

Fox Prairie Enews

December 4, 2020

Dear Families,

Can you believe it's December? We hope you are staying safe and healthy! Today is the last day to submit your scavenger hunt pictures to WFK.

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

Mrs. Rogers and the Fox Prairie Staff



All Vikings

Join Dane County's "Cards for Health Care Heroes" Campaign

Families and kids across Dane County are encouraged to color, draw, and write notes of thanks and encouragement to health care workers this Thanksgiving holiday, as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to worsen. Dane County Executive Joe Parisi has launched the "Cards for Health Care Heroes" campaign to recognize the tireless and challenging work that thousands of doctors, nurses, specialists, emergency services responders and providers are doing in this community every hour of every day.

Participants can send their cards by mail to:

Dane County
Room 421
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Madison, WI 53703

Participants can also send cards electronically by filling out the form [here](#).
Dane County will collect the cards and distribute them to health care providers in early December.

Upcoming events

In the month of December we are going to have 2 events for **ALL K-5** students in the district (in-person and virtual).

Tuesday, December 8 is Disney Day - Students can dress up as their favorite Disney character.

Friday, December 18 is Festive Day - Students can wear any type of festive clothing.

Food Drive December 14-18

The Student Senate at the high school is organizing a food drive for the Stoughton Food Pantry from 12/14-12/18. As we all know, this has been an especially tough year, and many families are struggling. To follow safety guidelines, this year's food drive will be contactless with a donation box set out at the high school and at Fox Prairie from 12/14-12/18.

Lifetouch Special Offer

Lifetouch has provided a special offer to ensure each family at our school gets the opportunity to preserve this school years' memories. To order school pictures and take advantage of this offer, visit mylifetouch.com.

A promotional graphic for Lifetouch. It features a white background with scattered grey circles of various sizes. At the top, the text "Save their smile!" is written in a blue, sans-serif font. Below this, "10% off" is displayed in a large, bold, black font. Underneath that, "purchase of \$10+" is written in a smaller, bold, black font. Further down, the code "CODE: HOLIDAY2020" is shown in a small, black, sans-serif font, followed by "Expires 12/31/2020**" in an even smaller font. At the bottom center, there is a blue rectangular button with the white text "SHOP NOW".

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Celebrating Safely This Holiday Season

This holiday season the safest thing you can do is spend the holidays only with people you live with.

Holiday celebrations must look different this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Public Health Madison & Dane County and SASD strongly urge everyone to stay home and to celebrate the holidays only with people you live with. As cases and hospitalizations have been dramatically rising both locally and nationally over October and November, gathering for the holidays, even if the gathering is small, puts our county and state at risk of overwhelming our health care system.

Here are some ideas of safe things you could do this holiday season:

- Host a virtual dinner or celebration
- Watch parades and sports events from home
- Shop for gifts online and mail them to people
- Play a virtual board game
- Share recipes with friends/family and cook the same meal in different homes
- Order takeout or delivery from local businesses offering holiday meals

For more holiday season information, click [here](#). Learn about forming a bubble or a pod [here](#).

Dane County Emergency Order #10: What does it mean for us?

Dane County's newest Emergency Order #10 went into effect on Wednesday, November 18. The order prohibits indoor gatherings and limits outdoor gatherings to 10 people. The order is in effect until December 16.

Changes within SASD:

- We have cancelled in-person winter activities at SHS for the duration of the order.
- Our pool and open gym will be closed until after the holidays.

Resources from Public Health Madison & Dane County:

- The newest [Emergency Order](#)
- The week's [data snapshot](#)
- How [Order #10 differs from #9](#)
- How to [safely celebrate](#) over the holidays
- How to form a [pod or bubble](#)
- Increase your understanding of [close contacts](#)
- [When to isolate, when to quarantine](#)

SASD COVID-19 Data Dashboard

SASD has published a [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#) on our website. Our Data Dashboard provides a district-wide view of current active COVID-19 cases and quarantines/isolations. Our staff numbers include all staff whether working in person or virtually. Our student numbers include only 4K-12 students who are regularly in our buildings. The dashboard will be updated next Tuesday, November 24 before break, then every Friday thereafter.

