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Welcome to the New School Year



*Dr. Melanie J. Oppor,
District Administrator*

BY DR. MELANIE OPPOR
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

The staff and Board of Education of the School District of Manawa are proud and pleased to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year.

It is an exceptionally exciting time to be a part of this dynamic and innovative school district. Following are two of the initiatives that are presently underway across the district.

Site Analysis and Feasibility Study

The Manawa Board of Education has undertaken a comprehensive Site Analysis and Feasibility Study with Scherrer Construction and Hoffman Planning, Design, and Construction, Inc.

Information and resources regarding this study are available on the district webpage at:

<http://www.manawaschools.org/site-analysis.cfm>

Community Stakeholder meeting agendas and minutes can be found on the website. In addition, resources include: a facility evaluation, summaries of the community listening sessions, overviews of the staff and administrative discussions,

a space evaluation and capacity report, and the 2016-17 State of the District photo collection.

Throughout the summer, the Community Stakeholders have been meeting to review all of the materials. The group will soon begin examining possible plans for the future of district buildings and sites which will include a 20-year maintenance plan for the district.

The next meeting of the Community Stakeholders is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26 in the MES library. The public is invited to attend.

Energy Efficiency Levy

The district is pursuing the fourth Energy Efficiency Project in as many years. A Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies is described by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is as follows: "A school board may adopt a resolution to increase the revenue limit otherwise applicable to a school district under s. 121.91 (2m), Stats., in any school year by an amount spent by the school district in that school year on a project to implement energy efficiency measures or to purchase energy efficiency products. Districts may use this non-recurring exemption to the revenue limit to pay for an energy efficiency project in a single year or to repay a note, bond, or loan used to finance the project."

For the 2017-18 school year, the district will be making three major improvements:

- Replace outer bank of main entrance doors at Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School – Due to settling and age, the current set of entryway doors have become a security and safety concern for the district. The new front doors will enhance the



appearance of the main entrance, increase the security of primary entry to the building, and also provide an increased insulation or R-value to minimize heating and cooling loss through the vestibule area.

Until the new doors are installed, the high school office staff and other personnel are being vigilant in monitoring the front doors. The Board of Education and administration are working with the performance contractor to accomplish this installation as quickly as possible this fall.

- Replace the dual boiler system at Manawa Elementary School – Manawa Elementary School has one functioning boiler at this time. The 20-year old boiler system is simply wearing out despite regular maintenance and repairs. The new high efficiency boilers will be installed this fall. The mechanical and controls bids for the boiler project are currently being reviewed.

- Replace the dual water heater and retention tank system at Manawa

Elementary School. Currently, only one existing water heater is working. The retention tank that holds the heated water is badly calcified. The new dual water heaters will provide on-demand service to the building so that a retention tank is no longer needed. A water softening system will also be installed because the local hard water causes calcification within pipes and on plumbing fixtures that shortens the useful life of these items.

The School District of Manawa vision statement affirms the commitment to engage students to reach their full potential in a changing global society through highly effective instruction and leadership. Providing a safe and comfortable learning environment for all students, staff, and the community is an important part of the district's mission.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the educational endeavors of the School District of Manawa.



New Year Will be Exciting at MES



*Michelle Pukita,
Manawa Elementary
School Principal*

BY MICHELLE PUKITA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Manawa Elementary School students and families are in for an exciting year of exploration, triumphs, and academic challenges fueled with a healthy dose of fun!

I hope all of our families have been able to enjoy the less structured times of summer and are ready to begin a new school year.

As I embark on my third year as principal, I see a wonderful continuation of best practice in education. It is truly a team effort between families, school staff and our students that will generate movement towards achieving our goals. We are really working towards building character traits in our school this year.

The elementary staff has chosen the following character traits as our focal point:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Compassion
- Perseverance
- Citizenship

There will be more in-depth explanations of these traits in future articles.

Manawa Elementary is in the second year of implementing The Full Option Science System (FOSS) kits. The teachers will be using two kits this school year. The philosophy is to engage students in science through active learning. Every FOSS

investigation follows a similar design to provide multiple exposures to science concepts.

The design includes the following:

- Active investigation, including outdoor experiences
- Recording in science notebooks to answer the focus question
- Reading in FOSS Science Resources
- Assessment to monitor progress and motivate student reflection on learning

We saw a lot of excitement and success with these kits last year, and we hope to continue this positive learning experience.

