

Fox Prairie Enews

November 15, 2019

Schedule for the Week

Monday 11/18 - D Day

Tuesday 11/19 - A Day

Wednesday 11/20- B Day

Thursday 11/21 - C Day

Friday 11/22-D Day

Please Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29 -- No School

Illness Update

Dear Parents/Guardians:

There have been several students absent with the following signs/symptoms: fever, stomachache, and vomiting. In an effort to prevent further illness:

- Wash hands with soap and water frequently especially after using the restroom.
- If your child is sick, he/she should stay home from school for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- If your child has been vomiting, please keep him/her home for at least 24 hours after the vomiting has stopped.
- Remind your child not to share drinking cups or water bottles.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that may have germs.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's health care provider.

Veteran's Day at Fox Prairie!

Observing Veteran's Day on Monday was a very busy day at Fox Prairie.

Thank you to all the area veterans and their families who were able to join us on Monday to help us acknowledge Veteran's Day. It is an honor for us to recognize you on this special day. It's very special for our young students to see the many people who have made sacrifices in their lives so we may enjoy living our lives in freedom.

Several third grade students also performed at the Stoughton Senior Center sharing songs to an appreciative audience.



Art to Remember Update!

If you still would like to put in an order for Art to Remember for your child's artwork and missed the November 6 deadline, it's not too late! You can still order online at <https://arttoremember.com/> through January 2. The drawback is that the company will not guarantee holiday delivery if shipped to school.

If you don't have your child's online code, you can search on the website by child name and school, or you can contact Kathy Rozema, the parent coordinator, at kathy.rozema@gmail.com for assistance.

Message from the Stoughton Police Chief: Crossing Guard program

Families, the Stoughton Police Department has asked us to share with you the following message about a request for a new crossing guard at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Roby Road. Crossing guards are hired and assigned by the City of Stoughton, and Police Chief Greg Leck is seeking input from families about the proposal. Please read the message below for more information and contact Chief Leck if you have any questions or input on the measure that will go before the Stoughton City Council next month.

The City of Stoughton has received a request to place a new Crossing Guard at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Roby Road. This request was heard by the Stoughton Public Safety Committee and they will be forwarding the request to City Council for approval. The City Council will be considering this proposal at its December meeting.

The City currently has considerable issues recruiting and retaining Crossing Guards for the four current crossing guard locations. The City has evaluated the number of crossings at each of these four locations and at the proposed Lincoln Avenue and Roby Road location. Based on the average number of crossings, and because of the recruitment issues, the City will also be discussing a second proposal to place a Flashing Lighted Pedestrian Crossing sign at N. Page Street and Grieg Trail. The current Crossing Guard at N. Page Street and Grieg Trail would then be moved to the Lincoln Avenue and Roby Road location.

Again, this proposal is being discussed due to the City's difficulty in recruiting and maintaining Crossing Guards. Child safety is a priority and the city is committed to helping provide a safe crossing environment for children on their way to and from school. The Police Department often has to provide coverage to crossing when guards are unavailable. This is simply not sustainable and often officers are unable to cover for crossing guards because of call volumes.

The purpose of this letter is to inform parents of the proposed change and to seek input. If you have any questions or wish to comment on this matter, please contact Police Chief Greg Leck at gleck@ci.stoughton.wi.us or 608-873-3374.

Art News

Rita Yanny, Fox Prairie Art Teacher

Kindergarteners and first graders recently drew and painted whimsical "Brush Your Teeth!" self-portraits. Students worked to express an idea with their art and mixed tints (color + white) with paint.



Second and third graders worked with student teacher Mark Pendl as they practiced a variety of clay techniques including rolling a slab, slipping and scoring, and adding textures. After the fish were fired in the kiln, the students used oil pastels and black paint to highlight the beautiful textured surfaces.

Leaf drawings by fourth and fifth graders were inspired by the artist Katherine Steichen Rosing's work. Students studied color theory and experimented with oil pastels.



We are looking for 5th grade Fox Prairie students to design the front and back covers of the 2019-20 school yearbook!

- Drawings need to be portrait orientation and include: Fox Prairie Elementary School 2019-2020
- The artist's first and last name needs to be written in the lower, right hand-corner of the paper.
- Paper size: 8.5" x11" (please see Ms. Yanny if you need paper)
- Drawings may be hand drawn or computer generated, but they need to be the student's original art.

