

Campus Communicator

2022 Early Childhood **Screening Day April 7, 2022** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

We are inviting all children ages Birth to 3 to participate with their families in a developmental screening day at the School District of Turtle Lake from 9 am -3 pm on Thursday, April 7, 2022. We will be conducting 30minute meetings to get to know you and your child. We will use a questionnaire tool called Ages and Stages Questionnaire to discuss child's individual goals as it pertains to their, pre-academic skills, socialemotional skills, and selfhelp skills. Before and after your appointment, there will be specialists available to assist with the screening of your child's development as well as answer any questions that you may have. Specialists that will be available include a nurse to screen hearing and vision, an occupational and physical therapist to assess fine and gross motor skills, a speech and language therapist to assess language skills, and an early childhood teacher to assess pre-academic skills. To set up an appointment, please call Bridget at the school at 715-986-4470 Ext. 2016. If you have any known concerns about your child, please indicate those to Bridget. Upon scheduling your appointment, we will also mail the Ages and Stages Questionnaire for you to complete and bring with you the day of your appointment.

Referendum Q & A

Three main referendum questions were shared in our February and March mailings. Why is the referendum needed? Where is the money going? What is the tax impact? If you didn't see those, they can be found on our referendum website: www.turtlelake.k12.wi.us/referendum

Below are some additional questions that I have received.

Why is the school tax rate lower in the first two years?

We are using COVID relief funds to mitigate the declining revenue; this is one-time funding and will be gone in two vears. This referendum is replacing the expiring referendum.

Is a track included in the referendum?

What if the referendum fails?

in this five-year budget for a track replacement.

No, there is no money

We would have to make adjustments in the budget that would have a negative effect on our School District. The School District would also be put on a stateimposed revenue limit penalty. We would not receive any increases in per-pupil funding for three years or until an operational referendum passes.

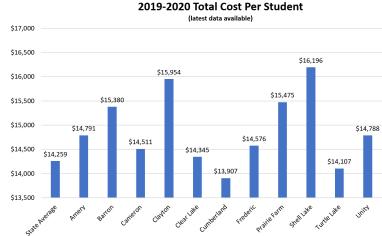
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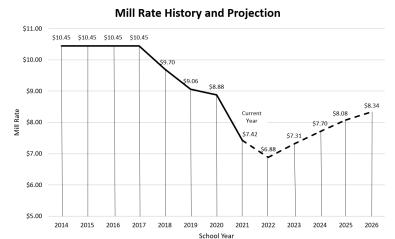
No. We are a conservative spending district that is second to the lowest in spending per student. We are a low spending district but still produce excellent

graduates which show in the state report card where the School District Significantly Exceeds Expectations.

If you have any quesor comments. please contact Superintendent Kindschy at 715-986-4470 or kkindschv @turtlelake.k12.wi.us.

Please get out and vote on April 5.



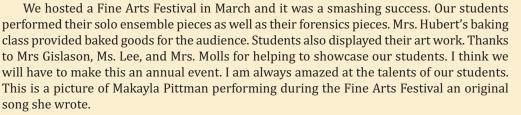


At Turtle Lake School there is something for everyone. On Friday, March 18, FFA students traveled to Green Bay for the Spring FFA Leadership Conference. A huge shoutout to Mrs. Hubert, our FFA advisor, for providing such a wonderful opportunity for our students to grow. I know the students enjoyed meeting with other FFA students from around the state.

Our winter sports seasons have now finished. Thank you to all of our student athletes for participating in basketball and

wrestling. All the teams had successful seasons and we are all very proud of them. Our wrestling team had two athletes make it to sectionals: Wyatt Nitchey and Skylar Findley. Our girls' basketball team made it to the Regional semi-finals. Also, our boys' basketball team made it to Sectionals and lost a hotly contested game against Athens. I am so proud of our student section for their school spirit and sportsmanship. Our pep band also traveled to the game to support our team.





I would like to thank you for your support of our students throughout the year.



Go Lakers! Mr. Hinze



dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment

YOUR CHILDREN MAY ATTEND TURTLE LAKE SCHOOLS EVEN IF YOU LIVE IN ANOTHER DISTRICT!

What is Open Enrollment and Who Can Appy?

