

THE MUSTANG FROUND-UP

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JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

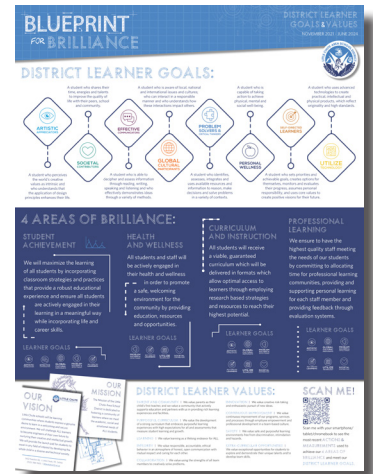
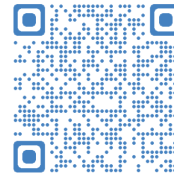


Summer Learning Will Continue

As our school year successfully came to a close, we want to thank our families and community members for supporting our district. We had an opportunity to celebrate our graduates on June 1, send off all students on June 3, and end the 2021-2022 school year with all of our staff on June 6. We wish all of our students and staff a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing some over the summer for the summer school sessions, staff taking part in professional development, and team meetings to plan for the fall.

Our teachers work hard to ensure they are able to share progress with parents and guardians at the end of the school year. Similarly, our leadership team assesses our progress on our

goals and the standards we have set for ourselves through our Blueprint for Brilliance. This progress is important to share with all of our stakeholders, and we encourage you to check out these measurements on our website at littlechute.k12.wi.us/district or by scanning the QR code.



We will be busy this summer preparing for the next school year. We wish you a safe and memorable summer.

- Heidi Schmidt, District Administrator



LITTLE CHUTE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2022 REFERENDUM

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY! Thank you for supporting our April 2022 referendum focused on technology. We appreciate your confidence in us to utilize resources for the betterment of our students and the delivery of instruction. Our immediate action was to order devices including iPads for our younger learners to ensure access to a device as a way to supplement universal instruction.

We have also started the process of building a consistent classroom technology setup in each room. This is important for creating a seamless experience for shared staff and older students who change classrooms throughout the day. We are preparing for upgrades to infrastructure items such as the core switch and the replacement of our Storage Area Network. This fall, we will be assessing and prioritizing any additional cyber security needs.

Meet Our New Elementary School Administrators



PRINCIPAL

We are excited to welcome Melissa Yuska, an award-winning principal, former special education administrator and teacher, as Principal of Little Chute Elementary School starting July 1.

A native of Merrill in north-central Wisconsin, Yuska is finishing her third year as Principal of Windsor Elementary School in Harlem School District #122 in Illinois. In March she was named 2022 Outstanding Principal by the Golden Apple Foundation. The award is presented to a principal who inspires teachers and creates a positive learning environment essential to the culture of successful schools. (Learn more at bit.ly/principal-award)

Prior to leading Windsor Elementary, Yuska successfully served as an associate principal, special education administrator and teacher. She graduated from Northern Illinois University with a B.S. in Communicative Disorders and an M.S. in Education.

Yuska was selected through an extensive process that included screening and interviewing multiple candidates. While getting to know Yuska through the hiring process, her genuine nature, student-centered leadership, strong instructional practices and experiences in leading staff led us to choose her as our next principal. We know that she will quickly become a valuable advocate of our elementary school and contributor to our district. Please welcome Melissa to the LCASD!



ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

During staffing discussions, it was determined that an associate principal would partner in leadership at the elementary school level. As a result of our process, which included the feedback of staff and administrators, Rudy Botz has been selected to fill this role.

Through his years as a special education teacher, Botz has been a mentor to students and colleagues while co-teaching in the math department, and he is dedicated to LCASD. He is a leader in building relationships, advocating

for students and participating in his Professional Learning Community. Please welcome Rudy in his new role!



**If you are planning for a year, sow rice;
if you are planning for a decade, plant trees;
if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.**

– Chinese Proverb

Congratulations to Staff for Awards

We are proud of our LCASD staff and know they make a difference for their students and colleagues. Congratulations to these employees for awards they received from educational organizations recognizing and honoring their impact.



