



# Pirate Press

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*Mission Statement: The School District of Fall River collaborates with the community and families to create a safe and challenging learning environment that prepares all students to be responsible citizens that are life long learners.*

## Fall River School newsletter for January 2015

### Superintendent Update

Happy Holidays! This time of season always seems to sneak up on us so quickly! It is a wonderful time of year! I enjoy attending the various school and community functions that celebrate the Holiday Season. I always believe this is the best time of the year to truly take time and spend it with your family. The Fall River community is a strong community that cares about each other. We have a strong community and the family unit is the central focus of many of our decisions.

I am proud to be part of the Fall River Learning Community. I am supported in my decisions to do the very best for each child that attends our school. I am supported by a highly trained and dedicated staff. I am supported by families and the community to make our educational system stronger than ever. Being part of the Fall River Learning Community is something special!! We have great support and traditions in our community. At times there may be some concerns or issues, but in times of need, we all show our support for each other.

I want to take the time to Thank You for supporting our Fall River Learning Community, you are the reason we are successful at what we do. It is awesome what our kids become in the 13 years they go to school in our community. Their journey begins in kindergarten where they begin to explore and learn things on a daily basis. The proud moment in all of our lives is when they cross the stage at Fall River School District and are ready for the next chapter of their life. It is awesome to be a part of the journey with the Fall River Learning Community. Thanks for your support of our school district!





### Fall River School Board Members

Doug Lee ..... President  
 Waren Koenig..... VP  
 Ember Schultz-Roughen .....Clerk  
 Wendy Corlett ..... Treasurer  
 David Brozek..... Member  
 Kellie Manning.....Superintendent  
 Jim Docter .....Principal  
 Brian Zacho..... Assistant Principal

Next School Board Meeting is Wednesday, January 14, 2015 beginning at 7:30pm in the library.

### Girls Basketball News

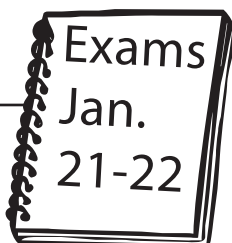
The girls' basketball team has an ongoing fundraiser to help with summer camps and tournaments. The fundraiser consists of selling Kwik Trip Gift Cards that can be used for gas or other purchases. There is no additional cost to the buyer. We currently have cards in \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. If you would like to support the team by purchasing a card, please see any girls' basketball team member, Mr. Doolittle, or Mrs. Koch. **These cards also make great Christmas Gifts!** Checks can be made out to Fall River School. This fundraiser will be ongoing, so cards will be available throughout the year.

**Looking for a last minute stocking stuffer?** All middle school kids could use a fresh supply of pencils and all need to have their own headphones or earbuds.

**Teacher In-service/No School  
Friday, January 23rd**

### Semester Exams

Parents, please be aware that semester exams are scheduled for January 21st and 22nd.



### School Closing Information

For information on school closings, delayed starts or early dismissals due to weather conditions, check the school website [www.fallriver.k12.wi.us](http://www.fallriver.k12.wi.us) or listen to the following radio and/or television stations:

#### Radio Stations

WXRO 95.3 FM                      WBEV 1430 AM

#### Television Stations

WMTV Channel 15                  WKOW Channel 27  
WISC Channel 3

All changes are relayed to the radio/TV stations as soon as they are known, usually between 6:00-8:00 a.m. Please do not call the school for information. Discuss special instructions with your children now to prevent confusion later on.

### Fitness Center News

Looking for a Fitness Instructor to do group exercise classes. Contact Kaleb Webb if interested at 484-3333 x260.

Check out our website at [www.fallriver.k12.wi.us](http://www.fallriver.k12.wi.us) and click on Recreation Department for information on:

- Water Aerobics
- Boot Camp
- Adult Volleyball
- Hours
- Rates
- Personal Trainer - Kaleb Webb

### Thinner Winner Contest 2015

It's an individual or team weight loss competition held here at the Fitness Center. The competition will start January 5th and end February 26th. Cost is \$60 which give you access to all the Boot Camp classes as well as Fitness Center for the duration of the contest.

There will be a weigh-in at the beginning and a weigh-out at the end. Class times are TBD but are usually at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm with each class lasting approximately 1 hour. Weight loss is based on the percentage of total bodyweight lost. Winners receive 1 year Fitness Center passes or 2 free Boot Camp sessions. Free Dri-Fit shirt for all contestants. Registrations will be available November 1st both at the Fitness Center and Online. Check the Rec Department website for updates and registration information.



### Fall River Pirate Foundation News

#### Board Members

Matthew Schroeder..... President  
 Brian Frank.....Vice President  
 Douglas Waterworth..... Treasurer  
 Coby Curkeet.....Secretary  
 Judith Robbins..... Member  
 Dwane Talg.....Member  
 Jim Docter.....Member  
 Next meeting is Wednesday, January 7th, at 6:30 pm in the multi-purpose room.