Open Enrollment allows parents to apply for their children to attend public school in a school district other than he one in which they reside. Any Wisconsin resident in 4K to grade 12 may apply. There are additional rules that may apply - cal for more



When Can Parents Apply?
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The regular open enrollment application
period for the 2022-28 school year ends
at 4 PM on April 29, 2022. The best way
is online or by contacting Jean Pabst in
the District Office at 715-586-4470, Ext.
2010 or jpalsa@turtlelake.kl2.wi.us.

Become a Laker - Join our Family!

From the Desk of the Elementary Principal

With Spring right around the corner and the school year heading to the end, there are two important events coming up in the elementary school that families should be aware of:

BIRTH-4 SCREENER: This screening day will take place on April 7th from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at the school for any children ages birth to 4-years-old. This screening day is designed for families to bring their children in to the school if there are concerns about pre-academic skills, cognitive or developmental delays, speech and language skills, or other general concerns. This is especially important if you have a child eligible for 4-Year-Old Kindergarten in the fall. Please contact Bridget at school to get an ap-

pointment set up.

2022-23 4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: This spring, we will have two dates available to register your child for 4-Year-Old Kindergarten, April 22 and 29 from 8:00-2:30 at the school. These in-person meetings will take place with 4K staff to discuss all your important questions for your child starting 4K in the fall. 4K parents will receive important district and classroom information to help your child be successful in school. Please call the school to register for this important event as soon as possible.

The Counselor's Corner

By Joel Schneider

Spring Assessment Season

As we look forward to spring's arrival, this reminds me that the spring assessment season is also around the corner. The juniors just recently took the statemandated ACT exam while students in grades 3-8 plus 10 will soon be taking the Forward exam. This window is open from March 21-April 29. After the Forward exam, freshmen and sophomores will embark on taking the ACT Aspire, which is a great predictor for how they will eventually score on the ACT as jun-

iors. This window will run from April 4-May 4. Lastly, students who are enrolled in AP courses will have their finals take place in the beginning to middle of May. This year, students will be taking exams in the following subjects: Chemistry, Biology, English Literature, Physics, and Psychology.

Fine Arts Festival

Turtle Lake School hosted our first Fine Arts Festival on March 7th to celebrate Youth Arts Month. The festival was an open house format where visitors could come and go as they pleased. Visual Art student work was hung in the hallways. Our Music students performed various vocal and instrumental pieces to entertain us. The FAB Lab showcased work students have created using various equipment in the FAB Lab, including work that is for sale. Forensics students performed pieces and showcased the speaking and drama talent we have here at Turtle Lake School. The High School Baking Class provided our treats and demonstrated the talents our Foods classes have in baking. The night was successful in presenting our student talents and letting them share their talents with our community. We hope you join us next year!



4K Registration

Turtle Lake Schools will be holding 4K Registration on Friday, April 22, 2022 and Friday, April 29, 2022. Children who will be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2022 are eligible to attend our 4K Program in the fall.

Goals of the 4K program are to provide readiness skills to help children be successful in Kindergarten. Throughout the year in 4K, children have the chance to socialize with other children their same age, listen to stories, learn by participating in group lessons, engage in hands-on experiences and PLAY! Our program is built to focus on social and emotional learning while providing the basic aca-

demic skills necessary before Kindergarten.

Individual registration appointments will be held between 8:00 a.m and 2:30 p.m. on April 22nd and April 29th. These appointments will be with one or both of the current 4K teachers. You will be able to view the classrooms as well as fill out all of the necessary paperwork. Please call Sara Kahl in the Turtle Lake School student office at (715) 986-4470 as soon as possible to schedule an appointment.





"Thank You" to all of our Turtle Lake BackPack Program Supporters!

Through the generosity of our staff and local supporters, we have been able to send nutritious backpacks home with families each week through the school year.



A special "Thank You" to Elim Lutheran Church volunteers for bagging the food and delivering it to us each month, and to Rachel Stafne for volunteering to pack and deliver the backpacks each week.





