



# Boscobel Area Schools District Online Newsletter January 2022

Happy New Year from Boscobel Area Schools!

We hope you had a chance to relax and enjoy the holidays with your family and friends, despite the challenges of the pandemic. As we ring in the New Year, I would like to share a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of our faculty and staff for their hard work and continued support and commitment to our Bulldog students and families. I also want to express my gratitude to the students, parents, and community members for working with the district during what can only be described as a challenging and extraordinary time for schools. Due to our partnership and collaborative efforts, we have successfully navigated every challenge that has presented itself as a result of the pandemic and I have every confidence that our success will continue as we enter the second half of the school year.

Can you believe that we are halfway through the 2021-2022 school year? With incredible resilience and passion, we continue to work hard to meet the challenges that come with change as we prepare students to LEAD. ENGAGE. DISCOVER. Our vision is to Develop Today's Child For Tomorrow's World and the district is committed to making this vision a reality. I have a personal goal of empowering our students to take charge of their own intellectual and emotional growth so they may have a better chance at being happy and productive members of society. In order to achieve this goal, we must focus on building a culture of:

- High expectations where students will possess the knowledge and skills that will prepare them for a variety of post-graduate options. In our efforts to LEAD, we must empower our students to take advantage of the learning environment, with expectations that far exceed state or national standards for achievement. In a culture of high expectations, standardization becomes less critical since students are always striving to learn more.
- Healthy, productive, and supportive relationships between students, staff, families, and the community. As we ENGAGE in meaningful relationships, we increase student engagement behaviorally, emotionally, and cognitively. For our students to truly be empowered, these positive relationships matter.
- Equitable access to opportunities in order for students to pursue their full potential as responsible citizens and lifelong learners. As educators and parents, we must encourage our students to DISCOVER the unique learning traits that empower them in the learning environment as they DISCOVER their passions, interests, and future aspirations.

Education is my passion and priority, moreover, my belief is that nothing is more important about a school than its culture. A school's culture is determined by the values, shared beliefs, perceptions, relationships, attitudes, and day-in, day-out behavior of the entire community—students, teachers, staff, and families. Positive school cultures are conducive to student learning and well-being, fulfillment, morale, and effectiveness. As your school leader, I will continue to strive to lead the school district's culture in a healthy direction for increased student achievement and success as well as move the needle for a positive Boscobel Bulldog reputation in our area.

My New Year's wish for our students, staff, families and the community is that you enjoy good health, profound happiness, deep reflection, essential rejuvenation, and sincere hope for a bright New Year full of positivity!

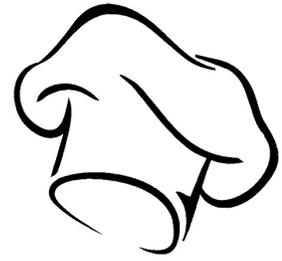
Yours in Education,

Lisa Wallin-Kapinus  
District Administrator



# ELEMENTARY NEWS

It was all smiles around the 4K bakeshop!



# ELEMENTARY NEWS

Before Santa set out on a busy weekend, he took time to make a visit to our 4K Bulldogs!



# ELEMENTARY NEWS

These 4k Bulldogs were "catching" a lot of fun while they ice fished for their winter theme!



The first snow of the year is always SNOW much fun!



# ELEMENTARY NEWS

Boscobel fourth and fifth graders wore their baseball and softball jerseys to honor 8 year old Jackson Sparks.



Jackson lost his life in the Waukesha Parade Incident and his parents wanted to honor him by requesting all baseball players wear a jersey.

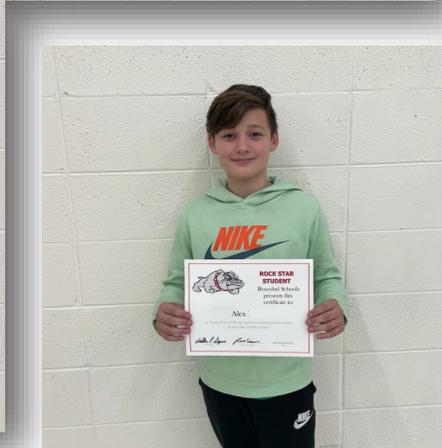
Thank you to our kids for showing support of a fellow player even though they never met!





