

District Administrator's Report

February 2018

Unity School District

Early Learning Days

Unity School District will be hosting Early Learning Days on March 8th and 9th at Unity Elementary School. It is for families of children from birth to age 5. Please contact the elementary school office at (715) 825-2101 x3500 for further details.



Early Learning Days Unity School District's

March 8th and March 9th, 2018
at Unity Elementary School

The Unity School District is excited to offer Early Learning Days for area families with children from
Birth to age 5.

To learn more about this event and to schedule your infant, toddler or PreK child for an appointment, please call the
Unity Elementary Office at (715) 825-2101 extension 3500.

FREE GIFTS
for children
who attend
(including a book)!

Open Enrollment Season is February 5 - April 30

Open enrollment information may be found on the Unity School District website at www.unity.k12.wi.us or at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website at <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. If you would like further information, you can contact the Unity School District office at 715-825-3515.

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 reside. 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 2018-19 school year is from February 5-April 30, 2018. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2018. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

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

Implement the Educator Effectiveness Model with a focus on school improvement, staff collaboration, student achievement, and educator practices.

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Unity Summer School Planning

The 2018 Summer School Program looks to build on the success of the last two summers' programs. Enrollment numbers for last summer were absolutely amazing, with over 600 enrolled. Luck and Unity, working collaboratively, provided the area's richest, most rigorous, and creative summer school programming. This year's program will again see the two neighboring districts combining to provide an exemplary learning program for students. The courses offered will be geared toward students' interests while providing a project based approach to learning.

Families and students who are interested in registering for the course offerings at the elementary, middle, and high schools are encouraged to contact their child's office soon. Information will be posted on the school district website regarding the exact dates, times, events, and classes.

Unity Wall of Honor Nominations Sought

The Unity Board of Education has established a "Wall of Honor" to recognize and honor the accomplishments of Unity alumni and employees. Criteria for selection to the "Wall of Honor" will be based on contributions in the areas of education, business, human services, government, athletic, military, fine arts, and community involvement. Alumni selection is based on post-high school accomplishments. The nominee will be screened by a selection committee, which will meet in early March. Deadline for applications each year is March 1st.

If you know of someone who is worthy of being considered for the "Wall of Honor," nomination forms are available at Unity's District and School offices. Additionally, application forms are available on the District website at www.unity.k12.wi.us. If you have any questions, call or write to Unity Wall of Honor, Unity School District, 1908 150th St./Hwy 46N, Balsam Lake, WI 54810; (715) 825-3515.

Unity's Illness Policy More Relevant Than Ever

This year, the influenza season is more severe than usual. To help reduce the number of infections, Unity School District has an Illness Policy (453.3) that provides guidance for parents. It also defines which illnesses require exclusion from the school setting.

Children should be excluded from school when a fever is 100 degrees or above, or accompanied by behavior changes or other symptoms of illness, such as rash, sore throat, vomiting, etc. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school without fever reducing medication.

Parents/guardians are urged to update their emergency contact information in Infinite Campus so that if their child is symptomatic during the school day, the school nurse can communicate with them as soon as possible.

Parents are encouraged to inform the school nurse at (715) 825-2101 x3010 if their child is diagnosed with a confirmed case of influenza. Additionally, if a parent ever has questions about whether they should send their child to school, they can call the school nurse with their concerns.



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2017-2018 School District Goals

(Approved by the Unity Board of Education, March, 2017)

- 1. Focus on school improvement, staff collaboration, student achievement, and educator practices.
- 2. Encourage career, college, and technical readiness through business and school partnerships.
- 3. Promote and provide flexible accelerated, personalized learning opportunities for students.
- 4. Encourage healthy students, staff, and community.

School Closing Information

Unity School District Website, www.unity.k12.wi.us

WCCO Channel 4, www.wcco.com

KSTP Channel 5, www.kstp.com

KMSP Channel 9, www.myfox9.com

KARE Channel 11, www.kare11.com

iOS or Google App, Unity School District



Unity School District Technology Updates

We are mobile!

Download on the App Store

Get it on Google play

SCHOOL DISTRICT APP Unity School District has developed an app to better communicate with parents and the community. The app is available for both Android and iOS mobile devices. The new app, Unity School District, can be found at the App Store or Google Play.

INFINITE CAMPUS Unity School District has transitioned from Skyward to Infinite Campus over the summer for its student information system (SIS). The new program will provide a high quality experience for parents and students. The new program has have many new features.

Parents:

Update your contact information online or by calling your child's school office.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, February 13	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
February 17, 18	High School Musical "Back to the 80s"	Performing Arts Center	Check on website.
Monday, February 19	No-School	District	
Tuesday, February 20	Parent Teacher Conferences, No School	District	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday, February 21	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, February 21	Long Range Planning and Facilities Meeting	Board Room	4:00 PM
Thursday, February 22	District Curriculum Meeting	Elem. Conf. Room	7:40 AM
Wednesday, February 28	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, March 1	Professional Staff Development Meeting	Elem. Conf. Room	7:40 AM
Thursday, March 1	Community Education Advisory Council	Board Room	4:00 PM
Wednesday, March 7	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, March 8	District Technology Committee Meeting	Board Room	7:40 AM
March 8, 9	Early Learning Days	Elementary	Scheduled Appts.
Friday, March 9	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Tuesday, March 13	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
March 19 - 23	Spring Break - No School	District	
Tuesday, March 20	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Wednesday, March 28	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, March 29	District Curriculum Meeting	Elem. Conf. Room	7:40 AM
Friday, March 30	No School	District	

"Expect Great Things"

Encourage healthy students, staff, and community.

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Inclement Weather Information

The decision to close or delay school due to inclement weather is a complicated one. There are many factors that must be considered and each school district is different. Unity School District is unique in that most of the students are bussed or transported to school daily. Each decision at Unity School District regarding school closings or delays includes consultation with others, such as the Polk County Highway Department, National Weather Service, and other area school districts.

Unity School District considers school closings or delays due to inclement weather when there is a significant concern for student safety. Generally, school closings or delays due to cold weather may be considered when temperatures are below -20°F and/or wind chill temperatures are below -40°F.

Unity School District considers school closings or delays due to snow or freezing rain when road conditions are hazardous. Closings or delays due to snow are dependent upon road conditions and not total snow accumulations. Snow accumulations vary greatly by location and are a concern when adversely impacting road conditions.

If school remains in session, it is important to clothe your child appropriately for the conditions. Ensuring that there is no exposed skin in cold weather, in addition to warm insulated clothing, is very important. The playground remains open for outside recess to -10°F, so please send appropriate winter apparel to school with your child. If appropriate apparel is needed, please contact the elementary principal or counselor.

If conditions are a concern where you live, please communicate those conditions to your child's school office. It is important to note whether a road or driveway is hazardous or unplowed. Additionally, please communicate with your child's office if your child will be absent due to acute inclement weather issues where you live, when school is in session.

The Parent Notification System will continue to keep you informed of Unity's school closings and other important announcements. Please share with your child's office any changes to your contact information.



Safety is our highest priority.