



# OREDOCKER COMMUNITY NEWS

## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Oredocker Community -

On behalf of the School District of Ashland, I would like to thank all of our citizens for getting out to vote on April 1st. The operating referendum question passed by a vote of 2828 for and 2522 against. The vote will be canvassed on April 7th and officially recorded by our Board on April 21st.

The Board of Education, staff, families, and citizens worked hard to communicate across the entire community. We will be continuing with that community engagement regularly as we set the budget for the next school year. These are still uncertain times, and we need to continue to navigate state and federal questions about school funding.

We will continue to strive to provide the best education and community service with this new investment in resources. The process of community dialogue has brought us not just more funding resources but also a new level of commitment to our community involving our owners, our citizens.

We remain OredockersUnited!

Rob Prater  
Superintendent



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ASHLAND  
EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

APRIL 2025 REFERENDUM

YOUR VOTE.  
OUR FUTURE.

*We thank you!*





# CHAMPIONING EVERY STUDENT

## Are We Making Progress?

Success in education is measured in many ways, but benchmark testing is one of the most widely used metrics. These assessments, given in the fall, winter, and spring, evaluate student performance in Math and Reading and track growth over time. While they provide only a snapshot of a student's abilities on a given day, they are generally reliable indicators of overall class and grade-level progress.

So, how are we doing? I analyzed four years of our STAR assessment growth data to find out.

### 10th Grade Math Performance Over Time

School Year	Grade	% Benchmark Distribution	Below 10 PR		10 - 24 PR		25 - 39 PR		At/Above 40 PR		# Students
			Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
2024-2025 School Year	10th Grade		19	14%	31	22%	20	14%	69	50%	139
2023-2024 School Year	9th Grade		31	22%	29	20%	16	11%	67	47%	143
2022-2023 School Year	8th Grade		32	25%	21	17%	25	20%	48	38%	126
2021-2022 School Year	7th Grade		36	29%	33	26%	16	13%	40	32%	125

This example data set tracks our current 10th graders' math performance over the past four years. The results show steady improvement: more students are reaching proficiency (green), fewer need extra support (yellow), and the number requiring urgent intervention (red) is shrinking. This is positive growth. I reviewed all of our STAR data and below are the results.

### Performance Trends Across Grade Levels

#### LSE/MVS (Grades 3-5):

- Reading: 52-55% (LSE) and 65-73% (MVS) of students are proficient, with variable growth over time.
- Math: 48-56% (LSE) and 74-94% (MVS) of students are proficient, with variable growth.

#### AMS (Grades 6-8):

- Reading: 53-64% of students are proficient, with good growth over time.
- Math: 41-55% of students are proficient, with static or variable growth.

#### AHS (Grades 9-10):

- Reading: 60-67% of students are proficient, with good growth over time.
- Math: 50-57% of students are proficient, with good growth over time.

### Key Takeaways

A clear trend emerges: proficiency increases as students progress through grades, and fewer students remain in the red. This suggests that while students enter our district with a wide range of skills—common in lower-income communities like ours—they tend to catch up over time.

Notably, recent years have seen greater gains. Our focus on targeted interventions, rigorous instruction, and teacher teams collaborating around student success is paying off. We've shifted from a "teach it and move on" approach to a "how do we support those who didn't get it the first time" mindset.

We still have room to grow, but we're on the right path.

Thank you to our community for supporting our schools—your investment is making a difference.



# SCHOOL BOARD DONATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Per Policy 7230, the Board acknowledged and accepted the following donation(s) from 7/2024-3/2025:

## **August 2024**

- Northern State Bank in the amount of \$5,000 towards the Weikal Field scoreboard athletic sponsorship (5/5 installments paid in full).
- HTTM Corporation in the amount of \$1,000 towards the Weikal Field scoreboard athletic sponsorship (1/5 installments paid).
- Tamarack Health in the amount of \$5,000 towards the Weikal Field scoreboard athletic sponsorship (5/5 installments paid in full).

## **October 2024**

- Lake Superior Elementary Home and School Organization in the amount of \$913.50 towards student take-home folders.
- Ashland Public School Music Association in the amount of \$8,500 towards a trailer for band use.

