtual school if: (1) the school has been created as a virtual charter school that meets the requirements of the charter school law [Wis. Stats. 118.40 (8)] or (2) the pupil is required to physically attend school in the nonresident school district every day that school is in session. Other important things to know about applying to virtual charter schools:

- A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.

- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located. If you have any questions about this, call the virtual charter school.
- You must know your resident school district in order to apply.
- A list of 2016-17 virtual charter schools may be found at [this webpage](#).

Can an application be rejected?

Yes. Nonresident school districts may deny an application if regular or special education **space is not available** for the pupil; **special education or related services** are not available; or if the pupil has been **referred for a special education evaluation** but has not yet been evaluated. Nonresident school districts may also deny an application if the pupil has been **expelled** during the current or preceding two years for certain violent conduct or if the pupil was **habitually truant** from the nonresident school district during any semester in the current or previous school year.

If there are more applications than spaces, pupils must be selected randomly, after giving preference to pupils already attending school in the nonresident school district and siblings of currently-attending pupils.

Some school districts establish waiting lists to fill unused spaces, but others do not.

Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

Yes, in limited circumstances. A resident district can deny a pupil's application for an invalid application (early or late application or missing information), ineligibility due to age (too young or too old), or if the resident district does not offer the same type of prekindergarten, four-year-old

kindergarten, or early childhood program as the nonresident district or the pupil is not eligible for the program in the resident district. These are also reasons that a nonresident district can deny an application.

Can parents appeal if an application is denied?

Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days of the denial. State law requires the DPI to uphold the school district's decision unless DPI finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decision may be appealed to circuit court.

Must pupils reapply every year?

Once a pupil is accepted into a nonresident school district, the pupil may continue to attend that district without reapplication except that:

- The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time—at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.
- A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space.
- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

Is there a cost to parents for open enrollment?

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

Who is responsible for transportation?

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If transportation is required in the individualized education program (IEP) for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

School districts **may** provide transportation to open enrollment pupils if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the pupil to a location in the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.

Can a parent select a specific school in the pupil's *nonresident* school district?

Yes. A parent may request a specific school or program in the nonresident district. However, assignment to the requested school or program **is not guaranteed** and your pupil may be assigned to a different school other than the one requested. It is up to each nonresident district to determine a pupil's school assignment.

Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (**WIAA**), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

Important open enrollment dates

February 6 – April 28, 2017 – Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

June 9, 2017 – Nonresident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 16, 2017 – Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 30, 2017 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2017-18 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.

For more information contact:

Public School Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
Toll-free: 888-245-2732

Email: openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov

Web site: <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>



2017-18 School Year

Full-Time

Inter-District

**Open
Enrollment**

**In Wisconsin Public
Schools**

(Information for Parents)

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Tony Evers, PhD, State Superintendent

