

Chadwick-Milledgeville District Newsletter – October 2021

Notes from the Superintendent

At the Opening Day Teacher Institute held on Wednesday, August 18, we continued the tradition of honoring our District's staff for perfect attendance. Teachers recognized for perfect attendance during the 2020-21 school year were as follows: Mrs. Heidi Moe, Mrs. Brooke Pishos, Mr. David VanLangen, Mr. Martin Stauffer, Mr. Tom Digmann, and Mrs. Shelly Parks. Non-certified with perfect attendance in 2020-21 are as follows: Ms. Sara Nichols and Mrs. Melody McKenna.

The following are new certified & support staff members in the district: 1st Grade - Ms. Ashley Spangler, 6th Grade - Mrs. Jennifer Brown, JH Social Studies & Math - Mr. Drake Dublo, Special Education - Mrs. Kate Maloy, P.E. - Ms. Morgan Adolph, and Part Time Counselor - Mrs. Jamie Leech. We hope you will have the opportunity to meet our new staff and welcome them to the District.

With approximately five weeks of the school year already completed, the mid-term progress reports were available via the Parent Portal on Friday, September 17, and the first 9-week report cards will be issued on Wednesday, October 20. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually again this year via video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Video conferences can be scheduled by contacting either school office at 815-225-7141 Building Office or 815-225-5839 District Office. Video conferences will be held on **Thursday, October 21** from **4:00 – 8:00 PM** and on **Friday, October 22** from **8:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.** Please see the related article elsewhere in this Newsletter. Home support for the student's education is important for a student to be successful. We encourage you to contact the teachers about your student's progress frequently, to participate in the Parent Conference Program, and to seize every opportunity to be involved in your student's education.

Finally, I want to thank the parents of our community for your support and vigilance in helping us start the school year safely despite the resurgence of COVID-19. Thanks, and appreciation to our staff and students as well for their cooperation and extra efforts to make our school environment as safe as possible. Our community values education and it shows!

Sincerely,
Tim J. Schurman, Superintendent

Fiscal 2022 Budget

This is formal notice to district stake holders and community members that the fiscal 2022 budget for Chadwick-Milledgeville CUSD #399 is available on the District website. One can access the budget at www.dist399.net. Click the “Reports” tab under the District Information section on the home page. Please contact the District office if you have questions or concerns at 815-225-5839.

Counselor's Corner

SENIORS

I would like to encourage all seniors to begin applying to colleges/universities if you have not already done so. There are several state universities that have priority application deadlines early in the fall. There are several private universities that require early applications to be included in their presidential and dean scholarships. You will need an official copy of your transcript sent to the college, so please let me know where you need your transcripts sent. Seniors, please make

sure you registered with Parchment. You were sent an email with instructions on how to do this. This enables me to send your transcripts to requested colleges/universities.

I will also be emailing out scholarship opportunities as I receive them so, please check your email at least once a day!

SENIOR PARENTS

A financial aid meeting was held on September 15. *Any senior parents* who have questions or have never filled out the FAFSA, please contact Sauk's financial aid department. <https://www.svcc.edu/students/finaid/index.html> 815-835-6339

Even if your student is not attending Sauk, they offer this as a community service because we are in their district. The FAFSA is mandatory for any student attending any sort of post-secondary schooling, this includes tech schools, colleges, and universities.

For senior parents who have filled out the FAFSA before, please be aware that it opens earlier this year-you can start filling it out on OCTOBER 1st! Also, there are some changes, the biggest one being that you will be using your prior-prior year's tax information (2020).

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Parent-Teacher Video Conference Days - Thursday, October 21, and Friday, October 22
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Blast Off!

Fourth Graders headed to the football field to shoot off their rockets with much anticipation. Their handmade rockets flew higher and faster than expected! Their attempt to build rockets was a huge success! The first-place rocket belonged to Christian Smith and Cooper Arnold. The rocket taking second place was made by Jordan Chapman and Trent Jordan, with the third-place rocket belonging to Hailey Clark and Jaelynn Irvin.

In science, the next topic of study for all fourth graders is the human skeleton. Did you know each human hand has 27 bones, and each human foot contains 26 bones? That means more than half of the bones in the human body are in the hand and foot!

Fourth Grade is a Blast!

Mrs. Yochem

Butter Braids for Sale!

It is that time of year again! The Junior and Senior Classes will be selling Butter Braids starting October 26th. See any High School Junior or Senior to get your order in. Product will be delivered to the school on November 15th. Thank you for supporting your local students!



Physical, Immunization, and Dental Requirements Are Now Due

Complete physicals are required for students entering preschool, kindergarten, sixth and ninth grades. Dental examinations are required for students entering Kindergarten, Grade 2, Grade 6, and Grade 9. Students who do not show proof of all required physical and immunization requirements by Friday, October 15, 2021, will be ineligible to attend school until the information is received by the school. Please contact Mrs. Robinson, School Nurse, with any questions.

Asbestos Containing Materials Notification to Students, Parents, Staff, Constituents, and Visitors

The Chadwick-Milledgeville CUSD #399 conducts surveillance inspections for asbestos containing materials every six months. You are hereby notified that major asbestos abatement projects were completed at the Milledgeville School during the summer of 1990, 2007, 2014, 2020 and at the Chadwick School during the summer of 1993, 2010, and 2014. Only some very minor amounts of non-friable asbestos containing materials, i.e., floor tile and ceiling tile, remain in the structures. The Asbestos Management Plans and Inspection Reports may be examined at the Superintendent's office. Questions regarding any asbestos concerns may be answered by contacting Tim Schurman, Superintendent, at (815) 225-5839.

When Weather Closes Chadwick-Milledgeville School

When snowstorms, bad roads, or other emergencies make it necessary to close school for a day or more, students and parents will be notified via School Reach telephone calls, radio/TV and by a message on the district website at www.dist399.net as soon as a decision has been reached to close school. Hopefully, this decision will be made no later than 6:30 a.m. The following radio/TV stations will be given this information:

WSDR - Sterling, 1240 AM

KROS - Clinton, 1340 AM

WSSQ - Sterling, 94.3 FM

KCLN - Clinton, 1390 AM

WFPS - Freeport, 92 FM

KLNT - Clinton, 1390 AM

WFRL - Freeport, 1570 AM or 98.5 FM

WLLT - Dixon, 107.7 FM

WCCI - Savanna, 100.3 FM

KWQC TV - Davenport - Channel 6

In case school is dismissed early or it is necessary to delay the running of buses due to inclement weather, you will receive a School Reach phone call and the information will also be

posted on the district website and broadcast over the same stations Regardless of the official action to close or not to close, students and parents are urged always to use discretion in deciding whether or not to travel to school.

Pesticide Application Notification

In accordance with the District's integrated pest management program, pesticide will only be used when necessary. If pesticides are needed, they will be applied the first Thursday of every month between 6:00 AM and 6:30 AM. Those with questions may contact Tim Schurman, Superintendent, at 225-5839.

Helping Hand Food

The Helping Hand Food Pantry is open to anyone who lives in the Milledgeville or Chadwick areas. It is located at 400 Main Avenue, north of Village Hall in Milledgeville. It is open the 1st Tuesday of every month from 9-11 a.m. and from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The pantry is sponsored by the Chadwick/Milledgeville Ministerial Assoc.