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SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Creativity * Teamwork * Problem Solving Volunteers Needed for Destination Imagination

"Destination Imagination is a 21st century learning program that encourages students to have fun, take risks, focus, and frame challenges while incorporating STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), the arts and service learning." (DI, 2014) Students can choose from DI Challenges in the following areas: Technical, Scientific, Structural, Fine Arts, Improvisational and Service Learning. Students compete in regional and state/country tournaments, and may advance to Global Finals which is held in Knoxville, TN. Destination Imagination is a volunteer-led organization. Up to seven students from grades K-12 can be on a team. Each team has an adult Team Manager. The Team Manager helps students keep focused and learn new skills, but they do not provide the solution to the DI Challenge. DI is a great way for our students to learn and experience the creative process while making new friends and learning to work together. If you are interested in becoming a DI Team Manager, please contact Mary Allen at 920-294-6411 or e-mail at mallen1@glisd.k12.wi.us.



**From The Desk Of
The Principal**

**It's Cool to Stay After
School**

THANK YOU TO ALL PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF THE EAST CENTRAL BENEFIT TRACTOR CRUISE FOR THEIR DONATION TO THE CHILDREN OF THE GREEN LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT. YOUR KINDNESS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are off to a good start at Green Lake School District. Our students are enjoying the beautiful weather in so many ways: at recess, during physical education activities, by testing local water sources in science class and by eradicating buckthorn in the school forest. September was highlighted with our traditional Homecoming events planned by the high school student council. This year was very special because Harvestfest was scheduled for the same weekend, and the high school floats were included in the parade. Teachers had the opportunity to get to know the parents of their students during Parent/Teacher conferences. The PTO prepared a delicious dinner for the teachers- Thank you, PTO! We appreciate the strong connection between home and school.

The football, volleyball and cross-country seasons have come to an end, and students are getting ready for the challenge of winter sports. In addition to sports, our students are busy practicing for band and choir concerts, creating amazing art projects and rehearsing for the school play. We welcome you to attend school events or schedule a time to visit the school to see our students in action.

The main focus of excitement this year has been the daily instruction that is taking place in each of our classrooms. Students in the elementary school are receiving a strong foundation in literacy skills that will prepare them for the rigors of junior high and high school. Their units of study are student-centered and led by in-depth investigations into important content-related ideas. Collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity are incorporated into the activities as they are key to preparing our students for a lifelong journey of learning. Our sixth grade students have already started researching their topics for the annual Exhibition that will take place on May 25, 2016.

Green Lake High School has again been placed on the America's Most Challenging High School List. The Washington Post publishes this list every year and uses student participation in Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) tests each year as the means to rate the rigor of the school. So what does this mean for Green Lake? It means that our high school offers IB classes, and students can take IB tests. However, more important than that, is the fact that all students in Green Lake are given the opportunity to take IB classes and take IB tests. This does not happen in many schools; only the top students are allowed to take the classes and sit for the tests.

We like to think of our school as the "heart of the community". If you are a parent, student, alumni, community member or visitor to Green Lake, we welcome your feedback. Please feel free to contact me at mallen1@glisd.k12.wi.us.

The Green Lake School District is again offering an after school tutoring program for students in grades 1-6. The program is in session on Monday-Thursday from 3:15 to 4:30 in the school library. Students can unwind after a long day at school by participating in a short physical activity with a nutritious snack afterwards. Then it is time to dig into homework! Parents must pick up their child no later than 4:30. The program is coordinated by Diana Galster. High school students and volunteers do the tutoring. We are pleased to say that the after school program is partially funded by the Green Lake County/Ripon Community Foundation. Parents or teachers may refer a student to the after school tutoring program by contacting Mary Allen at mallen1@glisd.k12.wi.us or 920-294-6411.

District Board Of
Education Members

- Meade Grim
- KC Simmers
- Ron Triemstra
- Sue Sorenson
- Sydney Rouse
- Marty Valasek
- Sally Moore



Superintendent
Ken Bates

The Green Lake School District, in partnership with the community, commits to an education of excellence by creating a safe environment that encourages mutual respect, enthusiasm for learning through personal attention, and integrated, challenging curriculum so that students can reach their full potential as positive members of our community and the world beyond the classroom.

