



THE MUSTANG ROUND-UP

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Area School District
fostering a community of learners

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OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Welcome Heidi Schmidt, District Administrator

/// School is back in session! This summer proved to be a successful opportunity to host summer school classes, sports and music camps and provide professional learning opportunities for our staff. As the new District Administrator, one of my goals is to keep our community informed and engaged in our school district. I have had some opportunities to meet some of our community partners and look forward to continuing to learn about what is most important to the members of the Little Chute community. I learned quickly when I started working in the district in 2019 that this is a very special place because of the people who live, play, work, and go to school here. This newsletter includes important information and updates, and if at any time you would like to grab a coffee, get a tour of our school, or get a closer look at the great things happening in our district, reach out. ///



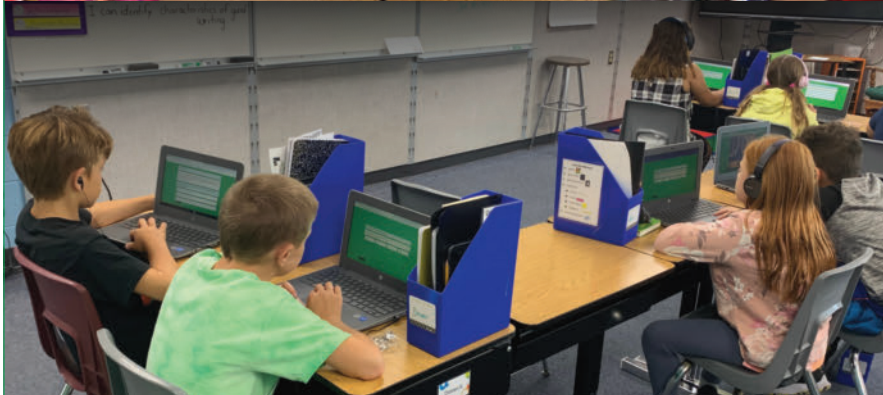
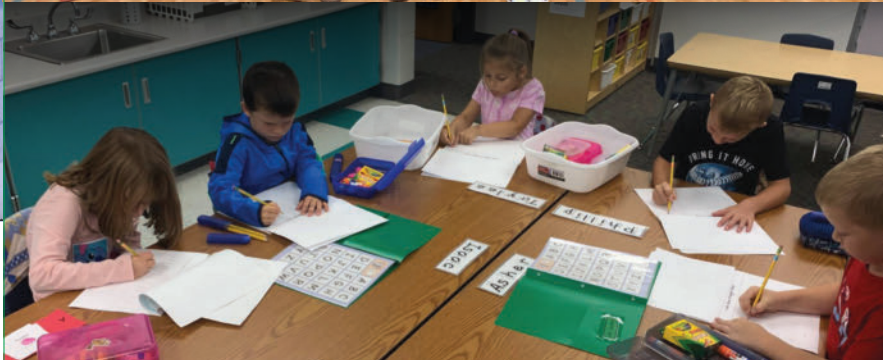
Heidi Schmidt, District Administrator

Our Mission

The mission of the Little Chute Area School District is dedicated to fostering a community of learners where we meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students.

Our Vision

Little Chute schools will be learning communities where students express a genuine desire to learn in a welcoming and secure environment. We will challenge all learners to become engineers of their own future by nurturing their creative and intellectual growth. We will provide the launch pad for students to excel in any field of interest by developing the whole child in a diverse and technical society.



WELCOME Back to School 2021-2022

Summer School 2021

By Kelly Wallace

The Little Chute Area School District was pleased to host summer school during our summer months. Classes were offered for students entering 4K-12th grade. In June we held enrichment as well as math and reading review courses for our elementary and intermediate learners. Our high school students were able to meet with their teachers in standards rescue classes. In August we offered Getting Ready classes for our 4K, Kindergarten, and 5th grade students. These classes allowed these learners to familiarize themselves with their new learning environments as well as protocols, procedures, and expectations for the school year. Finally, we held summer weight training for our 7th-12th grade students during June and July. It is so important to continue physical fitness throughout the summer, especially for our student-athletes. We are grateful to all the teachers who spent extra time with our students over the summer and hope those students who attended summer school return next year.



Mustang Multi-Purpose Stadium Project

The Little Chute Area School District has collaborated with community members in the creation of a vision for a multi-purpose outdoor athletic field. A multi-purpose field that will provide students, athletes, fans, and the entire Mustang community with a safe, comfortable, and modern venue for extended year-round classroom activities, sports, and regional events.

Taking it to the next level, where Mustang Pride continues to fly high in the Heart of the Fox Valley, collectively we have formed **The Mustang Multi-Purpose Stadium Fundraising Committee** to seek funds to turn this vision into reality. With a limited school district budget, district funding of athletic facilities competes with dollars needed for educational programming. With that being said, the district has teamed with several community members in support of a fundraising capital campaign to cover costs to meet the project goals.