## **December 2024**

- Tamarack Health in the amount of \$2,215.90 to the AHS Art & Design department towards "The Healing Arts" project.

## **January 2025**

- Lincoln Electric for the donation of nine welding jackets (small and medium-sized with an estimated value of ~\$540) for the summer school welding camp for middle school-age students.
- Ashland Culver's in the amount of \$500 towards the AHS Pay-It-Forward Club.
- American Lung Association in the amount of \$1,000 toward the AHS Art & Design department for "The Healing Arts" project.
- Ashland County in the amount of \$600 towards the February Community Wellness Event held at AHS.

## **February 2025**

- Lincoln Electric for the donation of nine welding gloves (medium-sized) with a value of \$320.67 for the Future of Welding Summer Camp. Last month, the Board acknowledged a donation from Lincoln Electric of nine welding jackets (small and medium-sized) with a value of \$1,083 for the Future of Welding Summer Camp. To date, their total donation is valued at \$1,403.67.
- Miller Welding for the donation of twelve welding jackets with a value of \$634.78 and the donation of ten welding gloves valued at \$227.52 for the Future of Welding Summer Camp. To date, their total donation is valued at \$862.30.
- The AHS FFA recently received the following donations valued at \$700+:
  - Northern Aged Iron Tractor Club, 67560 Spring Brook Rd, Highbridge, WI 54846 in the amount of \$150.00; the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, 8418 Excelsior Dr, Madison, WI 53717 in the amount of \$250 and two cube coolers; and Synergy Coop, P.O. Box 155, Ridgeland, WI 54763 in the amount of \$300

## **March 2025**

- Chequamegon Food Co-Op in the amount of \$1,036 collected from January customer donations to go towards the District's Angel Fund account.
- The Chequamegon Memorial VFW Post 690 in the amount of \$100 and the American Legion No. 90 in the amount of \$100 towards the District's Angel Fund account.
- Chippewa Valley Technical College donated a hydroponic wall (valued at \$6,000) for AHS's Ag, Food, and Natural Resources dual credit course.
- The Oredocker Foundation in the amount of \$2,075 towards the AHS softball account for a pitching machine.





# THANK YOU MVS HSA

A huge thank you to the amazing Marengo Valley School Home and School Association! Your dedication and hard work make a world of difference for our students, staff, and school community. Your efforts contribute to everyone's sense of belonging at our school with the fundraising, school events and support you provide throughout the year. Thank you to Angela Lunn, Jolyne Charlson, Tina Uskoski, Sidney Granger and Erica Falt for leading the association. We truly appreciate all that you do!



## MVS Pavilion Project

The pavilion was built with the help of the HSA. Students use it during recess and classes use it for learning activities.



*Thank you!*

The Marengo Valley Home & School Association would like to sincerely thank the following local businesses for their donations this school year.

We greatly appreciate your generosity and support!

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jolma Utilities             | Wisconsin Hardwoods     |
| M Jolma Inc.                | Jolma Electric          |
| Culver's                    | Granger Logging         |
| Taste of Wisconsin          | L & M Fleet Supply      |
| McDonald's                  | Super One Foods         |
| Jolma State Farm            | Hudson Square Coffe Co. |
| Blakeman Plumbing & Heating | TRC Auto                |





## **PLAY OUTSIDE!**

In a 2024 Planet Youth Survey, our teens reported spending several hours a day playing video games. Planet Youth encourages everyone to set down the controller and go play outside!

A 2021 article in the American Academy of Pediatrics says there is “a positive association between nature exposure and increased rates of physical activity, reduction of BMI [body weight], as well as improved cognitive, mental, and behavioral health outcomes.”

**Wisconsin State Parks FREE admission June 7-8, 2025**  
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/adventure/freefun>



## **DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES - FAMILY FAQ**

### **What is the protocol if my child has pinworms?**

There are no exclusion criteria for children diagnosed with pinworms – this means they may stay in school. Teach your child to refrain from scratching their bottom and have them wash their hands often – especially after using the bathroom and before meals.

