



A Note from the Principal

Hello State Road Families,

Hard to believe spring will officially be here later this month, but I am ready for it. I like winter, but I really like it when winter is done by the end of February, especially this February.

We have Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 11 from noon to 8:00pm (no school that day) and then again on March 14 from 4:00-8:00. We look forward to seeing you on these dates to talk about the progress that your child has made this school year. In addition to your child's homeroom teacher, please make time to stop in and see how things are going in art, music, and PE. I know the students have been working hard and learning a lot in these classes.

Thank you for keeping in touch with our teaching staff about your children. Research verifies that parental involvement is a key factor for a child's success in school. In addition to the research, we enjoy seeing parents here at school.

Sincerely,

Curt Rees



Upcoming Dates to Remember

March 1: State Road night at Mt. La Crosse

March 11: Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00pm-8:00pm

March 11-12: NO SCHOOL

March 14: Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-8:00pm

March 18: PTO Meeting

March 25-29: Bren Bataclan (Artist) visit/mural painting



Online P/T Conference Scheduling

Log into Skyward to schedule your conference time. Click on Conferences, All Conferences. Under the Status column, click Select a Time.

Please contact the office with any questions at 608-789-7690.

Volunteer at State Road

Visit the district website to sign up!

<https://www.lacrosseschools.org/parents/volunteer-opportunities/>

In order to go on a field trip or help in the classroom, you must be approved by the district. Once approved, it is good for three years.

School Days

Breakfast begins: 7:40am

Classes begin: 8:05am

Dismissal: 2:45pm

Early Release Dismissal: 12:45pm

Preschool AM: 8:05-10:35am

Preschool PM: 12:05-2:45pm

Lunch Money Dropbox

We now have a locked drop box for lunch money payments. It is directly inside the front doors to the left (next to the fire extinguisher and cabinet).



Daily Drop-off/Arrival to School

Your child/children should not arrive at school earlier than **7:40am**.

At that time, they should either go to the playground or come inside for breakfast.

Cold Weather Reminder

As the seasons change, so does the way children need to be dressed. Please make sure you are sending your child in the appropriate outdoor gear. Coats, hats, mittens/gloves, and boots are required when there is snow.



<https://www.facebook.com/LaCrosseStateRoadElementary/>



School Lunch Menu

<https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/StateRoad>

February STAR Winners



(L-R) Angie Markland, Brooke Thomson, Liam Stach, Wesley Olson, Megan Rowley, Kaitlyn Borge, Lekya Sidwell, Evan Schroeder, Lacey Hermanson, Kayla Schauf, Stella Raven, Josiah Hutschenreuter, Maevyn Olson, Izayah Brown, and Aleeyah Hendricks.

Prizes from: Dairy Queen, Pizza King, Dominos, Dick's Sporting Goods, Barnes & Noble, Pla-Mor, Pearl Ice Cream Parlor, Pizza Doctors, Jump Start, Taco Johns, Green Bay Packers.

Health Information

All prescription and over the counter medications require a form.

Visit the website at:

<https://www.lacrosseschools.org/programs-services/school-health-services/>

Doctors may fax over orders to 608-789-7084.

You must have a **new form/order on file every year**. This includes EpiPen's and inhalers.

Prescription must come in original container and be delivered by an adult to the school.

2018-2019 Meal Prices – Elementary School

Breakfast: Regular \$1.60/Reduced \$0.30

Lunch: Regular \$2.80/Reduced \$0.40

Milk: \$0.50 for all students

Make checks payable to State Road Elementary.

***Students bringing cold lunch from home must pay for a milk if they want one. This includes regular, reduced, and free plans.*

Nutrition Services

Free & Reduced Applications must be completed each year UNLESS you receive a letter from the nutrition office that you have automatically been approved.

Children will not be eligible for free or reduced meals until the application is received and approved.

Applications are available online or in the school office.