The efforts of a small group of dedicated people can make a difference. At least that is what the Green Team believes. The Green Team is made up of the Green Lake Association, the Green Lake Conservancy, the Sanitary District and the Green Lake School District. Last Saturday the Green Team buckthorn removal from Conservancy Properties just went international.

Despite temperatures in the 20s, three of our international students who hail from Viet Nam joined the other volunteers and their science teacher, Jason Ladwig in helping to remove buckthorn from the Norwegian Bay boardwalk woods. Two other Green Lake High School students were there and there were almost more students than adults.

The students helped stack the buckthorn that was being cut by the adults. With the help of Lisa Reas who applied the herbicide, there should be a lot less buckthorn coming up in the future.

Anyone who has worked with this terrible alien species knows how time intensive it is to remove. We all need to join this effort if we want to preserve our native forests. During the morning of work, I was impressed by the positive attitude of all the students and their willingness to help. Their singing and enthusiasm made the cold morning seem more bearable. It also gave us an opportunity to discuss invasive species and how they impact all countries.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

A school board election for the Green Lake School District will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 to fill the following board positions. The term of office for school board members is three years beginning Monday, April 25, 2016.

Incumbents: **Sydney Rouse** and **Susan Sorenson**

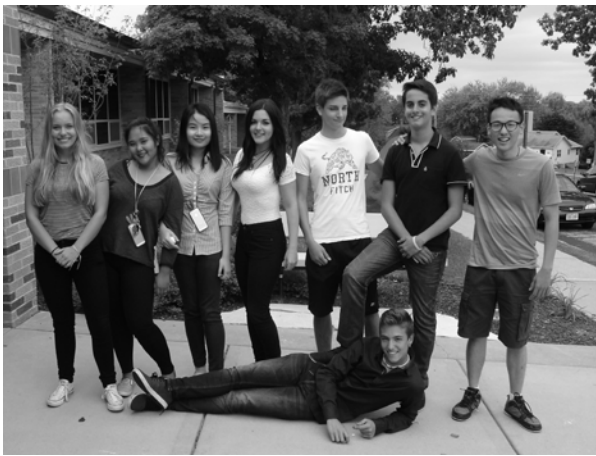
Wednesday, January 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for candidates to file Declaration of Candidacy forms and Campaign Registration Statements in the office of the school district. A candidate who misses the January 5, 2016 filing deadline will not qualify for the ballot.

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

Declaration of Candidacy forms and Campaign Registration Statements can be obtained on or after December 1, 2015 from the school's district office at 612 Mill Street, Green Lake, WI 54941.



**VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR PICTURES AND UPDATES
FROM THE GREEN LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT.**



Welcome to Our International Students

We would like to welcome this year's GLISP (Green Lake International Student Program) Students to the Green Lake School District. Juan from Tobasco Mexico, Thu, Minh and Quynh from Hanoi Vietnam, Alicia from San Lorenzo de el Escorial Spain, and Alvaro and Rodrigo from Madrid Spain. We also welcome Frida who is our Rotary student from Sweden. Thank you for choosing to pursue your education at Green Lake High School. We are happy that you are here.

Notes from the Nurse:



We ask that if your child is not feeling well to consider keeping him/her at home. This information is to serve as an informational guideline in preventing the spread of communicable disease in school. If any of the following symptoms are noted, they should not be at school:

- A temperature of 100 degrees or more
- On antibiotics less than 24 hours
- A productive cough or continuous coughing
- Purulent (green, yellow, thick, or otherwise unusual) nasal or eye drainage
- Diarrhea or frequent stools
- Skin rashes/eruptions
- Red throat, swollen glands around jaws, ears, or neck
- Complaints of ear ache, severe stomach ache, sore throat, severe headache
- Nausea or vomiting (during the night or in the morning)
- Lethargy, complaints of muscular aches and pains
- Head or body lice

Students presenting any signs or symptoms mentioned above should remain home until they are symptom free for 24 hours. Our purpose is not only to protect all students, but also prevent students from returning to school with a decreased resistance to infections. Your cooperation in maintaining a healthy school environment for all students is appreciated.

ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



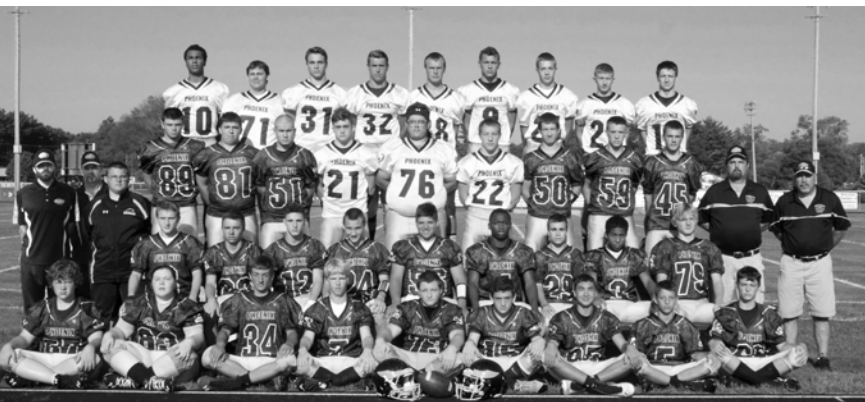
September: Kate Burkhart October: Brian White

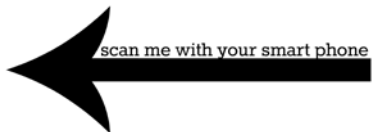
Introducing GLHS Rotary Students of The Month. Chosen by GLSD Administration, these students exhibit excellence both academically and through community involvement. Each student chosen will attend meetings to learn more about Rotary International.



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November 30th -December 23rd



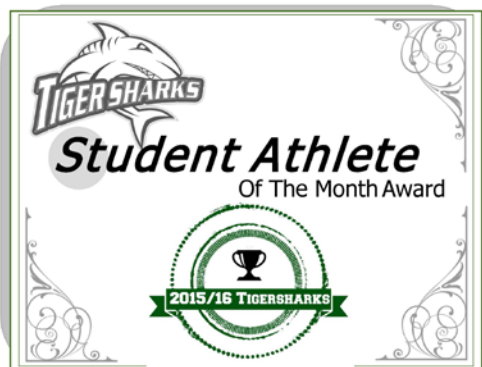


TigerShark Final Results

Football finished the season 7-3 after losing in the 1st round of WIAA playoffs. They finished 3rd in conference with a 4-2 record.

The **Volleyball** team finished the season with 11 wins and made it to the semifinal of the regional.

Cross Country - The boys team finished 2nd at the conference meet. They also finished 6th at sectionals. The girl's didn't have enough runners to compete as a team but had 3 individual runners at sectionals.



September



Kristen Baranowski - Volleyball



Brian Jones - Cross Country



Daniel Krause - Football

October



Britney Richter- Volleyball



Emily Boelter - Cross Country



Connor Van Crete - Football

Fall Play

This year will be Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, showing on December 5th only at 2:00 and 6:00 pm. Adults will be \$6 and students will be \$4.

Synopsis: Here is a delightfully refreshing version of Charles Dickens's classic Christmas tale told from a new perspective — a young boy's grandfather. Thomas enjoys spending time at his grandfather's prominent London business, but has trouble understanding why his grandfather would give his hard-earned money to the poor. This gives Grandfather the perfect opportunity to tell the story of Ebenezer Scrooge as he recalls it, and a traditional retelling of A Christmas Carol comes to life onstage as a play-within-a-play. As the story goes, of course, revelations brought by visiting his past, present, and future with three ghosts persuade Scrooge to turn his life around. In this beautifully written adaptation, you'll find all of the classic Charles Dickens characters, including Jacob Marley, Scrooge's sister Fan and even his long-lost Belle. The play ends uniquely with a heartwarming surprise for all as we learn who Thomas' grandfather really is.