# MIDDLE/HIGH NEWS

Bulldogs, let's hear it for these "Rockstar Students of the Month!"  
These students were nominated by their teachers for being Positive and Prepared for the month of December!



# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Nothing gets you in the holiday spirit like making Christmas cookies and listening to holiday songs...and Mrs. French's singing, of course!

Way to go B2 Foods students!



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# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The students and staff at the Middle School and High School got into the holiday spirit last Friday for the annual ugly sweater/holiday spirit dress up day!



# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

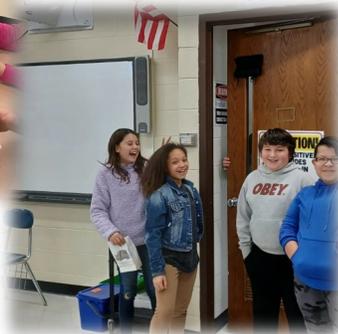
In October, for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Boscobel High School Student Council sold pink ribbons to students and staff to support Gundersen Medical Foundation's Steppin' Out in Pink campaign which raises money for breast cancer research and patient support programs. The total amount raised was \$265. A couple of members of the Student Council were able to present the check to local mammography technologist Ashley McBee of Gundersen Boscobel Area Hospital and Clinics.



# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Our Bulldogs who passed 16 iReady math and reading lessons during November were rewarded for their success. Students were given the choice of attending one of four movies, playing board games, coloring, or participating in an Uno tournament.



# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Our middle school Bulldogs who finished their i-Ready for December were able to go bowling December 23rd.

Friends, snacks, and fun... a great way to end the week!

Thank you to Boscobel Bowling & Banquet for having us!



# MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

December 23rd, we got to enjoy the Holiday Jamboree for our High School students.

All grades, as well as teachers, participated in events such as tug-o-war, euchre, ping pong, badminton, Wii bowling, and a scavenger hunt!

Plus, the Bulldog Coffee House was open and served free popcorn to all students!



# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

## Juniors and Seniors

All juniors will be taking the ACT at the high school on March 8, 2022. There is no registration necessary, this will all be taken care of by the school.

For those interested in doing a retake you can register online for the ACT at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

### Free ACT Test Preparation Resources:

ACT is now offering a free online test prep. This can be accessed at <https://academy.act.org/>.

- Know exactly what you missed and what you didn't with a score report
- Access related resources to improve your skills based on what you missed
- Retake the test as many times as you want

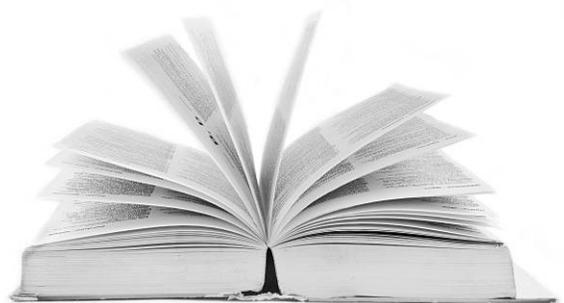
Students, teachers, and parents can create an account. This account allows students to track their progress and keep moving forward in their test preparation. Short quizzes are designed to help students identify the content they have mastered and to clarify areas where more focus is needed. If students have already taken the ACT or PreACT they can simply enter their scores and custom playlists will be automatically created.

Links to practice tests and exemplar items for the ACT can be found at the [DPI ACT Practice Tests/Sample Items website](https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/practice-test) (<https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act/practice-test>)

ACT Aspire is for Freshman and Sophomore students. Here is some information for practice.

[ACT ASPIRE practice](#)

Please find additional information on our school website.