New for this year is the one-hour early release on Wednesdays. The tightly structured school day has always presented a challenge for teachers to plan together by grade level and by subject area on a regular basis. Through the scheduling of early release days, teachers are now provided the opportunity for common planning time with colleagues to study student achievement data, collaborate to research best-practice teaching strategies, design rubrics to assess students, and work together to personalize instruction for all students. The schedule allows teachers to participate in this collaboration on a consistent basis, rather than on scattered dates throughout the year.

The School District of Manawa is so fortunate to have a dedicated staff of professionals who continue to want to implement the best practice and stay current in educational initiatives. I assure you these changes require teachers to think outside the box, stretch their comfort zones, and bring the best to our students at Manawa Elementary School. Let's make it an outstanding school year!

Welcome Back!

BY DAN WOLFGRAM
LITTLE WOLF JR./SR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Shiny halls, yellow buses, clean sneakers, brand new school supplies, and plenty of excitement; these are all the traditional highlights that mark the first day of school.

The students at Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School returned with a sense of anticipation and enthusiasm.

Students were greeted by smiling teachers and welcomed back with an all-school assembly that introduced the instructional staff. This year's student body will be experiencing new staff members and a brand-new career and technical education program focusing on engineering and robotics.

The shortened week, due to the Labor Day holiday, helped to ease both students and staff into the 2017-2018 school year. This year promises to be full of great accomplishments and exciting progress for our students and our school. It's an exciting time to be a Manawa Wolf!



*Daniel Wolfgram,
Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High
School Principal*

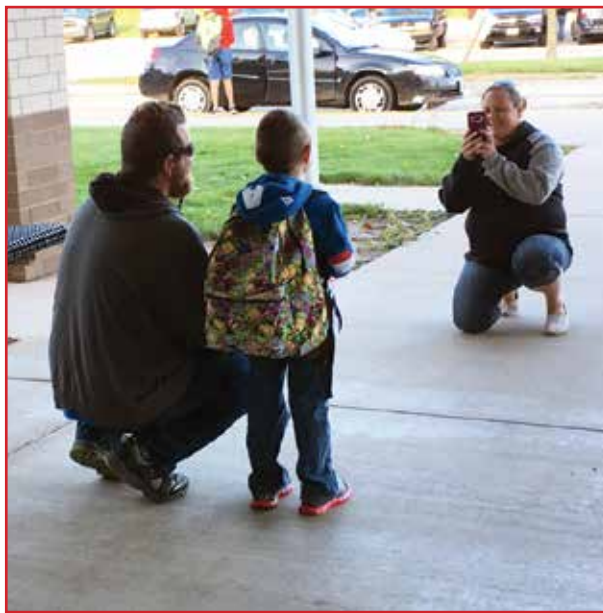


FOR Club Advisor Mary Eck and the FOR (Friends of Rachel) Club started off the day on the right side of the bed, with coffee.

FOR Club students gathered early one morning to distribute coffee as they greeted staff and students before school.

FOR Club wishes everyone a great start to the new school year.

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Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School



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AMY ANAYA
Spanish Teacher

Amy Anaya has lived in Manawa since 1992. She and her husband raised two Wolves who wrestled for Manawa. She is very happy to be giving back to my community and teaching among so many familiar faces.



SANDI ANDERSON
Prep Cook & Dishwasher

Mrs. Anderson is joining the food service staff at Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School. She enjoys cooking, gardening, and spending time with her two children. An interesting fact about Mrs. Anderson is that she was raised on a farm in Wild Rose.



SARAH BORTLE
Elementary Art Teacher

Mrs. Bortle is very happy to be teaching in the community in which she has lived and been a part of for many years. She expressed her great excitement to teach art at Manawa Elementary School.



BRYANT COBARRUBIAS
Technology Directory

Prior to this position Mr. Cobarrubias served for three years as data & technology specialist with the Manitowoc Public School District. He lives in Two Rivers with his wife Paige and three children Sarah, Zoe, and Thomas.



RITA GIPP
CTE Teacher, Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School

A native of Shawano, Ms. Gipp is returning to the area after more than 30 years away. She is excited to share the knowledge and expertise gained in the last 25 years of preparing today's youth for 21st century careers.