At any time, you can access the dashboard at <https://www.stoughton.k12.wi.us/covid-19/health-safety>.

Each week our dashboard will display the following four numbers:

- Positive Staff Cases*
- Positive Student Cases*
- Staff in Quarantine or Isolation**
- Students in Quarantine or Isolation**

*Students and staff counted in these categories **have tested positive** for COVID-19 and are isolated.

Students and staff counted in these categories **have not tested positive for COVID-19 but are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and/or have had close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.

When to Report Positive COVID-19 Tests, Symptoms or Close Contact

Staff: Please continue to update your supervisor and fill out the [Staff COVID-19 Form](#) if you meet any of our three criteria (have tested positive for COVID-19, have symptoms of COVID-19, or have had close contact with an individual who has COVID-19). This applies whether you work in person or virtually.

Families with children regularly in our buildings (whether in grades 4K-2, 3-12 students receiving individualized instruction, or for activities): If your child meets any of our three criteria (has tested positive for COVID-19, has symptoms of COVID-19, or has had close contact with an individual who has COVID-19), please keep your student home, call your school to report an absence, then fill out the [Student COVID-19 Form](#).

These two COVID-19 forms — staff and student — will be used in updating our Data Dashboard weekly.

Thank you for your cooperation and diligence as we navigate this semester together.

Dr. Tim Onsager, District Administrator

Fox Prairie WFKs Scavenger Hunt - Ends December 4

Fox Prairie Scavenger Hunt

The Fox Prairie Working for Kids scavenger hunt is divided into two categories of ten items each. The first category is geared toward grades K-2 where the item is provided. The second category is geared toward grades 3-5 where there are clues provided and the item to be located is the answer to the clue. The intent of the scavenger hunt is to take a photograph of the items for submission upon completion. The completed scavenger hunt can be submitted to the Fox Prairie Working for Kids email address at wfkfoxprairie@toughstons.com.

The Fox Prairie Working for Kids scavenger hunt runs from November 25, 2020 – December 4, 2020. After December 4, answers will be posted to the Working for Kids Facebook page which will be random selections from the correct submissions.

Grades K-2 scavenger hunt items:

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| 1. Pinecone | 6. Spider web/cobweb |
| 2. Swing | 7. Winter boots |
| 3. Fox Prairie Logo | 8. Ball |
| 4. Wheel or tire | 9. Flag or flagpole |
| 5. Squirrel | 10. A sign containing the letter 'P' |

Grades 3-5 scavenger hunt clues:

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| 1. The more you pump your legs on this the higher you will go. | 6. This is a tree that never loses its color. |
| 2. If you are planting flowers you may use this to dig in the ground. | 7. Something you pick on a farm and can bake a pie with. |
| 3. Outbound letters are placed in this for the postman. | 8. Something you eat that starts with the letter P. |
| 4. I'm typically painted red and can be found outdoors along the side of the road. | 9. Breads, cakes, and other treats are baked here. |
| 5. This is found at intersections and is octagonal. It is used to control traffic right of way. | 10. I'm a ring in the air that a ball goes through to score point |

Bonus:

1. Take a picture of an item you are thankful for.

Prizes will be awarded for the first 30 correct submissions



Student Attendance

After tracking attendance for the first quarter of the 2020 virtual school year, our attendance team is prepared to take the necessary steps regarding student truancy. Student attendance is still vitally important to the success of our students, even when we are in a virtual environment.

Should your student need to be absent, please follow the guidelines established in the Student Handbook by **calling the attendance hotline at 877-5100** . Should your student need to be absent for a medical appointment, please provide a medical note from your doctor so that student can be excused. We would like to remind you that medical notes do not count toward a parent excuse. Medical excuses include doctor, dental, orthodontist, and therapeutic appointments as well. Based on State law, parents are allowed to excuse their student 10 days for the year. The truancy process can begin when a student has five unexcused absences.

If your student's attendance is of concern you will be receiving a letter in the mail inviting you to a virtual meeting to discuss barriers and solutions.

Shoe Drive

Fox Prairie is once again partnering with Kegonsa and the Funds2Orgs shoe drive. We will be collecting gently worn shoes or those your family has outgrown, between November 9th and January 9th. A box is set up outside of Fox Prairie's main entrance for collection.

