

Fox Prairie Enews

February 12, 2021

Dear Families,

There is no school next Friday, February 19th for students! We have a staff Professional Development day.

Please be courteous of our Fox Prairie neighbors and leave their driveways open when you are dropping off/picking up your student.

Please don't forget to scroll down to the Virtual Vikings or In Person/Hybrid Vikings sections for more information.

See you on Monday (virtually and in-person)!

Mrs. Rogers and the Fox Prairie Staff



All Vikings

Snow Days and Virtual Learning Days during Bad Weather: Grades 4K-12

Dear SASD families,

Now that we have the ability to learn virtually, we are able to make instruction accessible to students on days when inclement weather makes it unsafe for students to attend school in person.

While there is still potential for snow days (cancelled school) this school year, there is also the potential for having virtual learning days. The ability to learn virtually during bad weather is important to us, particularly this year, as our students have missed out on learning opportunities due to COVID-19.

What's the difference?

If the district calls a snow day, no school or school activities will take place.

If the district calls a virtual learning day, all school and school activities will be conducted virtually. No students attend school in person.

How will I know?

Whether a snow day or a virtual learning day, we will communicate to all families and staff in the following ways by 6 a.m.:

- Phone call, text message, and email
- Local radio or TV station in the school closing information. We will have our TV and radio stations use the following language: "no school" means no school or school activities will take place. "Virtual Learning" means all school and school activities will take place online.
- District website
- District social media channels

What can my student expect on a virtual learning day?

All students will receive meaningful instruction and learning opportunities on virtual learning days. On a virtual learning day...

- **4K students** can access their virtual lessons through the district 4K page.
- **Students in grades K-5** can expect to see an email from their teacher by 7:45 a.m, which will communicate times for live class meetings
- **Students in grades 6-12** should log into Schoology by 9 a.m. and can expect to see how their teacher will be conducting class for the inclement weather day in the announcements section. Depending on learning outcomes for the day, teachers may hold "live" classes at their scheduled time with students zooming in, or provide asynchronous instruction for students to complete that day. When live classes are held, teachers will take attendance during class. If it is asynchronous instruction, teachers will use completed and submitted work to track attendance.

Thank you for your commitment to the education of our children and for your flexibility amidst Wisconsin's winter weather.

Dr. Tim Onsager, District Administrator

Black History Month Read Alouds on Facebook

One way we are honoring Black history and culture this month is by sharing stories that feature Black characters. Nightly in February we will post a new read aloud to Facebook at 7 p.m. Join us in celebrating Black history, culture, and stories.

Reading is Fundamental

Thanks to a generous gift to Fox Prairie WFK from The UPS Store Toys for Tots Literacy Program and our local UPS Store #3617 to support Reading Is Fundamental (RIF).

During RIF, every student at Fox Prairie will take home a forever book to keep and enjoy. You will know what book this is because there is a stamp on the inside of the front cover of the book designating it as a RIF book. Remember to keep reading with your child daily to build their love and knowledge that comes with reading books.

Art to Remember

Hello, Fox Prairie Families! With all of the COVID upheaval, it was decided to delay our annual [Art to Remember](#) fundraiser until the spring. Your child(ren) already received an art kit bag from Ms. Yanny. **Please read the handout that comes with the art supply kit!** There is information about the Art to Remember program as well as paper for the program.



For those new to this program, Art to Remember is a creative fundraiser that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. All proceeds go back to support the Fox art program. Funds from last year's Art to Remember were used to purchase the modeling clay, watercolor paper, and sketchbooks in the art kit bags for all Fox Prairie students. Even if you are not sure about ordering now, you can have your child complete their art project and upload it for use with a later fundraiser as long as you create an account. **THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS MARCH 3, 2021.** We expect that purchased products will arrive by April 1, 2021 if submitted by the deadline.

The art lesson in Art Seesaw (K-2) or Google Classroom (3-5) the week of February 8th will work for Art to Remember OR you can select another piece of artwork from home. Upload your child's art by going to <https://arttoremember.com/school/TCNFXT> and following these instructions:

1. Go to the website listed above and click the "Upload" button
2. Enter your child's first and last name and click "Search"
3. From the list of search results, find your child's name with "Fall 2020" listed under it and click "Upload"
4. Click "Choose a File" and select the piece of artwork you'd like to upload
5. Edit artwork if necessary. **Artwork will appear exactly as uploaded so please make sure you have any background cropped out**
6. Click "Next"
7. Enter additional details (optional) and click "Finish"
8. You'll then have options to upload additional artwork for the same child, upload artwork for a different child, or view all of the artwork in your gallery. You can click on any of those options, or if you are ready to shop, click "Done"

9. This will take you to the shop page where you can shop products
10. At checkout, you can enter a password to create an account and save the artwork to your personal family art gallery! These make great gifts and a percentage of every purchase goes right back to our school. Have fun creating and shopping!