Ms. Gipp is a Career and Technical Education teacher specializing in engineering and robotics. She will teach the following courses: 7th grade Innovation & Design; 8th grade Mechanical Engineering & Automation; H.S. Intro. to Engineering, Programming/Coding, Electronics, and Robotics.



KATHY GRIMM
2nd Shift Custodian

Ms. Grimm is the new 2nd shift custodian for Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School. She is a graduate of Waupaca High School, and a resident of Manawa. She has one child who currently attends Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School and three daughters that graduated from Manawa. She has two cats and a dog that keep her very busy.



SKYLAR LIEBZEIT
Athletic & Activities Director

Skylar Liebzeit resides in Wisconsin Dells, WI. He carried on his passion for athletics to Ripon College where he was a four-year athlete on the Ripon College Redhawk football team.

Shortly after graduating with an Exercise Science degree, Mr. Liebzeit attended Concordia University Irvine to pursue his Master's in Coaching and Athletic Administration.

Mr. Liebzeit is the Athletic and Activities Director. An interesting fact about him is that he was a state qualifier in wrestling at Wisconsin Dells High School, and a part of the few graduating classes from WDHS that qualified for the WIAA playoffs in football all four years.



SUE LOUGHRIN
Prep Cook

Mrs. Loughrin is married with two children and lives in Manawa. Her job is assisting with setup, cleaning, sanitization, and organization of the food service area. Mrs. Loughrin will also be serving the daily meals to students and staff.

She enjoys camping and gardening. Spending time with family is her favorite hobby.



WILLIAM LUND
Long-Term Substitute Science Teacher

Mr. Lund is the first semester long-term substitute teaching Chemistry, Physics, and Earth/Environmental Science.

His hometown is Cadillac, Michigan. He's been married 47 years to his wife, Victoria. They have two sons.

Mr. Lund taught for 41 years at Lola-Scandinavia High School, as well as coaching football for many of those years.

He is a co-chairman for the Experimental Aircraft Association KidVenture campus that operates during the EAA Convention in Oshkosh. He is excited about being temporarily out of retirement and teaching at Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School.



HARLEY PETERSON
Social Studies Teacher

Mr. Peterson received his Bachelors of Science Degree from the UW-Stevens Point. Along with his passion for leadership and communication, he has had the pleasure of completing many woodworking projects including some wood turning as well.

As a whole he believes that as an educator, learning happens every day. Every opportunity is one to learn.



SHELLEY RADLEY
Elementary Music Teacher

Ms. Radley is from Waupaca and has 33 years of experience teaching music to students of all ages. She received her Bachelors of Music from UW-Whitewater. Ms. Radley plays the guitar, keyboard, piano, and has been a judge for music competitions. She is very excited to get back into teaching and the hours of this job are perfect.



AUSTIN ROHAN
Instrumental Music Teacher

Austin Rohan is a 2017 Graduate of UW-Platteville and a native to New London. Eager to kick off his career in Manawa, Austin looks forward to bringing young, new concepts and ideas to the Department and District. In his free time he enjoys road cycling, mountain biking, and freelancing around the Fox Valley and Green Bay area.



Welcome to the School District of Manawa!



MOLLY SCHLAAK
Choral Music Teacher

Ms. Schlaak is entering her fifth year of teaching. Her experiences include teaching in Cedarburg, Wild Rose and Oshkosh, before finally coming to Manawa. She expresses being so excited to get started directing choirs here, as it already feels like home! Ms. Schlaak will be teaching the following courses: Grades 5-12 choirs and 7/8 general music. To date, Ms. Schlaak has been involved in almost fifty productions (plays, musicals, etc.) over the years!



ANN WARNING
*Cross-Categorical
Special Education
Teacher*

*Little Wolf Jr./Sr.
High School*

Mrs. Warning is married with three grown children and two grandchildren, has been working in education for 20 years and is a Little Wolf High School Alumni. She is very happy to be teaching in her home town!



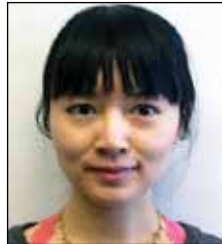
BOBBIE JO TIMM
*Food Service
Worker - MES*

Mrs. Timm has been married 17 years, has 4 children, and loves spending time with her family and friends. Mrs. Timm has been in food service off and on since 2001 and looks forward to working with a great group of women in the kitchen.