### **What is the protocol for Hand-foot-and-mouth Disease?**

*There is no exclusion criteria for students with Hand-foot-and-mouth Disease unless they have a fever or cannot maintain hygiene and avoid close contacts with others. For younger students (K4 and KG), they may struggle with avoiding close contact with others, keeping their fingers out of their mouth/nose, etc, so they may need to go home until symptoms improve.*



## **4K / KG REGISTRATION IS ALMOST HERE!**

**4K / Kindergarten** registration for the 2025-26 school year is coming soon! Please see the flyer on the next page for more information!





# Kindergarten & 4K

## Registration

Lake Superior Elementary School

**Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025**

**4:00-6:00PM**



### WHAT TO BRING:

- copy of child's birth certificate
- proof of residency (i.e. phone bill, electric bill)
- identification of the parent



Enjoy PIZZA provided by HSO!  
We can't wait to meet you!





# SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

## Lake Superior Elementary School

**The Current**  
THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LAKE SUPERIOR ELEMENTARY  
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**Strategic Goals Update**

**Goal 4**

- LSE will increase the percentage of students that are able to read fluently on the Fast Bridge CBM Passage Reading Fluency and the Fast Bridge Letter Sound Assessment.
- LSE students in 2nd-5th grade will achieve 50 SGP (student growth percentage) on the STAR Math and Reading assessment from Fall 2024 - Spring 2025.

**Fall to Winter SGP**

STAR Math		STAR Reading	
2nd	47.4 SGP	2nd	53.4 SGP
3rd	53 SGP	3rd	59 SGP
4th	33.25 SGP	4th	43 SGP
5th	46.5 SGP	5th	55.3 SGP

DREAM. BELIEVE. ACHIEVE.

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## Marengo Valley Elementary School

**Marengo Valley School Newsletter**  
April 2025

Hello Marengo Valley School Families,  
I hope this newsletter finds you well. April starts our 4th quarter filled with learning, fun activities, and opportunities for our students to grow and show what they know. I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support in helping our school community thrive. Your involvement and encouragement mean the world to our students and staff!

**Marengo Valley School Newsletter**

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## Ashland Middle School

**AMS Newsletter**  
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**Important Dates**

- April 1
  - First Day of Quarter 4 Clubs
- April 18
  - No School
- April 21
  - In-Service (no school for students)

\*Mark your calendar:  
June 5 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony

203 11th Street E, Ashland, WI 54806

**Ashland Middle School**  
Phone (715) 682-7087  
Fax (715) 682-7944

## Ashland High School

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**Ashland High School Newsletter**  
Featuring monthly news, happenings, and events!

**March 2025**

**Important Upcoming Dates**

- March 25th: ACT Testing (Grade 11)
- March 28th: Last Day of 3rd Quarter
- April 18th: Vacation Day (no staff/students)
- April 21st: Full Day Inservice (no students)

**AHS YEAR AT A GLANCE**  
10-23 SCHOOL YEAR

**ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL**  
1900 Reaser Avenue, Ashland, WI 54806  
Phone (715) 682-7089 Fax (715) 682-2075





## Welcome to the Wisconsin Family Connections Center!

### WHO WE ARE

The Wisconsin Family Connections Center is a collaboration between the Coalition for Children, Youth & Families and Journeys (a Program of Catholic Charities Diocese of La Crosse). The Center is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

### OUR PURPOSE

The Wisconsin Family Connections Center is a safe, welcoming place where all individuals, families, and professionals touched by reunification, relative care, foster care, guardianship, or adoption can access information, connection, referral, training, and support.

### WHAT DOES INFORMATION & REFERRAL, EDUCATION, CONNECTION, AND SUPPORT INCLUDE?

#### INFORMATION & REFERRAL

- Information, referral, and resources tailored to your current situation
- Resource Library with books, DVDs, and instantly downloadable resources such as tip sheets, articles, resource kits, and more
- Robust, easy-to-navigate website: [wifamilyconnectionscenter.org](http://wifamilyconnectionscenter.org)

#### EDUCATION

- Webinars
- Conferences
- Facilitated learning and discussion groups
- A learning management system to track your training

#### SUPPORT

- Ability to connect with members of our Statewide and Regional Teams via phone, email, virtual, or in person for coaching, guidance, and support in finding resources to meet your family's needs
- Voluntary, post permanency, short-term case management services

#### CONNECTION

- Family Fun Events
- Support Groups
- Opportunities to connect

Everything offered under the Wisconsin Family Connections Center is **FREE** to use!

