



# Campus Communicator

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## 2022 Early Childhood Screening Day

School District of  
Turtle Lake  
April 7, 2022  
(9 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 30-minute meetings to get to know you and your child. We will use a questionnaire tool called Ages and Stages Questionnaire to discuss your child's individual goals as it pertains to their, pre-academic skills, social-emotional skills, and self-help 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.

## School District set for April 2022 Referendum

In April of 2022, the District will ask voters to approve a referendum for up to \$5.5 million over five years. The new referendum will replace the current referendum that will expire in June. The referendum will ask for up to \$473,000 in the 2022-2023 school year, \$792,000 in 2023-2024, \$1,230,000 in 2024-2025, \$1,355,000 in 2025-2026 and \$1,650,000 in the 2026-2027 school year. For the past two years, we have not levied the full referendum amount because we said that we will not levy it if we do not need it. This is also true for the next five-year referendum. We are using conservative estimates and will only levy if needed.

Over the last five years, we have increased enrollment, paid off debt and have increased savings for large building projects as needed. This was all done as we lowered the mill rate from \$10.45 to a historical low of \$7.42 in the current school year. You may have seen your School District taxes drop in the last tax bill. This was made possible by the increased revenue from enrollment, increased state per-pupil funding, increased property values and the support of our community.

The current mill rate that is used to compute the tax rate is \$7.42. This is very low for this area. The mill rate is projected to be lower in the first two years of the referendum than it is this school year. It will rise in the last three years with it staying below \$8.40 in the final year. The mill rate projections are listed below.

Year	Mill Rate Projection
2021-2022 (Current Year)	\$7.42 (actual)
2022-2023	\$6.88
2023-2024	\$7.31
2024-2025	\$7.70
2025-2026	\$8.08
2026-2027	\$8.34

The mill rate projections are listed below.

**What does operational mean? How will the money be spent?** An operating referendum asks permission from voters to exceed the state-imposed revenue limit for the purpose of funding school operations. It is NOT a referendum to incur debt. Operational expenses are all expenses that go into operating a school. Examples of operating costs are curriculum, utilities, educational programming, personnel, technology, co-curriculars and transportation.

**Why does the district need to go to a referendum?** The current education funding system was implemented in 1993 (29 years ago) and imposed revenue limits on what the district is allowed to receive each year. Revenue limits allow the district to receive aid from the state and local property taxes. Due to high property values in the school district and low spending in 1993, the Turtle Lake School District receives a low amount of state aid. The district is capped at the revenue limit. If we receive more general aid from the state, that aid reduces the local property taxes and does not give the district any new money because of the revenue limit. The solution from the Wisconsin Department of Instruction is to hold a referendum. Please see the WI DPI website on Revenue Limits. [dpi.wi.gov/sfs/limits/overview](http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/limits/overview).

**Do other districts go to referendums?** In the last ten years, nearly 350 districts (approximately 83%) across the state have passed referendums to help with ongoing budget challenges and update facilities. In our region alone, voters in 36 of 39 districts (92%) of our comparison schools in the CESA 11 have supported a referendum. Due to the inequalities in the funding formula, referendums are the only way to increase funding for School Districts.

**Will the School District levy the full amount?** We use conservative estimates to make predictions for the five-year referendum. In 2020-2021 we under levied \$125,000 and in 2021-2022 we under levied by \$372,000. We say UP TO \$5.5 million because we may not levy the full amount.

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# School District set for April 2022 Referendum

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**What if the referendum fails?** The District is not in favor of cutting any current offerings. However, if voters do not support this operational referendum, services that the School Board and Administration feel are important will need to be cut. Also, if we have a failed referendum, any additional funding to the low revenue ceiling will not be given to the Turtle Lake School District for three years or until a future referendum is passed.

## Turtle Lake School District Significantly Exceeds Expectations

**What are the School and District Report Cards?** As part of the state accountability system, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) produces report cards for every publicly funded school and district in Wisconsin. These report cards include data on multiple indicators for multiple years across four Priority Areas (Achievement, Growth, Target Group Outcomes, and On-track to Graduation). In addition, the report cards provide course and program participation information for grades 9-12 for public schools and districts. A school or district's overall accountability score places the school/district into one of five overall ac-

countability ratings:

For the 2020-2021 school year the School District of Turtle Lake earned a Significantly Exceeds Expectations honors. The district is one of only two school districts in the area to achieve this high honor. "We have excellent staff and students that have continued to work hard and be resilient during the pandemic," stated Superintendent Kindschy.

