

# A LOOK AT PREBLE HIGH SCHOOL



**Parent Newsletter-October 2012**

September 27, 2011

Dear Preble High School Families:

We have successfully completed almost five weeks of the 2011-2012 school year. Both students and staff are back into the full swing of things. I too am settling in and have spent these past few weeks talking to students, visiting their classrooms and learning about what they love about their school and even had the opportunity to see many of you at athletic events and meetings.

Once again, PHS is proud to have achieved the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) under the federal No Child Left Behind Law. Our students continue to excel and achieve at high levels regardless of the many challenges they may face.

As families, you should also enjoy our successes and feel very proud of your school community and your students. I believe, that your child(ren) are being educated and cared for by the best faculty. I say this; because no request is ever too big for them...they will do whatever it takes and what is in the child's best interest. I thank the staff at PHS for their commitment and dedication to every child that walks our hallways. It is because of their belief and willingness to go the extra mile that our school and students succeed.

This year our goal is to continue on our journey of excellence and help every student reach their academic potential. We rely on your support on this journey, as together we can offer your child the very best education and preparation for life outside the walls of PHS.

I want to share some important pieces of information with families, to keep everyone well informed.

**Fire Drills:** We have completed our fire drill for September. We will conduct these monthly.

**Parent Portal:** As soon as the parent portal is working, we will notify families. In the meantime, please maintain open lines of communication with your child's teachers especially if you have concerns.

**The Hive:** A student led donation center, is open for business. If your child could benefit from visiting The Hive, encourage him/her to go to student services and one of our staff will accompany your child to The Hive.

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** Our first parent teacher conferences are scheduled for October 11, 2011 from 3:15p.m. – 7:00p.m. It is our hope that you will attend and meet with your child's teachers; as this is also an opportunity for you to share any insights or concerns you may have.

**Elective classes:** Just a reminder that some of our elective classes may have a fee attached, either for a workbook or supplies.

**Athletics and Music:** Congratulations to all our students and teams. The students have done well in all sporting events, displayed good sportsmanship, while our band has been a great motivation for our teams.

Enjoy our newsletter! Feel free to contact me. I look forward to talking with families about what we do and how we can better meet all children's academic, social and emotional needs. Again, welcome to another fun filled year at Preble High School – **"Home of the Hornets."**



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# Preble Parent Newsletter



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391-2400

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391-2403

**Student Services:**

391-2402

**STUDENT MESSAGES AND DELIVERIES**

We are experiencing too many disruptions of class and clerical time due to phone messages and student deliveries. Therefore, the office will not accept messages for students or deliveries other than from a parent in an emergency situation. Please help us with this issue!

**COMMONS**

Our commons is a great focal point for Preble. It is open at 7:00 a.m. for juice, bagels, etc. We would love to have you (parents/grandparents) join your child before school or for lunch. Give it a try!

**VACATIONS**

It is preferred that students go on vacations during the breaks in their school calendar, which are many. Much is missed when a student is not in class. Class participation cannot be made up. When this is not possible, students should obtain a pre-excused absence from the attendance office prior to going on vacation.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Entertainment Books are available through the School Store and Main Office at Preble and various student groups. Profits go to support co-curricular activities. You can stop by anytime and pick one up for \$30.00.

**MATH/SCIENCE LABS**

The Preble High School Math Lab (room 246) is available to all students needing help in math periods 1-8. Students may go to math lab during their study hall, lunch, or open periods. Science Lab (room 212) is only open periods 4, 5, and 6.

**CHURCH PARKING**

Parking at Atonement Lutheran Church, which is located on the Southside of Gauthier Family Stadium, is not allowed before school and during the school day.

**NO SCHOOL**

There will be no school on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for Professional Learning Activities for staff and Parent Teacher Conferences. Also on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> due to Fall Recess.

**DANZ STREET GATES**

The Danz Street gates are closed approximately one hour before and one half hour after each game at Gauthier Family Stadium. Please keep this in mind when picking up your student at Preble High School or parking for the games.

**REPORT CARDS**

The first six-week grading period ends on Tuesday, October 5, 2011. Look for your child's report card home during the week of October 17, 2011.

**THANKS**

Thanks to the Parent Network for hosting the freshmen dance. This was an important event in helping our freshmen become comfortable at Preble.

**DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**

The district now has an e-mail newsletter. Visit [www.greenbay.k12.wi.us](http://www.greenbay.k12.wi.us) and click on For Parent Tab and click on District Newsletter. You may subscribe and receive up-to-date district news, early school closings due to weather and so on. You can also link to Preble's website through the district website and access information on sports schedules, dances, and music concerts.

**DROPPING STUDENTS**

Please do not drop off or pick up your students where the busses are located on Danz and Newberry Ave.

## WKCE

Testing for WKCE for all Sophomores will be held on October 25, 26, November 2, 3, and 8. Only Sophomores will be here during the morning testing. You will receive a separate mailing on this.

## Scholastic Book Fair

See attached article.

## SCHOOL FEES

Most checks have been deposited for general school fees, classroom fees and workbook fees. If you have an outstanding check made out to Preble please call Mrs. Barb Koenig in the Main Office at 391-2400.

## SCHOOL STORE

The school store is open before school, after school and during lunch hours. Items are also available through the Preble website.

## HALLOWEEN DANCE

Preble High School Dance Team will be hosting a Halloween Dance on October 21, 2011 in the small gym from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, October 14, 2011 from 11:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Night conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 11 and Thursday October 20, 2011 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. You will receive a separate email on this.

## SENIOR COLOR PHOTOS DEADLINE AND GUIDELINES FOR YEARBOOK

**Deadline** December 1– NO EXCEPTION

Late photos cannot be guaranteed to make it into the yearbook in alphabetical order, or at all.

**Contact:** Kelly Baudhuin at [kcbaudhuin@gbaps.org](mailto:kcbaudhuin@gbaps.org)

### All photos MUST be:

- A traditional headshot with dimensions; 1 ½ by 2 inches with an approximate measurement of 5/8 inches eyebrow to chin. No hands visible, and with some space around image in case additional cropping needs to take place. No hats, no inappropriate clothing, and no props
- Digital, in 300 (or larger) dpi resolution
- Emailed to [kcbaudhuin@gbaps.org](mailto:kcbaudhuin@gbaps.org) or submitted on a labeled CD as a Jpeg file. Use "GBAPS senior photo" in subject line for email
- Labeled with student's last name, first name (Baudhuin, Kelly)
- Professional quality with simple backdrops (see Mrs. Baudhuin in room 127 if your financial situation means you cannot hire a professional photographer to take your picture)

## SENIOR PHOTOS CONT'D

In mid-December, a list of students whose photos have been received will be on the student drive. It is the student's responsibility to check this list to make sure that his or her photo was indeed received. Parent requests to verify receipt may be sent directly via e-mail to the adviser.

Thank you! Call (920) 391-2400 or email [kcbaudhuin@gbaps.org](mailto:kcbaudhuin@gbaps.org) with any questions

## SCHOOL MUSICAL

Preble Players Theatre is proud to present the Broadway Musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

"H 2 \$" will be coming to Preble this November 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. The show, which is only the 4<sup>th</sup> musical to win the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, is from the book by Abe Burrows and the score by Frank Loesser. The story featuring the main character Finch, who gets ahead not through hard work, but through a series of fiendishly well-formulated deceptions. Finch rises from window washer to Chairman of the Board of the World Wide Wicket Company, relying on his "self-help" approach rather than on education, ability or intelligence.

Tickets sales open to the public on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. They will be available at the Preble box office from 7:00-7:30am and 3:00-3:30pm during the school week and also by calling the Preble box office at 391-2400 ext. 41797.

## **PREBLE IS HOSTING A SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Come one, come all!! You are invited to our school to share in this celebration of books and reading. Preble will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during Parent/Teacher Conferences this October. Not only does the Book Fair help raise funds to purchase essential supplemental reading materials for the classrooms, it encourages reading among our students.

Students who remain readers now are more likely to be lifelong learners. Readers develop larger vocabularies, a greater knowledge of the world, and higher academic achievement. In fact, studies indicate that being a reader is more predictive of success than intelligence, economic background or gender.

Our Book Fair provides a wide variety of books specifically chosen to appeal to high school interests. In addition, our Fair will have bestsellers that adults and younger children will find interesting.