All entries will be displayed at school. Fox Prairie staff will select the winning entries based on creativity and craftsmanship. Work can be completed at home or at school. **Completed drawings need to be turned into the box in the main office on or before Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

This project is optional-- though we hope to receive a lot of entries from our fabulous 5th grade students! Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you! Ms. Yanny

Clef Notes



A Music Minute with Mrs. Janisch

Welcome to Fox Prairie Music! All students have been engaging in music activities that help develop *listening skills, coordination, spatial awareness, discipline, patience, social skills, teamwork*, & various academic skills. They prepared for Veteran's Day by learning the Star-Spangled Banner and the history behind it. Students learned how to respect & honor our Veterans & the sacrifices they make. They have also begun learning repertoire for their **Winter Sing Concert | Thursday, December 19th | 8:30am & 1:30pm | Gym**

Kindergarten has also been exploring rhythmic concepts such as steady beat and rhythmic patterns through singing, playing instruments, creating, moving, and responding to music.

1st graders have also been learning to compose and write simple rhythmic patterns. In addition, they have been exploring conscious movement, rests & silences in music, & expressive elements.

2nd grade students have also been continuing their work with sixteenth note patterns, including writing and composing, as well as listening to and describing music of other cultures.

3rd grade has also been composing & writing syncopated rhythm patterns based on a given or composed musical structure, and they learned patriotic songs in preparation for Veterans Day.

4th graders also had an opportunity to learn about & play string instruments, and are learning about music of other cultures as well as how to make musical choices based on certain criteria.

5th graders also had an opportunity to learn about & play band instruments, and are learning about music of other cultures as well as how to make musical choices based on certain criteria.

National and State Music Standards

In Music Class, students learn to:

***Perform:** Sing & Play Instruments

***Create:** Compose, Improvise, Explore

***Notate:** Read, Write, & Interpret music

***Respond:** Analyze, Evaluate, Listen, Express, Move, Dance

***Connect:** Make connections between music & other subjects



Author Visit!

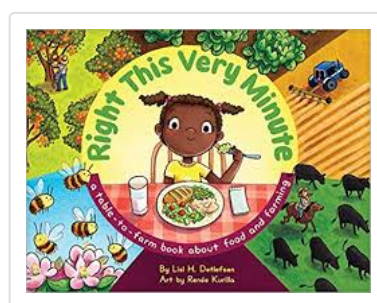
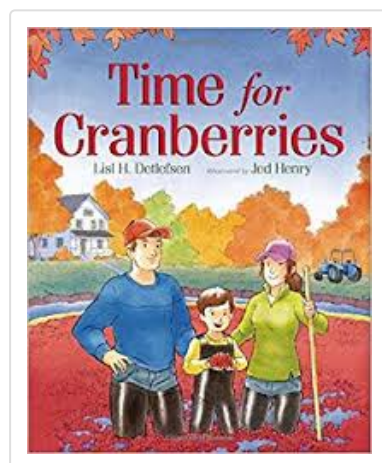
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Lisl H. Detfensen is the author of a growing number of picture books. Her first, *TIME FOR CRANBERRIES* was a Junior Library Guild selection, a 2016 Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People (K-2), and the 2017 Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Book of the Year.



IF YOU HAD A JETPACK was a Spring 2018 Kids' Indie Next pick, an ALA LITA 2019 Excellence in Children's and Young Adult Science Fiction Notable Picture Book and listed on the 2019 Edition of the Bank Street College Best Children's Books of the Year.

She has two new titles out for 2019: RIGHT THIS VERY MINUTE which has been named the 2019 American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture's Book of the Year, and 1, 2, 3, JUMP!, a humorous book about swimming lessons. Fall of 2020 will bring ON THE GO AWESOME, a picture book for the vehicle-obsessed.



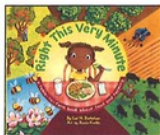


December 3rd Lisl Detlefsen Author Visit

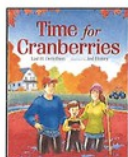
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1, 2, 3, Jump! First swimming lessons can be exciting and terrifying, but this joyful and imaginative guide shows young readers how to conquer the pool. From what to wear (a bathing suit, of course!) to what to expect (no, your teacher will not be a mermaid), 1, 2, 3 Jump! covers the what if's and how to's of getting in the pool for the first time. There's a lot to worry about (can I be sucked in the filter?) and even more to be excited about (when can I wear flippers?), and our narrator has thought of everything. By the time she's ready, you will want to jump.



Right This Very Minute What's that you say? You're hungry? Right this very minute? Then you need a farmer. You have the stories of so many right here on your table! This delicious celebration of food and farming is sure to inspire readers of all ages to learn more about where their food comes from - right this very minute!
RIGHT THIS VERY MINUTE is the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture's Book of the Year for 2019!