The Elementary School scored the highest in the district by Significantly Exceeding Expectations with a score of 91.8. The Middle School Meets Expectations with a score of 68.9 and the High School Exceeded Expectations with a score of 78.6. Scores can be found at "[www.apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards](http://www.apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards)".

**Turtle Lake School SOS thanks everyone who donated to our Christmas Project!** Betty Rogers, St. Ann's CCW, Jacobson Advanced Eye Care, Davis Auto Body, LLC, Monarch Paving, Louie's Finer Meats, Inc., Lakeplace.com-Brothers Realty, Turtle Lake PTSA, Turtle Lake Lion's Club, Willis & Delores Selle, Turtle Lake FFA Alumni, Monforton's Lake Country Pizza, Spare Time Bowl, Bar & Grill, Donalds-Hylkema Post Aux. 137, Ken & Dianne Moravitz, Dave & Diane Skrupky, David Bounk, Springer Eyecare, Joe Warland, Randy & Cindy King, Turtle Lake Lioness, Colette Kasper, Carol Weber, Kuts N Kurls, Sandra Scribner, Miae Kil, Samina, Nick & Donna Cordes, Virgil & Dolores Niemann, Patrick Wick, Becker's Trucking, Busy B's, Jessica & Dan Orf, Carol & Larry Hanson, Warren & Julie Shortess, Renee Lutz, Halco Press, Kate & Harvey McCann, Mark & Kathy Collins, Dave & Trudy Pabst, Zion LWML, John Kannisto, Mark & Alicia Groth, Dave & Marlys Fredericks, Joe & Mary Beth Waldo, Gary & Dorie Solum, Clara LaBlanc & Bill Olson, Jacob & Katie Jensen, and the Turtle Lake Food Pantry. (These are donors at the time of printing. If we missed anyone, we apologize.)



The Turtle Lake Music Department has been busy with their many holiday concerts. The Elementary Concerts on December 10th were a great success with fun times had by all. Middle and High School Band and Choir students had their concert on December 20th, and everyone did wonderful. The high school students in the Music Department also did some caroling at local businesses around town during the holiday season.

And the fun doesn't slow down! Some of the Middle School Band and Choir students are gearing up to participate in the Lakeland Conference Solo and Ensemble Contest. This will take place on January 25 in Clear Lake.

Other upcoming events for the Music Department: Large Group Festival - March 15 in Shell Lake; Pep Band Playoffs - March 18 in Prairie Farm; Middle and High School Choir Concert - March 21.



The Turtle Lake School S.O.S. (Students Offering Support) program was started over 20 years ago by high school secretary, Judy Deflorian, when she became aware of one family needing assistance over the Christmas holiday. Since that time, the program has grown and this year we were able to help 17 families (35 kids) have a joyous Christmas! The support we receive from the community, staff and students is truly awesome. Clothing and toys were purchased, Christmas dinner along with dessert was donated, a food box was given to each family along with personal care products that were collected by our student body. Our senior class S.O.S. members are: Mercedes Madison, Brendan Strenke, Evan Moravitz, Alita Lieffring, Payton Lamont, Arie Madison, Morgan Mrdutt, Hailey Mikolan, Ali Wagner, Morgan Maier, MaraJade Stoll, Toby Kahl, Bella Thill, John Siebenthal, Blake Thill and Kirstan Keppen. We wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2022! Turtle Lake S.O.S. Committee: Bridget Bader, Sara Kahl, Jean Pabst, Joel Schneider.



The Junior Kindergarten had their Christmas Program on Monday, December 13th. They worked so hard to learn finger plays and songs and all the actions that went along with them to spread the holiday cheer to family and friends. They did an awesome job and put smiles on the faces of all that attended. Happy Holidays from the Turtle Lake Junior Kindergarten classes.



**IT'S THE PLACE TO BE AFTER SCHOOL!**

There's plenty of fun, crafts, and learning at the Little Laker Club! Students in Pre-Kindergarten to 6th grade are welcomed!



Little Laker Club Director, Jennifer Raddatz, shown here with LLC students, states "We are very fortunate to have such a great program in our small community. The LLC is very affordable for families and the kids make lifelong friendships with students and staff members."

The Little Laker Club is open before school from 5:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. and again after school from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. Rates per hour vary from \$4 to \$6.