Winter Pirate Poker Party! - see page 12

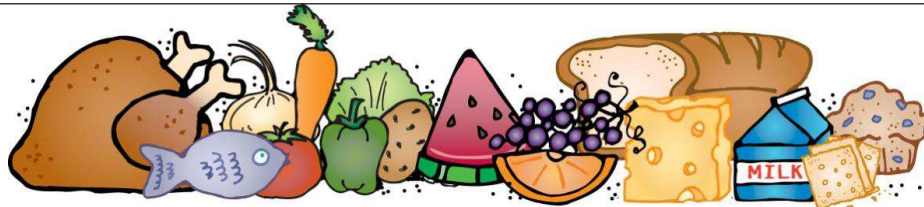
#### Pirate Apparel

The Fall River Pirate Foundation is working with MyLocker to offer customized Pirate Apparel. There are thousands of items and designs to choose from. They offer t-shirts, sweat-shirts, jackets, pants, shorts, hats, and blankets. Go to our website at [fallriverpiratefoundation.com](http://fallriverpiratefoundation.com) and click on Shop.

The Fall River Pirate Foundation was organized last August by a group of parents to build modern facilities for Fall River students, visitors, and the entire community. For more information check out our website at [fallriverpiratefoundation.com](http://fallriverpiratefoundation.com).

We want to say Thank you! to all who donated to the NICC Foundation by either participating in hat and PJ day or by donating to the Giving Tree when they came to see Santa at the fire station. In total we raised over \$300 to help children in need this holiday season.

From Santa's Helpers



Fall River National Honor Society is sponsoring an ongoing Food Drive for the Columbus/Fall River Food Pantry. The second Tuesday of the month, we ask all students (4k-12th) and staff to please bring in the designated item. Items may be placed in a box in the classrooms. Please remember to check expiration dates. Thank you for helping us support this worthy cause.

December 9<sup>th</sup>: A can of Soup - Thank you for the soup!

January 13<sup>th</sup>: A can of Fruit

February 10<sup>th</sup>: A box of Macaroni & Cheese

March 10<sup>th</sup>: A box of Cereal

April 14<sup>th</sup>: A can of Tuna

May 12<sup>th</sup>: A jar of Peanut Butter





## **MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

***Held November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 7:30 p.m.***

Meeting called to order by School Board President Doug Lee at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC. Board members present: Doug Lee, Warren Koenig, David Brozek, Wendy Corlett and Ember Schultz-Roughen.

Administration present: Kellie Manning, Jim Docter and Brian Zacho. Also in attendance were nineteen members of the community and staff.

### ***Public Comment***

Phyllis Foulkes – Resource period, Study Hall, English & Language Arts

Steve Rubert – Long Term Care (LTC)

Judy Rubert – LTC

Scott Steers – Annual Meeting & budget

Chris Ducat – WECAN – Math Posting

Brad Johnsrud – Open Records Request, LTC, Amended Agenda, Changes

### ***Board Response to Public Comment***

Ember Schultz – Roughen addressed the concerns of LTC. Doug Lee addressed the concerns of Mr. Scott Steers.

### ***Administrator Response to Public Comment***

Administration commented on common core, notices and benefits.

Mr. Zacho addressed the concerns of the resource period and swimming class. Mr. Docter addressed resource. Mrs. Manning addressed LTC, WECAN math posting and open records request.

### ***Approval of Minutes***

Motion made by Brozek, second by Koenig, to approve the minutes of the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 regular school board meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote, all in favor. Motion made by Brozek, seconded by Schultz-Roughen to approve the minutes of the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 closed session meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote, all in favor. A motion was made by Corlett, seconded by Koenig to approve the minutes of the October 29<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote, all in favor.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Beginning Month COH	\$ 1,191,431.70
Receipts	\$ 12,887.63
Disbursements	\$ 445,161.27
Ending Month COH	\$ 1,273,906.69

### ***Payment of Vouchers***

Motion made by Koenig, second by Brozek to approve payment of vouchers #411937 through #412002 in the amount of \$29,893.79 and payroll for November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote, all in favor.

### ***Student Council Report***

School Board Representative, Hunter Lee, was present and updated the board on upcoming events. Student Council will be doing community service work on December 13<sup>th</sup>. They will be doing bell ringing outside of Pick 'n Save in Columbus for the Salvation Army.



### ***Superintendent's Report***

Election deadlines and forms were reviewed.

Leasing of Athletic Property – Current lease is an 8<sup>th</sup> month lease that will conclude on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Grade Level Retreats – Retreats are being planned for the Elementary teachers. Some of the items to be covered are curriculum and professional development.

LTC – was covered in the Administration's response to public comment.

### ***Principal's Report***

- a. Sports update – Fall season has concluded with a number of our athletes being recognized for their accomplishments. The winter season is underway.
- b. PBIS – Update on what the program is and the goals.
- c. Teacher Inservice – The next inservice will be on November 26<sup>th</sup> and will be covering Professional Development.

### ***Assistant Principal's Report***

- a. Goals Meeting – Update on goals meetings with teachers
- b. Walk Throughs – Update on what a walk through is and what Administration's role is and what the Teacher's roles are.
- c. Veteran's Day Program – There was a very nice program at the school to honor our veteran's on this special day.