Time for Cranberries The autumn air is brisk and cool. Golden leaves are falling off the trees. Children are pulling on warm sweaters. It can only mean one thing. Time for harvesting. Time for cranberries. This instructive and delicious story follows a boy and his family through the process of collecting cranberries, from booming, corraling, and cleaning, all the way to eating. Filled with details of farmwork and machinery, TIME FOR CRANBERRIES is an informative and playful look at how small American farms bring food to tables across the country. It's a story of labor and love, and ultimately a thankful celebration of good things to eat at harvest time and all year long.



If You Had a Jetpack

If you had a jetpack, you could:

-Teach your brother how to build one too.

Join one inventive little rabbit as he and his brother put their new jetpack to good use.

If you would like to purchase books by Lisl Detlefsen

I will try to have them signed but I make no guarantees that the book will be signed by the author. It just depends on time available that day.

BOOK ORDERS ARE DUE BY NOV. 19th

Please make checks out to: SASD I would like this many hardcover books:

_____ 1,2,3,Jump! \$17.99	Note:
_____ If You Had A Jetpack \$ 17.99	Note:
_____ Time for Cranberries \$17.99	Note:
_____ Right This Very Minute \$ 17.99	Note:

Total \$ _____ **Student's First and Last Name:** _____
Teacher: _____ **Grade:** _____

Fox Prairie's Winter Sing Details



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fox Prairie students have begun working on this year's "All School Sing" which will be held on **Thursday, December 19th, 2019, at 8:30AM and 1:30PM in the school gym.** Guests are always welcome to attend. Chairs & bleacher seating will be available!

All students will primarily be focusing on their performance skills. Working towards confidence in front of large audiences and singing in the group, students will also be working on audience etiquette. Each student will be concentrating on stage so I ask audience members to refrain from calling out or waving as they sing. Assessment for this unit will be based on participation and knowledge of performance skills.

Students are asked to wear the following colors for the show:

Kindergarten: white shirts/outfits
First Grade: blue shirts/outfits
Second Grade: yellow or brown shirts/outfits
Third Grade: green or brown shirts/outfits
Fourth Grade: red shirts/outfits
Fifth Grade: purple shirts/outfits

I hope to see you all at this exciting event!

Thea Janisch, Music Teacher (877-5191)

Vision & Hearing Screening

On Tuesday, November 19th, we will be conducting vision screening for kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grade students as well as hearing screening for kindergarten students. (Those kindergarten students that have already had vision and hearing screening as part of their kindergarten health exam with their doctor, will not have vision/hearing screening.) Stoughton Lions and Lioness will be providing the vision screening using the pediavision camera.

If you have questions, please contact our health assistants, Adrianna Stephens or Susan Hanson, at 877-5104, or the district nurse, Laurel Gretebeck, at 877-5405.

Bullying Intervention and Communication Skills Workshop: Knowledge and Tools for All Parents

Bullying and other types of mistreatment impact student achievement and are harmful to young people's social and emotional development. These are challenging issues for families to address, especially since parents/guardians or other adults are often unaware of the incidents that are happening.

Join us at the SASD District Office (320 North Street) on Tuesday, November 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for an engaging and informative workshop to gain an increased understanding of emotional and physical violence- especially relational aggression and cyberbullying- and their impacts.

This workshop will equip parents/guardians with knowledge and skills to respond effectively when they or their children witness or hear about mistreatment. Through a series of hands-on activities, parents/guardians will learn how to use communication skills and strategies to encourage their children to talk with them about difficult issues. This workshop is for any parent/guardian of school-aged youth (K-12). Interested community members are also welcome to attend.

Light refreshments will be served and there will be several door prizes. There is no fee for this event. If you plan to attend, please complete this [google form](#) to RSVP. If you have questions, please contact Anne Fimreite at anne.fimreite@stoughton.k12.wi.us or 608-877-5511.

Craft Supplies Needed for the Imaginarium Lab

Mrs. Steinke is looking for any craft supplies to create more of a STEAM lab in the Imaginarium Lab next to the library.

If you have any extra crafting items, paper, building toys, robots, or other supplies that you don't want or need, please drop them off in the library. Please ask friends, neighbors, and family members over the holidays too. We will be using supplies so there will always be a need.

Winter Weather Recess Guidelines

Please note the following guidelines that we use for students at recess time:

- 60+ Degrees - Students do not need to wear a coat to recess.
- 35-59 Degrees - Students need to wear a jacket or, at least, long sleeves
- 35 Degrees and below - Students need to wear a coat, gloves, hat & their legs must be covered.

If there is snow:

- Students must wear boots, coat, and snowpants to play on the equipment or in the fields.

- Students must stay on the blacktop if they do not have boots coat, and snowpants.

Students who are dressed for the temperature are more prepared with warm clothing and are able to stay dryer as they enjoy playing in our winter weather. Thank you for helping with that!

