

NEWSLETTER

CHADWICK-MILLEDGEVILLE SCHOOL



NOVEMBER, 2026

BUTTER Braids

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER IS STILL GOING ON UNTIL NOVEMBER 5TH! DELIVERY OF PRODUCT WILL BE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH FROM 3:00-4:00 PM. CONTACT MRS. MOE WITH ANY QUESTIONS HMOE@DIST399.NET.



Coffee Break

Ruby's Coffee Coach will be at the school Friday, November 20th from 7 to 10 a.m.

FAMILY READING NIGHT

Each year in November the Illinois State Library sponsors Family Reading Night, which encourages families to set aside time to read together. On Thursday, November 19th the librarians, teachers, and administrators hope that our school district's families take time to celebrate the joys of reading and the importance of sharing ideas through books. So on that night, turn off the televisions, computers, and phones in your home; find a warm, comfortable place to relax and share a book with someone you love. Who knows, you may decide to have a reading night every week of the year!



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 Teacher Ease Telephone Calls, Text, and Emails as well as 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

KCLN - Clinton, 1390 AM

WLLT - Dixon, 107.7 FM

WCCI - Savanna, 100.3 FM

WFRL - Freeport, 1570 AM or 98.5 FM

KWQC TV - Davenport - Channel 6

WQAD - Quad Cities - Channel 8

WHBF - Quad Cities - Channel 4

Regardless of the official action to close or not to close, students and parents are urged to always use discretion in deciding whether or not to travel to school.

NOTES FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The first quarter ended Friday, October 16, 2026, and Parent Teacher Conferences were held October 29 & 30, 2026. If your child struggled academically or behaviorally during the first quarter, it is vital that a plan be developed so that the areas of concern can be remediated. Parents and teachers working together as a team have a much greater chance of successfully improving a child's achievement or behavioral performance.

Research proves that students who maintain good attendance do better in school and have fewer social/emotional issues. Poor attendance can also be a warning sign that your child is engaging in destructive behaviors outside of school. Please reinforce with your child the importance of good attendance. Set high expectations that they attend school every day! Students should only miss school due to illness or a serious emergency. Every attendance day is important! Parents in our district do a great job encouraging and supporting their children and we appreciate your positive involvement!

November 15 is School Board Member Appreciation Day! Our school board members are dedicated, thoughtful, caring, and committed to doing what is best for the students of our district. They are also careful stewards of the tax dollars our district receives. Our board members spend countless hours in meetings, negotiations, and training sessions without any pay. They are dedicated public servants and if you see one of the following board members thank them for their service: President Pam Eubanks, Vice President Mike Urish, Secretary Maria Bibler, Tyke Hackbarth, Adam Drinkall, Sarah Engelkens, and Correy Rahn.

I am proud to announce that Chadwick-Milledgeville Elementary School has achieved Exemplary School Status from the Illinois State Board of Education. This status ranks our school in the top 10% in the State of Illinois and it is the sixth time that our district has earned this honor. This is an incredible achievement, and our entire community should be very proud! Thank you to the students and staff for your hard work and dedication!

Finally, on behalf of the staff and board of education I wish all our stakeholders a happy & safe Thanksgiving!

Tim J. Schurman
Superintendent

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Senior parents reminder:
The FAFSA is open!

The FAFSA is mandatory for any student attending any sort of post-secondary schooling, this includes tech schools, colleges, and universities. You can fill the FAFSA out here: fafsa.gov.

Even if your student is not attending Sauk, they offer help with the FAFSA as a community service because we are in their district. Sauk's financial aid department:

<https://www.svcc.edu/students/finaid/index.html>

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5 Strategies for Parents Practicing Math With Their Children

1. Prioritize Understanding Over Recall

Research shows that learners who understand the meaning behind math ideas recall them more reliably and apply them more effectively to new or real-life problems.

During study time, parents can encourage understanding by slowing the conversation down:

- Have your child describe what the problem is really asking
- Ask how they would explain the idea to a friend
- Suggest drawing a quick picture to make the math visible
- Talk through a rough estimate before calculating

2. Praise Progress Over Accuracy

Turn your attention to progress. Notice the strategy your child tried, or simply how they stuck with a problem longer this time around. That kind of feedback is more likely to keep them engaged because it shows learning is about getting better, not being perfect. As you call out their good thinking in the moment, they gain confidence to experiment and bounce back from errors.