Our Little Laker Club kids enjoy many activities! Games are just one example. Check us out on the website or give us a call at 715-986-4470! The 2nd grade classes are having a fantastic school year! In language arts the kids are working on verbs, contractions, and r-controlled spelling patterns. In addition to that, the 2nd graders are learning how to find text evidence and use that to better comprehend the stories we read.

math, the 2nd graders are learning all about data and graphs. They know how to take information and create picture graphs and bar graphs to reflect that information. It is so awesome to see their determination and hard work as they learn these new and advanced skills.

We are looking forward to making more memories and finishing the year strong with these wonderful 2nd grade students!

Mr. Rademacher Mrs. Walker



The Turtle Lake School Library announced the 2nd Quarter "Reading Achievement Awards." These awards go out to the classroom that reads the most books and also to individual students who have read the most books for the guarter.



Back row (L to R): Anah LaPage, Bella Strenke, Aubree Ranallo, Gretchen Molls, Katalina Kirwan, Brookelynn Easland, Chester Schepps, Mrs. Lord Front row (L to R): Benton Hubbard, Waylon Demoe, Kryra Benedict, Lacy Slayton, Leland Strenke Not pictured: Landon Hoyt, Maira Tzanhahua, Solanghe Mendez



(L to R) Destiney Osumi, Lauren Bygd, LaPage Terrianah and Abigail Olson



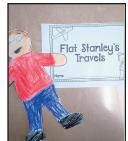
The elementary school just celebrated Dr. Suess's birthday, March 4th. During the week students read Dr. Suess books and celebrated each day with a dress up theme.

Third Grade Buzz

The next few months will be very busy for the Turtle Lake third grade students. On March 25th, 3rd-5th grade students have traveled on their first field trip in a very long time to the Shrine Circus. The students were very excited to see the elephants, clowns, and watch the amazing circus acts! The students usually come home with many great stories to tell and souvenirs to share!

Finally, our Flat Stanley projects have started rolling in during the end of March and into April.

Flat Stanley is traveling all over the country and the world, doing fun activities, and will soon return to our classroom to share all those interesting things with our students. Students can't wait to see where their Flat Stanley has been!



Fourth Grade News

The social studies unit in February focused on the early days of Wisconsin. This included a 3-week study on the early lumber industry in Wisconsin, especially life in the lumber camps. The life of a lumberjack was not easy. The hours were long and the work was physically hard and sometimes dangerous. Many words were flying through the room like wood chips on a busy day in the winter woods. Words such as sawyer, chopper, swamper, teamster, cookee, and flunkey.

The fourth graders were able to experience "Daylight in the Swamp" where we feasted on monkey blankets (pancakes) with skid grease



(butter) and syrup. We had our own version of overland trout (bacon – we had sausage), and mud (coffee – we had hot chocolate). The lumberjacks of yore had to remain quiet so they could get out in the woods faster but we did lots of talking while enjoying our Daylight in the Swamp.



The elementary students just wrapped up their second swimming unit. This spring they look forward to the elementary track meet and kayaking.

The fifth-grade students have been learning about electricity and circuits in science class. Students have built circuits to complete a variety of tasks. These include turning lights on and off, powering fans, making musical tunes play, and even building a radio to listen to our favorite music. Hopefully, these lessons will spark an interest and students may find a career they love waiting in this field.







Sixth Grade English Language Arts

In Mrs. Hietala's sixth grade English Language Arts classes, students recently researched one side of a controversy that affects society. Then, students participated in a modified debate.

Each student presented reasons and credible evidence to support a claim. After the debate, students reflected on the strongest examples of evidence and shared how the most relevant and sufficient evidence impacted their thinking about controversial issues.

Seventh Grade English Language Arts

Students in seventh grade English Language Arts recently read Tangerine by Edward Bloor. In the book, characters make choices that carry consequences. Some of the consequences are obvious right away; others don't become apparent until later. Students wrote literary essays analyzing one character's choices and the consequences of these choices on the development of the main character. Each student included a focused thesis, well-selected textual evidence, and insightful commentary that connected the textual evidence to the thesis. Throughout the reading and writing process, students reflected on their own choices, the consequences of their choices, and the impacts of these choices on the people around them.



