

## District Administrator's Report

### September 2021

### Homecoming 2021!

Unity Homecoming will be Friday, September 24th. Friday will be an eventful day as students will participate in the Annual Unity Community Homecoming Parade at 10:30am. Balsam Lake will be hosting the parade this year. Students will return to school for lunch and will have an early release at 1:00pm.

The Homecoming football game will be played on Friday night at ROK stadium on campus. Preceding the game will be the Unity Community Picnic, which will be free for the Unity Community and will feature a grill-out. Food will be available around 5:00pm.

<b>Parade:</b>	<b>10:30am, Balsam Lake</b>
<b>Community Picnic:</b>	<b>5:00pm, Unity Playground</b>
<b>Football Game:</b>	<b>7:00pm, ROK Stadium</b>
<b>Homecoming Dance/Fire:</b>	<b>9:30pm, Unity Tennis Courts</b>

\* All Homecoming Plans are subject to change due to weather, pandemic precautions, or other factors. Every effort will be made to communicate any changes as soon as possible.

### 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 comes after input from parents, along with months of research and planning. It was hoped that the program would start at the beginning of the school year. Unfortunately, due to a staffing shortage, the program is being placed on hold at this time.

Further information will be provided as the program is able to be rolled out. Information regarding registration, policies, rates, and hours of operation will be placed on the District website as it becomes available.

Unity is very excited to be offering this program to its families. It is hoped that the program will be phased in as staff become available. Likewise, if you are interested in applying to work in this ground-breaking program, please visit the District website at [www.unity.k12.wi.us](http://www.unity.k12.wi.us).



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### Voluntary COVID Testing Program at Unity

We know that last year was tough, but we're excited to be back! We are committed to taking the steps necessary to help us have a safe return to school. As one of the steps to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep our school open for in-person learning, we will offer a **free, voluntary COVID-19 Testing Program for students and staff at Unity School District**. Regular voluntary testing will help 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, we will be able to identify COVID-19 cases quickly and early, which can help us stop an outbreak before it happens. This will help us keep students in the classroom and able to take part in the school activities they love.

We are working with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and are joining other school districts throughout the state that offer this program.

- **Who will be tested?** We will offer testing to everyone—all students and staff—even if they don't have symptoms of COVID-19.
  - Testing is also available for students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19, even if vaccinated, or who have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- **How is the testing done?** The COVID-19 testing is free, quick, and easy. Members of our school staff will oversee testing with an antigen and PCR test, which includes:
  - Gently swabbing the inner part of the lower nostril. This test is not painful. We do not use the longer swabs that reach higher into the nose.
- **Where and when is the testing done?** Our school's testing site will be in Room 160, across from the elementary cafeteria entrance, and will take place daily. The tests will be administered by a testing technician. Antigen test results will be available within 20 minutes. All tests will have both antigen and PCR analysis performed.
- **How can I be sure that my child's information will be protected?** Sharing of information about your child will only be done for public health purposes and in accordance with applicable law and policies protecting your privacy and the security of your child's data.
- **How will test results be communicated with me?** If your child has a specimen collected for COVID-19 testing at school:
  - You will be informed each time that a COVID test result has been performed.
  - You will be notified of the COVID-19 test result or informed of how the test result will be received (for example: by phone, text, or email). Please ensure that your contact information is updated and accurate.

To learn more or register your child, please call x3010 or email [rschmid@unity.k12.wi.us](mailto:rschmid@unity.k12.wi.us). Your completed consent form can also be emailed to [rschmid@unity.k12.wi.us](mailto:rschmid@unity.k12.wi.us).

We are extremely grateful to our committed families and staff who continue to show great flexibility and resilience as we work together to contain the spread of this virus. If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 Testing Program, please reach out to Rachael Schmid, Julie McClelland-Komorouski, or Brandon Robinson.

*\*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.

### SAVE THESE DATES!!

<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
SEPTEMBER 16	SEPTEMBER 17	SEPTEMBER 24
PICTURE DAY	PICTURE DAY	EARLY RELEASE
EC		
PRE-K (SECTION 1)	PRE-K (SECTION 2)	HOMECOMING COMMUNITY PICNIC
KG		
1ST - 4TH GRADE	MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL	HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME
	5TH - 12TH GRADE	

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, September 14	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, September 15	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, September 16	Picture Day - PK, K, Grades 1-4	District	
Friday, September 17	Picture Day - PK, Grades 5-12	District	
Tuesday, September 21	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	ZOOM	9:00 AM
Friday, September 24	Early Release - Staff Inservice	District	1:00 PM
Friday, September 24	<b>Homecoming Parade, Picnic, Football Game</b>	District	TBD
Monday, September 27	CESA 11 Supt. Zoom Meeting	ZOOM	10:30 AM
Wednesday, October 6	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, October 6	WASDA Zoom Meeting	Zoom	1:30 PM
Friday, October 8	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Tuesday, October 12	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM

**SCHOOL DAY REMINDER:**  
**8:15AM - 3:15PM**

### 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.**

### Check Out Some Amazing Career Opportunities!

Join the team! Unity School District is seeking team members in a variety of different positions. Consider becoming an employee of an amazing school district! Career opportunities are accessible at <https://www.unity.k12.wi.us/o/unity-school-district/page/employment>.