### ***Building and Grounds Report***

No report

### ***Old Business***

No Old Business for consideration

### ***New Business***

- a. Employee Resignation – Motion was made by Brozek, seconded by Koenig to accept the resignation of John Moore as High School Math Teacher and to waive the \$2,000.00 breach of contract fee. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. All in favor.
- b. Employment Recommendation – Motion was made by Schultz-Roughen, seconded by Koenig to accept the employment recommendation of Janel DeZarn as Bookkeeper and to remove exempt part of her work agreement. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. All in favor. A motion was made by Brozek, seconded by Corlett to accept the employment recommendation of Shelby Hansen starting on January 23, 2015 as Family and Consumer Science Teacher. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. All in favor.
- c. School Nurse Position – The position has been posted. The state requirements for this position is that it needs to be held by a Registered Nurse (RN). There a couple of candidates but they are not interested in the position at the current hourly compensation.
- d. Taher – Taher food service representatives were present to discuss and share with the board the food service program and what is currently being offered and some the changes they have made to the food service program.

Motion by Corlett, seconded by Brozek to adjourn to executive session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c), for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility





(Staffing, Benefits, Compensation). Roll call vote: Lee—yes, Koenig—yes, Brozek—yes, Corlett—yes, Schultz-Roughen—yes. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote, all in favor. Meeting moved to closed session at 8:30 p.m.

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Ember Schultz-Roughen, Board Clerk

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Donna Waterworth, Board Secretary

**Closed Session:**

Closed Session Minutes 11/19/2014

Entered closed session at 8:45 p.m.

-It was decided that topics of discussion will be postponed to be discussed in open session at a special meeting

-Special meeting will be held on Wednesday December 3, 2014 at 6:00p.m.

9:20p.m. - Motion to return to open session by Brozek, Second by Corlett

Returned to Open Session 9:23 p.m.

-Motion to postpone all discussions scheduled for closed session to special board meeting on Wed December 3, 2014 at 6 p.m. Motion made by Schultz-Roughen, Second by Koenig

-Motion to adjourn. Made By Brozek, Seconded by Corlett

Adjourned 9:24 p.m.

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Ember Schultz-Roughen, Board Clerk

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Doug Lee, Board President



## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

*Held December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 6:00 p.m.*

Meeting called to order by School Board President Doug Lee at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Doug Lee, Warren Koenig, David Brozek, Wendy Corlett and Ember Schultz-Roughen. Administration present: Kellie Manning. Also present 23 community and staff members.

### Old Business:

- a. Staffing Update – Update on elementary numbers, Kevin Book will be teaching Math and continuing his CAPP class and there will be a long term sub for Social Studies. There will be new teacher for Family and Consumer Science starting January 23, 2015. She would possibly be able to teach German. Alyssa Rahe will be conducting our ELL/ACCESS testing. There are approximately 15 students that will be participating in this testing. There are new regulations coming that will affect people that work more than 30 hours a week, included in those people are long term substitutes or substitutes that work more than 30 hours a week. This will need future discussion. Nurse position still is not filled. Past practice for work agreements is that they were included in board packets and once approved electronic signatures were added. Ember Schultz-Roughen has indicated that she does not want an electronic signature and would like all work agreements individually signed.
- b. Benefits update – After discussion with our bank it is possible that we can have direct withdrawals done for most if not all of our payroll payables. HAS (Health Savings Account) – this is replacing the flex health spending account and has been available to all staff on our insurance including those retirees that have opted to keep the health insurance. This benefit is \$2,000.00 for those that carry a family policy and \$1,000.00 for those that carry a single policy. Discussion will need to take place if we are offering HAS's to just current employees. Employee Benefits Corporation can manage our Cobra insurance needs. We will look into what that would cost the district. The district is currently paying 100% of a single policy and 85% of a family policy for dental insurance. It is that time of year again to start looking at compensation and office structure.
- c. Food Service – Participation appears to be slightly down. However there was a large graduating class last year.
- d. Treasures Report - tabled

### New Business

- a. Short term borrowing – The board was updated on the possibility of the need to short term borrow. Farmers and Merchants bank sent information on how it works including the max amount and the current interest rate.

Steve Rubert was given 30 seconds to speak on LTC.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brozek, seconded by Koenig. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Ember Schultz-Roughen, Board Clerk

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Donna Waterworth, Board Secretary