8th Grade Career Unit

The 8th graders are just starting their Career Unit in Ms. Korish's Language Arts class. Students will examine their skills and interests using Xello, a computer program specifically designed for Academic and Career Planning (ACP). In addition, all students will create a resume, fill out a job application, and participate in a Mock Interview. This unit is an eye-opener for many students as they realize some of the skills they currently possess don't always align with what employ-



ers are looking for. Soft skills like communication, collaboration, and listening are definitely skills most students can improve upon. These skills are becoming more important than ever as employers want workers who are prepared with 21st-century skills.



The middle school student council geared up for a "Rock Your Socks" event to help celebrate World Down Syndrome Day on March 21. This date was symbolic because people with Down Syndrome have three copies of the 21st chromosome. Since chromosomes look like socks, we wear mismatched and brightly colored socks to celebrate the uniqueness of us all. In addition, plans are underway for our next middle school dance to be held on Friday, April 8 from 6-9 in the school commons. The theme is yet to be announced. We will keep you posted!

HS/MS Physical Education 2022

As we enter into early spring, middle school PE students just wrapped up some training in the fitness center. Students learned different phases of fitness such as speed and agility, plyometrics and BFS weight training. During this time, they had been performing agility ladders, box jumps, mini hurdles, BFS Olympic lifts, auxiliary lifting exercises, and cardiovascular training exercises. The goal of this unit is to not only improve upon each student's fitness levels but to give them some introductory level skills so that they can continue to partake in fitness center training in the future. Having concluded our fitness center training, we began our outdoor unit which included cross country skiing, snowshoeing and broom ball. My HS classes just finished up a capture the object/flag unit and now are entering our floor hockey unit. During the previous month both HS and MS classes partook in roller blading, rock wall climbing and traversing. The HS fitness classes have been performing wonderfully in the BFS weight training program. Each day class starts off with a different speed/agility drill which could include: dot drill, agility ladders/hurdles, plyometric boxes, dynamic stretching or cardiovascular training. After that we incorporate some sort of flexibility component. The main body to our workouts consists of Monday/Wednesday's BFS workouts which are logged onto an iPad program. Tuesday's workouts will be some sort of a ladder or station workout that targets different auxiliary muscle groups than the previous day's workouts. Thursdays workouts focus more on the muscular endurance component of training which we typically do a Tabata workout (workout that is incorporated into music). Students really enjoy the Tabata workouts since it is all done to music. Friday is typically some sort of cardiovascular activity or game. Its an incentive for the students to work hard all week then get rewarded with a fun activity.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL FORENSICS

On Thursday, February 17, Turtle Lake Middle School hosted the Level 2 Forensic competition. Students from Barron, Osceola, St. Croix Falls, and Unity Middle Schools attended the event. Students used feedback from judges at the Level 1 Forensic competition to polish their performances for Level 2.

Students shared their presentations with three judges. They received written comments and ratings of minimal, emerging, developing, proficient, or mastery on five evaluation standards including the following: introduction/transition, selection/material, conveying meaning, voice, and body movement. In order to earn an overall rating of "Excellence" at Level 2, students must earn a rating of proficiency or better for at least four of the five evaluation standards. All other students receive an overall rating of "Merit."

6th grader Brenda Derosier received an overall rating of "Merit" for her performance at Level 2. The following students earned overall ratings of "Excellence" for their performances at Level 2.

8th Grade – Champagne Bronstad, Andrew Buck, June Carlson, Lily Groth, Lily Miller-Schaffer, Ryanne Nykanen, McKayla Pittman, Wyatt Todd, Sylvia Wuorenma.

7th Grade – Natalie Anderson, Ella Koenig, Olivia Korish, Shella Olsvig, Megan Peterson, Mylee Pittman.

6th Grade – Aleigha Greeley, Abigail Henck, Remi LaBlanc, Ave Mau, Destiney Osumi, Lacey Popenhagen, Sonia Trinka.

In addition, seventh grader Katelyn Pabst performed at the Level 1 Forensic competition and earned an overall rating of "Excellence."

The middle school team is thankful for the feedback and support of Ms. Korish, Ms. Lewis, and Mrs. Plooy. Congratulations to all of the students who worked so hard on their speaking skills!