Upcoming Events

February, 2017 ~ June, 2017

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|------------------|---|
| Wed., Feb. 1 | 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM: 1st/2nd BBB YMCA Practice 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM: 6th Girls NW BBall 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym | Fri. March 3 | BBB Regional 07:00 AM - 10:00 PM: Couleeland Honors Band Set-Up |
| Thurs., Feb. 2 | GBB Home vs Gilmanton 6pm WR @ WHTL 6pm MSGBB Home vs WHTL 4:30 5:30 AM - 7:30 AM: 3rd and 4th Gr. GBB Practice 06:45 PM - 08:00 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice | Sat., March 4 | Couleeland Honors Band @ BT 5pm BBB Regional 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM: Couleeland Honors Band Rehearsal 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM: Couleeland Honors Band Concert |
| Fri., Feb. 3 | BBB Home vs Indee 6pm MSWR @ MM 5pm | Sun., March 5 | 07:00 AM - 10:00 PM: Couleeland Tear Down |
| Sat., Feb. 4 | GBB Home vs Royall 4:10/5:50 BBB Home vs Royall 5:50/7:30 | Mon., March 6 | 07:00 AM - 10:00 PM: Couleeland Tear Down 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: Dance Team practice |
| Sun., Feb. 5 | 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Basketball Open Gym | Tues., March 7 | MSWR Tri County @ OF 5pm 7:55 AM - 8:40 AM: National History Day Local Contest 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM: National History Day Local Contest |
| Mon., Feb. 6 | 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: Dance Team practice | Wed., March 8 | 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM: 6th Girls NW BBall 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym |
| Tues., Feb. 7 | BBB @ Neillsville 6pm MSWR Home 5pm MSGBB @ Indee 4:30 | Thurs., March 9 | BBB Sectional 02:20 PM - 03:10 PM: SADD Meeting 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice |
| Wed., Feb. 8 | 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM: 1st/2nd BBB YMCA Practice 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM: 6th Girls NW BBall 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym | Sat., March 11 | BBB Sectional Forensics Districts @ UW-L 7:30am-2pm |
| Thurs., Feb. 9 | Solo/Ensemble Handbells @ WHTL BBB @ Gilmanton 5pm 5:30 AM - 7:30 AM: 3rd and 4th Gr. GBB Practice 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice | Mon., March 13 | 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: Dance Team practice |
| Fri., Feb. 10 | GBB @ Immanuel 6pm | Tues., March 14 | Elem PT Conference 3:30-7:30 |
| Sat., Feb. 11 | WR Regional @ Durand MSGBB Tourney @ ES | Wed., March 15 | 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM: 6th Girls NW BBall 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym |
| Sun., Feb. 12 | 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Basketball Open Gym | Thurs., March 16 | Elem PT Conference 3:30-7:30 BBB State 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice |
| Mon., Feb. 13 | GBB Home vs Alma/Pepin 6pm MSGBB @ CFC 4:30 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: Dance Team practice | Fri., March 17 | BBB State |
| Tues., Feb. 14 | MSWR @ WHTL 5pm MSGBB Home vs Gilmanton 4:30 | Sat., March 18 | BBB State |
| Wed., Feb. 15 | 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM: 1st/2nd BBB YMCA Practice 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM: 6th Girls NW BBall 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym | Mon., March 20 | 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: School Board Meeting 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: Dance Team practice |
| Thurs., Feb. 16 | Forensics Sub Districts @ WHTL 3:30-8pm MSGBB Home vs ACLH 4:30 06:45 PM - 08:00 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice | Wed., March 22 | 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM: 6th Girls NW BBall 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym |
| Fri., Feb. 17 | BBB Home vs Immanuel 6pm | Thurs., March 23 | 02:20 PM - 03:10 PM: SADD Meeting 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice |
| Sat., Feb. 18 | GBB Cross-Over TBA | Fri., March 24 | End of 3rd Qtr. |
| Sun., Feb. 19 | 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Basketball Open Gym | Sat., March 25 | Track @ UWL 9am |
| Mon., Feb. 20 | BBB @ Alma 6pm 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: School Board Meeting 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: Dance Team practice | Mon., March 27 | 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: Dance Team practice |
| Tues., Feb. 21 | MSWR @ GET 5pm | Wed., March 29 | 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM: 6th Girls NW BBall 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym |
| Wed., Feb. 22 | 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM: 6th Girls NW BBall 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym | Thurs., March 30 | MS/HS PT Conference 3:30-7:30 |
| Thurs., Feb. 23 | BBB @ Immanuel 6pm 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice | Fri., March 31 | No School In-Service Day |
| Fri., Feb. 24 | 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM: Middle School Recognition | Sat., April 1 | HS Solo/Ensemble @ Indee |
| Sat., Feb. 25 | BBB Cross-Over TBA | Mon., April 3 | 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: Dance Team practice |
| Sun., Feb. 26 | 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Basketball Open Gym | Tues., April 4 | SB Home vs Augusta 5:30 BB Home vs Augusta 5:30 |
| Mon., Feb. 27 | MSWR @ BRF 5pm 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: Dance Team practice | Wed., April 5 | 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym |
| Tues., Feb. 28 | BBB Sub-Regional | Thurs., April 6 | MS/HS PT Conference 3:30-7:30 SB @ ACLH BB @ ACLH |
| Wed., March 1 | 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM: 6th Girls NW BBall 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym | Fri., April 7 | SB Home vs ES BB Home vs ES Forensics State @ UW-M 10am-10pm |