# Check Summary

Check #	Vendor Name	Check Amount		Check Amount
412004	CORLETT, AARON	50.00		412034 UNITY HEALTH INSURANCE 65,169.74
412005	MC CANN, LARRY	50.00		412035 DELTA DENTAL OF WISCONSIN 0.00
412006	KROMBOS, TERRY	50.00		412036 DELTA DENTAL OF WISCONSIN 6,932.91
412007	SPORS, JARED	50.00		412037 AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTORS 0.00
412008	SKATE EXPRESS	248.00		412038 AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTORS 5,125.26
412009	WINGZ N THINGZ	41.68		-5,125.26
412010	WISCONSIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM	12,884.44		412039 STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY RC 0.00
412011	WI SCTF	638.34		412040 STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY RC 2,485.08
412012	WISCONSIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM	12,884.44		412041 AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTORS 0.00
412013	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	2,581.07		412042 AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTORS 5,125.26
412014	COMDATA	197.49		412043 MAYNARD, JAMES 352.32
412015	FALL RIVER UTILITY	2,123.78		412044 MICK FISCHER TROPHY 318.71
412016	FRONTLINE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP,	3,280.00		412045 GREG SCHERNECKER 50.00
412017	SAM'S CLUB/GECRB	916.42		412046 TAHER 25,469.52
412018	TAHER	27,133.52		412047 TRATAR, HOLLY 100.00
412019	DELTA DENTAL OF WISCONSIN	6,565.58		412048 WACKETT, PATTY 50.00
412020	CORLETT, AARON	50.00		412049 WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHL 146.75
412021	RON KENNEDY	40.00		412050 CAPITAL NEWSPAPERS 55.22
412022	KUCHENBECKER, KEVIN	40.00		412051 COMDATA 84.44
412023	MC CANN, LARRY	50.00		412052 DUFFY BROTHERS 176.02
412024	WIPPERFURTH, DANIEL	60.00		412053 HAWKINS, INC. 720.83
412025	YOUNG, TOM	60.00		412054 HEID MUSIC COMPANY 175.86
412026	HORACE MANN LIFE INSURANCE CO	380.00		412055 LANDMARK SERVICES COOPERATIVE 2,647.16
412027	THE VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST	600.00		412056 MANNING, KELLIE 304.53
412028	CORY BAHR	50.00		412057 MAYNARD, JAMES 265.49
412029	CORLETT, AARON	40.00		412058 NAPA AUTO PARTS 91.59
412030	RON KENNEDY	40.00		412059 NORTH AMERICAN MECHANICAL INC 4,125.00
412031	KUCHENBECKER, KEVIN	50.00		412060 SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY 127.26
412032	SCHUMACHER, DAVID	60.00		
412033	SHOOKMAN, TIM	60.00		Totals for checks 186,248.45





**High School High Honors (GPA of 3.4 or higher)**

Seniors

Tyler Baerwolf, Payton Camp, Kip Castellano, Julisa Diaz, Timothy Ebert, Amanda Gould, Morgan Hernandez, Cassandra Koch, McKenzie Lange, Hunter Lee, Alfonso Martinez Infante Salazar, Emily Neuman, Mackenzie Patrick, Samuel Robbins, Joshua Salzman, Joseph Schroeder, Antonio Seaman, Samuel Smith, Hunter Tank, Megan Waterworth and Lindsey Yuds

Juniors

MacKenzie Challoner, Lexi Colotti, Kailey Corning, Helen Diaz, Brianna Engebretson, Haley Gregorio, Alyssa Klecker, McKenna Klein, Mariah Koch, Travis Miller, Taylor Moore, Brooke Pasewald, Elizabeth Soter, Andrew Steers, Kelly Tramburg, Janessa Turner, Grace Van Gysel and Austin Weiner

Sophomores

Austin Agnew, Noah Axelson, Jeremy Berndt, Nicholas Brozek, Kaycee Bull, Kiara Counard, Zachary Koch, Haley Schultz, Chloe Slotten and Jameson Sukenik

Freshmen

Jackie Anthes, Kylie Colotti, Autumn Dominguez, Brooklyn Endres, Chandler Firary, Ceara Hoskins, Joshua Kirchberg, Danielle Luepke, Kaylea McCumber, Parker Morton, Hannah Neuman, Amber Privett, Devin Talg, Morgan Tramburg, Corrin Waterworth, Blake Weiner and Amanda Williams

**High School Honors (GPA between 3.0 and 3.39)**

Seniors

Benjamin Destree, Jeremy Jaynes, Andrea Kemper, Kourtney-Janel McCumber, Cathryn Raney and Michelle Soriano

Sophomores

Ethan Lange, Chelsie Lindell, Adriaahna Pecore and Dreamer Salzman

Freshmen

Jordyne Fletcher, Matea Ladwig, Cole Maloney, Molly-Jo Meixner and Damen Salzman

**Middle School "A" Honor Roll (GPA of 3.4 or higher)**

Eighth Grade

Micah Book, Davyn Braker, Emma Dugan, Kyle Engebretson, Jack Gould, Chanelle Jennings, Hunter Kammerud, Jared Klein, Dominique Landvatter, Jaidyn Lange, Kendra Meier, Madalyn Osterhaus, Sophia Pawlisch, Joseph Robbins, Madalyn Sauer, Anthony Servidone and Karlee Van Gysel

Seventh Grade

Bella Bornick, Adam Bristol, Megan Challoner, Ocean Conley, Madelyn Dombroski, Marissa Ebert, Grace Garner, Madeline Gregorio, Hailey Johnson, Elexa Landvatter, Matthew Morton, Madison O'Brion, Haley Romano, Molly Simons, Caleb Slotten, Bryce Smith and Jaden Smith