# NOTES FROM THE NURSE



**COVID-19 DASHBOARD:** Boscobel Area Schools has a live COVID-19 dashboard which shares “real time” data. It is our hope that the dashboard offers transparency and insight by providing **counts for active positive and active close contact cases** among our staff and students. The dashboard reflects the important work being done by our district to keep our students and staff safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can find the link to our COVID-19 dashboard and COVID-19 district protocols on our school district’s webpage. Below you will see an overall COVID-19 occurrence update from our COVID log.

Active Cases - STUDENTS & STAFF				Updated as of :	12/20/2021
	Elementary	Middle/High	Districtwide	TOTAL	
Positive Covid-19	8	0	1	9	
*Close Contact (Quarantined)	41	2	0	43	
**Low Risk (Excluded)	2	1	0	3	
TOTAL OUT	51	3	1	55	

Closed Cases - STUDENTS & STAFF				Updated as of :	12/20/2021
	Elementary	Middle/High	Districtwide	TOTAL	
Positive Covid-19	41	80	3	124	
Close Contact* (Quarantined)	348	299	8	655	
Low Risk** (Excluded)	221	174	8	403	
TOTAL OUT	610	553	19	1182	



# NOTES FROM THE NURSE

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS FOR 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:

10<sup>th</sup> grade students will have their blood pressures screened mid winter. Hypertension, or high blood pressure, can be a silent but serious medical concern that is treatable once it is detected. If your child's blood pressure requires additional evaluation, you will receive a referral letter in the mail.



## SNACK GUIDELINES:

Engaging students and families in eating healthier foods provides a positive health impact-both emotionally and physically. Therefore, we are requesting that only healthy snacks be brought to school for sharing. We want to help students make every day a “TRY DAY”... because trying new foods is exciting and fun. We hope to fuel their days with colorful fruits and veggies and other nutritious snacks! Thank you to ALL the families who are sending healthy snacks to school.

## HEAD LICE:

Head lice is an ongoing problem through the school year. This is a reminder that it is important for parents to be screening their child(ren) for the presence of head lice. To detect the presence of head lice early, we suggest checking your family members' heads on a weekly basis. This is done by parting the hair in small sections with a comb and looking for bite marks, redness, or nits (eggs). The nits are usually found about ¼ to 2 inches from the scalp. They adhere themselves onto the hair shaft and cannot be easily removed. The louse is a small flat, wingless, brownish-gray creature with stubby antennae and six legs each ending in a sharp curved claw. They are most commonly found behind the ears and at the nape of the neck, although they may be found anywhere on the head. The louse can be seen with the naked eye. They range in size and can be very tiny when first hatched. A thorough check for lice should take 15 minutes or more to do and must be done in good light. It is best for everyone to use only their own personal articles at home and school. If evidence of active head lice is found, treatment with anti-lice shampoo is recommended. For more information regarding head lice detection and treatment, contact Grant County Health Department at 723-6416. Another resource for head lice evaluation and treatment is the Lice Clinic of America. The closest clinic is Dubuque, IA (563-235-1178). They do charge for their services but can sometimes bill insurances. You can also check with your health care provider.



# NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Please note the district's procedure for management of head lice (in compliance with public health recommendations):

1. Students with live head lice, verified by inspection, will have the option of remaining in school until the end of the day **FOR THE FIRST OCCURRENCE**. Staff will attempt to reach the parent/guardian and the child may be picked up early if the parent/guardian chooses. (Exceptions may be made for very young students or those who have close contact with staff or others at school.)
2. Repeat cases of live lice will not be readmitted to school. The school nurse will not medically excuse reoccurring or inadequately treated cases. (The parent/guardian may be responsible for absences related to untreated or inadequately treated cases.) Students may be rechecked by school staff to rule out re-infestation.
3. Notification letters will be sent home to alert parents only if a high percentage of children in a classroom are infested. (Notification may be sent home for classrooms with very young students where there may be a risk of classroom transmission.)
4. Schools will not perform mass head lice screenings, but will screen on an individual basis by referral. Typically, siblings living in the same household and known close contacts/friends in school will be screened when possible.





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### EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

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