

April 2026 Board Meeting/Community Education Notes

1/26 Consumer Identity Theft Protection Class. Presenters: Margo Ketterhagen, Register of Deeds for Barron County, Dairy State Bank Representatives, Jeff Kersten of the Division of Trade and Consumer Protection, and Turtle Lake Police Chief Derek Posey - 12 in attendance

3/5 Big Feelings Class-1 family attended, they were very happy with what they learned.

Picked up fresh dirt for the 12 Community Gardens, just waiting for it to warm up

3/20 Dementia Friendly Class-4 people in attendance. Resources were handed out. The virtual dementia simulator was very eye opening. Trisha would like to come back to do a new fall session she has created on; Facing Dementia as a Family: Practical Help for Adult Children.

Finished up Open Gym & Swim on 3/22. Looking at starting up again in October, 6 Dates for Fall 2026 Season and 9 Dates for Winter 2027 Season. Waiting for confirmation from Katy Ellefson of HealthPartners

Interview with Grant Allen, Assistant Professor/Certificate Advisor of Special Education with UW-Stout. Does he have information for families on Autism Spectrum Disorder, and also would he have availability for an inservice date for our staff (Discussed this with Rob Schmitt, he would like to know what about the following would Grant cover) covering information regarding the following:

- Evidence-based teaching strategies and research-based practices for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Applied Behavior Analysis and sensorimotor interventions.
- Positive strategies for preventing and managing meltdowns.
- Child-centered approaches that focus on social, emotional, and cognitive functioning of students with ASD.

Offer to our Laker parent community an awareness of the resources available to them. I would also like to bring it to our broader Laker Community in the Laker Nation News. The idea is that bringing more awareness to it, it would help those who don't struggle with it, gain compassion for those who do. Also, those who struggle within their family or school life, it could bring them some peace that they are not alone in this journey.

April: 4/25 Babysitting Class- 7 students registered so far, Max 12 students. 11-16 yrs old

5/14 Ag on the Lawn with the Turtle Lake Library, Midwest Machine, Synergy. Possible Ag Career Fair alongside Ag on the Lawn??

Starting on 5/17; 6pm-7pm Walk/Run Class on the New Track w/Ericka Albano, 5/24 Kaley Mateski, 6/7 Katie Stellon, 6/14 on the track, 6/28 on the track.

6/3, 7/1, 8/5 Amanda & Gunner Gislason, Baked with A Hug 6p-8p Cookie Decorating Class

In June I am attending a 4 day school public relations conference in Stillwater put on by Andrea Gribble of Social School 4 EDU, and then for July, I sent in my application and was selected to attend Andrea's 3 day Mastermind Event

8/26, 8/27, 8/28: Theater Clinic for 3rd thru 5th grade students, 3:20pm- 5pm.

9/8 or 9/29: Currently In The Planning Process; Laker Fall Fest. 5pm - 7:30pm, Encouraging families of 3 to 4 years old to pre-register for the 2027-2028 TLSD 4K Program and then Community Education will host events throughout the school year that encourage families to revisit the school. In an attempt to offer the students visiting opportunities so they become familiar with the school building environment when they start the following September. A meal featuring Louie's Brats and Hotdogs, a Kobussen Bus, Cumberland Healthcare Ambulance, Turtle Lake Fire District Fire Truck, a Car Seat Safety Event, Turtle Lake Police Department Squad (K9Max if he isn't busy), NorthLakes Community Clinic Free Dental Screenings and Mosaic Technologies

October: Community Halloween Carnival, Fab Lab Starts, Open Gym & Swim Starts,

November: VFW 8512 Christmas Cards for soldiers serving overseas during the holidays

December: TL Community Theatre Group Performance of The Secret Garden.

February: Valentine Making Event

April: Easter Egg Hunt

Little Laker Update: We now have 38 Families Registered, 58 Students Signed Up.

Mornings are between 12 and 15 students on a regular basis, afternoons are at 20 to 25 students now, we were at 30 to 33 in the fall/winter time.