For more information about the Little Laker Club, please visit the school website at [www.turtlelake.k12.wi.us](http://www.turtlelake.k12.wi.us) and click on the Community tab. You can also call 715-986-4470, Ext 2241 or email Jennifer at [jraddatz@turtlelake.k12.wi.us](mailto:jraddatz@turtlelake.k12.wi.us).



During the month of December, the kindergarten class hopped on an airplane and visited various countries for Holiday's Around the World. We learned about their traditions, favorite treats, and the time of year they celebrate with family and friends. The kids got to go to Italy, Germany, China, Canada, and England. Some of the activities we worked on were decorating stockings, gingerbread men, and making our own dragon. We even got to watch a dragon dance. It was fun to learn about traditions other than our own.



The first graders are having a wonderful 2021-2022 school year. They have been working hard and are having lots of fun! Decorating the hallways, swimming, and reading books are some of their favorite things to do. -Mrs. Wright



The 2nd graders are wrapping up a great start to the year! In math we have been working on measuring using inches and centimeters. They have also been looking at and identifying shapes such as quadrilaterals, pentagons, and hexagons. Another skill that they have continued to work on is their math fact fluency with numbers 1-20.

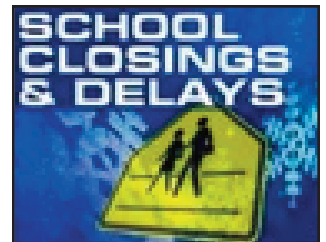
In reading we have been looking at where and when to use quotation marks and commas in writing. We have also continued to find text evidence in stories to help answer impor-

tant questions about what we have been reading.

Let's not forget science! The 2nd graders have been learning all about erosion and the Earth's surfaces, and in social studies they are looking at timelines and learning about the past and present.

We are working hard in second grade and are happy to see the growth our students are achieving!

Mr. Rademacher and Mrs. Walker



Remember to check Facebook, our website and your Skyward e-mail for important announcements about weather related closings or delays. We also announce this information on local radio and TV stations.



## FIFTH GRADE FRACTIONS



Fractions, Fractions, Fractions!! The fifth graders have been working with fractions all year long. They are now able to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions! They have been trying many new activities to help them understand fractions better. They are currently using a math program to help them review called 99math! So, if you see a fifth grader give them a quiz on Fractions!



The Memory Light Tree was again sponsored by the Lakeland Conference Honor Society. Ornaments were purchased in memory of loved ones with all funds going to sponsor scholarships this spring. A special "thank you" to Ms. Mandy Timmers and Mrs. Tina Becker for overseeing this project.

## ... THIRD GRADE BUZZ ...

Back in October, the third graders had a chance to complete their contest from the Barron County Master Gardener's Club. At the end of school year last year, students were given sunflower seeds to plant at their homes. Students then were asked to bring in their largest sunflower head to be measured in October. Mr. Pabst measured all the sunflowers brought in by the third and fourth graders. Only a few students brought in sunflower heads to be measured, but in third grade Charlie Miller came away with the prize. In fourth grade, Kourtney Pabst took home the prize of the largest sunflower head. Their grand prizes were beautiful bird houses! Way to go, Charlie and Kourtney!



4th grade students with their monthly books! Mrs. Church receives donations through Facebook to buy a monthly book for both 4th grade classrooms throughout the school year. Thank you to Mrs. Church and to all the generous people who donated!



Mr. Rademacher's class was awarded the "Reading Achievement Award" for the class with the most books checked out for the first quarter.

## The Counselor's Corner

By Joel Schneider

### JUNIORS AND THE A.C.T.

Every junior in the state of Wisconsin is required by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to take the ACT with Writing in March. In order to give our students the best preparation for this long exam, we will be giving them a practice exam on the first day of second semester. We feel that a practice exam will allow them to understand the grind that a four hour test can take on them. They will learn how to pace themselves and go through the protocols that are set upon them by ACT. A week or so following the practice exam, each student will receive a detailed booklet of not only their score in each area, but a breakdown of each question and whether they got it right or wrong. After that, teachers in their content area will breakdown the more difficult questions and show them the how and why of the correct answers. This has been a huge plus for our students in the past years in preparing for and scoring well in the exam.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

As we roll into the New Year, seniors should be getting more and more active with filling out scholarships. The fall and winter seasons can be slow going in scholarship season, but I am receiving many more scholarships and placing them on the senior's scholarship webpage. Please take a look at this scholarship page with your senior and see which ones apply to them. Some of them are solely intended for TLHS students so they have a great chance of earning some scholarship money.