ALICIA ARMSTRONG - EIGHTH GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER

Mrs. Armstrong earned the 2022 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher due to her skill as a leader and agent for positive change and her ability to inspire a love of learning.



SAMANTHA BUSKO - MSN, RN, SCHOOL NURSE

Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services (WCASS) Region VI Making a Difference Pupil Services Award. Sam was nominated for her initiative and guidance

through the pandemic, and for sustaining efforts in her nursing practices.



ERIC HACKER - INTERMEDIATE/MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services (WCASS) Region VI Rising Star Award. Eric was nominated for his commitment to students and his ability to build relationships, as well as his willingness to learn and grow.



LISA KLEIN - KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services (WCASS) Region VI Making a Difference General Education Inclusive Practices Award. Lisa was nominated for her advocacy and support of students.

Retirees Honored for Their Tremendous Impact

We are celebrating a cumulative 122 years of service among four employees who are retiring in June. They have made a tremendous impact in our district and we thank them for all they have dedicated to the LCASD. Their colleagues penned the following tributes to honor them:



DAN MILLER

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER, MIDDLE/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL - 27 YEARS

In Dan's position, he gets the opportunity to see students in such a different light than most of us - when they are moving within his gym. Dan does a great job of letting everyone else know when a student is having success in the gym. I can't even count how many times Dan has made a comment to me about how someone is knocking down shots in their game of 3-on-3 basketball, or smashing the ball off the bat in softball. Dan sees every student in our building within his role, and he is able to make a connection with every student. His ability to create nicknames for students is unrivaled, and his energy and enthusiasm for students will be missed within our school community next year! ~ Jake VanRoy



KRISTINE STUYVENBERG

FIRST GRADE TEACHER - 31 YEARS

Kris is a dedicated teacher to each and every student, giving them what they need to learn best. She has put countless hours of planning and preparation into each and every lesson outside the school day, working nearly every weekend for years. She has served the families of the Little Chute Area School District as a representative on our PTO working with parents to plan fun events for all. Kris is admired by her colleagues because of her dedication to her teammates, her students and the community. She is extremely organized and strategic in her planning for instruction and her qualities as a leader in our first grade team will be missed. ~ Lahnne Zwiers



MARY MINOR

FIRST GRADE TEACHER - 32 YEARS

Mary is a very special person. Being able to get to know her for the past 26 years as a teacher and person has been a true joy. When you think of the word teacher, words like kind, caring, professional, hard working, helpful, considerate and flexible come to mind. Mary is all these words and many more. She is one of the most caring people I know, to both her students and colleagues. For 30+ years she put her heart, mind and soul into her job. She touched many lives, both young and old. She was always willing to go the extra mile to help her students and team succeed. Mary has been a role model for me, and I bet to many others. It is because of people like Mary that our school and students thrive. She is a true gem in the teaching profession. If "Golden Apple Awards" were given to teachers in our area, Mary would deserve a bushel basket full! ~ Andy Kratze



DORENE PEPIN

FIFTH/SIXTH GRADE INTERVENTIONIST & ELEMENTARY STUDENT ADVOCATE - 32 YEARS

Mrs. Pepin has served in several roles during her time in the LCASD, including special education teacher, English Language Learner coordinator and teacher for kindergarten through grade 12, Response to Intervention coordinator, academic and behavioral interventionist, and student advocate. She has also twice been the President of the Little Chute Education Association, as well as served on the Executive Board for many years. In 2014 Mrs. Pepin was a Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Award recipient. While her support for, and involvement in, the District and community has extended beyond the classroom, most of Mrs. Pepin's roles involved working directly with students throughout the building, as well as providing educational leadership for faculty and staff. Mrs. Pepin is regularly described by coworkers as a flexible, selfless and dedicated strong student advocate who is always willing to collaborate and support both students and staff. She makes amazing connections with students and adults alike, and she is highly sought out by others for her involvement, support and leadership. Mrs. Pepin moves about her school days with smiles, grace and positivity. Mrs. Pepin, you are one-of-a-kind, and we will miss you! ~ Rachelle Nelson

Earth Club Teaches Third Graders About Recycling

This year on Earth Day, high school students in Earth Club traveled to the elementary school to teach third grade students all about recycling in Little Chute. They covered the basics of what is and isn't recyclable (and why), as well as the detailed process of what happens to recycled materials once they are picked up at the curb or at school. The hour-long lesson ended with a fun craft project in which students "up-cycled" egg carton containers into a beautiful spring flower garden for showcase in the third grade hallway.