Sixth Grade

Tyvin Beal, Austin Blevins, Jeremy Book, Aaron Brown, Brady Kirchberg, Caylee Kmieciak, Kaitlynn Luepke, Helena Nashold, Samuel Osterhaus, Eliza Peetz and Rebecca Tramburg

**Middle School "B" Honor Roll (GPA between 3.0 and 3.39)**

Eighth Grade

Abdon Diaz, Dylan Dykstra, Luke Figol, Jaelynn Grueneberg, Ashley Lake, Genavieve Luey, Hunter Moore and Gage Nemecek

Seventh Grade

Lydia DeLeon, Samantha Leisemann, Jazmin Nevarez, Lexi Rozinski, Aurora Schultz, Taryn Schwartz, Jasmine Suhm and Cody Toth

Sixth Grade

Zachery Marquardt and George Salzman



## Student Services News

Kerry Johnson, School Counselor 484-3333 x228 [kjohnson@fallriver.k12.wi.us](mailto:kjohnson@fallriver.k12.wi.us)

### Six Words of Advice for Parents of College-Bound Juniors

By: Patrick O'Connor Ph.D

One group is more anxious about this year's college admissions decisions than the parents of this year's seniors -- and that's the parents of next year's seniors. Junior parents love their children, and they would welcome any advice colleges could offer that would give their child's application an inside edge.

To support that effort, here's what a college admissions officer told me when I asked for advice I could give to junior parents:

"Let your child drive the bus."

The explanation she offered for this counsel, combined with long-standing conventional wisdom, gets to the heart of the college application process, and shows what admissions officers are looking for in a successful applicant beyond the numbers:

**Initiative** From start to finish, a college application has to send the message that applying to this school was the student's idea, and the student is excited enough to do something to bring that idea to life. This is why so many colleges want students to visit campus or meet the admissions representative at a local college fair; it shows the student is serious about their application.

That seriousness is questioned when the application is completed in what is clearly the handwriting of an adult, or when parents call the admissions office to ask questions. This is particularly true if the parent starts the call by saying "We're applying to your college next year." If the student wants to start building a meaningful relationship with the college, they make the calls, and speak in first person.

**Synthesis** Well-meaning parents insist they only help their child complete a college application because it is too complicated. Colleges certainly don't want the process to discourage students; at the same time, applicants show they possess the traits needed to be successful students at selective colleges by demonstrating the flexibility, organization and persistence needed to create an application crafted exclusively by the student. That's why it's best for students to schedule an hour or two each weekend in the fall to focus on college applications -- it gives them the best chance to create an application that is rich with their voice, and their voice alone.

**Originality** Everyone has a unique view of the world, and a good college application gives the admissions office a glimpse into a student's ability to share their particular vantage point. Colleges understand that view may not be fully developed at age 17 -- in fact, most hope it isn't -- but they also understand that unique view should be consistent across all parts of the application. A 20-minute weekly college meeting between parents and applicant gives the student the right mix of structure and encouragement to shape their own answers, and assure their ownership of the application process.

**Authenticity** Students have different reasons for attending college, but each reason has a common purpose -- students want to get something out of the experience. A strong college application shows the admissions office what that purpose is, and taking the time to wrestle with each part of a college application not only gives the application more clarity and confidence; it also gives the applicant more clarity and confidence. It may be hard for parents to watch students struggle at first with this important task, just as it wasn't easy to watch them strike out at the plate, listen to their first violin solo, or feel them let the clutch out too soon. Great hitters and virtuosos are made with time, effort, and the opportunity to get better, and so are good drivers. The best way to help them reach their college destination is to give them the keys.

"Counselors' Corner." <i>: Six Words of Advice for Parents of College-Bound Juniors</i>. Web. 11 Dec. 2014. <http://hscw-counselorscorner.blogspot.com/2014/12/six-words-of-advice-for-parents-of.html?m=1>&gt;

What: FASFA - assistance with completing the FASFA

When: Wednesday, January 28th

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Where: Fall River MPR and Library Lab



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO?**

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.
- Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?

> CHRONIC ABSENCE: 18 or more days per year

> WARNING SIGNS: 10 to 17 days per year

> GOOD ATTENDANCE: 9 or fewer absences per year

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**Important Dates** (please check your email and the Gear Up Facebook page)

February 16th Academic & Career Planning Conferences, 9th and 10th grade, upon request

February 16th Register 8th grade for Freshmen classes

February 23rd Register 8th grade for Freshmen classes

March 2nd Register 5th thru 7th grades for 2015/2016

March 9th Register 5th thru 7th grades for 2015/2016

March 3rd State ACT Exam for Juniors



## Fall River Pirate Foundation

### Winter Pirate Poker Party!

Arrrrr and avast, ye Pirate Mateys!!

The Fall River Pirate Foundation will be holding a Winter Pirate Poker Party event on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm at Savanna Oaks. Participants must be 21 or older. The festivities will include food, drink, and music. There will be a Texas Hold'em tournament for those who want to play. The buy-in for Texas Hold'em will be \$30 with monetary prizes going to the top 5 winners. There will also be packs of cards available for groups who just want to socialize and play cards together. Early Bird tickets will be sold until February 14<sup>th</sup> for \$30 worth of chips in the Texas Hold'em games. After that date, the Texas Hold'em entry fee will be \$35/person.