3. Have Your Child Explain Their Thinking

Asking a child to explain their thinking brings those hidden steps to the surface. As they talk through how they set up a problem, you can hear whether they understand the relationships involved or are relying on a rule they don't fully grasp yet.

4. Practice Patience with Productive Struggle

Struggle isn't always a bad sign in math. There's a difference between a student feeling stuck and a student still thinking. The tricky part is knowing when to step in and when to give them space.

Jumping in too quickly can weaken confidence. Students learn more when they have time to test a strategy, adjust it, and keep going. Productive struggle looks like hesitation paired with effort, not frustration or shutdown. Patience in these moments helps students trust their own problem-solving and builds resilience that carries into harder math later on.

Remember, mistakes are not setbacks but opportunities.

5. Connect Math to the Real World

Last but definitely not least, math needs a life outside of worksheets. As students spot math showing up in everyday moments, the ideas tend to stick because they actually feel useful.

- Cooking with fractions while measuring or adjusting a recipe
- Estimating totals or comparing prices at the store
- Measuring for small home projects or rearranging furniture
- Keeping track of time, like planning how long an activity will take
- Splitting quantities, such as sharing snacks or dividing game scores
- Playing math games at home-board games, card games, and puzzles are great resources

Content from www.mathnasium.com

<https://www.mathnasium.com/math-centers/universityirvine/news/parent-child-learning-math>

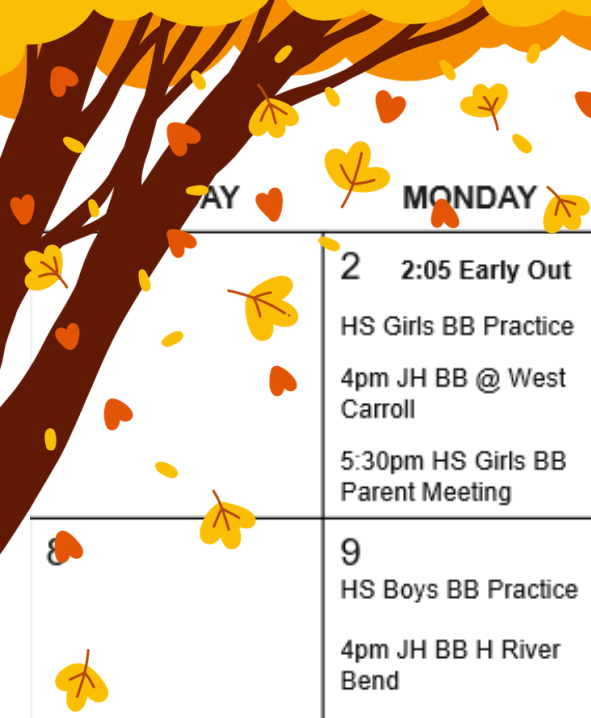


The Chadwick-Milledgeville Theatre Department welcomes you to the musical, PETER PAN!

Join us on November 13th & 14th at 7pm and November 15th at 2pm on the Chadwick School Stage

as we fly to Neverland with Peter, Tinkerbell, and the Darling Family. We'll meet pirates, tribe members, and lost boys in a musical adventure full of courage and fun. Tickets are \$10 each with a special deal for each District #399 elementary student coming soon.

So, think happy thoughts as you fly to join us for this family friendly production.



