



New Glarus Elementary School



News and Views

November/December 2020

With Thankfulness



“Be thankful
For what you have;
You’ll end up
Having more.
If you concentrate on
What you don’t have,
You will never,
Ever have enough.”
~Oprah Winfrey



Congratulations to Mrs. Elmer!



Mrs. Elmer is retiring!
After working for 37 years in the New Glarus School District, Mrs. Elmer is retiring on November 6th! We are very thankful for her many years of service supporting the district with superb secretarial skills. She has worked in both the elementary and MS/HS buildings, and also worked in the office at the Old Grade School. We wish her well in much-deserved retirement! Congratulations and thank you for a job well-done!

And the Survey Says...

New Glarus Elementary School Parent Survey Summary Fall 2020



Thank you to all families who provided us valuable feedback on this survey!
We appreciate your time and input!

Satisfaction Factor: 95% of elementary parents who responded to the survey (145 total respondents) are **satisfied/very satisfied** with the education their children receive at NGES.

Academic Expectations: 89% of elementary parents feel academic expectations are **just right** for their children

Analysis Report:

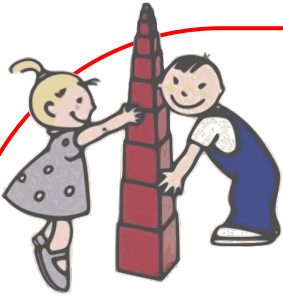
- All students and 99% of parents reported that they feel safe at school.
- All parents also reported that their children have friends at school, and 99% reported their children have at least one positive relationship with an adult at school.
- An area for growth based on the survey results is timely feedback of student progress and expectations for learning. The elementary staff has been working for the past year and a half to revise the report card for better explanation of grade level expectations in reading and math. We will continue to work on strategies to keep parents informed of student progress throughout the year as well.

Ranking of Priorities:

Families were also able to indicate their top priorities to provide a quality education for all students. Here are the top five:

- #1 - Recruit and retain high quality staff
- #2 - Develop new and innovative programs to improve student learning
- #3 - Prepare students for life after HS
- #4 - Maintain class size
- #5 - Provide support services when students have difficulty learning

Two & a Half to Five Year Old Individual Developmental Screening



Monday, December 7, 2020

AM Appointments

(For children not currently attending school and parents interested in seeking additional information about typical development and support services/resources)

Child Development Days will continue to take place in February 2021

**New Glarus Elementary School
1420 2nd Street, New Glarus, WI**

- The District offers many programs and services for children who may need support before kindergarten to achieve school success. Families will receive information on school and community resources during the screening.
- Developmental screenings are designed to educate families about typical child development and growth. Screenings identify if your child may need further evaluation or services prior to starting school.
- The New Glarus Early Childhood teacher and Pupil Services team will conduct a play-based developmental screener. The developmental screening explores all areas of child development including: speech/language, fine and gross motor, behavior, attention, and social skills. Vision and hearing screenings will also be available during this time.

Schedule Appointment- Aleta Martinson

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Questions? Call or email

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Free Thanksgiving Meal!



Ionization System

Thank you to the School Board for approving the purchase of a product called the GPS Ionization System this fall to improve the air quality in our buildings. It is a system used by many hospitals and a few school systems to eliminate bacteria and viruses, in many cases at a 99% effectiveness rate. In addition, it improves air quality and controls odors.

Although the system was purchased in response to COVID, it will improve air quality long-term, which is extremely important, especially with the number of inside classrooms.

Anecdotally, some have noticed their seasonal allergy symptoms have been less at school this fall as well.

Thank you, again, to our school board for being proactive to help keep us as healthy as possible at school.

LET'S TALK TURKEY!!

GRACE CHURCH is holding a DRIVE THROUGH TURKEY DINNER OUTREACH on Thanksgiving Day from 11am till 1pm at 416 Second Street.

This outreach is for those who are of low income families and individuals, war veterans, or elderly who are alone for the holiday, we invite you to call or email Grace church to reserve your Thanksgiving meal. There is no charge for the meal (Turkey, mashed potatoes, whipped sweet potatoes, dressing, gravy, corn, green beans, and dinner roll).

To order your meal, call 608-527-5664 by Sunday, November 15th.

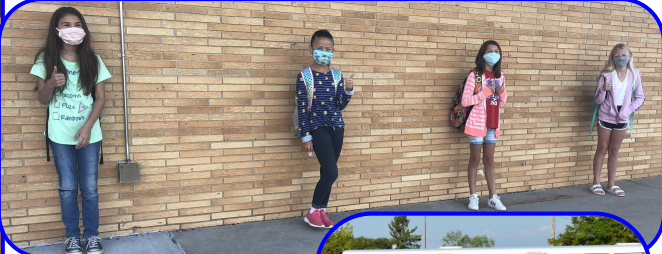
Thank You, Families!

We will complete the first trimester of the 2020-2021 school year at the end of November. While this has not been the year we expected, we would like to say **thank you** to all of our families for your patience, perseverance, and flexibility.

It is difficult to predict what will happen next as the environment around us is constantly changing- will the number of cases stay about the same, go down, spike? It's like trying to predict a snow day with absolutely no true forecast. Sometimes, it seems the sun is shining, and then there is one phone call, and suddenly we are in the middle of a snowstorm.

As we try to make the best decisions possible with the information we have, we will also continue to do the best we can to provide high quality instruction and materials for students. Thank you for all of your support at home for school - whatever it looks like this year!

September/October Highlights



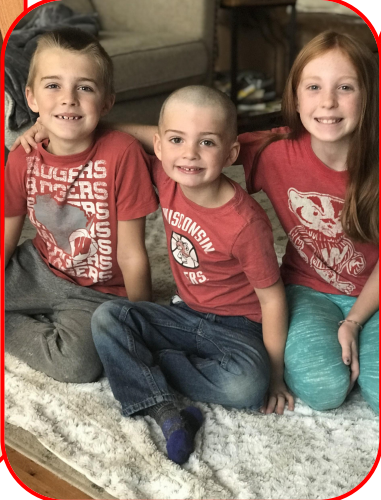
Back to School



Indoor Picnic



Badger Day



Important Dates



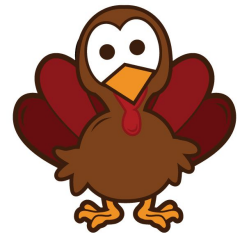
November 3 - Election Day ~ Vote!
PTO Mtg. @ 6:30

November 9 - Board Mtg. @ 7:15



November 11 - Virtual Veterans Day Program

November 23 - NO School for Students
Inservice for Staff
End of First Trimester



November 24-27 - Thanksgiving Break

December 14 - Board Mtg. @ 7:15

December 23-January 1 - Winter Break

January 4 - School Resumes