ANDREA WHITMAN
5th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Whitman has previously taught grades 4-6 in the Waupaca and Green Bay School Districts. She currently resides in Waupaca with her husband, two sons, and their dog, Scout.



TONGTONG ZHANG
*High School Math
Teacher*

Mrs. Zhang is glad to join the School District of Manawa family as a mathematics teacher at Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School.

With a Master's degree in statistics, she describes numbers and symbols as beautiful. Mrs. Zhang believes every student can learn mathematics successfully.

Mrs. Zhang was born in China. She grew up with many dreams. With years of hard work, she is proud to say that most of them have come true. She brings an Asian cultural experience to her students and thus broadens their view of the world.

Besides mathematics, Mrs. Zhang also loves music. In the summer, she enjoys fishing and would like to try fishing out of a boat in the future!



New PAES Lab to Open Late Fall

What is PAES?

PAES stands for (P) Practical, (A) Assessment, (E) Exploration, (S) System. PAES is a comprehensive curriculum that provides exploration, training, and assessment through hands-on experience in a simulated work environment.

While learning important career/vocational and life skills, students are taught in a format that helps them become more independent. PAES determines students' interest in specific work areas, competitiveness with peers, and assesses present barriers to future success, and then helps change them to positive work behaviors.

The PAES curriculum works in five career areas: Business/Marketing, Construction/Industrial, Consumer/Service, Processing/Production, and Computer/Technology. Participation in more than 250 activities provides data that is used for school-to-work transition plans.

The link below is a video of a PAES lab in action.

<https://youtu.be/xnsH0KEuoOE>

In order for our students to truly become part of the community, the district is working with the Manawa Masonic Lodge to rent storefront space on Bridge Street.

The purpose for a downtown space is for the environment to be more like an actual job than school. As adults, we do not have bells that tell us it is time to start another activity.

Students will be gaining employability skills alongside local businesses where they may, someday, decide to work.

The proximity to business increases the opportunities for student to see jobs in action.

Students in the program will spend a couple hours a day in the lab until they have finished the tasks and have a plan for the next phase of their transition programming.

Teachers have chosen the first group of students go to through the lab based on grade and need.

In addition to these activities, staff will also be working with local employers to begin the hands-on training of job skills that will benefit both the employer and student.

With the changes in the Federal and State laws concerning training and employment for students with special needs, the school district is tasked with finding viable options for our students in the local communities before accessing state resources.

Mrs. Ort and Mr. Carson are working with local employers and organizing field trips, employment, and training activities to better integrate our students into our working community.



The School District of Manawa invites you & your child to:

Child Development Day



Wednesday

October 18, 2017

8:00am-7:00pm @ MES



- Children will participate in a play-based screening with parent(s)
 - Early Educators will screen children and share information about development areas such as social skills, fine & gross motor skills, and language development
 - Hearing, vision, & health screenings are included
 - All children receive a **FREE** t-shirt, book, and a welcome bag
- Call to schedule your appointment today!**
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Board Meetings:

Regular Board Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month (except April - 4th Monday) in the Board Room located at the Manawa Elementary School at 7:00 pm. Any additional meetings are duly posted on the district's website, in the City Hall and at Sturm Public Library. For additional information please contact the District Office at 920-596-2525.

Summer Student Volunteers

Alex Kasper and Nathaniel Gillette volunteered during the summer to prepare technology for the fall.

They helped the new technology director install the recently purchased engineering computer lab and organize Chromebooks for the 7th-12th grade students.

"Alex and Nate made the transition into the new job much easier. The community should know these two students made a big difference," says Mr. Cobarrubias.

Both students are 10th grade students at Little Wolf Jr/Sr High School and are taking part in the new engineering program led by Ms. Gipp.



CORRECTION:

In the July issue of the Wolfpack Express, the Asbestos article on page 5 should have been titled "2017 Asbestos Notification." Although the title was incorrect, the information in the article was up-to-date. Our apologies for the error in noting the incorrect year.



The Board of Education and Administrative Team would like to thank all the individuals, groups, and businesses that so generously contribute to the District. Your gifts of money, time, materials, and talents support and enhance programs for all our students and staff!

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Vision Statement:

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