We invite you to learn more about how we can best serve and support you! Call us at 1-800-762-8063 or email us at [info@wifamilyconnectionscenter.org](mailto:info@wifamilyconnectionscenter.org). [Visit our website](#) to learn about and access all of the different resources above and more! You can also follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Eventbrite to stay connected with us.





## SKYWARD STUDENT FEES:



# Skyward Family Access

### *STUDENT FEE REMINDER*

Parents/Guardians -

Please check your student's fee and meal account balances.

Student accounts must be in good standing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school as soon as possible.

ALL PAYMENTS AND FEE DISPUTES MUST BE RESOLVED BY JUNE OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.



[SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS LINK](#)



# **OREDOCKER PROUD - MARCH**

Each month, our Board of Education recognizes School Community Members who make our school and community better with an Oredocker Proud nomination - March 2025 nominees:

- The Oredocker Foundation for supporting ALL students.
- John Charles Rhodes for supporting Ashland students with the estate money he donated to the Oredocker Foundation to create a STEM contest and scholarship program.



# **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

## **SCHEDULED EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant

Coach

Custodian & Weekend  
Custodian

Teacher

## **FILL-IN EMPLOYMENT**

Administrative Assistant

Assistant

Custodian

Food Service

Teacher

# COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION:



**Saturday, April 5th**  
**10am-12pm**  
**AHS Field House**

## School + Community Day

Learn what local community organizations have to offer your family!



Collecting donations of school supplies, classroom needs, winter gear, hygiene items, student snacks, etc.


**Information**  
**Activities**  
**Inflatables**

**Snacks**  
**Face Painting**  
**Amazing Prizes!**




### FREE Family Fun!

### All are welcome!



## Patient & Family Advisory Council

At Tamarack Health, we listen to our patients.


We created our Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) to bring together community representatives and discuss feedback on issues of importance to patients. The PFAC supports our ability to deliver safe, high-quality healthcare. We are always accepting applications for new members to our PFAC. By becoming a member, you can help improve services and make a difference in the lives of other patients and their families. Our goal is to keep our community engaged and an active part of the care we provide.

**Qualified candidates include people who:**

- Are dedicated to improving the patient and family experience.
- Speak comfortably and openly in a group setting.
- Serve as the voice of the patient and their family.
- Work in partnership with others.
- Share information about their experiences.
- Dedicate their efforts to positive change.
- Respect and are open to experiences/perspectives of others.
- Promote positive relationships between the medical center and members of the community.

Interested in becoming a member of our PFAC?

*In order to foster great communication, open dialogue and ensure that all voices are heard, the PFAC is made up of no more than 10 community members. Members are representatives from communities in our service area and come from different backgrounds, and are asked to serve a two-year term. Meetings are held monthly and typically last one to two hours.*



Interested?  
 Contact Patient Experience Director, Laurie Hurtgen  
 > 715.934.4

**MORE INFO**

15th annual 2025

# Family and Youth Services

# Open House

## Wed April 16

Stop in and visit with over 50 programs that work with everyone in the community in a “no pressure to join” environment and possibly win some amazing prizes.

### 4:30-7:00

## Bad River Casino

## Convention Center





# FREE STUDENT ADMISSION:

FREE ADMISSION TO AHS  
ACTIVITIES!

THE ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
IS EXTENDING FREE ADMISSION  
TO CO-CURRICULAR EVENTS FOR  
ALL ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL AND  
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS  
WITHIN THE SDA CAMPUS

ELEMENTARY AND YOUNGER ARE  
FREE WITH A PAID ADULT

COME ENJOY THE OREDOCKERS!

\*THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE  
PLAYOFF/ SECTIONAL SPORTING  
EVENTS



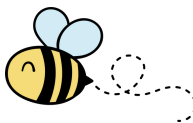
## School District of Ashland & Community Events Calendar



# IMPORTANT CALENDAR UPDATE

The 2024-25 school year calendar can be found on our website at [www.ashland.k12.wi.us](http://www.ashland.k12.wi.us).

- April 18th - Spring Holiday - No School
- April 21st - No School / Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 PM - District Office



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- [District & Community Events Calendar](#)
- [District/School Calendar - FAQ](#)