Cast list is as follows:

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| Grace Reininger | Old Man/Young Scrooge |
| Ella Hoch | Thomas |
| Valerie Oswald | Bob Cratchit |
| Abby Pipho | Scrooge |
| Mila Chetto | Orphan Lillian/Boy Scrooge |
| Sebastian Nowicki | Fred/Marley |
| Zoe Davis | Mrs. Dilber/ Ghost of Christmas Present |
| Kallie McHale | Ghost of Christmas Past/ Ghost of Christmas Future/Sister Serenity |
| Dorothy Molthan | Fan/Solicitor/Topper |
| | |
| Dominique Schwartz | Mrs. Cratchitt |
| Kera Hollatz | Tiny Tim |
| Lily Selthofner | Sister Angelene |
| Alexis Ahrens | Mary/Polly |
| Raven Davis | Elizabeth/Emma |
| Michaela Kosti | Orphan/Old Joe |
| Ruby Godinez | Orphans |
| Ruben Godinez | |

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Bucks Pick Tigershark Band for Big Game

The Milwaukee Bucks have chosen the Princeton-Green Lake Tigershark Band for their “band of the game” for the November 14th home game against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Each year high school bands apply to be the “band of the game” for Milwaukee Bucks home games. The bands that are chosen will play in the Bradley Center before the game, usually during player warm-up. After the performance the students then stay for the game, paying for their own tickets, of course.

In recent years the biggest selling game of the season for the Bucks has been the game against the Cleveland Cavs with one of the league's biggest current stars, LeBron James. To be chosen for this big night's performance came as a surprise to Tigershark directors Janelle Fishbaugher and Jon Roti Roti. Princeton's Fishbaugher said "The students are thrilled to be a part of such a big game. They always look forward to playing down by the court close to the players and seeing themselves on the big screen."

“One of the drawbacks of being so honored is the ticket price” stated Green Lake's Roti Roti. “In the past few years of doing this gig our ticket prices have been \$20-25. This year our tickets are \$44 because of LeBron.”



National Bullying Prevention Month - October

Throughout the month of October, Green Lake School District had several activities designed to prevent bullying and promote kindness. At the beginning of the month, School Counselor, Mrs. Katie Loest and School Counseling Intern, Mrs. Morna Helbach went from classroom to classroom to discuss various activities that would occur and the importance of the activities. Students excitedly participated in the following anti-bullying themed dress up days: **Friday, October 9th: Sports Team Day**- Be a good sport not a bully. Wear the apparel representing your favorite sports teams, **Friday, October 16th: Sweatpants Day**- Being nice to everyone is no sweat. Wear your comfy sweatpants, **Wednesday, October 21st: Unity Day**- Let's stand united as a school and participate in Pacer's Unity Day. Wear ORANGE to stomp out bullying, **Friday, October 23rd: Everyone Counts Day**- Wear something that has numbers on it, and **Friday, October 30th: Pajama Day**- Together we can put bullying to rest. Throughout the month, classroom teachers brought focus to kindness and bullying prevention through classroom activities and discussions.

Toward the end of the month the school counseling team visited again to give the opportunity for interested students to sign the "Pledge to Be A Kid Against Bullying" and get an anti-bullying bookmark. The basics of the pledge are: Speak up when I see bullying, Reach out to others who are bullied, and Be a friend whenever I see bullying. The pledge, student signatures, and related pictures are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the main office.

Throughout the remainder of the year, 4K through 8th grade students and their teachers will complete Children's Hospital of Wisconsin's Act Now! Bullying Prevention Curriculum. Through the activities and curriculum, students will build skills to prevent and stop bullying when it occurs by: learning the difference between conflict and bullying, building interpersonal and conflict resolution skills, learning assertive comebacks, exploring empathy, learning ways to help victims of bullying, and in the older grades, talking about cyber bullying. Each year students will continue this curriculum.



New Staff Members at GLSD:

Gretchen Feeney - French

Casey Kuehn - Tech Ed

Alexandra Louis - Social Studies

Jessica Bowman - Special Education

Lisa Schilling - Special Education





In the Words of a 6th Grader by Emma Moore

Green Lake Elementary School is part of a program called the Primary Years Programme (PYP). This is a program where students are not simply taught their multiplication facts and are assigned to read chapters on the Civil War, but are taught how to treat one another with respect and become a good human being. We learn skills that can be used all the way throughout life and put us on the road to a better future. Knowing how to do four times eight and understanding that the South wanted to be a separate country may be important, but the PYP allows us to be able to understand our learning and one day be the person we've always wanted to be.

In the beginning of the school year, the upper elementary classes make their "Essential Agreements." This is a set of agreements that the class comes up with that everyone agrees to follow. We start with everyone brainstorming ideas that are narrowed down to a few main ideas. We then vote on five that we would like to be our "Essential Agreements" and the agreement is signed by everyone in the class. This helps students know why we have rules and engage them more into understanding them and following them. It also lets us have a say in what we have to follow for nine months of the year.