### Sign up for Notify Me!

Set yourself up to receive automatic text and email notifications for schedule changes and reminders for those activities you want to track. Log back in anytime to modify your settings.

1. Go to the school website: [turtlelake.k12.wi.us](http://turtlelake.k12.wi.us)
2. Click on the calendar tab on the top right side of the page
3. Choose Activity Specific Calendar
4. Click on Notify Me on the right side of the page under the calendar
5. Follow the directions to receive schedule change notifications via email and/or text





## From the Desk of the Elementary Principal

Turtle Lake students in grades 3-8, 10 will once again take the state assessment called the Wisconsin Forward Exam. Students in grades 3-8 will take an ELA and Math exam, grades 4 and 8 will take a Science exam, and students in grades 4, 8, and 10 will take a Social Studies exam. This year, the exam window will be March 21-April 29, 2022. This online exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know, and be able to do, in order to be college and career ready.

There will be much preparation for this exam by teachers and students, especially students in 3rd because they have not taken the test before. All students will be given multiple opportunities to take practice exams weeks before, allowing them to get comfortable with certain tools or manipulatives used on the actual exam. Teachers will be given access to this information so they can become comfortable in teaching the students with these practice exams. All staff members, who work with students taking this test, also go through test security and confidentiality training, along with understanding the accommodations that students with special needs will need, and other professional development. By rule, any special education student who receives accommodations during the school year, according to their IEP, are expected to receive the same accommodations for the Forward Exam. All students will be taking these exams in quiet, non-distracting environments such as the computers labs or classrooms. These exams usually take 1-2 weeks for elementary students to complete, while middle school students can complete in 2-3 days, and high school students about 1 day because of only one subject tested. All students and families will be communicated with the exact dates of their exams as they get closer to the window.

Parents, if you are looking for more information on the Forward Exam, please visit: <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward>. You, yourself, will have access to the same practice tests that the students take at school. Feel free to see what your child will be tested on or challenge yourself to a test. Please note that these practice tests do not give the students the actual test questions, but rather, an idea of what they will be tested on. It also gives teachers great insight into whether content/questions asked has been taught in the curriculum prior to testing. Results from the exam will not be available to districts until this summer, while parents and students will not know results until after September 2022.

If you have further questions regarding the Forward Exam, feel free to contact me at school at 715-986-4470.

Troy Wagner, Elementary Principal

### LAKER ONLINE UPDATE

The School District of Turtle Lake's online school continues to deliver curriculum through an online platform for those who wish to learn in an alternative setting. Although this method of learning can be challenging, many of our Laker Online students have found success with the program. Tenth-grader Leila Smith has been utilizing PEAK for the past two years. She states that online learning "allows me more opportunities to grow my passion for horseback riding. Laker Online has also given me great flexibility so I can do the things I want without being worried about times and dates." When asked to give advice to future Laker Online students, Leila reminds students to "keep on task and monitor yourself so you don't fall behind." If you are interested in becoming part of our Laker Online community, please contact Julie Korish ([jkorish@turtlelake.k12.wi.us](mailto:jkorish@turtlelake.k12.wi.us)) to enroll.



### Community Garden Ready for Spring!

A few months ago, the Turtle Lake Garden Club voted and agreed that the Turtle Lake Community Education Department would be a great fit to take over the organization of the Community Garden located on the southwest side of the school campus.



Since then, improvements to the garden began with tearing out the old and rotting wood plots and preparing the ground. Turtle Lake Community Education was able to fund six new 200+ gallon metal stock tanks, which were set in place in November. Six additional tanks will be added with the help of Carter Wallberg, a local Boy Scout, who is currently fundraising to pay for them.

If you are interested in renting a garden tank, there also may be an opportunity for students to start your plants in the school greenhouse for you. More information will be available regarding that next year.

The tanks are available to rent for the growing season on a first come, first served basis. Cost to rent a tank for the 2022 season will be \$35. If your garden tank is kept weeded and orderly throughout the season, you will be refunded \$20 the following November.

To rent a tank or to help donate funds for the remaining garden tanks, please contact Jennifer Raddatz, Community Education Director, at 715-986-4470, Ext 2241 or [jraddatz@turtlelake.k12.wi.us](mailto:jraddatz@turtlelake.k12.wi.us).