**Our special Family Event will be held on the following dates/times in the Preble Commons:**

**Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-4:00 Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-7:00.**

## **BOOK FAIR CONT'D**

In addition to these times, the Preble students will have the opportunity to browse the Fair during their lunch hours and after school on Oct. 13, 17, 18, 19, and 20<sup>th</sup> in the Commons.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time to assist during the Book Fair, please email Kristin Kreuser @ [kckreuser@gbaps.org](mailto:kckreuser@gbaps.org). Students or parents who help run the fair can earn free books.



## **EDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RUMMAGE SALE**

Edison Middle School will be having an All-School Fall Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 15, 2011 and are asking your assistance. Many of you will be having rummage sales this summer and will have left over items, well, they would love to have those left over items to sell at THEIR rummage sale. The only downside is that they won't be able to accept donations until Monday, October 10th. They will be looking for donations of items to sell, a semi-trailer or pod to store the items for a week, and of course a lot of shoppers. The proceeds from the sale will go towards helping students who can't pay for field trips, classroom supplies, or other items needed for them to participate in all school activities. Call the Edison office at 391-2450 with any questions.

# PREBLE PARENT NETWORK

*The mission of the  
Parent Network is to provide  
drug and alcohol free activities  
for Preble students.*

**Fund Balance: \$4937.14**



Chaperones for Homecoming Dance  
Saturday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>

Contact: Binky Alsteen at [alsteenbinky@yahoo.com](mailto:alsteenbinky@yahoo.com)

Teacher Appreciation Meal  
Thursday, October 20th

Contact: Lisa Robertson at 406-1712 or

[prober6009@prodigy.net](mailto:prober6009@prodigy.net)

## Donation

Whether or not you are available to help out with the Parent Network at this time please help us financially with a donation. The suggested donation is \$15 and it can be made out to Preble Parent Network and brought to the main office (there is a Parent Network box in the Main Office).

## Ping Pong Tournament

Please consider training & then coordinating next year!

For the past several years Kathy & Joel Cornell have been coordinating the Ping Pong Tournament. We thank them for their many years of providing this very fun event. This will be their last year coordinating this event. If want to continue to have this event we need someone to volunteer to coordinate. Why not volunteer this year and have one year to learn from the masters? Please let us know if you are willing to learn the ropes this year and then coordinate the event next year.

## Next Parent Network Meeting October 5, 2010 @ 6:00 in Room 105

Co-Presidents: Cindy Baeb [cindybaeb@gmail.com](mailto:cindybaeb@gmail.com) 391-0973 or 655-0990 (cell)  
& Susan Moumblow  
Superintendents Meeting Rep: Jane Kresin  
Secretary: Traci Brigg  
Volunteer Coordinator: Binky Alsteen  
Treasurer: Cindy Baeb

# **Teacher Appreciation Meal**

## **Thursday, October 20th**

Show our Preble teachers that we appreciate all they do for our children by supporting our meal for them. We will provide this during conferences.

**If you can help with volunteering or with donating please return this for to the main office by Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Robertson at 406-1712 or prober6009@prodigy.net.

Looking for volunteers:

\_\_\_\_\_ 2pm for set up on Thursday, October 20th

Looking for the following donations:

\_\_\_\_\_ Cookies, bars, etc. (enough to feed 20 & in throw away containers)

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual bags of chips (enough to feed 24)

\_\_\_\_\_ Soda (12 pack)

\_\_\_\_\_ Water (24 pack)

Money donations...used to purchase meat, cheese, buns, and condiments

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ other

**(Please make checks payable to Preble Parent Network)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Drop your items off to the main office by noon on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## Know the Signs

Suicide doesn't usually just happen out of the blue—there are some warning signs to watch for. Know the signs of suicidal thinking, of your students, friends, and family members.