| | | | |
|------------------|---|---|---|
| Thurs. March 2 | 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: 7th Grade Boys NW Practice | Sat., April 8 | SB @ Royall 12 noon |
| Mon., April 10 | SB Home vs Fall Creek BB Home vs Fall Creek | Sat., May 13 | SB @ West Salem 9am |
| Tues., April 11 | SB Home vs Immanuel BB Home vs Immanuel | Mon., May 15 | 09:00 AM - 03:15 PM: Rehearsal 5-8 Spring Concert 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: School Board Meeting |
| Wed., April 12 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Rehearsal for Large Group Contest 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym | Tues., May 16 | 5-8 Spring Concert 7:30 SB @ MM BB @ MM 07:00 AM - 07:00 PM: MS Spring Concert Set-up |
| Thurs., April 13 | Track @ Indee 5pm 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Rehearsal for Large Group Contest | Fri., May 19 | SB Home vs WHTL BB Home vs WHTL |
| Fri., April 14 | Spring Break No School 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Rehearsal for Large Group Contest | Sat., May 20 | SB @ Neillville 10am |
| Mon., April 17 | Spring Break No School 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Rehearsal for Large Group Contest | Tues., May 23 | SB Regional BB @ CFC |
| Tues., April 18 | SB @ Indee BB @ Indee 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Rehearsal for large group contest | Thurs., May 25 | BB Regional 12:30 PM - 03:15 PM: 8th Grade Recognition Prep |
| Wed., April 19 | HS Large Group @ WHTL 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM: Large Group Festival Set Up 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Rehearsal for lg grp contest 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym | Fri., May 26 | SB Regional 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM: 8th Grade Recognition 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM: Middle School Recognition |
| Thurs., April 20 | MS Large Group @ BT Track @ WHTL 5pm SB Home vs MM BB Home vs MM 07:00 AM - 10:00 PM: Large Group Festival | Sat., May 27 | Graduation 1pm |
| Fri., April 21 | Track @ Arcadia 4pm SB @ WHTL BB @ WHTL | Mon., May 29 | No School Memorial Day |
| Sat., April 22 | SB @ Cashton 10am | Tues., May 30 | BB Regional SB Regional Final |
| Mon., April 24 | Track Home 4pm SB @ Greenwood 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: School Board meeting | Wed., May 31 | BB Regional 12:00 PM - 03:15 PM: Kindergarten Graduation |
| Tues., April 25 | SB Home vs CFC BB Home vs CFC | Thurs., June 1 | Last Student Day SB Sectional |
| Wed., April 26 | 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym | Fri., June 2 | No School In-Service Day |
| Thurs., April 27 | Track @ WHTL 5pm 05:00 PM - 07:00 PM: Annual TITLE I Parent Meeting | Tues., June 6 | BB Sectional |
| Fri., April 28 | SB @ Augusta BB @ Augusta 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM: Middle School Recognition | Thurs., June 8 | SB State |
| Mon., May 1 | 08:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Rehearsal for HS Spring Concert | Tues., June 13 | BB State |
| Tues., May 2 | SB Home vs ACLH BB Home vs ACLH 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Rehearsal for HS Spring Concert | Wed., June 14 | BB State |
| Wed., May 3 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Rehearsal for HS Spring Concert 7:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym | Thurs., June 15 | BB State |
| Thurs., May 4 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Rehearsal for HS Spring Concert | Mon., June 19 | 05:30 PM - 07:30 PM: School Board Meeting |
| Fri., May 5 | SB @ ES BB @ ES 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Rehearsal for HS Spring Concert | <p>Be sure to check the calendar on the district website for updates!</p>  | |
| Sat., May 6 | State Solo/Ensemble @ UWEC | | |
| Mon., May 8 | HS Spring Concert 7:30 07:00 AM - 07:00 PM: HS Spring Concert Set-Up | | |
| Tues., May 9 | SB @ Immanuel BB @ Immanuel 7 AM - 12:00 PM: HS Spring Concert Tear Down 9:00 AM - 3:15 PM: Rehearsal 5-8 Spring Concert | | |
| Wed., May 10 | 9:00 AM - 03:15 PM: Rehearsal 5-8 Spring Concert 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM: Adult Open Gym | | |
| Thurs., May 11 | 9:00 AM - 03:15 PM: Rehearsal 5-8 Spring Concert | | |
| Fri., May 12 | No School In-Service Day SB Home vs Indee BB Home vs Indee 09:00 AM - 03:15 PM: Rehearsal 5-8 Spring Concert | | |

B-T Breakfast Menu January 2017

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------|--|---|
| 2 Three choices of milk served daily | 3 Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Bar & Cheese Stick | 4 Cinnamon Roll | 5 Breakfast Sandwich | 6 Pancakes in a bag | 7 A variety of juice, yogurt and muffins served daily |
| 9 Cherry or Apple Frudel | 10 Omelet & English muffin | 11 Cinnamon Roll | 12 Breakfast Pizza | 13 Waffles in a bag | 14 |
| 16 Martin Luther King Pancake on a stick | 17 Scrambled eggs Sausage Links Toast | 18 Cinnamon Roll | 19 Breakfast Sandwich | 20 Inauguration Day Inservice No School | 21 |
| 23 Apple or Cherry Frudel | 24 Omelet & English Muffin | 25 Cinnamon Roll | 26 Breakfast Pizza | 27 Waffles in a bag | 28  |
| 30 Pancake on a stick Fruit Cocktail | 31 Oatmeal chocolate Chip Bar & Cheese stick Pears | Note For reasons beyond our control, some menu items may change without notice. | | | |

