

District Administrator's Report

March 2018

Unity School District

Community and Student Program Series

Unity School District will be hosting a Student and Community Program Series that will be highlighting "Bridging School and Community - Mental Health Awareness." Many of these programs are open to the community. The programs are a component of the District's comprehensive efforts to provide quality mental health and wellness programming.

UNITY STUDENT AND COMMUNITY PROGRAM SERIES		
BRIDGING SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY - MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS		
Date	Event	Information
January 23, 2018	"Resilience" Movie and Resource Fair	*Community Screening and Resource Fair
March 12, 2018	"Screenagers - Growing Up in the Digital Age" Movie and Panel Discussion	Day - Middle and High School Student Screening *Evening - Parent Screening, Discussion
March 26, 2018	Climb Theatre, Theatre Group Presentation Regarding Bullying Prevention, Self Control, Respect.	Student Presentations Grades K-3, 4-6, 7-12
April 5, 2018	SAM (Stop Abusive Messaging), District Attorney Jeff Kemp and Social Worker Brooke Whitley	Middle School Student Presentation High School Student Presentation
April 24, 2018	It Can Wait, Polk County Sheriff's Department and AT&T of Wisconsin	Texting and Driving Prevention High School Student Presentation
April 25, 2018	Polk County Resource Night: Education, Employment, and Beyond!	*Community Presentation for Parents of Students with Disabilities, Grades 8-12
May 14, 2018	Kevin Hines, Suicide Survivor, Activist, Filmmaker	High School Student Presentation *Polk County Suicide Awareness Walk, 5/19/18
September, 2018	Tasha Schuh, Motivational Speaker, Ms. Wheelchair USA (2012-2013), Award Winning Author "Purpose, Attitude, and Transformative Hope"	Suicide Awareness and Bullying Prevention Day - Middle and High School Student Presentations *Evening - Community Presentation

Further details will be provided closer to the event dates. Stay tuned to www.unity.k12.wi.us, the Unity App, or Unity School District on Facebook.

Events Noted by an Asterisk (*) Are Open to the Public.
Times To Be Determined and Provided at a Later Date.

Open Enrollment Season is February 5 - April 30

Open enrollment information may be found on the Unity School District website at www.unity.k12.wi.us or at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website at <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. If you would like further information, you can contact the Unity School District office at 715-825-3515.

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 reside. 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 2018-19 school year is from February 5-April 30, 2018. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2018. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

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

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Unity Summer School Planning

The 2018 Summer School Program looks to build on the success of the last two summers' programs. Enrollment numbers for last summer were absolutely amazing, with over 600 enrolled. Luck and Unity, working collaboratively, provided the area's richest, most rigorous, and creative summer school programming. This year's program will again see the two neighboring districts combining to provide an exemplary learning program for students. The courses offered will be geared toward students' interests while providing a project based approach to learning.

Families and students who are interested in registering for the course offerings at the elementary, middle, and high schools are encouraged to contact their child's office soon. Information will be posted on the school district website regarding the exact dates, times, events, and classes.

School Safety Focus

School safety is the primary focus of any school system. In light of recent events, the topic has become even more of a concern. Unity School District has a comprehensive safety plan that has been developed by the District crisis team, with Polk County Sheriff's Department oversight, based upon the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines. This plan is constantly being evaluated and has been recently reviewed.

Unity School District employs the ALICE program in its School Safety Plan. ALICE training is designed to provide comprehensive preparedness in the event of a violent (armed) intruder. The goal is to utilize infrastructure, technology, and human action to increase overall student and staff safety and survival chances. ALICE stands for ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVACUATE. All school employees have been trained in the ALICE response model, with several staff members certified as trainers. Unity's school resource officer, a Polk County Deputy Sheriff, coordinates the training of the staff and students.

Unity will conduct two safety drills this spring, in accordance with state statute. Schools are required to complete two safety drills annually. More information will be shared with parents prior to the drills at the school to ensure that parents have an opportunity to visit with their child(ren).

Unity Hosts Summer Regional Custodial Workshop

The CESA #11 Custodial Workshop and Vendor Showcase will be hosted at Unity on July 11, 2018. At past workshops, there have been about 150 custodians from CESA #11 schools and ten vendors. In addition to the vendor showcase, there will be several educational topics offered for the custodians.

This workshop is designed to highlight the latest innovations in custodial/maintenance products/ practice and to increase awareness of issues in the workplace affecting staff and students. Session topics may include school safety, cleaning efficiency, lawn and turf maintenance, LED lighting, and new maintenance technologies. This workshop will also offer an opportunity to tour the new Unity High School.



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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

WCCO Channel 4, www.wcco.com

KSTP Channel 5, www.kstp.com

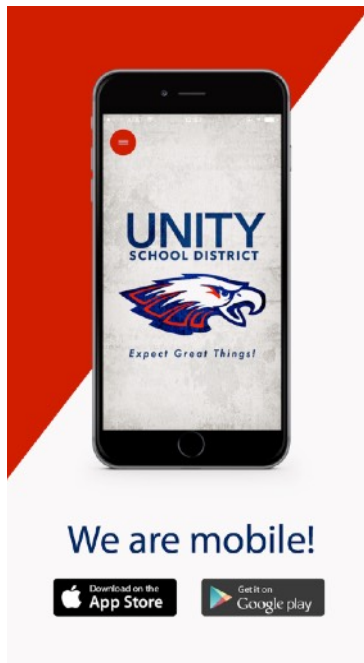
KMSP Channel 9, www.myfox9.com

KARE Channel 11, www.kare11.com

iOS or Google App, Unity School District



Unity School District Technology Updates



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.

Parents:

Update your contact information online or by calling your child's school office.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, March 13	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
March 19 - 23	Spring Break - No School	District	
Tuesday, March 20	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Tuesday, March 27	Large Group Solo & Ensemble	PAC	All Day
Wednesday, March 28	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, March 29	District Curriculum Meeting	Elem. Conf. Room	7:40 AM
Friday, March 30	No School	District	
Wednesday, April 4	Board Planning Session	Lakeland	9:00 AM
Thursday, April 5	Professional Staff Development Meeting	Elem. Conf. Room	7:40 AM
Friday, April 6	MS Musical, "A Fussin' And A Feudin'"	PAC	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 10	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 11	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, April 12	District Technology Meeting	Board Room	7:40 AM
Friday, April 13	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Friday, April 13	Kindergarten Circus	PAC	10:00 AM
Tuesday, April 17	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Wednesday, April 18	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, April 25	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, April 26	District Curriculum Meeting	Elem. Conf. Room	7:40 AM
Friday, April 27	Unity PowWow	HS Gym	TBD

"Expect Great Things"

Encourage healthy students, staff, and community.