

# District Administrator's Report

November 2017

## Unity School District



### Veteran's Day Assembly

Unity School District honored the area's veterans with an assembly on Friday, November 10th in the new Performing Arts Center. The assembly was at 10:30am. The assembly is an annual tradition and this year the 4th grade students and the high school band shared their appreciation of our veterans' sacrifices through performances. Additionally, the elementary student council members shared a special "thank you" to those veterans in attendance.

The assembly is open to the public annually and is followed by a lunch reception in the auditorium. Please consider attending in the future if you are able.

### Unity ADP Program Continues to Provide Opportunities

Unity School District's Alternative Diploma Program (ADP) has continued to provide quality non-traditional educational opportunities by graduating over 150 students in its 14 years of existence. The program has been a blueprint for success for school districts throughout the region. Many school districts have designed their programs with Unity's successful approach in mind.

Unity's ADP program infuses technology into the learning process. Students take courses in groups, but also work on projects that help to prepare them for careers or higher education after graduation. Additionally, the program focuses on life skills and work training to put students in a better position to continue their success after high school.

The program is located at the Polk County Library/Cesa 11 Headstart building. Students who would like to attend the program to earn their high school diploma should contact the Unity High School Office.



Implement the Educator Effectiveness Model with a focus on school improvement, staff collaboration, student achievement, and educator practices.

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### Unity Fitness Center is Open For Business!

There are three easy ways to start your membership, online, by mail, or by phone! Information regarding membership, center hours, and equipment is available online at [www.unity.k12.wi.us](http://www.unity.k12.wi.us).

### Unity Community Halloween Party A Big Success!

Unity Community Education, along with the Polk County Museum, Kobussen Transportation, Unity High School Student Council, and many local organizations and businesses sponsored a safe evening of Halloween fun for the whole family. There were Trick-or-Treating displays, a free supper, and a family movie. Nearly 400 people attended the event! Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers who made the event a special one for Unity's children and families.

### Unity Wall of Honor Nominations Sought

The Unity Board of Education has established a "Wall of Honor" to recognize and honor the accomplishments of Unity alumni and employees. Criteria for selection to the "Wall of Honor" will be based on contributions in the areas of education, business, human services, government, athletic, military, fine arts, and community involvement. Alumni selection is based on post-high school accomplishments. The nominee will be screened by a selection committee, which will meet in early March. Deadline for applications each year is March 1st.

If you know of someone who is worthy of being considered for the "Wall of Honor," nomination forms are available at Unity's District and School offices. Additionally, application forms are available on the District website at [www.unity.k12.wi.us](http://www.unity.k12.wi.us). If you have any questions, call or write to Unity Wall of Honor, Unity School District, 1908 150th St./Hwy 46N, Balsam Lake, WI 54810; (715) 825-3515.

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### 2017-2018 School District Goals

(Approved by the Unity Board of Education, March, 2017)

- 1. Focus on school improvement, staff collaboration, student achievement, and educator practices.
- 2. Encourage career, college, and technical readiness through business and school partnerships.
- 3. Promote and provide flexible accelerated, personalized learning opportunities for students.
- 4. Encourage healthy students, staff, and community.

### School Closing Information

Unity School District Website, [www.unity.k12.wi.us](http://www.unity.k12.wi.us)

WCCO Channel 4, [www.wcco.com](http://www.wcco.com)

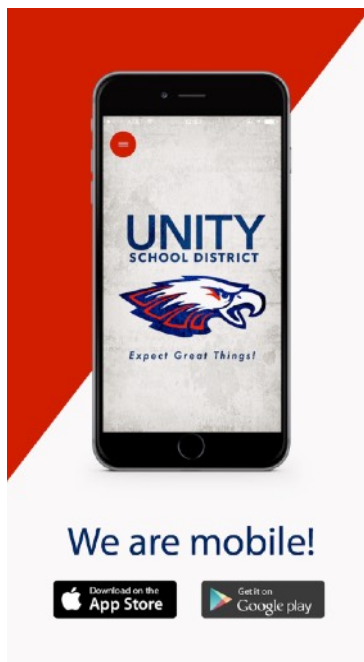
KSTP Channel 5, [www.kstp.com](http://www.kstp.com)

KMSP Channel 9, [www.myfox9.com](http://www.myfox9.com)

KARE Channel 11, [www.kare11.com](http://www.kare11.com)

iOS or Google App, Unity School District

### Unity School District Technology Updates



We are mobile!