Mrs. Hietala







The Music Department has been very busy since the Second semester has started. At the end of January, we took 18 Middle School students to Solo/Ensemble contest in Clear Lake. This was a great opportunity for our students to showcase their musical skills and talents. In February, we teamed up with the Arts Department and hosted a "Soup"er Bowl supper the Friday before the Super Bowl. Many came and enjoyed food and bowls made by students before attending the basketball game that evening. As we rolled into March, we celebrated Music in Our Schools Month and Youth Arts Month with a Fine Arts Festival. On March 15, Middle School Choir and Band students attended the Large Group Festival in Shell Lake. The Choir came home with a I (Superior) rating and the Band came home with a II (Excellent) rating. Upcoming dates in the Music Department include:

- Pep Band Playoffs March 18 @ 6:00 pm in Prairie Farm
- MS/HS Spring Choir Concert March 21 @ 6:00 pm in the Turtle Lake Auditorium
- HS Solo/Ensemble Contest March 31 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in Clear Lake
- MS Band and Choir Honors Clinic April 7 (Concert at 5:00 pm) in Turtle Lake
- Grades K-2 Elementary Spring Concert May 5 at 10:00 am in the Turtle Lake
- Grades 3-5 Elementary Spring Concert May 6 at 10:00 am in the Turtle Lake Auditorium
- MS/HS Spring Band Concert May 9 @ 6:00 in the Turtle Lake Auditorium

We look forward to the rest of our events this year and invite you to join us in celebrating our students' work and accomplishments with us!

Musically, Ms. Lee and Mrs. Molls





SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT TLHS Auditorium - 6:30 PM Wednesday, May 11, 2022

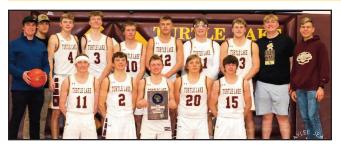


GRADUATION TLHS Gymnasium - 7:00 PM Friday, May 20, 2022



... BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

This year's middle school Battle of the Books team once again did very well in online competition this year. Reading from a pre-determined list of 20 Young Adult books, teams across the state of Wisconsin compete to answer questions about each of the titles. This year's team placed 15th out of 85 teams and consisted of 8th graders McKayla Pittmann and Ryanne Nykanen, 7th grader Shella Olsvig, and 6th grader Remi Lablanc. Great job, ladies!



The 2021-2022 season was another successful one for the Laker Boys' Basketball Team! They finished the season with an overall record of 21-7 and were Back-to-Back Regional Champions! A new conference was established this year which produced a more difficult schedule for both non-conference and conference games alike. Our boys were tested each and every night. They battled to a third-place finish, with a 14-4 conference record and split games with the top two teams of Clear Lake and Unity. The Lakers entered the March Madness run as a two seed, and they did not disappoint! They won their first three games of the tournament and earned themselves a Regional Championship for the second consecutive year. Although they came up a bit short in the Sectional round, this team made a quality run. They went "ALL IN" and left everything they had on the floor! The level of excitement in our school and community was awesome-it's amazing to watch how sports bring people together!



The Middle School Girls' Basketball Team had 24 players between grades 6, 7 and 8 this year. This season definitely went by quickly with many skills learned, lots of laughs, and some tough games.

The 6th/7th grade team was composed of eight 6th graders this year. Many of the girls had to step up and take on new roles for the team to be successful. Bella Wright commented that she will miss playing in all the games and having fun with her teammates. Olivia Korish said she liked being on the team because "a team that sweats together stays together." Overall, the 6th grade girls learned a lot of new skills, had a blast with Coach Bergmann, and developed some new friendships.

The 8th grade team came into the season ready to have some fun and compete against the other schools. The team was composed of our six 7th grade girls and our four 8th grade girls. The 8th grade team ended up having 7 wins and 4 losses this season. Megan Peterson stated, "My favorite thing about this season was probably winning a bunch of games. I thought this was the best because last year we didn't win a single one." Katelyn Pabst said she worked hard all season because of this quote: "If it's easy you're doing it wrong." Lexi Tarman stated, "You have to push yourself to keep playing, even if you can't continue." Grace Hubbard comments, "I love learning from my coaches and talking to Coach Fall on the bench. I learned plenty of things like how to go for a layup and do it strongly. Coach Fall was also very inspira-

tional. She would tell us before every game to have a fun time and play hard." The 8th grade group had a lot of fun, some very close and tough loses, but most important, many laughs.



