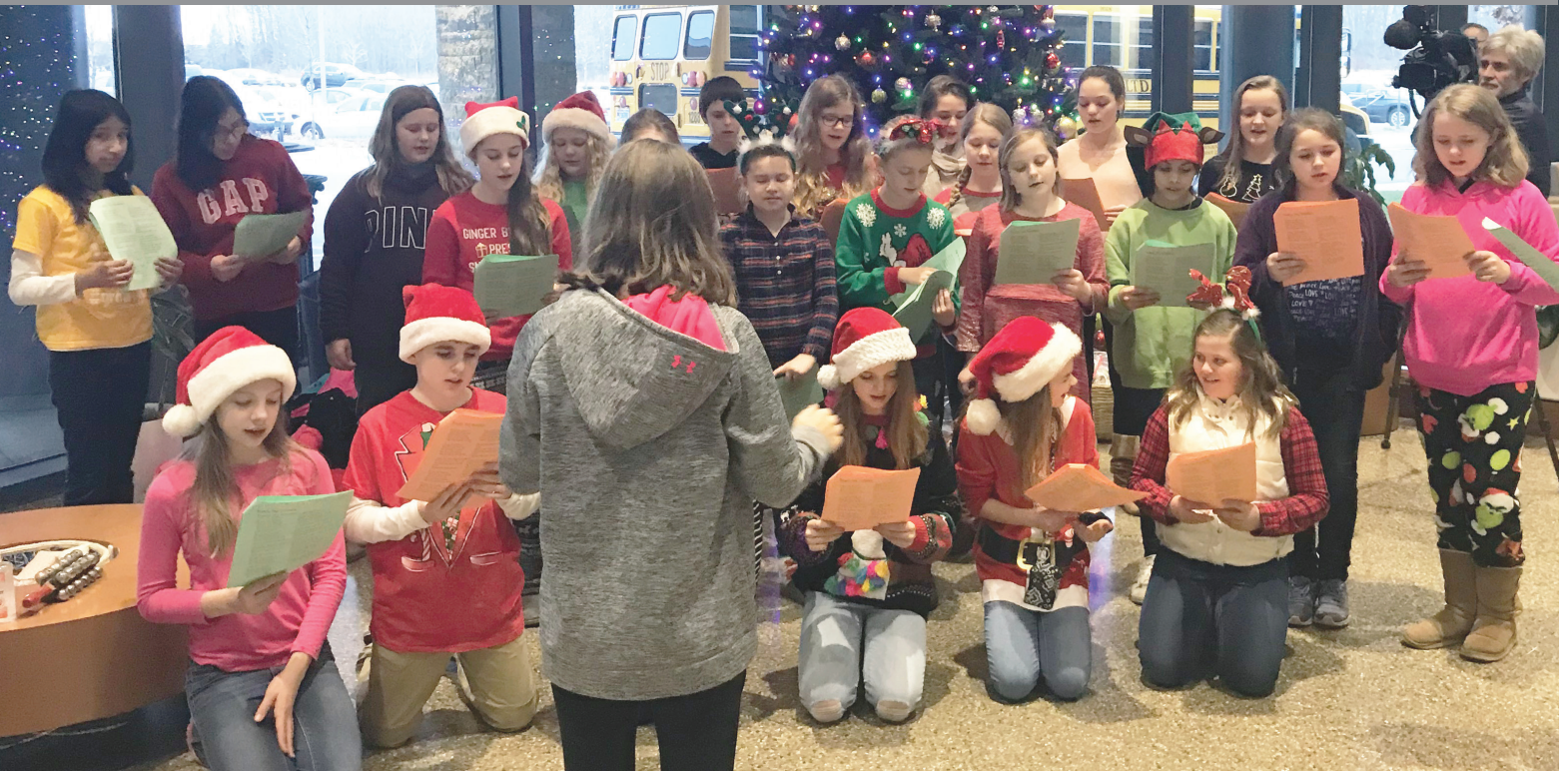


COMMUNITY GHOST STORY



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STRONG MINDS. STRONG HEARTS.

REFERENDUM UPDATE

KAUKAUNA STRONG

STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS GIVE BACK

Students and River View Middle School have taken kindness to a new level. This past November, under the guidance of River View teachers Kimberly Schaefer and Amanda Turgeon, the Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) club was launched, with the goal of spreading a little extra happiness throughout the Kaukauna Community.

