

District Administrator's Report

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Unity School District

Before and After School Program Update

In August, the Unity Board of Education approved the development of a school aged childcare program for before and after school hours. The program's approval was based upon input from parents, along with months of research and planning. The staffing shortage delayed the opening of the program.

The new start date for the program has been targeted for after the holidays. A director for the program has recently been hired and planning for the program is gearing up. Further information, including waiting list, registration, policies, and rates, will be provided as the program is finalized.

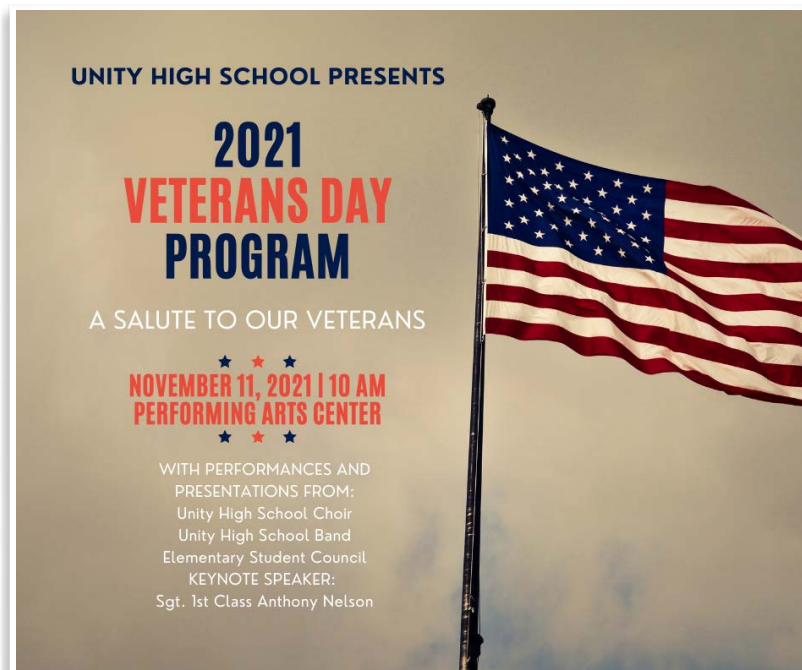
Unity is very excited to be offering this program to its families. More employees for the program are needed. If you are interested in applying to work in this new and exciting program, please visit the District website at www.unity.k12.wi.us.

Staffing Shortage Is Difficult Issue for Schools

Unity School District, like other districts throughout the region, is feeling the effects of a staffing shortage in many categories. The lack of substitute employees is one issue that is affecting programs. Substitute teachers, educational assistants, food service, maintenance, custodial, and child care positions are open. The District is willing to train and help applicants obtain licensure for any substitute positions.

Kobussen Transportation is also seeking bus drivers. They are offering incentives for new employees and will provide training to help applicants obtain their CDL school bus license.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the school district office at (715) 825-3515 or Kobussen at (715) 330-4234.



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What A Great Time To Be An Eagle!

Unity School District had an amazing fall high school sports season. It is truly a great time to be an Eagle! We are proud of their accomplishments and how they represented Unity School District and the Unity Community.

- ★ **UHS Girls Volleyball** - Conference Champions, Regional Champions, Sectional Champions, WIAA State Tournament Qualifier
- ★ **UHS Football** - Level 3 Playoff Qualifier
- ★ **UHS Cross Country** - Two Individual State Qualifiers, 10th Place Girls State Finisher, 14th Place Boys State Finisher
- ★ **UHS/SCF Boys Soccer** - Regional Championship Qualifier
- ★ **UHS Girls Tennis** - Sub-Sectional Qualifier
- ★ **UHS/Luck Girls Golf** - Individual Sectional Qualifier

Voluntary COVID Testing Program Is Popular at Unity

Unity School District is offering a **free, voluntary COVID-19 Testing Program for students and staff**, in collaboration with the WI DHS. Regular voluntary testing helps protect our students, staff, family members, and others who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 or are otherwise at risk for getting seriously sick from COVID-19.

Through this program, COVID-19 cases are identified quickly and early, which can help us stop an outbreak before it happens. This helps to keep students in the classroom and able to take part in the school activities they love.

Already this school year, over 800 COVID tests have been administered at the Unity COVID testing site. The clinic is located next to the high school office. Results are available in as little as twenty (20) minutes.

To learn more or register your child for a test, please call x3010 or email rschmid@unity.k12.wi.us. Your completed consent form can also be emailed to rschmid@unity.k12.wi.us.

**It is important to note that your child will not be tested for COVID-19 without your permission.*

"Expect Great Things"

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Food Service Meal Program Update

Unity School District is participating in the USDA Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for the entirety of the 2021-22 school year. This means that our school is providing free meals to all students! This program provides additional support and flexibility for the district to continue serving meals to children while maintaining safety measures and managing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though receipt of free meals does not depend on an approved free and reduced-price meal application, we are still distributing and processing them so Unity School District families may qualify for P-EBT benefits as well as other school funding.

This year sees several exciting changes to Unity's Food Service Program. There is now a "Fan Favorite" menu line. This line features one of the top five meals daily. This year also sees the return of salads. Each weekday will have a different featured salad as an option. Finally, the A La Carte Deli is reopening to provide additional tasty options.

Unity School District Belief Statements

Unity Belief Statements represent our strong convictions, our common core values, and our moral character.

We Believe:

- The student, family, school, and community as partners, share the responsibility for a successful educational experience.
- An awareness of and a tolerance for diversity enriches life.
- Learning thrives in a safe, caring, disciplined environment.
- Learning is lifelong.
- Character development (respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship) is an essential component of effective education.
- All individuals learn in different ways, at different rates, and at different times.
- Education includes social, emotional, intellectual, physical, and aesthetic growth.
- Problem solving, critical thinking, effective communication, and working cooperatively are fundamental life skills.
- In challenging individuals to develop to their fullest potential.
- Education provides students with a solid academic foundation.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, November 9	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, November 10	American Red Cross Blood Drive	HS Gym 2	
Friday, November 12	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Tuesday, November 16	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Wednesday, November 17	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, November 18	Unity Influenza Vaccinations	District	
Thursday, November 18	Unity Staff COVID Booster Vaccinations	District	
Friday, November 19	End of 1st Trimester	District	
November 22-26	Fall Break - No School	District	
Wednesday, December 1	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Friday, December 10	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Tuesday, December 14	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM

Unity School District Goals

(Approved by the Unity Board of Education, March, 2021)

- Nurture and promote a positive and inclusive culture of respect, leadership, and character for all.
- Encourage career readiness through school and community partnerships.
- Promote and provide flexible accelerated, personalized learning opportunities for students.
- Encourage healthy students, staff, and community while continuing to address mental health needs through various programs and partnerships.



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