Mark your calendar for our **Kick-Off Event** on **Friday, October 15, 2021** during the varsity football game. If you are interested in project details and supporting Mustang Country please reach out to Fundraising Chair, Jason Wegand at fundraising@littlechute.k12.wi.us.

Our New Team of Professional Staff

We welcomed 14 new professional educators to our staff this year. They bring with them many skills, strengths, and experiences. Together they are a diverse group with various years of teaching experiences and we are fortunate that they have chosen to be part of our district.

We welcomed them through New Teacher Days in the middle of August. During those days, they learned about our mission and our fundamental practices.

Throughout the year they will continue to be supported through our mentor program which includes being matched with a mentor and taking part in a series of professional learning sessions which are intentionally planned to meet their needs. We are confident they will have a great year as Mustangs.



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Back row: Matt VanThiel, Jack Kent, Tessa Evenson, Molly Janssen, Tyler Geisthardt, Nick Losselyong, Kristin Jefcik

Front row: Paige Taylor, Nicole Doden, Emily Langlois, Lisa Schommer, Kendra Johnson, Hannah Vanden Heuvel, Eric Hacker

Standards-based Grading

Standards-based grading information can be found on our district website under **District, District Departments, Curriculum**. Informational nights will be shared in the future.

PROFICIENCY CRITERIA 5-12

Advanced (3)

Student demonstrates a thorough understanding and application of the skills aligned with the essential standards

Proficient (2)

Student demonstrates adequate knowledge and skills aligned with the essential standards.

Emerging (1)

Student has demonstrated partial knowledge of skills aligned with the essential standards.

PROFICIENCY CRITERIA 4K-4

Meets grade level (3)

Student has demonstrated complete knowledge and skills aligned with the essential standards.

Approaches grade level (2)

Student has demonstrated partial knowledge and skills aligned with the essential standards.

Does not meet grade level (1)

Student has demonstrated beginning knowledge and skills aligned with the essential standards.



Technology

In the last year, teaching and learning was supported and enhanced because of the high level of technology integration in the Little Chute Area School District. After purchasing additional chromebooks, we have become 1:1 in grades 3-12. In addition, teachers continue to leverage technology to improve teaching and learning through the use of vetted software and apps.

- **Viewboards and 1:1 devices** help maintain student-teacher connections while also providing an interactive and collaborative approach to learning.



- **Teachers will continue to use iPads** to develop and support collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking.



- With 1:1 devices comes more reading online. **Read&Write is available on all student chromebooks** and is a must for supporting active reading. It highlights text and collects highlights, looks up unknown words, simplifies busy-looking pages, and so much more!



Governance Council

President: **Carl Rambo**
Vice President: **Tara Strasburg**
Treasurer: **Leslye Moraski Erickson**
Member: **Tracy Hengst**
Member: **Steve Meyer**
Member: **Melanie Thiel**
Member: **Dawn Grenzer**

School Governance Councils provide an unprecedented opportunity to craft a productive collaboration to support student success. The intent of councils is to enable parents, school staff, students (where appropriate), and community leaders to work together to improve student achievement. If you are interested in becoming a Governance Council member please reach out to the District Office at 920-788-7605 or to Karmen Hopfensperger at khopfensper@littlechute.k12.wi.us.

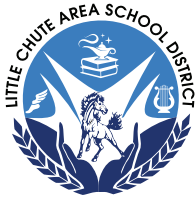
Council meetings are generally held on the first Monday of the month and start at 5:00pm. For specific dates, agendas, and past meeting minutes please visit www.littlechute.k12.wi.us.

Board of Education

President: **Joe Roehl**
Vice President: **Sarah Beahm**
Treasurer: **Rob Eiting**
Clerk: **Shannon Pomeroy**
Member: **Leon Biesterveld**

Little Chute Area School District Board of Education encourages you to become involved in the district. You are invited to attend Board of Education meetings. Meetings are held at the District Office, 1402 Freedom Rd., Little Chute, WI 54140. Meetings are generally held on the second and fourth Monday of the month and start at 4:30pm. For specific dates, agendas, and past meeting minutes, please visit www.littlechute.k12.wi.us.





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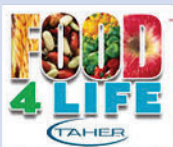
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2021-22 SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE!*

Thanks to a federal program, breakfast and lunch will be available to ALL students at no charge for the entire school year.

*Charges will apply for ala carte items.

Check out the latest menus at
www1.taherfood4life.org/schools/littlechute/



Important School Dates

- Oct. 12 – Blueprint Open Discussion @ 6pm
- Oct. 13 – Blueprint Open Discussion @ 8am
- Oct. 22 – No School
- Nov. 5 – End of 1st Qtr.
- Nov. 24-26 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 23-31 – Winter Break
- Jan. 21 – End of 2nd Qtr.
- Jan. 24 – No School
- Mar. 28 to Apr. 1 – Spring Break