### Suicide Prevention: Warning Signs

- ◆ Threatening/talking about hurting self
- ◆ Hopelessness
- ◆ Rage, uncontrolled anger, seeking revenge
- ◆ Acting reckless or engaging in risky activities
- ◆ Feeling trapped – like there's no way out
- ◆ Increased alcohol or drug use
- ◆ Withdrawing from friends, family and society
- ◆ Anxiety, agitation, change of eating/sleeping habits
- ◆ Dramatic mood changes
- ◆ No sense of purpose in life
- ◆ Decline in quality of school work
- ◆ Giving away prized possessions

*From American Association of Suicidology (AAS)*

## Important Resources

Suicide Prevention Resource Center

[www.sprc.org](http://www.sprc.org)

Mental Health of America

[www.mhawisconsin.org](http://www.mhawisconsin.org)

Bellin Psychiatric Center, 433-3630

Crisis Center, 436-8888

**A** Acknowledge feelings rather than minimizing.

**C** Show Care and concern

**T** Tell someone who can help and access some of the above identified resources

*From the desk of Christina Gingle*

## Suicide is a Complex Problem

There are multiple factors involved in a suicide completion. Oversimplifying the reasons why someone completes suicide is not helpful. For instance, saying someone completed suicide due to bullying is not all-encompassing. Not all people who are bullied complete suicide. Research suggests that there are many factors contributing to suicide: biological factors, precipitating factors, and triggering events. Some examples of biological factors include mental illness or a family member loss to suicide. Some precipitating factors include poor grades, unsafe school, victimization, or family rejection. Crisis/triggering events include a major loss, humiliation or bullying, and access to lethal means for suicide. It is important not to oversimplify the factors of suicide.

*From: American Association of Suicidology (AAS) webinar January 2011.*

### Identifying mental illness or alcohol/other drug abuse problem is significant.

- In the 2009 YRBS, over 20% of high school students experienced persistent sadness or hopelessness. About 5% of high school students attempted suicide. This shows that depression is somewhat common, suicide is not.
- The most common mental illness leading to suicide is depression. It's also the most treatable!
- Binge drinking is highly correlated with suicide attempts. 90% of people who completed suicide had some form of mental illness and/or an alcohol/other drug abuse problem.

### Reducing access to lethal means can be very worthwhile. (see [www.meansmatter.com](http://www.meansmatter.com))

- Limiting access to the means for suicide provides the most significant drops in suicide rates. Most often, youth who attempt suicide use a gun kept in the home.
- Do not allow youth to have unsupervised access to firearms. Encouraging safe/secure storage of firearms is a critical prevention strategy.



## Avoid

Shame (ex. just get over this)

Delay (ex. let's talk about this next week)

Blame (ex. You've got no one to blame but yourself)

*ATODA School Social Worker*



# Student Services News

October 2011



STUDENT SERVICES PHONE NUMBER: 391-2402

HOURS: 7:15-3:15

## APPLYING TO COLLEGE

Technical school and college-bound seniors should apply to the schools of their choice early in the fall; hopefully during the months of October and November. Applications should be submitted to the Student Services Office so an "official transcript" can be attached and checked to eliminate errors and omissions. An official transcript means that a sealed and signed transcript is sent directly from the Student Services Office to the selected college. If it is an on-line application, we ask that students complete a "release of information" so we can send an official transcript. Letters of recommendation and a student profile can be attached to the transcript if required. **Last year, Preble's Student Services Office processed nearly 2800 transcripts and applications, so please allow ten school days to prepare these materials.**

## ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)

Testing will take place on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 a.m. The location will be announced at a later date. The ASVAB is a multi-aptitude battery of tests. It assists the student in better understanding how they compare to a nationally representative group of individuals on skills important to their future training and job performance. Taking the test does not obligate a student to join the Armed Services. Juniors and seniors who want to take the test should sign up in the Career Center starting October 10<sup>th</sup>. Taking the ASVAB is free.

## ACT/SAT 2011-2012 TEST DATES

ACT	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	SAT	November 5 <sup>th</sup>
	December 10 <sup>th</sup>		December 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	February 11 <sup>th</sup>		January 28 <sup>th</sup>
	April 14 <sup>th</sup>		March 10 <sup>th</sup>
	June 9 <sup>th</sup>		May 5 <sup>th</sup>
			June 2 <sup>nd</sup>

Juniors are encouraged to take their college entrance exams. Tests can be taken more than once, if necessary. The ACT is now the most commonly used test, but the SAT may be required for some out-of-state schools. **Preble High School's school code, 500-795, should be included on the ACT/SAT registration form so that test scores can be added to the student's official transcript.** Stop in the Career Center to research college requirements.