In addition to promoting recycling with elementary students, high school students shared stewardship tips with their peers through window painting and sidewalk chalk. Earth Club members also made plans to participate in the "Adopt-A-Highway" clean up program to help beautify our community.

LC Earth Club members hope that if we all do our small part, we can one day "make every day an Earth Day."

#LCStangs



High School Blood Drives Saved Lives

By Katie Mlodzik - Little Chute High School senior

This year LCHS senior Trisha Lenz and I had the opportunity to take on the role of Blood Drive Coordinator. In this role, we got to work alongside the Community Blood Center and Laurie Kiffel, donor recruiter, to make the blood drives happen. To advertise for the blood drive, Trisha and I hung up posters, put up table tents throughout the school and on the week of the blood drive, we did classroom visits. It was sometimes difficult to get donors, but each time different students and teachers would step out of their comfort zone and donate. Throughout the school year, we hosted four blood drives with a total collection of 69 whole pints of blood, giving the potential to save up to 207 lives. Being in this role, Trisha and I had an opportunity to save lives and make a difference in the lives of others by introducing students to donating and donating ourselves. We hope that blood drives at

Little Chute continue to flourish with the new coordinators, Megan Wegand (Grade 11) and Aliya Ruleford (Grade 11). If you would like to donate to save up to three lives, please visit save3lives.org to see the different drives going on in the community.



Van Expands Community Outreach

Did you know that the transition program at Little Chute High School has a Mustang Van? The van is used to transport students to work sites, do community site visits and participate in community-based instruction. The van is accessible and can transport one of our students in a wheelchair along with up to four additional students. If you see the van driving through the streets of our community feel free to greet them with a friendly honk or wave.

August Completion Eyed for Mustang Multi-Purpose Stadium

Thanks to the generosity of the community of Little Chute and gracious area business partners, we are proud to announce that the fundraising goal for the Multi-purpose Turf Field has been met. We are still accepting donations to continue to plan for our project contingency fund and for the second phase of stadium upgrades, which includes a new elevated, stadium-style visitors bleacher section. These bleachers will allow us to add about 350 seats to our stadium. Additional seats will help our site be more attractive for larger events including WIAA large contests or games.



The construction project starts in June with a completion date of mid-August. During construction, the track will be closed to the community.

We are eager to get our football and soccer teams out to play in the new stadium in late August, and we anticipate the field will see increased use throughout the school year by physical education classes, recess and community events.



In addition to our donors, we would like to extend a special thank you to our Fundraising Committee who has put in many hours promoting the project, soliciting donations and meeting together to make this dream a reality.

- Chris Hietpas
- Jason Wegand
- Todd Hietpas
- David Botz
- Leon Biesterveld
- Rob Eiting
- Karen Moore
- Heidi Schmidt
- Kelly Wallace
- Nathan Frailey
- Nicole Peyton



For updates on this project and information on how to donate, please visit our Point of Beginning project page at lcmustangpride.com or scan our unique QR code!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED SINCE OUR SPRING NEWSLETTER:

- Adam & Kelly Lamers
- Ben & Liz Rosin
- Dave & Amy Verstegen and Family
- Dennis & Tara DeBoth
- Fox Valley Tool & Die, Inc.
- Gary "Goose" & Deb Van Handel
- Gene & Virgie Janssen
- In Memory of Cliff Janssen
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- Pete Heesakker
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- Scott & Ann Vanden Heuvel
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- Todd, Jenni, Mitch & Kaiti Van Gompel
- Troy & Beth DeBruin



ESSER II Funds Target Learning Support

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed three stimulus bills that provide emergency financial support under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER or ESSERF) to local educational agencies (LEAs) throughout the country. The funds are separated into three different grants known as ESSER I, II and III. In Wisconsin, the Department of Public Instruction is responsible for managing and allocating the funds to public school districts including LCASD.