### Livestream Information

All home middle and high school basketball games and wrestling matches will be livestreamed on the school's YouTube channel. Simply go to the school's website and click on the Livestream Games tab on the top right side. Or you can find our YouTube channel by going to YouTube and searching for Turtle Lake School District. Links for away games can be found using the same tab on the school's website when livestreams at those schools are available.

6TH GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



Students in Mrs. Hietala's 6th grade English Language Arts class are currently reading the novel *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech. Students are working hard to make connections and predictions. As students practice this kind of thinking and discuss their ideas with each other, it helps them understand the text more clearly, it helps them understand the life lessons included in the text, and it helps them apply these life lessons to their own personal experiences.

7TH GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



The students in 7th grade English Language Arts are learning about the impact advertising has on the choices they make as consumers. They are currently writing an informational essay explaining how advertising techniques can potentially lead to negative consequences; the students are also including important information about the strategies that can be used to avoid these potentially negative consequences. In addition, students are creating their own advertisements that reflect their understanding of the various techniques used by advertisers. As students reflect on how all of these ideas connect, they begin to realize they need to make wise decisions about how to spend their own money.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are halfway through the school year already. The end of the first semester is January 20th. Our students have been very busy with their studies, music concerts, basketball games, wrestling, and other school activities. Turtle Lake is a small school with big opportunities for students and we are very proud of that. Throughout these Communicator articles you will see several of the great things we do here at Turtle Lake.

Each Wednesday morning during mentor class I meet with our students in an assembly. One of my recurring messages is to challenge students to do their best academically. I want to encourage parents to also take an active role in their child's learning by checking students' grades via SKYWARD.



If you need help setting that up or would like a quick tutorial, please contact the office. We have encouraged our students to check their grades daily during their mentor time to teach them to take ownership of their learning as well.



The Turtle Lake pep band joined forces with the Siren pep band during a recent basketball game in Siren. It was an awesome ex-

perience for our band. The students practiced for about an hour together and then ate pizza before playing before the boys varsity game. Siren will return the favor and join us on January 21st when we play again.

Turtle Lake continues to have a strong tradition of a Youth Apprenticeship program which provides opportunities for our students to gain work-based learning skills. We currently have 14 students enrolled in the program. Youth Apprenticeship (YA) helps to prepare students for the workforce. Students may earn credit while working in a field that interests them. Youth Apprenticeships program focuses on 11 career pathways ranging from agriculture, food services to manufacturing and finance. There are many opportunities for students. I welcome any questions you may have regarding this awesome program. Please let me know if you would like more information.

Our school has been filled with Laker Pride this year. From our student cheering sections at our sporting events to the atmosphere in our hallways, we are overcoming the challenges from the past year. I am very proud of our students, staff, parents, and our community for pulling together. We will continue to provide awesome opportunities for our students and to make this a great school year. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I am always available to talk. It's all about the kids!



Mr. Hinze  
Go Lakers!



**Middle School Forensics** – Another exciting Forensics season is underway! Students are busy choosing their selections and practicing their public speaking skills. At this time, approximately thirty students are planning to participate in the upcoming speaking contests.

It has been a busy start of the year! I am really enjoying getting to know all the students at Turtle Lake Schools and I am having a blast teaching art here. Third, Fourth and Fifth will be wrapping up their art time with me at the end of the semester. We have done a variety of projects and we have learned about a few artists. Ask your child what they remember about Yayoi Kusama, Sandra Silberzweig, Frank Big Bear and Frank Lloyd Wright. I am looking forward to meeting Kindergarten, First and Second graders starting second semester. In middle school we are working on making stop motion animation videos. The students have been so creative doing this! High Schoolers have been doing a variety of projects including drawing, weaving and clay. Turtle Lake students are very talented and I am lucky to be here working with them and you!