Registration packets are available in Student Services and/or visit the website [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (ACT) or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (SAT). Registration deadlines are approximately 4-5 weeks prior to exams.

## FINANCIAL AID: COLLEGE GOAL Wisconsin

Families who need help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can attend a free program on Saturday, February 18th, 2:00 pm, at East High School. You may call 1-866-578-4625 for more information or visit:

[www.wicollegegoalsunday.org](http://www.wicollegegoalsunday.org).

## **COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS**

Counselor assignments for the 2011-2012 academic year are in alphabetical order. Students are encouraged to see the Student Service's secretary to make an appointment to see their counselor. Appointments may be made for the present day or a day or two in advance. Students may make appointments during their study hall, during lunch periods, and during class if necessary. Walk-ins will be taken when there are open time spaces. Office hours are 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Our counselors are Keri Gerlach, Phil Kerksieck, Cheri Mitchell, Al Pannier, Natalie Killion, Jennifer Scott, and Katie Thao. Counselors are available to talk about educational and career issues. **We welcome Keri Gerlach to our Student Services staff. Keri is a UW-Oshkosh graduate. She worked at Franklin Middle School last year.**

### **Counselors**

### **Student's Last Names**

<b>Phil Kerksieck</b>	<b>A-C</b>
<b>Al Pannier (Department Chair)</b>	<b>D and S</b>
<b>Keri Gerlach</b>	<b>J and (Spanish Speakers)</b>
<b>Cheri Mitchell</b>	<b>E-I</b>
<b>Jennifer Scott</b>	<b>N-R, M (Grades 9 and 10)</b>
<b>Natalie Killion</b>	<b>K-L, Z, M (Grades 11 and 12)</b>
<b>Katie Thao</b>	<b>T-Y (Speaks Hmong)</b>

## **FRESHMAN PARENT/COUNSELOR MEETINGS**

Starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>, all parents and guardians of freshman will be participating in an Individual Planning Conference or IPC with their school counselors. These conferences will assist parents and their children to prepare for their futures whether they are going into the world of work, military, technical, or four-year colleges. This will be a great opportunity for parents and freshman to start planning for their high school years and beyond. Questions will be answered and resource materials will be available. If you have not signed up for your child's freshman conference, you can do so by calling 391-2402

## **NWTC FALL EVENTS**

This fall, once again, NWTC will be holding a College Career Day, however, this year the event will be for ALL students. This event will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 and will run from 9:00-11:00. Informational brochures, which will include registration forms, will be sent to all schools later in September. Students will have the opportunity to explore the Green Bay campus, learn about admissions, financial aid, accommodations and career opportunities through divisional tours. On another note, NWTC will again be hosting the Brown County Transition Fair on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-7:30 pm. Various agencies, workshops and student panels will be available that evening. For more information call, 498-6267.

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## **PSAT**

Is your sophomore or junior planning to attend a 4-year college after high school? Do they want practice taking a timed, standardized test like the ACT or SAT? If so, they should consider signing up for the PSAT test being given Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in the Preble LMC periods 1-3. The cost is \$14.00, and checks are payable to Preble High School. By taking the PSAT, juniors have the potential to qualify for scholarships through the National Merit Scholarship competition. Students also receive a detailed score report in early 2012 which helps them understand their academic strengths and weaknesses and how they compare to other college bound students. Juniors can register for the PSAT in the Career Center until all seats are full. Sophomores can begin registering on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Natalie Killion, school counselor, at 391-2402 or [nmkillion@gbaps.org](mailto:nmkillion@gbaps.org) with any questions. Preble has 135 seats available for the test, so be sure to register as early as possible!

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

It is never too early to apply for scholarships. Many scholarships are available in the Career Center. Follow all scholarship deadlines and provide 7-10 school days for the Student Services Office to process these applications if a high school transcript is needed. Here are examples of scholarship opportunities:

**AES Engineers** scholarship deadline is less than a month away. We will be awarding **\$500** to the winner(s) each year. Students will submit an essay on one of the two topics that appear on the scholarship page of our web site <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>  
**Scholarship Deadline: October 7, 2011**

## **SENIOR PRESENTATIONS**

A PowerPoint presentation was provided to seniors on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, during 3<sup>rd</sup> hour. The presentation focused on the college and scholarship application process. The PowerPoint presentation will be available for your viewing on the Preble website under the student and parent tabs.