The Foundation will be selling raffle tickets for a Beretta 9mm 92 Brigadier, a Remington 11-87 Sportsman 12-gauge camouflage semi-auto shotgun, a Weatherby Vanguard 270 caliber winter-bone camouflage rifle, and a 22-250 Savage synthetic-stock rifle. The foundation will be selling these raffle tickets for \$20 each. These tickets can be purchased before the event from any Foundation member or on the night of the event. There will also be many other items and baskets that will be raffled off with tickets purchased that evening.

There will be all-you-can-eat wings and other food items available including two beverages for \$20/person. Other drinks will be available for purchase at the bar.

All the proceeds will be going toward the new Fall River School sporting complex located near Lazy Lake. We will be selling tickets at upcoming sporting events, or you can contact one of the Foundation Board members as well. We look forward to seeing you all there!

For further details and photos of prizes, please go to the [www.FallRiverPirateFoundation.com](http://www.FallRiverPirateFoundation.com) web site. Additional information and flyers will be available as we approach the Poker Party date.

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#### Upcoming Music Department Dates:

January – Musical Auditions

April 25 – State Solo & Ensemble

February 4 – Choir/Band Trip to Madison Opera

May – Elementary Concerts TBD

February 9 – MS Honors Band @ Edgerton

May 12 – MS/HS Choir Concert

March 7 – MS/HS Solo & Ensemble @Deerfield

May 18 – MS/HS Band Concert

March 16-21 – Band Trip to New Orleans

June 1 – Band Concert in the Park

April 24/25 – Spring Musical



# Fall River School/Community Calendar - January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				No School	No School	FR Rod & Gun Club Fisheree <b>12:00pm-4:00pm</b> Dungeons & Dragons @ Library
4 <b>11:45am-1:30pm</b> Xplozion Softball Practice @ Elementary Gym <b>1:30pm-3:00pm</b> Xplozion Softball Practice @ Balcony of Elementary Gym <b>3:00pm-6:30pm</b> Private party rental @ Elementary Gym	5 <b>9:32am-10:00am</b> YADAA meeting @ Classroom <b>3:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/MS TBA</b>	6 Pep Band <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/JV Williams Bay</b> <b>7:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/Varsity Williams Bay</b>	7 <b>6:30pm</b> Pirate Foundation Meeting @ Multipurpose Room	8 <b>6:00pm</b> Basketball-B/JV <b>Away vs. Hustisford</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Basketball-B/Varsity <b>Away vs. Hustisford</b>	9 Pep Band <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/JV Dodgeland</b> <b>7:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/Varsity Dodgeland</b>	10 <b>9:00am-3:00pm</b> Rec Basketball Boys 3rd grade tournament @ Multiple locations <b>12:00pm-4:00pm</b> Dungeons & Dragons @ Library <b>3:30pm-5:30pm</b> Private party rental @ Balcony of Elementary Gym <b>6:00pm-8:00pm</b> Father/Daughter Dance @ Multipurpose Room
11 <b>11:45am-1:30pm</b> Xplozion Softball Practice @ Elementary Gym <b>1:30pm-3:00pm</b> Xplozion Softball Practice @ Balcony of Elementary Gym <b>3:00pm-6:30pm</b> Private party rental @ Elementary Gym	12 Spelling Bee @ Multipurpose Room Pep Band <b>9:32am-10:00am</b> YADAA meeting @ Classroom <b>4:00pm</b> Forensics-MS @ Johnson Creek <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Basketball-B/JV Rio Community School District</b> <b>7:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-B/Varsity Rio Community School District</b>	13 NHS Food Drive Pep Band <b>4:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/MS Rio Community School District</b> <b>4:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/MS Rio Community School District</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Basketball-B/JV Horicon</b> <b>7:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-B/Varsity Horicon</b>	14 <b>9:00am</b> Rec Board Meeting @ Upper Board Room <b>6:00pm</b> Booster Club Meeting @ Library <b>7:30pm</b> School Board Meeting @ Library	15 <b>4:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/MS Dodgeland</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Basketball-G/JV <b>Away vs. Hustisford</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Basketball-G/Varsity <b>Away vs. Hustisford</b>	16 Pep Band <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Basketball-B/JV Williams Bay</b> <b>7:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-B/Varsity Williams Bay</b>	17 <b>9:00am-3:00pm</b> Rec Basketball Girls 4th Tourn. @ Multiple locations <b>12:00pm-4:00pm</b> Dungeons & Dragons @ Library <b>3:30pm-5:30pm</b> Private party rental @ Balcony of Elementary Gym <b>9:00pm-3:00pm</b> Rec Basketball Girls 8th Tourn.
18 <b>11:00am-5:00pm</b> Rec Boys BBall @ Elem & HS Gym <b>11:45am-1:30pm</b> Xplozion Softball Practice @ Elementary Gym <b>1:30pm-3:00pm</b> Xplozion Softball Practice @ Balcony of Elementary Gym	19 <b>9:32am-10:00am</b> YADAA meeting @ Classroom	20 Pep Band <b>4:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/MS Randolph</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/JV Rio Community School District</b> <b>7:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/Varsity Rio Community School District</b>	21 Exams	22 End of Quarter Exams <b>4:00pm</b> Basketball-G/MS <b>Away vs. Cambria-Friesland</b> <b>4:00pm</b> Basketball MS-G/MS <b>Away vs. Cambria-Friesland</b> <del>Basketball-JV (Cancelled)</del> <b>7:00pm</b> Basketball-B/Varsity <b>Away vs. Johnson Creek</b>	23 Teacher Inservice - No School <b>6:00pm</b> Basketball-G/JV <b>Away vs. Johnson Creek</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Basketball-G/Varsity <b>Away vs. Johnson Creek</b>	24 <b>9:00am-3:00pm</b> Rec Basketball Girls 5th Tourn. @ Multiple locations <b>12:00pm-4:00pm</b> Dungeons & Dragons @ Library <b>3:30pm-5:30pm</b> Private party rental @ Balcony of Elementary Gym
25 <b>11:45am-1:30pm</b> Xplozion Softball Practice @ Elementary Gym <b>1:30pm-3:00pm</b> Xplozion Softball Practice @ Balcony of Elementary Gym <b>3:00pm-6:30pm</b> Private party rental @ Elementary Gym	26 <b>9:32am-10:00am</b> YADAA meeting @ Classroom	27 Pep Band <b>4:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/MS Away vs. Dodgeland</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Basketball-B/JV Deerfield</b> <b>7:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-B/Varsity Deerfield</b>	28 <b>3:15pm-4:15pm</b> Market Day Sale @ Commons <b>5:00pm-7:00pm</b> FAFSA Assistance @ Multiple locations	29 Pep Band <b>4:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/MS Away vs. Rio Community School District</b> <b>4:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/MS Away vs. Rio Community School District</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/JV Deerfield</b> <b>7:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-G/Varsity Deerfield</b>	30 Pep Band <b>8:30am-9:00am</b> Pirate Rally @ Multipurpose Room <b>6:00pm</b> <b>Basketball-B/JV ALCS / St. Ambrose</b> <b>7:30pm</b> <b>Basketball-B/Varsity ALCS / St. Ambrose</b>	31 <b>9:00am-3:00pm</b> Rec Boys BBall @ Elem & HS Gym <b>12:00pm-4:00pm</b> Dungeons & Dragons @ Library <b>5:00pm</b> Basketball-G/JV <b>Away vs. Wayland Academy</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Basketball-G/Varsity <b>Away vs. Wayland Academy</b>