In this newsletter, we would like to highlight ESSER II Funds. The district has been allocated \$890,023 of ESSER II Funds. The funds must be spent by September 2023. The United States Department of Education (USDE) asks that the funds be used to take comprehensive action to mitigate learning loss, to restore and maintain high-quality learning environments and to safely reopen schools. The USDE also encourages local education agencies to especially consider the needs of certain populations including but not limited to, low-income students, children with disabilities and English learners.

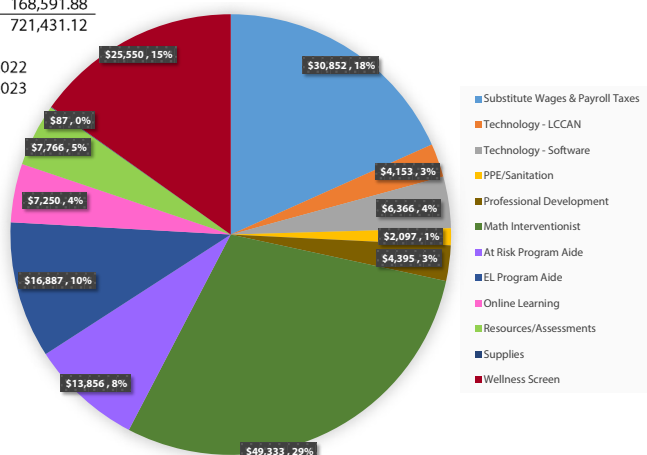
The chart below illustrates how the district has spent ESSER II funds through March 31, 2022. Our most significant expenditures have been for staffing. The funds have supported the hiring of employees who offer K-12 math coaching and interventions, English learner support for grades 5-12, and at-risk program support. We also hired four permanent substitutes to support COVID-related absences. The ESSER II funds allowed for the purchase of online learning platforms, additional classroom technology resources, a mental health wellness screening tool, math and reading interventions, and additional curricular support materials. ESSER II funds will continue to support these initiatives through the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. In the next school year, the district will continue to utilize the funds to address achievement gaps and related impacts of COVID.

Little Chute Area School District
ESSER II Funding
Through March 31, 2022

Total Award	\$ 890,023.00
Amt Spent thru March 31	\$ 168,591.88
Remaining Funds	\$ 721,431.12

Fiscal Years Available
2021-2022
2022-2023

LCASD ESSER II Spending



Board of Education



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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 littlechute.k12.wi.us.

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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 littlechute.k12.wi.us.



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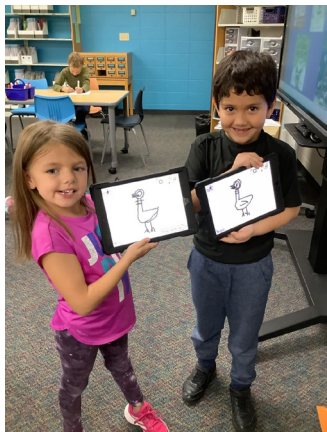
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Join LCASD Today: 2022-23 Registration Announcement

On July 18, 2022, the online registration will begin for all families. Additional communications will be shared throughout the summer. Check our website for more information: littlechute.k12.wi.us.



Important Dates

ALL SCHOOL EVENTS:

littlechute.k12.wi.us/district/calendar.cfm

ALL SPORTS EVENTS:

bit.ly/LCASD-sports

- June 13-July 1: Summer School (Grades 1-12)
- June - August: Track is Closed to the Community
- August 8-19: Summer School (4K & 5K)
- August 15-19: Summer School (5th Grade)
- August 22-23: LCCPA Student Bootcamp
- August 24: Student Picture Day
- August 29: Flex Academy Learner Coach Orientation
- September 1: First Day of School

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.