This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

B-T Lunch Menu January 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| 1 New Year's Day  | 2 Three choices of milk served daily | 3 Quesadilla Refried beans Broccoli Pineapple | 4 Chicken Alfredo Breadstick Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Blueberries | 5 Hot Ham & Cheese Sweet potato fries Corn Peaches | 6 Calzone Marinara Peas Strawberry cup | 7 Daily Garden Bar |
| 8  | 9 Orange chicken Rice Broccoli Mandarin oranges fortune cookie | 10 Hamburger / bun French fries Baked beans Pears | 11 Grilled cheese Tomato soup Carrots Applesauce Craisins | 12 Nachos Refried beans Corn Peaches | 13 Turkey in Gravy Mashed potatoes Dinner roll Green beans Pineapple | 14 'Alternative Entrée' K-6: PB&J or Sub 7-12: Sub or Pizza |
| 15 | 16 Martin Luther King Chicken patty / bun Deli roasters Cali blend / cheese Apple slices | 17 Pizza Dippers Marinara Peas Mandarin oranges | 18 Spaghetti Meatballs Breadstick Green beans Pears | 19 BBQ Chicken bites Potato wedges Dinner roll Corn Fruit Cocktail | 20 Inauguration Day Inservice No School | 21 |
| 22 | 23 Hot Dog / Chili Dog Curly Fries Baked beans Strawberry cup Blueberries | 24 Hamburger Gravy Mashed potatoes Biscuit Corn Peaches | 25 Chicken Soup Pretzel / Cheese Broccoli Applesauce Saltines | 26 Pizza Peas Mandarin Oranges Sidekick Slushy | 27 Chicken Tenders Smiley fries Carrots Apple slices | 28  |
| 29 | 30 Pulled Pork Sweet Potato Fries Green beans Fruit Cocktail | 31 Chicken nuggets Steak Fries Corn Pears | Note For reasons beyond our control, some menu items may change without notice. | | | |

Blair-Taylor Breakfast Menu February 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| Three choices of milk served daily | A variety of juice, fruit, yogurt and muffins served daily. |  | 1 Cinnamon Roll | 2 Groundhog Day Scrambled eggs Sausage links Toast | 3 Waffles in a bag |  |
| 5 Super Bowl | 6 Mini Bagel | 7 Breakfast Pizza | 8 Cinnamon Roll | 9 Pancakes in a bag | 10 Oatmeal Bar & Cheese stick | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Apple or cherry Frudel | 14 Valentine's Day Omelet & Banana bread | 15 Cinnamon Roll | 16 Bagel & Cream cheese | 17 Waffles in a bag | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Presidents Day Mini Bagel | 21 Breakfast Pizza | 22 Cinnamon Roll | 23 Pancake on a stick | 24 Oatmeal Bar & Cheese stick | 25 |
| 26  | 27 Apple or cherry Frudel | 28 Omelet & Banana bread Blueberry Bread | Notes: For reasons beyond our control, some menu items may change without notice. | | | |

Blair-Taylor Lunch Menu February 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| Three choices of milk served daily | Garden bar served daily |  | 1 Cheeseburger Mac Hotdish Bread Slice Peas Peaches | 2 Groundhog Day Pizza Burger / bun California blend Pineapple Jello Cup | 3 Breaded Pork Chop Cheesy potatoes Carrots Applesauce |  |
| 5 Super Bowl | 6 Chicken filet / bun Potato chips Broccoli with cheese Fruit cocktail | 7 Chili Cheese tots Peas Craisins Mandarin oranges | 8 Hot Beef / Bun Deli roasters Baked beans Peaches | 9 Soft shell tacos Corn Blurberries Apple slices | 10 Chicken tenders Sweet potato fries Green Beans Banana | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Chili Mini Corn dogs Peas Pears Saltine crackers | 14 Valentine's Day Popcorn chicken Mashed potatoes / gravy Dinner roll Corn Peaches | 15 BBQ Rib on a bun Smiley Fries Broccoli Applesauce | 16 Pizza Bread Carrots Mandarin oranges | 17 Meatball sub Baked beans Fruit cocktail | 18 Alternate Entrée' K-6 PB&J or Sub 7-12 Pizza or Sub |
| 19 | 20 Hamburger French fries Winter Blend veggies Apple slices | 21 Lasagna Roll-ups Breadstick Peas Craisins Peaches | 22 Chicken nuggets Mac & Cheese Green Beans Pears | 23 Pizza Dippers Marinara Broccoli Pineapple Blueberries | 24 Sloppy Joes Potato chips Baked beans Applesauce | 25 |
| 26  | 27 Chicken Patty / Bun Curly Fries Corn Fruit Cocktail | 28 Breakfast for Lunch | Notes: For reasons beyond our control, some menu items may change without notice. | | | |

Start Your Child's New Year with Healthy Habits

A new year is a great time to jumpstart your children's healthy habits and keep them in check throughout the year. Developing good eating habits and encouraging physical activities now will reap lifelong benefits.