The club, so far, has participated in projects such as decorating local sidewalks with motivational quotes and chalk drawings, visiting local police and fire departments with letters of thanks for their work in keeping our community safe, and most recently, a trip to the ThedaCare Regional Cancer Center in Appleton, just before Christmas, to spread holiday cheer to some patients in need. The students spent the morning caroling, greeting patients and delivering care packages filled with uplifting messages.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

STRONG MINDS. STRONG HEARTS. STRONG STUDENTS.



As I write this, the temperature sits at -8° F; it is a bitterly cold Saturday morning, with heavy snow projections and even colder temperatures forecasted for the upcoming school week. These weather conditions make me think of the many people who work every day — from early morning through the late hours of the evening — to support the safety of our community. From the bus drivers who transport our kids to and from school, to the snow plow drivers that work through the night to make sure the roads are ready for travel after storms like these, to our crossing guards, who brave the cold temperatures to help our students get to school safely ... to the District maintenance and operations staff

and the municipal staff of our cities, towns, villages and counties; each person, each area, has an individual job, that when performed together, create safer times for our students and our community. I am grateful for their commitment. Thank you!

While the pending school referendum vote in April is big news for the Kaukauna Area School District, it should not overshadow the incredible work that our staff and students put in each day.

As a District, we are very proud to be exceeding state expectations on State report cards again; we are also very determined to reach the next level — significantly exceeding expectations. Student success is a complicated “puzzle.” Each student has individual needs that must be met for growth to happen, and developing and sustaining positive and trusting relationships with our students is an essential piece of the puzzle. As part of the continuous improvement process, staff training in December focused on Trauma-Informed Care, a process involving understanding, recognizing and responding to the affects of all types of trauma that students may experience. Additionally, in February, we will be hosting a staff Wellness Summit that will focus on social-emotional learning strategies. In this process, students and staff acquire and effectively apply knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to better understand and manage emotions in a positive and healthy manner. In short, what we teach, and how we teach it are equally important.

I do encourage you to be looking for news and information about the April referendum — which will be available across all of the District’s communication platforms; this publication is a great place to start. Thank you for your continued support of KASD. Enjoy this edition of the Community Ghost Story.

MARK P. DUERWAECHTER
SUPERINTENDENT

The Kaukauna Area School District will educate students to be effective life-long learners who can successfully meet the challenges of their lives and be positive contributors to society.

THANK YOU ...

to the more than 1,500 Kaukauna community members who completed the District’s facilities planning survey. Your response is evidence of the strong, valued partnership between the District and our community. Your voice is being heard, and will continue to inform and guide the process. We appreciate your feedback and will continue to keep you informed. Detailed survey results and referendum information are available on the District website:

www.kaukauna.k12.wi.us/referendum

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

Kaukauna Area School District is deeply committed to growing students—academically, socially and academically. We understand that a healthy balance in these areas is the foundation for success, both in the classroom and in life. Supporting this effort are a strong School Board, dedicated staff and an involved community. Our District has come a long way in recent years, and we can take pride in the following:

- The District continues to earn an “Exceeding Expectations” rating on DPI’s State Report Card.
- Our co-curricular programs provide excellent opportunities for students.
- Our students demonstrate servant leadership through a variety of community service projects.
- Strong community partnerships provide real-life, hands-on learning experiences.

Early Learning/Elementary School Options

The following chart shows the options developed by the Elementary Facility Planning Action Team. Please note: All costs include an investment to update/renovate key learning areas of each elementary school.

| School Configuration | Grade level | | |
|--|-------------|----------|--------------------------|
| | Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 |
| Electa Outney Elementary School | 4K-4 | 1-4 | 5K-4 |
| New Directions Learning Community (LHCC Charter) | 4K-4 | 4K-4 | Moves to Terrace 4K only |
| Dr. H. B. Tanner Elementary School | 4K-4 | 1-4 | 5K-4 |
| Victor Haen Elementary School | 4K-4 | 4K-4 | 5K-4 |
| Park Community Charter School | Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 |
| Addresses capacity/improves utilization | No | Yes | Yes |
| Maintains an Early Learning Center | No | Yes | No |
| Maintains an Early Learning Center | Yes | No | 5K-4* grade only |

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STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS GIVE BACK

“They all have such caring hearts; they just needed someone to help them facilitate their ideas,” said Ms. Schaefer, the club’s advisor. “It’s been heartwarming to watch their ideas come to life.”