Please reach out to Kathy Rozema, the Fox WFK parent coordinator at Kathy.rozema@gmail.com with any questions. You can also reach out to Ms. Yanny at rita.yanny@stoughton.k12.wi.us with art questions. Thanks so much for your support!

Join us for a Three-Part Community Viewing & Discussion of Documentary "13th"

The Stoughton Area School District Board of Education invites the Stoughton community to the three-part viewing and discussion of the documentary "13th" (2016) by filmmaker Ava DuVernay. The film explores the history of racial inequality in the United States, focusing on the fact that the nation's prisons are disproportionately filled with African Americans.



We will convene virtually on three Monday evenings, February 22, March 8 and March 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each session we will view a half hour of the documentary, followed by facilitation discussion and deeper exploration facilitated by restorative justice practitioners from Small Fire.

This opportunity is free to all and requires advance registration. You can register [here](#) and learn more [here](#). This event is hosted by the Stoughton Area School District Board of Education.

The Antiracism Project: February

The purpose of this districtwide project is to advance our district's Educating for Equity efforts by providing resources, information, and/or opportunities to support recognized national or local events and classroom curriculum. Our LMS team is researching special events for each month of the school year and helping educators find connections for use inside the classroom and within the community.

In February, our team chose two dates to recognize: National Freedom Day (Feb. 1) and Chinese New Year (Feb. 12). The LMS team will have compiled the following resources for your review with your children during the month of February:

ELEMENTARY

- [National Freedom Day](#) (Brief explanation of what National Freedom Day is and how you can celebrate)

- [Freedom in Congo Square](#) (Available in all elementary libraries)
- [The Civil Rights Movement](#) (From Freedom Flix)
- [You're in: The Other Side and Ruby Bridges](#) (From BookFlix)
- [Freedom Books for Kids](#)
- [You're in: Sam and the Lucky Money and Chinese New Year](#) (From BookFlix)
- [Lion dancer : Ernie Wan's Chinese New Year](#) (Available from all elementary libraries)
- [Bringing in the New Year](#) by Grace Lin (Available from all elementary libraries)
- [Celebrating Chinese New Year](#)

Follett Book eFair February 11 - 21

Fox Prairie is hosting a [Follett Book eFair](#) from February 11-21. You can create a wish list now while you wait for the book fair to start! Follett will ship directly to your house after our eFair is complete. For every purchase, Fox Prairie will earn 15% back in rewards to help support our school!



REMINDER !!! Meal Program Changes effective January 21, 2021

Our district is able to continue serving free meals through the end of the 2020-21 school year, thanks to the USDA and National School Lunch Program. As we transition more grade levels back to in-person learning, we will no longer be able to support our current door-to-door meal delivery. Our final door-to-door meal delivery will be on Tuesday, January 19. Please [click here](#) to review the full meals communications which include options by grade level. Please review for program description and next steps for your child.

Donations - Winter Gear

Please check your closets for winter gear that your kids may have outgrown. Fox Prairie can always use extra snow pants, coats, boots, mittens/gloves and hats. There is a box outside of the main entrance for donations. Thank you for the donations we have already received!



From the virtual desk of Nurtured Heart Approach:

From the virtual desk of NHA:

Sometimes kids make REALLY poor choices requiring a consequence, but have you thought lately about what an appropriate consequence or its purpose is? I hope you consider [RESETS](#), used in conjunction with the other stands on NHA, as a method that actually teaches your child the skills they need to navigate life and learn appropriate behavior.

To your (and your child's) GREATNESS, Humanity, & Significance!!!

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A promotional graphic for the Stoughton Area School District 4K enrollment. The graphic has a blue background. In the top left corner is the Stoughton Area School District 4K logo, which features a group of colorful hands holding up a banner that says "4K" and "Grow. Play. Learn". To the right of the logo, the text "Save the Date!" is written in large yellow letters, followed by "4k enrollment" in yellow. Below this, the date "March 2, 2021" is written in white. Underneath the date, the text "Sign up for an appointment" is written in white. At the bottom of the graphic are three lightbulbs. The first two are gray and contain the text: "Do you have a child that will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2021?" and "If yes, your child is eligible for our free, community based 4k program". The third lightbulb is yellow and contains the text: "We would love for you to join us!".

Do you live in Stoughton and have a child who will turn 4 on or before September 1, 2021?

Enroll them in
SASD free,
community based 4K
program!



2021-2022 4K Registration

2021-2022 4K Registration - Spanish

SASD COVID-19 Data Dashboard

Virtual Vikings

SCHEDULE FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING

Please see your child's Seesaw account for their Virtual Learning schedule.