Scratch Art by 6th grader  
Lacey Popenhagen

Mrs. Amanda Gislason



**PHYSICAL EDUCATION** – As we near Christmas break the physical education department is as busy as ever. Mr. Bygd's HS physical education class is conducting a lifeguard introductory training course. In this course I am introducing some of the basic lifeguarding skills that will be taught to students who want to become Red Cross certified lifeguards later in the year. The basic skills that we are going over is how to enter the pool, approaching a victim, recognizing if the victim is passive or active, conducting an appropriate rescue, removing victims from the pool and basic lifesaving techniques. Those students who show good ability levels during this course will then be eligible to take the lifeguard training course which will be offered second semester. In my 7-8 grade classes we finished up the racquet sports unit which consisted of badminton and pickleball. During this unit students learn proper serving and volleying techniques as well as scoring and game play strategies necessary to participate in the various tournaments we play during class. In class we play a ladder style tournament where they play timed rounds and teams that win move up the ladder trying to reach the championship court. Teams that lose the round travel in

the opposite direction and match up with teams more their competition level. We also do a round robin tournament where I put together teams and then they compete in a bracket style tournament where they pay each team one time in a game to 11. In the past we have also done some double elimination tournaments to see who are the best pickleball and badminton teams and players. The 6th class at this time were in the swimming unit where they learned the red cross learn to swim curriculum. In this curriculum they try to learn the skills necessary to advance to the next level. As they become better at the strokes and skills then advance to a more challenging level ranging from levels 1-6. The last 2 weeks before break we switched with 7-8 doing swimming and 6th doing racquet sports. In my HS fitness classes, we are in the middle of our BFS weight training/speed and agility training. I also conducted a unit where students got into small groups, developed a 45-minute workout plan and then taught that workout to the rest of the class. It was really fun to see what each group came up with for workouts and warmups, and then be able to teach it to other students.

Mr. Neil Bygd

**OPENGYM/SWIM IS BACK**

Don't miss the reopening of **OPEN GYM/SWIM** at the Turtle Lake School beginning on Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 4pm to 6pm.

Sunday Open Gym/Swim continues through the end of March. (Don't worry, on Super Bowl Sunday, February 13, 2022, Open Gym/ Swim will be closed for you to enjoy the game!)

Thanks to the Mayo Clinic Health System School and Student Support Grant, participants will be enjoying **FREE** admission, healthy snacks, and a variety of **NEW** gym games this year: Giant Floor Piano Mat, 2-in-1 Football Toss and Flying Disc Game, Giant JENGA, Jumbo Connect 4 Game, Shuffleboard Game, World's Largest Putting Pool Table, Floor Scooters.

The school pool will also again be available with Lifeguard Allison on duty from 4pm to 6pm. Remember to **BRING** a Towel!

Registration and gym supervisors are also needed for the Sunday Fun Days. Contact Jennifer Raddatz at 715-986-4470, Ext. 2241 or email [jraddatz@turtlelake.k12.wi.us](mailto:jraddatz@turtlelake.k12.wi.us) to help out!



Since the students have returned from Thanksgiving break, Mr. Mateski's classes have been busy in the pool. The elementary students love the pool. This year we started our time in the pool with a few exploration days. I gave the students a few things I wanted them to work on, but the hour was for them to get in the pool, play, work on skills and explore the aquatic environment since some haven't been in since last winter. It is always fun to see what kids want to show me when they are working on their own in the pool. They are constantly coming up with new tricks. After the first couple of days ended, we worked on our skill levels. Kindergarten has already started to learn Level 1 skills such as floating, bobs, paddles, and their main goal is to become more comfortable in the water. We already have a few Kindergarten students willing to swim in the deep end without a flotation device.



The best part of this year's swimming unit has been something a little new. This year my senior PE class is swimming with the PreK. The numbers have worked out perfectly. We have about 12 high school seniors swimming with 13-14 PreK students. It is the first time the PreK has swam in the Turtle Lake pool during school, and it is impressive to see how far they have come in just a few short days. This is due to how great the high school helpers have been with them. When we return to school in 2022, the Elementary students will jump right into fitness testing, followed by cross country skiing (weather depending), rollerblading, and rock climbing. My High School PE class will be following a similar route.

Mr. Scott Mateski



Contest-1: Top performers for Turtle Lake on the Wisconsin Mathematics League October math contest: Paige Davis and Morgan Maier.



Contest-2: Top Turtle Lake performers on the November WML math contest: Paige Davis, Shayna Rainey, Isaiah Buck.



Contest-3: Top Turtle Lake performers on the December WML math contest: Paige Davis and Daniel Maier.

In cooking class, students made homemade noodles. Doesn't homemade chicken noodle soup sound good this time of the year?

Mr. Josh Hunter was a guest of the Life Skills class. He showed the students the different types of cuts of a deer and how to process venison.