For the latest information go to the school website at [www.fallriver.k12.wi.us](http://www.fallriver.k12.wi.us) and click on District Events Calendar





## 2015-16 School Year

### Full-Time Inter-District

# Open Enrollment

## In Wisconsin Public Schools

(Information for Parents)

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction  
Tony Evers, PhD, State Superintendent

### Important open enrollment dates

**February 2 – April 30, 2015** – Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

**June 5, 2015** – Nonresident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

**June 12, 2015** – Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

**June 26, 2015** – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2015-16 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.

### For more information contact:

Public School Open Enrollment Program  
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction  
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841

Toll-free: 888-245-2732

Email: [openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov)

Web site: <http://oe.dpi.wi.gov>



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### Is there a cost to parents for open enrollment?

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

### Who is responsible for transportation?

**Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.**

If transportation is required in the individualized education program (IEP) for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

School districts *may* provide transportation to open enrollment pupils if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the pupil to a location in the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.

### Can a parent select a specific school in the pupil's resident school district?

The state's open enrollment program applies only to transfers from one school district to another school district. It is up to each individual school board to decide whether or not to allow transfers from one attendance area to another attendance area in the same school district.

### Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (*WIAA*), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.





# You may apply for **open enrollment** from **February 2-April 30, 2015**

## What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts.

## Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, 4-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited.

Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

## How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment application period for the 2015-16 school year is from February 2-April 30, 2015. **The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2015. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.**

Parents may apply in one of two ways:

- Online (recommended) at <http://oe.dpi.wi.gov>.
- Although online application is recommended, paper applications may be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction and must be delivered (hand-delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district.

## Can I apply to a virtual charter school under open enrollment?

A pupil may only open enroll to an online/virtual school if: (1) the school has been created as a virtual charter school that meets the requirements of the charter school law [Wis. Stats. 118.40 (8)] or (2) the pupil is required to physically attend school in the nonresident school district every day

that school is in session. Other important things to know about applying to virtual charter schools:

- A virtual charter school is not home-schooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.
- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located. If you have any questions about this, call the virtual charter school.
- You must know your resident school district in order to apply.
- A list of 2014-15 virtual charter schools may be found at <http://oe.dpi.wi.gov/virtual-schools>.

## Can an application be rejected?

Yes. Nonresident school districts may deny an application if regular or special education **space is not available** for the pupil or if the pupil has been **referred for a special education evaluation** but has not yet been evaluated.