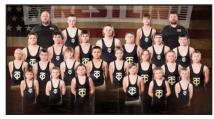
Congratulations to our high school wrestling team on their successful season! The team finished 5-7 on the year, and 5-4 in the conference. Pictured are juniors Mason Quade after a victory and Wyatt Nitchey securing a pin.







The youth wrestling team had a successful season this year with the state qualifier just coming up. Pictured above are 41 of the 52 member team this year.



The Middle School Wrestling season is in full swing, with and outstanding team this year. Pictured above is the 23 member team.

- Summer Fun -

Where can your child learn to fish, read and discuss popular books, and master the front crawl? From June 6 through June 24, students in grades PreK-12 will have the opportunity to learn that and more during our 2022 Summer School Session. Summer School gives your child the chance to participate in a variety of fun classes and activities, all in a safe and supervised environment. Classes are held from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with breakfast and lunch available FREE to all stu-

dents enrolled in summer school.

More information will be available soon.

Watch your child's backpack for enrollment
papers for the 2022 Summer School session

BOOSTER NEWS

First of all, we would like to thank all the parents and coaches for a GREAT Booster Basketball season! It was great to see all the youth participate in a few tournaments this year and take home some 1st place wins!

We also had an amazing Booster Wrestling season, a huge shout out to all the parents and coaches. We had a record breaking tournament that we hosted in February and want to "Thank" everyone who helped out with this. It truly takes a village!!!

Now onto SPRING sports!!! Volleyball is in full swing for our 4-8th grade girls. Parents, please check your emails or Remind for any messages from coaches regarding practice schedules and tournament information. Good luck ladies on your season!

Baseball and Softball season will be starting shortly. There's still time to sign your child up if they are interested. Coaches will send out an email to parents/guardians with a practice schedule and game schedule when this becomes available. Softball will co-op with Clayton again this year. This will be great for the future of our softball program. Good luck to everyone on your upcoming season!

We would like to give a HUGE SHOUT OUT to our volunteer coaches that have stepped up to help our youth sports program. We truly appreciate everything you do for our kids.

The Booster Club is on the lookout for new "Board Members" this year. We are looking for 3-4 parents to take over these positions. If you are interested, please contact one of the board members for details. We need to keep these positions filled to keep the booster program up and going.



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TOP PERFORMERS ON JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MATH CONTESTS

Paige Davis was the top scoring Turtle Lake student on both the January and February math contests. In February, Paige solved 5 of the 6 problems correctly (5 points). Kaylee Buck and Isaiah Buck each scored 3 points. In January, Paige had 3 points. Paige is the TL mathlete leader through 5 contests with 15 points.



This year's Ag Extravaganza event will be May 10th from 9am-3pm

FFA members bring in their animals to teach younger students about. Each member talks about their animal and has educational posters on display. Students are also able to check out some farm tractors and learn a little bit about tractor safety.



Late winter this year was a busy time for students in 4th and 5th grade and in middle school.

4th, 5th and middle school students participated in a written class-



room spelling bee in January 2022. The school district spelling bee was held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. Four elementary students and six middle school students participated in the district bee. McKayla Pittman, 8th grader, (pictured) won the district bee and participated in an on-line Regional Spelling Bee through CESA 11 on February 11, 2022. All students did a great job and we were glad to be able to continue this tradition for students at Turtle Lake School for another year.

Eighteen 4th and 5th grade students read from a list of 20 fiction and non-fiction books throughout the school year to participate in the WEMTA Battle of the Books competition. On Wednesday, February 23, 2022 these students answered 25 questions on the state battle.

They participated against 213 other elementary teams in the state of Wisconsin. Even though this team did not place in the top 20, they did a great job reading and working as a team to earn points for Turtle Lake Elementary School. Way to go 4th and 5th Graders!





March 7-11th was National School Breakfast Week and we took the opportunity to celebrate our incredible school nutrition staff and their commitment to ensuring that students start their day ready to learn. As of the end of February, 26,363 breakfast meals have been served to our students! Mr. Kindschy presented the "Breakfast Hero" plaque to our Taher staff; as our director and her team are truly our "Heros"! Staff pictured are Patti Langman, Melissa Benson, Angie Losey, Melanie Davis and Mr. Kindschy. (Not pictured: Denise Slack).