Lost and Found

Please encourage your child to check the lost and found. Every day, more and more is added. It is located under the stairs just inside the main hallway. Parents are also welcome to come in and check it out.

State Road PTO

Contacts:

General Questions:

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Treasurer: Wes Patterson

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Upcoming PTO Meeting

Monday, March 18

6:30pm

State Road LMC



www.facebook.com/stateroadpto



News from the PTO

We are in full swing with planning activities for our State Road Families & students!

***On March 1st, we will be at Mt. La Crosse for a family ski night! There are discounted rates that apply for those who sign up in advance at the following online website: <http://mtlacrosse.com/corporate-night-sign-up/>

Scroll down until you see the button for Corporate Night. Click on that & fill out the information. *The Company/name we are listed under is: State Road Elementary PTO - you will need to fill this out under the "Company Name" for the discounts to be applied.

Here are the prices: \$19 Lift tickets, \$25 Lift/Ski Rental, \$35 Lift/Board Rental

We are narrowing down a night to have a family Chuck E. Cheese night...more information will be sent home with students.

There will be an email going out to parents soon about signing up to help & bring a food item for Parent/Teacher Conference Meals for March 11th & 14th. We hope many of you will be able to sign up! It is our way of thanking the teachers for the hard work & time they spend with our children!

As of March 31st, Kwik Trip is no longer accepting Milk Moola caps. If you have any Milk Caps from Kwik Trip milk, ***please get them in to State Road by March 25th.

We are looking for another District Wide Parenting (DWP) Representative for State Road Elementary. This includes attending a DWP meeting 1X/month and reporting information back at the State Road PTO meetings. Please email us at: ptostateroad@gmail.com if interested.

Save the date: The All School Carnival date is: Wednesday, May 29th (Thursday, May 30 - rain date make-up)

Happy March to everyone!

Laura Eber

Bren Bataclan – Smile Artist

Mrs. Quick and Mrs. Ruprecht received an LPEF grant to bring Bren Bataclan to State Road. Bren, otherwise known as the Smile Artist, will be at State Road the week of March 25-29. He will do a presentation to students on Monday, March 25. In his presentation, he tells his story of how his family came to the U.S., his journey that led him to be a full time artist, and his message of kindness/pay it forward. Bren will then work with the 5th graders on designing a mural for a hallway wall here at State Road. While Bren is painting, all students will be able to watch and ask questions. On Friday, the painting will be revealed.

For more information on Bren and to see some examples of his work, please visit his website: <http://www.bataclan.com/>



Food Pantry

We are so pleased with how well the food pantry is going! Food bags are sent out once a month to families that have signed up. If you or your family needs a food bag more than once a month, please contact the school office or your child's classroom teacher.



Food Drive for Food Pantry

This month, the kindergarten staff has organized a food drive. Throughout the month of March, we will be collecting food that will go to our food pantry right here at State Road.

Our food pantry provides food for families once a month and on an as needed basis. Watch your child's take home folder for more information.



The Mobile Food Pantry, an innovative and one-of-a-kind program, began serving the public in September 2017. Participants are able to benefit from the canned goods, fresh produce, dairy items, baked goods, frozen meat, and hygiene items similar to what is available at WAFER's main facility in La Crosse when using this service. Clients are able to board the handicap accessible vehicle to choose their own foods. Clients may either receive a food package at the food pantry **or** at the mobile food pantry, not both. For questions regarding this service or to sign up for volunteering at a site, please contact the Mobile Food Pantry Manager at wafermobile@waferlacrosse.org or 608-782-6003, x6.