Nonresident school districts may also deny an application if the pupil has been **expelled** during the current or preceding two years for certain violent conduct or if the pupil was **habitually truant** from the nonresident school district during any semester in the current or previous school year.

If there are more applications than spaces, pupils must be selected randomly, after giving preference to pupils already attending school in the nonresident school district and siblings of currently-attending pupils.

Some school districts establish waiting lists to fill unused spaces, but others do not.

## Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

A resident school district may prevent a pupil from leaving the district if the tuition charge for the pupil's special education in the nonresident school district is an undue financial burden for the resident school district.

If you have further questions about open enrollment for children with disabilities, contact the resident or nonresident school district or the DPI.

## Can parents appeal if an application is denied?

Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days of the denial. State law requires the DPI to uphold the school district's decision unless DPI finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decision may be appealed to circuit court.

## Must pupils reapply every year?

Once a pupil is accepted into a nonresident school district, the pupil may continue to attend that district without reapplication except that:

- The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time—at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.
- A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space or if the cost of the special education is an undue financial burden to the resident district.
- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Father / Daughter Dance “Princess For A Night”



**Who:** 4K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls with their Dad or favorite adult  
**What:** The Fall River High School Girls Basketball Team is holding this event to raise funds for the program

**Where:** Fall River High School Multi-Purpose Room

**When:** Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

**Cost:** In Advance: \$10 per adult including one child, \$2 per additional child (this includes snacks, drinks, games, face painting, tattoos, & a tiara for each child)

There will also be a Basket Raffle and Cake Raffle at the dance.

**\*Please send the form and payment to Fall River School, 150 Bradley St.  
c/o Jim Doolittle by January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**At The Door: \$12 per adult including one child, \$2 per additional child  
(a tiara will still be included)**

If you have any questions please contact:

Karen Tramburg, Event Coordinator ([Ktramburg@gmail.com](mailto:Ktramburg@gmail.com)) or Mr. Doolittle ([jdoolittle@fallriver.k12.wi.us](mailto:jdoolittle@fallriver.k12.wi.us))





## Frequently Asked Questions

**Is the evening limited to just fathers and daughters?** No. We support all families and want this to be a special event for your child. Grandpa & Granddaughter? Yes! Please Come! Big brother and little sister? Yes! Please come! The basketball team feels strongly about providing special time for girls and a strong role model, but we encourage you to do what works best for your family to make the night special for your child.

**What else will be happening at the dance?** Other than the dance, your family can enjoy the photo opportunities, snacks, and beverages provided by our team members, along with multiple challenge and teamwork activities. There will be a cake walk as well as basket raffles.

**What should we wear?** Wear whatever you want! Some dads may go very formal with 3 piece suits and other dads wear sweaters and jeans. Please wear what you prefer.

\*The Theme is “**Princess for a Night**”. The Fall River Princesses will be attending- Don’t forget your camera!

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Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check made out to Fall River School District
- Cash

**Please return form to Mr. Doolittle or Mrs. Koch by January 5, 2015. Thanks!**

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Box Holder  
Fall River, WI 53932

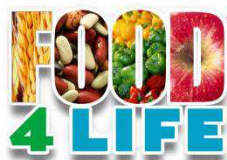


Offer versus Serve is a concept used in the Fall River School District. It allows students to decline a certain number of food components in the meal and select the foods they prefer to eat to be a part of their complete reimbursable meal.

About 40% of the student population qualifies for free or reduced meals. To be reimbursed each student must select a complete meal. Offer vs. Serve is designed to reduce food cost and waste by giving choices. For example, in the elementary breakfast the offer is a fruit, vegetable, grain, protein, and milk. Students use their take three triangles to choose at least three items for breakfast. For all the meals served in the cafeteria, menu boards are used to help students understand the choices.

I appreciated the feedback I heard at the public school board meeting. Middle and High School meal options are selected based on portion and "home comfort foods." Every menu I am balancing parent and student wants with regulations.

For the older students, I have been working towards a food court feel at the Pirate Cafe. Students are welcome to come back to the line for an extra entrée. We have several students that wait until they finish the first meal before taking a second. Grab n' Go are also excellent extra entrée options. Each month we introduce new items.



I am doing my best to take photos of many of the menu items, behind the scenes, or share some sillies that happen in the lunch line on the Pinterest page, linked at the school food service page. The students have been great at trying new foods and learning how to make healthy food choices. I have been very impressed with some of their choices!

Each service we track what foods the students are choosing and then use these numbers to decide how much to prepare the next time. Sometimes we get it right and sometimes we don't. Our goal is to offer the same variety to the last student as we did the first student. We have never run out of food, with so many great choices. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact me directly [Taher@fallriver.k12.wi.us](mailto:Taher@fallriver.k12.wi.us).

***We are here to help!***

***Irene Pawlisch and Your Food Service Team  
at Fall River!***

Now Hiring: Part Time  
and Substitute Positions.  
Applications available at  
school front office.

**Menus may be found on the school website at [www.fallriver.k12.wi.us](http://www.fallriver.k12.wi.us) under Food Service tab.**