Please note that the district's practice is to have outdoor recess as long as the wind chill temperature is -5 or warmer. Hopefully we'll be able to keep everyone healthy this winter as the temperatures continue to drop.

Needed Math Materials

We are in need of some items for our new math curriculum. Please keep an eye out for the following items from home if you have them. (Note: We do not need gallon containers at this time.)

- Paper tubes-gift wrap size
- Paper tubes-paper towel size
- Paper tubes-toilet paper size (need a TON)
- Cans or jars that hold slightly more than 2 cups
- Cardboard boxes/cartons-larger than 8" x 9" x 12"
- 2 liter transparent containers
- 2 quart containers
- Pint containers (cottage cheese, etc)
- 8 ounce containers (yogurt, margarine, etc)
- Ounce containers
- 50 ml containers (travel size shampoo or lotion, etc)
- Plastic bottles, half liter
- Plastic bottles, varying capacity
- Plastic bottles (clear), 1 liter with top
- Plastic wrap, rolls
- 1/2 cup containers or bowls
- 1 cup containers or bowls
- 2 cup containers or bowls
- Half gallon milk or juice cartons
- 1 quart milk or juice containers
- Containers for pouring (pitcher with spout), larger than 1 liter
- Left over grass seed (need about 3/4 lb)
- Plastic or paper cups (various sizes)
- Egg cartons (1 dozen size)
- Ping pong balls

Extra Clothes at School

It's always a good idea to have an extra pair of pants & undies at school for your child. Please put an extra pair of each in your child's backpack. When we've had rain overnight, we remind

students to stay on the wood chips and blacktop only, but sometimes it's hard to avoid getting a bit wet.

We're always in need of extra pants, especially for our younger students. If you have any extra pants that your child has outgrown, please send them in, and we'll put them to good use.

Thank you!

Watch D.O.G.S. Sign Up

Who are Watch D.O.G.S?

Watch D.O.G.S. are fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, guardians, aunts, uncles, or community members, etc., who volunteer for a half or full school day at an official Watch D.O.G.S. school. During the day, Watch D.O.G.S. may read and work on school activities with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch school entrances and hallways, and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with students. On the day of their participation, Watch D.O.G.S. are given a brief review of their involvement and wear an official Watch D.O.G.S. t-shirt identifying them as a Watch D.O.G.S. in the building.

Program Benefits

- Students gain positive role models.
- Schools gain extra sets of eyes and ears. The presence of volunteer adults provides an additional deterrent to bullying, enhances a sense of security in the building, and helps create an environment conducive to learning.
- Adults get a glimpse of our students' everyday world and learn about the increasingly complex challenges and decisions today's youth are facing. As a result, they can learn to relate better to their student and connect with them.

Here is the [slide presentation](#) from our information meeting.

Please click [here](#) to sign up.



Applying With Host A Family



Program Description

Host A Family matches families in need with sponsors to provide holiday gifts, all done anonymously. Host A Family is volunteer-run, non-profit organization where donations go directly to families in need. Today, with the ongoing assistance from DCHS, schools, churches, various organizations, many families, and dozens of volunteers, the HAF program now serves more than 300 families in need in its program area including the school districts of Stoughton, Oregon and McFarland.



Program Requirements

- You must reside with your children/dependents (18 and under) within one of the following school districts: McFarland, Stoughton or Oregon and be struggling financially.
- If hosted, you must be able to pick up your gifts at LakeView Church in Stoughton on Friday, December 13 or Saturday, December 14. Times will be posted closer to the event.
- You must consent to the anonymous posting of gift requests and thank you note to the hostafamily.org website to facilitate host matching.
- You must provide address verification, an ID, and if requested, identification for the dependents living with you.



Applying

To receive gifts from Host A Family please complete and submit an online application. Go to <https://hostafamily.org/apply/login.asp>

Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified that you have been hosted with a postcard mailed to the address provided on the application form about a week before the scheduled gift pickup.

The deadline for applying is November 15, 2019. If you apply after November 15th we will do our best to match you with a host but there is no guarantee.

To claim your gifts at the arranged pick up in December, you will need:

1. The POSTCARD mailed to you
2. A PICTURE ID and
3. PROOF OF ADDRESS (a bill mailed to you, a rental agreement, school documentation)
4. You may be asked for identification for the dependents you list on your application.

2019-2020 SASD Calendar

Click [here](#) for our district calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.

Fox Prairie Shout Outs

If you would like to recognize a staff member here at Fox, please complete this [form](#). We love to celebrate our great staff!

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You can find us @FoxPrairieK5 to see all the great things we're doing at Fox!



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