The visit was the culmination of a December filled with caring, giving and empathy at KASD:

Tanner Early Learning Center

Caring was December’s theme at Tanner, and students chose to show their kind and caring hearts by creating a Book, Buddy and Blanket drive, to which Tanner families generously donated throughout the month. The Tanner Parent Advisory Council also held a Polar Express family event during which families could place coins in buckets outside of decorated classroom doors to “vote” for their favorite; this drive generated an additional \$675 which was included in the Book, Buddy and Blanket drive donation that was delivered to Pillars (previously Homeless Connections) in downtown Appleton.

Tanner 4K students and families additionally donated over \$2,000 in toys to the Salvation Army and Ronald McDonald house.



New Directions Learning Community

At NDLC’s December Family Night, students and their families came together to tie 34 blankets for Neenah Children’s Hospital.



Park Community Charter School

Park Community K-Kids members met advisor Emily Goetsch at the Fox Valley Humane Society to drop off the dog and cat toys that club members created as their December service project.

Electa Quinney Elementary School

Quinney students, families and staff collected over \$1,400 in money, diapers and supplies to support the Outagamie/Calumet County Foster Care program as part of December’s Cougar Council Caring project.



Victor Haen Elementary School

Haen K-Kids completed tie blankets and donated them to a local shelter.

River View Middle School

In addition to the RAK Club’s visit to ThedaCare Regional Cancer Center, River View’s Team Harmony decorated bookmarks and delivered them to local elementary schools.



“Vision is about seeing a need within our community, and finding a way to help fulfill that need. It’s heartwarming to see our students, families and staff come together to support those organizations working to support our community. It’s another piece of what makes us Kaukauna Strong.”

~Mark Duerwaechter, Superintendent

REFERENDUM FACTS



The Kaukauna Area School District is committed to continuous improvement.
We are continuously and actively investing in our schools, guided by our three goals: student success, culture and climate and fiscal sustainability.

April 2, 2019 Ballot Question

Shall the Kaukauna Area School District, Outagamie, Calumet and Brown Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$32,930,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of District-wide safety and security improvements; instructional space renovations to the District's four elementary school buildings; instructional space renovations at River View Middle School as well as the addition of a multi-purpose space/gymnasium; and equipment acquisition related to said projects?



SAFETY AND SECURITY

Address safety and ADA-compliance concerns at all District Schools, in order to create safe, accessible environments for all students, staff and visitors.

\$7.2 MILLION



GRADE-LEVEL CONFIGURATION

Re-align elementary schools to a 4K-4 model and renovate targeted multi-purpose spaces to ease capacity concerns, strengthen connectedness, balance student enrollment.

\$7.3 MILLION



INSTRUCTIONAL SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

Upgrade River View Middle School classrooms, large-group and instructional support areas to create adequately-sized, accessible spaces that better support modern learning.

\$18.4 MILLION

KAUKAUNA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM

INFORMATION FAIRS: ASK QUESTIONS, GET ANSWERS!



March 4, 2019
River View
Middle School
6:00-7:30 p.m.



March 13, 2019
Victor Haen
Elementary School
6:00-7:30 p.m.

GRADE-LEVEL CONFIGURATION CHANGE

The proposed plan includes re-alignment of all District elementary schools to ease capacity concerns, create consistency and balance enrollment.



| | Tanner | NDLC | Park | Haen | Quinney |
|----------|--------|------|------|------|---------|
| Current | 4K-1 | 4K-4 | 5K-4 | 1-4 | 2-4 |
| Proposed | 4K-4 | 4K-4 | 4K-4 | 4K-4 | 4K-4 |

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

Continued fiscal responsibility remains a guiding principle for this project. KASD will continue to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

| Property Value | Annually | Monthly |
|----------------|----------|---------|
| \$100,000 | \$67.00 | \$5.58 |
| \$200,000 | \$134.00 | \$11.17 |
| \$300,000 | \$201.00 | \$16.75 |

Estimated property tax impact for the life of a 4.25% interest rate, 15-year loan, based on current local and state budget conditions

NOW IS THE TIME

According to the November 2018 Survey, the Kaukauna community is ready for the next steps in this continuous improvement process.

72%

of respondents advised the District to explore a referendum.

73%

of respondents supported safety, security and accessibility enhancements.

71%

of respondents supported elementary reconfiguration and upgrades.

69%

of respondents supported renovations to River View Middle School.