The Life Skills class has now started their sewing unit. They will be sewing on buttons, hand sewing, hemming, and patching. At the end they will pick their own project to make!





# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TURTLE LAKE

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The AP Biology class viewed a kidney transplant surgery at CESA 11 on Tuesday, December 14th. Students listened to surgeons, nurses and other medical professionals talk about their careers and steps that were being performed during the surgery. Students were able to ask real-time questions throughout the process. It was a great experience!



Members of the AP Biology Class are Dakota Adler, Taylor Andersen, Paige Davis, Marissa Hernandez, Blake Hubbard, Jaylee Humphrey, Toby Kahl, Nate Lauritsen, Mercedes Madison, Morgan Mrdutt, Addressa Stoeberl, Courtney Tarman and Lillian Wuorenma.

## The open enrollment application period for the 2022-23 school year is February 7 - April 29, 2022.

**What is Open Enrollment?** The inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend public school in a school district other than the one in which they reside.

**Who can apply?** Any Wisconsin resident in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Open enrollment for early childhood and 4-year-old kindergarten may be limited. Parents should contact us or their resident districts for more information.

**When can parents apply?** The regular open enrollment application period for the 2022-23 school year begins on February 7, 2022, and ends at 4:00 pm on April 29, 2022. The best way to apply is online: <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment/applications> or contact Jean Pabst at 715-986-4470, Ext. 2010 or [jpabst@turtlelake.k12.wi.us](mailto:jpabst@turtlelake.k12.wi.us).

**Do I need to reapply for my children already attending under Open Enrollment?** No. Students already open enrolled based on either a regular application or an alternative application do not need to reapply to attend Turtle Lake Schools.

*Become a Laker – we'd love to have you!*

### Santa's Workshop Comes to Turtle Lake

On Tuesday, December 21, the Middle School Student Council presented the seventh annual Santa's Workshop. Students in grades PreK-5 were invited to shop for presents for their loved ones. For the cost of \$1.00 per gift, each student was able to find a special gift for parents, grandparents, and siblings. There was a variety of items including crafts, scarves/mittens, candy, movies, sports items, and much, much more! This day could not have been possible without the help of our volunteers who stayed throughout the day to wrap over 400 presents for our students. Thank you to Ron & Jean Klein, Marge Bergmann, Diane Bussewitz, Cindy King, Kris Koehler, Theresa Nordell, Diane Hoffman, Lori Moriak, and Brenda Danca. A special thank you to Steve Bergmann and Tony Ranallo for helping with the event throughout the entire year.

Ms. Julie Korish, MS Student Council Advisor



"Junior Achievement is my passion," states Turtle Lake Paraprofessional, Lori Hegg. I have been running classes since 2010, and enjoy every moment. These are very unique classes and opportunities for the students at Turtle Lake, and are totally funded by individuals and local businesses. Without your support, we miss lots of great opportunities to have the future citizens of Turtle Lake graduate from High School, build new businesses in the community as entrepreneurs, and live and raise their families in Turtle Lake. Please feel free to contact me by phone (715)-641-0294. Email me [mlh1977@outlook.com](mailto:mlh1977@outlook.com).

Please support the Turtle Lake students with a donation. You can mail donations to me: Lori Hegg, 218 US Hy. 8, Turtle Lake WI 54889.



The wrestling team has had a great start to the Season. It is my first year as the head coach here and it has been great so far. The main goal for this year is to establish and build a wrestling culture in the Turtle Lake/Clayton wrestling program. The team is on track to doing that. There are twelve wrestlers on the team filling eight varsity weight classes. The kids are doing a great job battling and working hard every day. I am looking forward to see where the rest of this season takes us.

Coach Joe Rademacher



2021-2022 Girls basketball team is off to a good start with a 2-3 record with two of those losses coming from great local teams of Prairie Farm and Osceola. They have posted wins against Cumberland and Grantsburg. The girls are working hard and learning to understand the importance of every role on a team in a sport like basketball. Coach Wagner and Coach Tarman are very proud of the work the girls are putting in knowing that team sports are sometimes tough, but knowing the life-long skills that come with them. They even took a little break one practice and learned some self-defense techniques and skills from the High School English teacher Heidi Plooy. So many of the skills the girls learn from basketball can help them in the future and the coaches want to help the girls as much as possible off the court as they do with skill on the court. Both the JV and Varsity Teams played over the holidays at a Clayton Tournament.