NOVEMBER 2026 DISTRICT CALENDAR

DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	2 2:05 Early Out HS Girls BB Practice 4pm JH BB @ West Carroll 5:30pm HS Girls BB Parent Meeting	3 No School Election Day	4 4pm JH BB @ Polo	5	6 7 th Grade Boys Basketball Tourney @ Pearl City	7 7 th Grade Boys Basketball Tourney @ Pearl City
	8 HS Boys BB Practice 4pm JH BB H River Bend	10	11 Veteran's Day 10:15am Veteran's Day Program at MHS 4pm JH BB H Eastland	12	13 Midterm 8 th Grade Boys Basketball Tourney @ Pearl City 7pm Peter Pan Theatre Performance @ Chadwick	14 8 th Grade Boys Basketball Tourney @ Pearl City 7pm Peter Pan Theatre Performance @ Chadwick
15 2pm Peter Pan Theatre Performance	16 5pm JH BB H Stockton 7pm School Board Meeting	17 5:30pm HS GB H Durand 7PM PTO Meeting ButterBraid delivery	18 4:30pm JH BB H Pearl City	19 5:30pm HS GB H River Ridge	20 Ruby's Coffee Coach 7 am to 10 am	21 District Festival @ Dekalb
22 HS BB (V) @ AFC Tourney => 23 rd to 28 th HS BB (JV) @ Polo Tourney => 23 rd to 25 th	23 No School – Thanksgiving Break 5:30pm JH BB @ Orangeville 6pm HS GB @ West Carroll	24 No School – Thanksgiving Break 4pm JH BB H West Carroll	25 No School – Thanksgiving Break	26 No School – Thanksgiving Day	27 No School – Thanksgiving Break	28
29	30 4pm JH BB H Forreston 5:30pm HS BB H Durand					

NOVEMBER 2026 LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Cheeseburger Baked Beans Broccoli w/cheese Fruit	3 No School Election Day	4 Tater Tot Casserole Dinner Roll Green Beans Fruit	5 Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	6 Chicken Strips Smiley Potatoes California Blend Fruit
9 Hot Dog/Brat Baked Beans Baked Chips Fresh Carrots/Celery Fruit	10 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers, Corn Fruit	11 Nachos Refried Beans Fruit WG Graham	12 Chicken Alfredo Breadstick Broccoli Fruit	13 Chili Cornbread Applesauce Pudding Cup
16 Chicken Fajita on Tortilla Spanish Rice Corn Fruit	17 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce WG Garlic Bread Romaine Caesar Salad Fruit	18 Hot Ham & Cheese on Pretzel Bun Sweet Potato Fries Pasta Salad Fruit	19 Chicken Noodle Soup Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Cinnamon Roll	20 <i>Thanksgiving Lunch</i> Turkey, Stuffing Mashed Potatoes Corn, Dinner Roll Pumpkin Pie
23 No School Thanksgiving Break	24 No School Thanksgiving Break	25 No School Thanksgiving Break	26 	27 No School Thanksgiving Break
30 Orange Chicken Fried Rice Broccoli Pineapple				

BREAKFAST

Monday - Breakfast Pizza, Fruit and/or Juice, Milk
 Tuesday - Hashbrown Stacker, Fruit and/or Juice, Milk
 Wednesday - Donut Holes, Yogurt, Fruit and/or Juice, Milk
 Thursday - Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit and/or Juice, Milk
 Friday - Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled eggs, Fruit and/or Juice, Milk

Daily Alternate Breakfast Entrees: WG Muffins or WG Cereal



Breakfast Prices
 Gr. K-8 \$2.05 9-12 \$2.30

Lunch Prices
 Gr. K-5 \$3.55 6-12 \$3.80
 Ala Carte \$1.50 Milk \$.50 Adults \$4.30
 All meals served with white or chocolate milk (low-fat or fat-free).
 PB&J and Sub Sandwich will be offered daily as an alternative to the main entre. Chef salad offered daily.
 Meals may be subject to change without notice.
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USDA Meal Requirements

Grades K-5
 Meat/Meat Alternate:
 1-2 oz. Per Day, 8-10 oz Per Week
 Vegetable: 3/4 C per Day
 Grains: 1 oz per Day, 8-9 Per Week
 Milk: 1 C Per Day, Calories 550-650 (min-max)
 Grades 6-8
 Meat/Meat Alternate:
 1-2 oz Per Day, 9-10 oz Per Week
 Vegetable: 3/4 C Per Day
 Fruit: 1/2 C Per Day
 Grains: 1 oz Per Day, 8-12 oz Per Week
 Milk: 1 C Per Day, Calories 600-700 (min-max)
 Grades 9-12
 Meat/Meat Alternate:
 2 oz Per Day, 10-12 oz Per Week
 Vegetable: 1 C Per Day
 Fruit: 1 C Per Day
 Grains: 2 oz Per Day, 10-12 oz Per Week
 Milk: 1 C Per Day, Calories 750-850 (min-max)