Download on the App Store

Get it on Google play

**SCHOOL DISTRICT APP** Unity School District has developed an app to better communicate with parents and the community. The app is available for both Android and iOS mobile devices. The new app, Unity School District, can be found at the App Store or Google Play.

**INFINITE CAMPUS** Unity School District has transitioned from Skyward to Infinite Campus over the summer for its student information system (SIS). The new program will provide a high quality experience for parents and students. The new program has have many new features.

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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, November 14	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, November 15	Unity Staff Thanksgiving Breakfast	Elementary Gymnasium	7:30 AM
Wednesday, November 15	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, November 15	Unity Booster Club Meeting	Elem. Conf. Rm.	6:00 PM
Friday, November 17	Pre-K Family Feast	Elementary Gymnasium	11:15 AM
Friday, November 17	1st Grade Concert	Performing Arts Center	2:00 PM
November 20 - 24	Fall (Thanksgiving) Break - No School	District	
Tuesday, November 21	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Wednesday, November 29	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, November 30	District Curriculum Committee Meeting	Elem. Conf. Rm.	7:40 AM
Wednesday, December 6	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, December 7	Professional Staff Development Meeting	Elem. Conf. Rm.	7:40 AM
Friday, December 8	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Tuesday, December 12	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, December 13	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, December 14	District Technology Meeting	Board Room	7:40 AM
Friday, December 15	3rd and 4th Grade Concert	Performing Arts Center	2:00 PM

"Expect Great Things"

Encourage healthy students, staff, and community.

## **UNITY COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES**

Unity School District is dedicated to providing comprehensive health services for its students and employees. The District is an educational leader in partnering with local providers and the county for a focused health program.

### **School Nursing Services**

- Unity School District provides nursing services for all of its students.
- Unity School District has a Department of Public Instruction licensed registered nurse on staff full-time to meet the needs of its student population.
- The school nurse oversees the dispensation of medication to students.
- The student wellness program is coordinated by the school nurse.
- The school nurse coordinates with a medical advisor from the St. Croix Regional Medical Center (SCRMC).

### **Mental Health Clinic**

- Unity School District has partnered with Family Therapy Associates (FTA) of New Richmond and St. Croix Falls to provide mental health therapy for referrals at the school.
- The mental health clinic has been approved by the State of Wisconsin.
- A therapist from FTA will be assigned to Unity one or more days a week, dependent upon the caseload.
- School counselors and principals may provide a referral packet to the parent/guardian of the child. The subsequent therapy is handled by the family's insurance.
- With parent permission, the therapist and clinic may provide scheduled therapy sessions as needed with the student and family.
- The office location of the therapist is room #108, in the high school area of the library.

### **Social Worker**

- Unity School District has partnered with Polk County to provide a full-time social worker in the school setting.
- Unity contracts directly with Polk County for the position and services are available for all students.
- The social worker may provide access to social and human services. The social worker may also provide crisis intervention for students with immediate needs.
- School counselors and principals may provide a referral for a student. There is no cost to the family.
- The office location of the social worker is room #303, next to the special education office.

### **Public Health Services**

- Unity School District contracts with Polk County for Public Health Services. The services provided include:
  - Infectious Disease
  - Immunizations, including Influenza
  - Annual Health Screening
    - Vision and Audiology Screening
  - Classroom Presentations

### **Student Oral Health Program**

- Unity School District has a cooperative agreement with NorthLakes Community Clinic to provide oral health services to its students.
- With parent permission, students may receive teeth cleaning and sealants. There is no charge for the services provided to the student.

### **Athletic Trainer**

- Unity School District has a business partnership with the St. Croix Regional Medical Center (SCRMC) to provide athletic training services to its athletes.
- The services provided are free of charge to Unity's athletes and are coordinated through SCRMC's sports medicine program.
- The office location of the athletic trainer is in the high school, room #136.

### **Physical and Occupational Therapy**

- Unity School District has a business partnership with the St. Croix Regional Medical Center (SCRMC) to provide physical and occupational therapy to students who qualify.
- Physical and occupational therapy services are typically provided to students as part of an IEP or 504 plan.

### **Staff Training/Professional Development**

- Trauma Informed Training
- DPI Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training
- Lifelines Suicide Prevention Training