Set a Good Example – Children practice what they see. Get the whole family involved. Be a positive role model by practicing the same healthy habits that you are trying to foster in your child. Turn family time into an opportunity to teach your children about good nutrition, as well as a time to plan active family outings.

Make it Easy – Keep your kids healthy by making it easier to eat nutritious foods. Cut up fruits and vegetables and keep them where they are easy to pick up. Keep sports equipment, such as balls, Frisbees, jump robes, etc. visible. Keep the focus on having fun, such as walking the dog, playing hide-and-seek, family walks after dinner, or weekend hikes.

Make Healthy Eating a Game – Make fruits and vegetables fun by incorporating a broad range of different colors into your child's daily diet. Aim to serve fruits and vegetables in every meal, and have your child research the nutritional benefits of the foods you serve.

Set Limits - Set limits on television viewing and the amount of time that your children spend playing computer games. Instead, set goals for daily physical activities and on the amount of nutritious foods that your children eat.

Eat a Good Breakfast – Providing your child with a healthy, well-balanced breakfast sets the pace for the day. Make sure that it includes fiber, protein, and some fruit for an energetic start.

Physical Activity – Help your child find physical activities that they enjoy and are likely to continue, such as biking, swimming, running, or playing games with family and friends. It doesn't have to be organized sports; the important thing is to keep them moving.

Sleep – It's essential that children get the sleep they need for their age group. A lack of sleep increases obesity, as well as learning and behavioral problems.

Meal Planning - Get your children involved in planning and cooking family meals. It is an opportunity for them to understand how meals are prepared and how they can use different ingredients to make them healthier. Teach them to read the nutritional information on food labels and what they should avoid.

Stress Management - Even in childhood, stress increases the likelihood of chronic illnesses, depression, and other emotional and behavioral problems. Help your child develop good stress management skills by urging good eating habits, physical activities, and free time to relax with family and friends.

Treats - Limit unhealthy foods, but don't eliminate them entirely. Make a distinction between nutritious foods that your child should eat every day and foods that they can eat occasionally, as treats, such as ice cream, candy, soda, and pastries.

Healthy habits promote success. Forging good habits in your children now will make it much more likely that they will continue these healthy habits as they get older.



SCHOOL DELAYS & CLOSINGS

Student safety is the prime consideration in making a decision relating to school delays or school closings. Normally, one of three decisions is made. The first may be a late start. In this case, a two-hour school delay is our standard procedure. On these 'late start' days there will be no morning Early Childhood, 4-year old kindergarten, or Head Start programs. The second decision we may take is to close school for the day. The third decision is an early release from school, normally at 1:00 p.m.

We realize that parents have to make childcare arrangements for the day. Therefore, we will try to make school delay or closing decisions by 6:00 a.m. if possible.

If a decision is made to close school for the day or to close school early due to inclement weather, all after school practices and all evening activities and/or events will be cancelled.

Listed below are names of the media stations that will be carrying our emergency school closings.

| | | |
|------|----------|----------------------|
| WWIS | 99.7 FM | BRF |
| WHTL | 102.3 FM | Whitehall |
| WKBT | CH 8 | La Crosse |
| WEAU | CH 13 | Eau Claire |
| WXOW | CH 19 | La Crescent |
| WQOW | CH 18 | Eau Claire |
| FOX | 24/48 | La Crosse/Eau Claire |
| WAXX | 104.5 FM | Eau Claire |
| WAYY | 11.50 AM | Eau Claire |
| WECL | 92.9 FM | Eau Claire |
| WEAQ | 790 AM | Eau Claire |
| WBIZ | 100.7 FM | Eau Claire |
| WKTY | 580 AM | La Crosse |
| WIZM | 14.10 FM | La Crosse |
| Z93 | 93.3 FM | La Crosse |
| WTRV | 95.7 FM | La Crosse |

SCHOOL MESSENGER

A communication system (phone and/or email) used to deliver information to parents and/or guardians as soon as possible.