Snap&Read

Snap&Read is available to any student with a chromebook in the SASD and gives your child a toolbox of reading tools to use wherever they read (websites, Google Classroom, ebooks, worksheet, and even tests) into an audio book. ***Snap&Read can read text aloud*** (like an audiobook), ***simplify text, translate into over 100 languages, and provide executive functioning tools, highlighting, and note-taking supports.***

This resource provides directions for [Adding Snap & Read](#) to your child's chromebook. If you would like more information on Snap&Read's functions, check out this resource page.

<https://tinyurl.com/SASDSnapandRead>

Securly Filtering

The District uses Securly to filter student Chromebooks while students are at school and at home. Securly provides visibility for families to their student's online activity when they are using their district Chromebook at home. Securly also gives families access to a parent portal where you can set additional internet filters while your student is at home

What can I expect to see from Securly?

If you are a family returning to SASD from previous years, you will continue to receive weekly emails from Securly with information on the websites your student has accessed the previous week.

If you are a family new to SASD, you will receive an email from Securly in the next week that will include information on how to access your parent Securly account. After your account is created, you will begin to receive a weekly email with the websites your student has accessed.

How do I sign into the parent portal?

You can access the parent portal in three different ways: the SecurlyHome app (recommended), the weekly activity report email, or the Securly website. [Linked here](#) is an article explaining the different ways you can sign into the parent portal.

How can I get help with Securly?

You have direct access to Securly support by completing their online request form [linked here](#). If you are having trouble with a timely response from Securly, please contact us so we can assist with your request. You can contact us by completing a family tech support request form [linked here](#).

Peachjar for School Flyers

In an effort to improve family and community engagement, SASD schools will begin using Peachjar to send digital flyers directly to families. Peachjar is an electronic flyer communication tool and has replaced paper flyer distribution. You will receive school-approved digital flyers delivered to your inbox and by visiting our flyerboard on our school's website.

You should have received a Welcome email from Peachjar with log-in information. You do not need to log into your account at any time to receive flyers. However, if you wish to change your notification preferences, use the link in the Welcome email.

Family information is loaded directly into Peachjar and updated weekly so there is no need to sign up for most families. If you do not receive a Welcome email by Tuesday, or you would like to add additional family members, go to Peachjar.com, click "SIGN UP," and add your name and school.

You can unsubscribe from Peachjar emails any time. You can find more information about Peachjar and SASD [here](#).

Playground Balls

Thank you again to Jennifer Korish for organizing this playground ball fundraiser, and to all the Stoughton community members that donated their time and money. This act of generosity

allows almost every Stoughton Elementary School family to obtain this piece of equipment to aid in their learning and promote a healthy lifestyle.

For those families that didn't receive a playground ball during the August materials pick up and would like one, please call Mrs. Matson at 608-877-5102 to arrange a pick up.

Library Pick Up

Ms. Steinke sent out a message on Seesaw about curbside library book pick up. Four books can be checked out for two weeks at a time. Please check Seesaw for more details.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

- SeeSaw for K-2 and Google classroom for 3-5 will be used for assigning, collecting and giving feedback on student work.
- SeeSaw will be used for communication across all grades.
- Stay tuned for more information



Seesaw for Parents

web.seesaw.me

Stay connected with your child's learning through Seesaw. Get realtime notifications about your child's progress and easily interact. Available for iOS, Android, Email, SMS and all computers.

From the virtual desk of Nurtured Heart Approach:

From the virtual desk of NHA:

Learn how to use NHA to teach our children to not get stuck in [Emotional Tunnels](#).

Amy, Sara Jane, Maggie, and Karla

Virtual Vikings

SCHEDULE FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING

All students will have the same morning start times for lessons:

8:00

9:30

10:45

Each morning, the homeroom class will start with a Morning Meeting and then begin their instruction. Depending on the grade level, lessons may not take the full time scheduled.

In the afternoon, schedules will vary based on the needs of the students.

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. Students must participate (answer teacher questions, share ideas, turn in work) in live classes to be counted as present. If at 4:00 PM a student has not been "present" during the school day, an automated message will be sent to their family.