KASD FACILITIES TIMELINE

- 1897 - Park Elementary built
- 1922 - River View built
- 1966 - Electa Quinney built
- 1971 - Victor Haen built
- 1991 - Tanner Elementary built
- 1999 - Kaukauna High School built
- 2012 - Park Community Charter School major renovations
- 2014 - Community, staff and student surveys released
- 2015 - Roffers Long Range Facilities Scoping Study published
District Vision Committee launched
KHS athletic facility built
- 2016 - Community survey
Act 32 energy efficiency upgrades
- 2017 - Master Planning process launched
- 2018 - Action Team work begins
Feedback gathered through Community Reaction Workshops
Referendum survey released
- 2019 - Resolution adopted for April 2, 2019 referendum



Please vote April 2, 2019

WORKING TOGETHER FOR STRONGER SCHOOLS

GROW STRONG WITH US

Registration is now open for 4K and Kindergarten students. If you are new to the District, or have not yet had a chance to visit one of our elementary school open house events, please contact Debra Dakins in the District Office at (920) 759-6109. You can find additional enrollment and registration on the Kaukauna Area School District website: www.kaukauna.k12.wi.us



STRONG MINDS. STRONG HEARTS. STRONG STUDENTS



River View's spelling bee hosted 53 contestants this year! After 8 rounds, the 193rd word, "sumptuous," sent 8th grader Leah McElhane to the winners circle. Three others students moved on to the Regional Spelling Bee along with Leah: Norah Bowers (Grade 7), Samee Srinivasan (Grade 6) and Will Ryan (Grade 7).



Kaukauna STEM Girls Club hosted sixty-five 7th and 8th grade girls from River View to help broaden their view of opportunities available in STEM fields. Students working together to teach and learn!

During Wisconsin Crossing Guard Appreciation Week, KHS Student Council members hit the streets to deliver thanks and hot chocolate (thanks to Kwik Trip for donating!) to our crossing guards.



Students at River View got to create some quick, informative Public Service Announcements as part of their study of invasive species. They used a green screen to help create video presentations that focused on learning in a fun, jigsaw-style format.



FEBRUARY

- 21-22 NO SCHOOL - ALL STUDENTS**
- 25** Board of Education Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
District Office
- 26** 7th and 8th Grade Solos, Ensembles and Sweets – 6:00 p.m.
River View Middle School Auditorium

MARCH

- 4** Referendum Information Fair – 6:00 p.m.
River View Middle School
- 8 11:30 DISMISSAL - ALL STUDENTS**
- 11** Board of Education Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
District Office
- 12** STEM Shuttle Open House – 3:30 p.m.
Park Community Charter School
- 13** Referendum Information Fair – 6:00 p.m.
Victor Haen Elementary School
- 15-16** River View Musical Aladdin Jr – 7:00 p.m.
River View Middle School Auditorium
- 19** KHS Pops Concert – 5:30 p.m.
Kaukauna High School Commons
- 20** SLURP – 5:00 p.m.
Kaukauna High School Commons
- 22 NO SCHOOL - ALL STUDENTS**
- 25** Board of Education Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
District Office

APRIL

- 8** River View Band Bash – 7:00 p.m.
Kaukauna High School Gymnasium
- 8** Board of Education Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
District Office
- 17 11:30 DISMISSAL - ALL STUDENTS**
- 18-22 NO SCHOOL - ALL STUDENTS**
- 22** Board of Education Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
District Office
- 25** 6th Grade Academic Night – 6:00 p.m.
River View Middle School Auditorium
- 29** 7th and 8th Grade Academic Night – 6:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.
River View Middle School Auditorium

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MAY

- 2** 6th Grade and Jazz Choir Concert – 6:00 p.m.
River View Middle School Auditorium
- 2** 7th and 8th Grade Choir Concert – 7:15 p.m.
River View Middle School Auditorium
- 5** KHS Academic Awards – 5:00 p.m.
Kaukauna High School Auditorium
- 13** Board of Education Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
District Office
- 16** 5th and 7th Grade & Jazz Band Concert – 7:00 p.m.
River View Middle School Auditorium
- 21** 5th - 12th Grade Orchestra Concert – 6:30 p.m.
Kaukauna High School Auditorium
- 22** 6th and 8th Grade & Jazz Band Concert – 7:00 p.m.
River View Middle School Auditorium
- 24-27 NO SCHOOL - ALL STUDENTS**
- 30** KHS Senior Awards Night – 7:00 p.m.
Kaukauna High School Auditorium
- 30 Last Day of 4K**

JUNE

- 5 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
11:30 DISMISSAL - ALL STUDENTS**
- 5** KHS Graduation - 7:00 p.m.
Kaukauna High School



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KASD serves all or portions of these communities

- City of Kaukauna
- Town of Kaukauna
- Village of Sherwood
- Town of Buchanan
- Village of Harrison
- Town of Holland
- Town of Vanden Broek
- Town of Woodville
- Village of Combined Locks
- Village of Little Chute

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