## **SOCIAL WORKER/SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST ASSIGNMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

Sandy Tree (last names A-M) and Christina Gingle (last names N-Z), are available to discuss personal and social issues with students. Kelly Rowe is our Attendance Intervention Specialist. Ms. Rowe works with 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who are demonstrating early signs of truancy, or are having a difficult time adjusting to high school. **We welcome Margaret Kubek. Margaret is our Safe and Supportive Schools Building Coordinator who will be working with at-risk transitional students and school-wide student engagement.** Amy Olson-Guillen is our School Psychologist. She is responsible for special education referrals and attends all student consultations. Amy is the advisor to the Multi-Cultural Achievement Committee (MAC) Scholars.

Appointments can be made in the Student Services Office. You may call the Student Services Office at 391-2402 for further help or information.

Preble Players Theatre Presents

# How To SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING!



**Nov. 11, 12, 17, 18, & 19 - 7:00 PM**

PREBLE HIGH SCHOOL • RESCH FAMILY AUDITORIUM

Tickets: \$10.00 all seats reserved. Tickets go on sale starting October 31, 2011.  
Tickets available at the Preble Box Office, weekdays 7-7:30 am & 3-3:30 pm,  
at the door or call 920-391-2408 Ext. 41797.

Help plan and run the best  
**BOOK FAIR**  
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Earn  
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Necessary!

**The Fair runs  
October 13  
through  
October 21**

Parent and student volunteers needed.  
If interested, contact Kristin Kreuser  
in Room 131 or at [kckreuser@gbaps.org](mailto:kckreuser@gbaps.org).

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## **As District Faces Budget Cuts, We Need to Hear What's Important to You**

When it's time for the district to make the tough choices, knowing what the community values in our public education system helps the decision-making process. Each year, it becomes more difficult to identify areas to cut that don't directly impact students.

The district recently presented the 2011-12 budget to the Board of Education. Due to a reduction in state aid, the projected district deficit went from \$5 million to \$20 million. With the changes in collective bargaining, the district was able to cover \$12 million through employees paying a share of retirement and health and dental costs, as well as changing dental insurance providers.

This year, to cover the remaining \$8 million deficit, the district has pursued the following revenue enhancements and reductions:

- Increase in School Based Services revenue \$1.0 million
- Education Jobs Fund revenue \$3.5 million
- Reduction of 25.9 full-time teachers and paraprofessionals \$1.5 million
- Reduction of 2.5 full-time administrators \$0.3 million
- Reduction of 4.0 full-time clerical \$0.2 million
- Reduction of 5.0 full-time monitors \$0.2 million
- Administrator salary freeze \$0.2 million
- Reduction of equipment \$0.4 million
- Freezing most non-salary related expenses \$0.7 million

More than \$42.5 million has been cut over the past six years, and next year the district is projecting a \$9 million deficit.

We'd like to hear from parents and community members about the proposed 2011-2012 budget. You have two opportunities to provide input:

- A community engagement session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10 at the District Office, located at 200 South Broadway. There will be a brief presentation, and the Board of Education will be present for listening to the community's ideas.
- Online through our "[Community Input](#)" section at [www.gbaps.org](http://www.gbaps.org).

Please share your thoughts, concerns, and any creative ideas to save or bring in money.

**Meningococcal Disease: Protect Your Child** Public health authorities recommend that teenagers and college-bound students be immunized against a potentially fatal bacterial infection called meningococcal disease, a type of meningitis.

Meningococcal disease is a rare but potentially fatal bacterial infection that can cause severe swelling of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) or a serious blood infection (meningococemia). Meningococcal disease strikes up to 3,000 Americans each year; nearly 30 percent of these cases are among teenagers and college students.

Up to 83 percent of all cases among teens and college students may potentially be prevented through immunization, the most effective way to prevent this disease. A meningococcal vaccine is available that protects against four out of five strains of bacterium that cause meningococcal disease in the U.S.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other leading medical organizations recommends that all 11-12 years olds should be vaccinated with meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4). A booster shot is recommended for teens at age 16 to continue providing protection when their risk for meningococcal disease is highest. Teens who received MCV4 for the first time at age 13 through 15 years will need a one-time booster dose at 16 through 18 years of age. If a teenager missed getting the vaccine altogether, they should ask the doctor about getting it now, especially if they are about to move into a college dorm or military barracks.