During our elementary school years, we are taught the International Baccalaureate (IB) Attitudes and Learner Profiles. The IB Attitudes are attitudes we should have to help us learn. We discuss all the IB Attitudes several times a year and think about how we can stride towards using them in our everyday lives. The IB Learner Profiles show the different qualities you should have to be a good learner. Every month we put a spotlight on one of the profiles and focus on having that quality by using it as much as we can in the classroom. Students in the past years have been awarded if they distinctly show they have that trait by having their picture posted in the hallway. Throughout the school, you can see in the hallways what classes are doing and working on that all tie in to these Attitudes and Profiles.

At the end of our PYP program when we are in sixth grade, we work the entire year on our Exhibition project. What we do in exhibition is we pick a problem in the world that we would like to learn about, then we study and learn about that topic so we can become an expert. All the while, we learn how to accept other people's point of view and ideas, cooperate with one another, work in groups, work alone, and more. At the end of the year, we present all of the work we have done throughout the year and inform people about our topic. We must also make an act to help solve that problem. This is where we take all of the knowledge we had gained through our primary years about how we should learn and act and use it to help solve a world problem.

The Primary Youth Programme is very important to the students at our school. It allows us to dig deeper into our subjects, help us understand the reasons to learn, learn to work with many different types of people, and help us so that in the future we can lead the life we want to lead. It is an interactive learning program that provides a great working environment and prepares us for the real world that lies ahead.



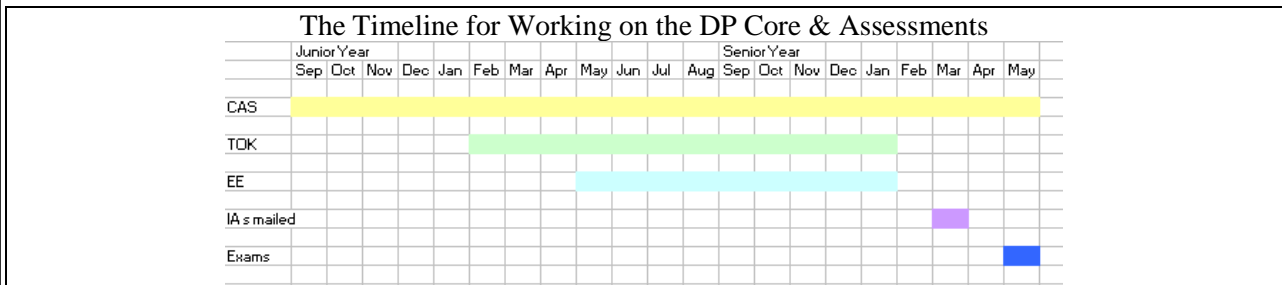


Scholarships and Aid for Diploma Program Students

Our staff is geared-up to support all juniors and seniors, including those seeking International Baccalaureate assessment in May 2016. The table below reveals the meaning of some of the commonly used IB and Diploma Program terms.

| Common IB Abbreviations | |
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| IB | International Baccalaureate |
| DP | Diploma Program, for 11 th -12 th graders only |
| MYP | Middle Years Program, for 7 th -10 th graders |
| PYP | Primary Years Program, for grades 4K-6 |
| IA | Internal Assessment ~ DP student class work sent to the IB in March |
| EA | External Assessments ~ the May exams |
| DP Core | TOK, EE and CAS |
| EE | Extended Essay ~ 40 hours of work, student produces a 4000 word research paper |
| HL | Higher Level Course ~ a 2-year course that includes at least 240 teaching hours |
| SL | Standard Level Course ~ a 1 or 2-year course that includes at least 150 teaching hours |

If a student has chosen to pursue the full diploma, most of his/her course work will be just like the work of others in the class. This includes class work submitted to the IB and the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) class. Full diploma students also record their Creativity-Activity-Service (CAS) and prepare an Extended Essay (EE). The chart below shows the timeframes for various portions of the full-diploma work, starting during junior year and running through the end of senior year. Also in the senior year, student work will be submitted to IB in mid-March and the student will sit for exams in May. Many colleges offer scholarships for full-diploma candidates.