March 6, 9am – 11a (La Crosse)

Forest Park (1230 Badger St., La Crosse)

March 7, 4pm – 6pm (La Crosse)

South Community Library (1307 S. 16th St., La Crosse)

March 12, 2pm – 4pm (La Crosse)

Northside Elementary (1611 Kane St., La Crosse)

March 13, 10am – 12pm (La Crosse)

Southside La Crosse (2828 Huber Court, La Crosse)

March 19, 10am – 12pm (La Crosse)

Sauber Manor (1025 Liberty St., La Crosse)

March 19, 12:15pm – 1pm (La Crosse)

Heritage Haven (800 St. James St., La Crosse)

March 20, 10am – 12pm (La Crosse)

Stokke Tower (421 S. 6th St., La Crosse)

March 20, 12pm – 2pm (La Crosse)

Solberg Heights (215 S. 6th St., La Crosse)

March 21, 10am – 12pm (La Crosse)

Ping Manor (1311 Badger St., La Crosse)

March 21, 12:30pm – 2pm (La Crosse)

Carroll Heights (3505 Park Lane Drive, La Crosse)

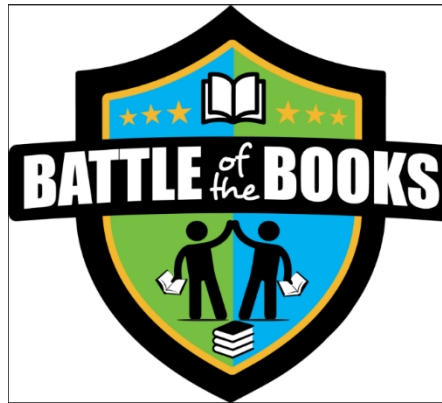
March 28, 9am – 11am (La Crosse)

Margaret Annett Head Start (1321 St. James St., La Crosse – the MFP will be parked on Wall St.)

March 28, 2pm – 4pm (La Crosse)

28th St. Church of Christ (3506 28th St., La Crosse)

March 2019



State Road Team Lead at District Battle of the Books

State Road had two teams at the District Battle of the Books at UWL on February 25th. The first place team was Pearl Court, Alyce Wilker, Maggie Mach, and Sylvia Rauch. The second place team was Miranda Ellefson, Mercy Larson, Ella Hove, and Claire Deyo.


The first place team will participate in State Battle of the Books on Wednesday, February 27th.



1st Place: (L-R) Pearl Court, Alyce Wilker, Maggie Mach, Sylvia Rauch

2nd Place: (L-R) Miranda Ellefson, Mercy Larson, Ella Hove, Claire Deyo





CALENDAR CHANGES

The district built 2 days into this year's school calendar for possible inclement weather. The severe winter weather required us to close for 5 days so far. That leaves 3 days of lost instructional minutes the district needs to create to follow state requirements. Please keep in mind any additional inclement weather days that require us to close school this winter will result in additional changes.

All Schools - The early release days scheduled for March 15 and May 10 will now be scheduled as full school days. Afternoon preschool will be available on March 15 and May 10 because of the new full-day schedule. The last day of school, June 5, will now be a two-hour early dismissal instead of the normal three-hour early dismissal.

Elementary and middle schools - Starting on Thursday, March 7, the district's elementary and middle school dismissal times will be extended. Elementary schools will end their school days 8 minutes later at each building. Middle schools will end their school days 10 minutes later. Both extensions will last through the end of this school year. These changes will allow elementary and middle schools to meet the state requirements for total minutes of instruction.

Parents and guardians of students who ride the bus at all grade levels should expect their students to arrive home about 10 minutes later than normal beginning March 7.

Making a decision about weather-related school closures is always difficult, but please know the safety of our students and staff is our number one priority.



Despite the record amounts of snow, planning for this spring's garden and programming is underway. The students have been saying, "We can't wait for garden lessons!"

Unfortunately, the snow and ice we have gotten over these past few weeks have severely damaged the hoop house. We have enjoyed five years of extended seasons of planting, growing and outside lessons by having the hoop house. It is disappointing to see it so damaged.

This seems like an ideal time to regroup the school community on a plan going forward as decisions surrounding the clean up and repair/rebuilding of the hoop house need to be made. If you would like to help or have any ideas, please contact Kari Bersagel Braley @ kari@growlacrosse.org.