Our Specials schedule is:

- Monday-Music
- Tuesday-PE
- Wednesday-Social Emotional Learning
- Thursday-Art
- Friday-Library

Students can complete lessons when they would like, but some people have asked for a schedule.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE

Attendance will be taken daily at the elementary level. Teachers will take attendance during each of the synchronous (live) instructional sessions, and will look for work activity at the end of the school day. **If students are not present in their first live sessions, you may receive a call from our attendance dialer.**

In-Person/Hybrid Vikings

What happens if we have a Virtual Day?

Look for an email, Seesaw, or Google Classroom message from your child's teacher for the plan.

In general:

- Students in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades will receive a link from their homeroom teacher for the entire day. The structure will be similar to our current Virtual Vikings and the fall when we were all virtual. Students will stay with their current in-person teacher for these lessons. Intervention and enrichment will still occur albeit virtually.
- Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will stay on the same schedule. Since all students in

familiar with. Their day starts at 7:45 AM and concludes at 1:45 PM.

Lunch Update for Hybrid Students Grades 3-5

Effective Monday, February 1, lunch will be available for hybrid students grades 3-5 on in-person instruction days. Sign up is no longer required.

As a reminder, if your hybrid student in grades 3-5 wishes to receive breakfast for all 7 days and lunch for virtual instruction days, please sign up for Thursday evening onsite meal pick up. Learn more [here](#). **If you are currently signed up:** please DO NOT submit a new request. You will receive an email directly from Jenny McKenna asking you to confirm if you will continue with weekly onsite pickup or if you would like to move to lunch on in person days only.

K-5 Students Coming Back - FAQ

Families joining us for in-person school the week of January 25th, please read our FAQ. This [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document provides details about arrival, departure, transportation, meals, and materials needed for students returning in-person K-2 or 3-5 hybrid. There are changes for those K-2 students in person as of today, so please read as well.

Reminder of Our District's Allergies Policy

We are a nut-aware district and ask that our students and families be aware and considerate of the medical needs of our students. We strongly discourage sending any nut or nut products to school with your children. For more information on our allergen policy, click [here](#).

Procedures for positive students and those identified as close contacts for in-person students

When we are informed of a positive case, we will immediately complete contact tracing. Once a student is identified as a close contact they will need to be sent home immediately. Families will receive communication from the school nurse and building staff informing the family of the close contact and when your student is eligible to return to the building as long as they did not develop covid symptoms during their quarantine. If there is a status change during quarantine such as test results or symptom development, please contact our health assistant Susan Hanson or Mary Hanson (877-5104) or Laurel Gretebeck (877-5405) to determine if the return date needs to be adjusted for students at the high school. If required to quarantine from our building, students will be expected to attend classes virtually until their date of return.

If you suspect your student is Covid positive or is showing [symptoms](#) of Covid please keep them home and have them tested. Upon the receipt of a positive test result, please complete

the necessary [documentation](#) on the district covid resource page so we can begin the contact tracing process.

A Note from Health Services about Medications and Masking Symptoms

Unless your child has a known health condition such as an injury or migraine that would require a pain reliever (like Tylenol or ibuprofen), we are asking that you do not provide these during this school year as these medications could mask (cover up) symptoms of COVID-19. If these medications are needed, please have your child's healthcare provider sign the medication form and indicate a specific timeframe. In addition, if your child needs to have cough drops at school, the medication form will also have to be signed by your child's healthcare provider and indicate a specific timeframe.

Late Drop Off

If you are dropping your student(s) off at school after 7:45 a.m., please send the student(s) through the main entrance so we can check them in at the office.

Water Bottles

Please send a water bottle every day with your student(s) to school. We keep a few on-hand for those who forget for the day.



Winter Gear

Please remember to send a coat, snow pants, hat, mittens, boots and extra socks every day to school. Students that don't have snow pants and boots must stay on the blacktop during recess.

We send kids outside if the temperature or wind chill is -5 degrees or greater, so we want to make sure to keep kids warm and safe.

Drop Off and Pick Up Line

Just a friendly reminder as you drop your students off at school and pick up from school to drive slow and watch out for students/parents in the circle drive. We are not able to help students out of cars this year since we need to physically distance.

Morning Drop Off--Please pull ALL the way forward. If you would like to walk your student to the door, please park in the parking lot or on the street. You should remain with your car if you are in the circle drive. Please only get out of your car if your child needs help unbuckling their seatbelts.

Afternoon Pick Up--If you are in the circle drive, please remain in your car. Pull as far forward as you can in order to keep traffic flowing safely. Please move forward if the car in front of you leaves. If you would like to walk up to pick up your child, please park in the parking lot or on the street.

Please also make sure to not park in front of our neighbors' driveways.

[Click Here for District Technology Support](#)

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!



Fox Prairie Elementary School

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Mrs. Wolf, Dean of Students (877-5124)


Mrs. Durtschi, School Psychologist (877-5106)

Mrs. Luedtke, School Counselor (877-5135)

Mrs. Kolb, School Social Worker (576-6375)

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