New this year, a local donor is offering a \$1,000 Work-Ethic Scholarship to one full-diploma candidate. (Thank you so much!) Qualifiers will have a strong work ethic, will exhibit gratitude in their daily lives and will submit all required work before the deadlines established by teachers and Ms Priske.

If a student is not a full-diploma candidate, he or she can still benefit from the Diploma Program by signing up for course certificates during senior year. Many colleges give advanced-placement credit for higher-level course certificates. To earn a course certificate, a student completes the same work as others in his/her class, some of his/her work is submitted to the IB by mid-March and he/she sits for exams in May.

Both full diploma and course certificate students must register for their May exams. There are exam fees. If cost is the only reason a student does not register for a course certificate, remember that students who qualify for free or reduced lunch will have their fees paid for them. Because there is a gap between being able to afford these fees and qualifying for free and reduced lunch, the school foundation will provide up to ten, \$270 scholarships to encourage ten students in financial need to try to earn a course certificate.

| May 2016 DP Exam-Fee Structure | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| (Late fees apply; Do not miss the November 10 deadline) | |
| Registration Fee | \$160 per student |
| Course Fees | \$110/course |
| Number of courses | Total Cost |
| 1 | \$270 |
| 2 | 380 |
| 3 | 490 |
| 4 | 600 |
| 5 | 710 |
| *6 | \$820 for full diploma |
| 7 | 930 |

Contact Ms Priske, priskep@glsd.k12.wi.us, for a May 2016 exam registration form or more information about Green Lake Schools' International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

School Closing Information: When weather conditions necessitate an early school dismissal, the school district and parents have a shared responsibility for the safety of the students. The school district will operate under the assumption that students in grades 5 and above are able to supervise themselves at home and supervise their younger brothers and sisters when school is dismissed early, and a parent is not at home. Parents who are not at home during the day due to work schedules are encouraged to discuss with their children the procedures they should follow if they will be at home without adult supervision due to an early school dismissal. The school district will contact the parents of students in grades 4K-4 who do not have an older sibling to inform them of the emergency situations which require an early school dismissal. To sign up for a text alert when Green Lake School is delayed or closed go to: http://www.fox11online.com/subindex/about_us/text_alerts and follow the prompt. Make sure to pick Green Lake School as your school.

The school district will attempt to contact radio and television stations prior to 6:15 a.m. whenever school is canceled or the start of the school day is delayed.

- Radio stations which will broadcast information about the Green Lake Public Schools weather/emergency related schedule changes are WRPN (1600 AM) and WISS (102.3).
- Television stations which will broadcast the information are Green Lake Cable 98, WLUK-TV, WMTV-TV, WGBA-TV, WFRV-TV, and WBAY-TV.

Please make note that anytime school is canceled or dismissed early due to weather, road conditions, or other emergencies, all after school activities, athletic practices and contests are also canceled.

Weather conditions may make school bus travel unsafe on some roads. Each bus driver has been given the authority to determine if a portion of his/her route is unsafe for travel due to road conditions.



The winter season has arrived! For the safety of our children, the elementary teachers have agreed on some winter recess attire rules. These rules must be followed by all children, or they will be required to spend the recess inside.

1. All children must have winter boots to play outside. Those without boots will have to stay in the "No Boot Zone".
2. All children grades 4K-3 must wear snow pants to go out in the snow. Children in these grades who have boots, but no snow pants will be required to stay on the blacktop.
3. Children in grades 4-6, snow pants are optional. Those without snow pants may not play in the snow.
4. Please help to make sure your child is wearing attire that they are able to independently put on and remove.

****hats and mittens are required at all times****

We have a program available that will provide items for any family that is not able to purchase the necessary items for school. If you have a need, feel free to contact your child's teacher or you can email the Student Office at dornfelda@qlsd.k12.wi.us.

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Important Dates:



November 26th – 27thThanksgiving Recess
December 24th January 1stWinter Recess

Winter Concert Dates

December 22ndElementary Winter Concert
High School Gymnasium
6:00pm: 4K-5th

December 15thMiddle School & HS Band Concert
Heidel House
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

December 10thHigh School Winter Concert
Thrasher Opera House
7:00 - 8:00pm