### **About Meningococcal Disease**

Meningococcal disease is often misdiagnosed as something less serious because early symptoms are similar to common viral illnesses. Symptoms of meningococcal disease may include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light, confusion, exhaustion and/or a rash.

Teenagers and college students are at increased risk for meningococcal disease compared to the general population, accounting for nearly 30 percent of all U.S. cases every year. Meningococcal disease can be misdiagnosed as something less serious, because early symptoms like high fever, severe headache, nausea, vomiting and stiff neck, are similar to those of common viral illnesses. The disease can progress rapidly and can cause death or permanent disability within 48 hours of initial symptoms.

Meningococcal disease is spread through direct contact with respiratory and/or oral secretions from infected persons (for example, kissing or sharing drinking containers). It can develop and spread quickly throughout the body, so early diagnosis and treatment are very important. Even with immediate treatment, the disease can kill an otherwise healthy young person within hours of first symptoms. Of those who survive, up to 20 percent may endure permanent disabilities, including brain damage, deafness and limb amputations.



Lifestyle factors common among teenagers, college students and military personnel are believed to put them at increased risk of contracting meningococcal disease. These lifestyle factors include crowded living situations (for example, dormitories, sleep-away camps), active or passive smoking and irregular sleeping habits. Teens should avoid sharing eating utensils and drinking out of the same container, since infections may spread through this type of close contact.

To learn more about meningococcal disease, vaccine information, and public health resources visit the following web sites.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention meningococcal meningitis information.

- General information regarding [meningitis disease](#)
- A [Meningitis Fact Sheet](#) (This is a pdf document that cannot be altered, but may be copied and distributed.)
- American Committee of Immunization Practice recommendations for Prevention and Control of Meningitis (2005)  
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5407a1.htm>
- Updated recommendations for the use of Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccines (2010) is available at:  
[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6003a3.htm?s\\_cid=mm6003a3\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6003a3.htm?s_cid=mm6003a3_e)

National Association of School Nurses – Voices of Meningitis

(<http://www.nasn.org/ToolsResources/Immunizations/VoicesofMeningitisChallenge>)

- General parent letter [[English](#)] [[Spanish](#)]
- Fact Sheet [[English](#)] [[Spanish](#)]
- Vaccine Information Statement ([VIS](#))
- [Presentation to parents](#)

A list of local [Wisconsin public health departments and contact information](#)

- [Meningitis Foundation of America](#)
- [National Meningitis Association](#)
- [American Academy of Family Physicians](#)
- [American Academy of Pediatrics](#)



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### Seasonal Health Update

Pertussis (Whooping cough) is a communicable disease that can be of concern this time of year.

Pertussis is a bacterial disease that is spread through the air by direct face-to-face contact with a case of pertussis. Pertussis begins with cold-like symptoms and a cough, which becomes much worse over 1-2 weeks. Symptoms usually include a long series of coughs ("coughing spasms") followed by a whooping noise. However, older children, adults, and very young infants may not develop the whoop. There is generally no fever. People with pertussis may have a repetitive cough accompanied by gagging, vomiting, or difficulty catching breath. The cough is often worse at night and cough medicines usually do not help alleviate the cough. The disease is most serious in unimmunized infants and preschoolers. If you have preschool children at home, make sure they are up-to-date with their immunizations.

\*\*\*Please note, even if you have had the Pertussis Vaccine, you can still become infected with Pertussis/Whooping cough. Please continue to monitor your family for symptoms, and consult with your physician if you have any concerns.

**If you or your child develops symptoms suggestive of pertussis, please stay at home – no school, work or social activities until pertussis disease has been ruled out or you have completed 5 days of antibiotic treatment.**

A disease fact sheet can be found online at:

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/factsheets/pertussis.htm>

If you have any questions or concerns you may also call the Brown County Health Department at (920) 448-6400 for Brown County residents; or De Pere Health Department at (920) 339-4054 for De Pere residents.

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