Have no fear! If your student completes activities between 4:00 PM and the next school day, we can easily change the student's attendance during the following school day.

In-Person Vikings

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.

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.

Bus Expectations



K-2 Reopening--In-Person Families

Families joining us for in-person school please read our FAQ. This [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document provides details about arrival, departure, transportation, meals, and materials needed for students returning in-person.

We added a few things to our FAQ document that weren't there last week, including:

- HEALTH:

- Unless your child has a known health condition, please do not provide your child with over the counter medications, as these could mask the symptoms of COVID-19.
- We are a nut-aware district. Please do not send your child to school with nut products.
- **FOOD SERVICE:**
 - For families bringing lunch from home, we will NOT be offering school milk for lunch at this time.
 - For families who signed their child up for school lunch November 6 or later, please remember to pack a lunch for your child until you receive a lunch confirmation email with your school lunch start date.
- **IN THIS TOGETHER: COVID-19 ABSENCE AND SCREENING:**
 - Each morning families are expected to screen their child based on the [Self-Screen Quick Sheet](#). If your child 1. Has tested positive for COVID-19, 2. Has symptoms of COVID-19, or 3. Has had close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, please keep your child at home. Call our attendance line to report the absence. Coming next week we will also have a Student COVID-19 Form that we will ask families to fill out. Thank you for doing your part!

BACK TO SCHOOL DURING COVID-19: TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

For our Fox Prairie students it has been many months since they've been able to walk the halls of our school building or it could be their very first day at Fox. For some of you, your child will be returning to in person learning with us on Monday and for others this will be a topic of consideration in the future. No matter which of these groups your child fits into, here are some helpful tips for parents and caregivers to help prepare their children for their return to in person learning.



PREPARING FOR RETURNING TO IN PERSON LEARNING

- Keep the conversation positive! Even though school will be a different experience this year, while talking to your child highlight the positive things and ask your child to share the things they are looking forward to.
- Begin establishing your normal school night and morning routines to help your child get used to waking up early and getting ready.
- Talk to your child about the adults at school who care about them and are there to help. Many children may have not met certain staff in person yet. Remind your child of their names and show them their picture from the staff directory on our website to familiarize them.
- Talk about wearing masks. Face coverings have become somewhat normalized in our daily lives, however some children may still not be used to them. Talk to your child about needing to keep their mask on when in the building, with the exception of when eating.
- Talk to your child about how to identify the safe adults at school. Since all adults will also be wearing masks it might be difficult for students to recognize school staff while outside and in the building. Tell your child that safe adults outside will be wearing bright yellow or orange

vests, and all safe adults inside the building will have an SASD staff badge. We will also be reminding students of this in their classrooms.

- Reassure your child that all the adults at school are there to help them and keep them safe. We have a lot of new rules and routines in place that will help keep us all safe and healthy.
- Reassure your child that even though we have to keep distance from each other in our school that does not mean we can't have a lot of fun together!

THE FIRST WEEK BACK AT SCHOOL

- Establish a goodbye routine. When it's time to say goodbye to your child, give them a final hug and kiss, say goodbye, and talk about when you will see them next.
- If your child is having difficulty separating from you, find a school staff member for support and when possible try to leave. The caregiver's presence can often continue to make it difficult for the child to transition.
- If in the morning they are feeling sad, validate the sadness: "I can see you are feeling sad and it's OK to cry. I'm going to miss you too." Offer comfort like a hug.
- After school, check in with your children about how the day went. You might ask: "How did your day go?" "How did it go with wearing your mask and keeping away from people and all that?" "What was hard, what was easy?" Have them share with you things they enjoyed doing.
- Ask your child about their fears and worries about school. Validate and accept your child's feelings. Try to reassure them or problem solve.

If you feel your child may need extra support during the transition back to in person learning, please contact one of Fox Prairie's student services team members. We are so excited to see the students back!

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[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

Mrs. Rogers, Principal (877-5101)

Mrs. Matson, Administrative Assistant (877-5102)

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

Ms. Durtschi, School Psychologist (877-5106)

Mrs. Luedtke, School Counselor (877-5135)

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