

Positively PARIS SCHOOL



**Paris Jt. 1
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Greetings Paris School community:

On behalf of the Paris Jt. 1 Board of Education, it is my pleasure to write this welcome introduction to our 2018-19 Budget Publication and Newsletter.

Our school year is off to a great start! In an effort to maintain communication between the school and our community we are sending you this informative packet. In years past, our district has published the annual budget and announcement of the budget hearing in the Kenosha News, as required by state law. A legal (and far less costly) alternative to this publication is to mail the budget summary to our community. You'll note that the enclosed budget begins with the Notice of Budget Hearing, followed by the summary which contains the audited budget from 2016-17, audited budget from 2017-18, as well as the 2018-19 budget. The Budget Hearing itself is part of the District Annual Meeting which will be held on Monday, October 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. All are invited to attend!

There are wonderful things going on here every day that we are excited to share, so also enclosed in this packet you will find information regarding our continued academic success, fiscal highlights of our district, technology updates, and news from the Paris School Foundation and our Paris School Organization (PSO).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our school, please do not hesitate to contact me at 859-2350 or rgahart@paris.k12.wi.us.

Sincerely,

Roger Gahart,
Paris School District Administrator



The Seisay family performed energetic and inspirational traditional drumming to give a perfect ending to Africa learning experience.

LITERACY UNIT: Africa

FOR THREE WEEKS each March, students in grades K-8 embark on a single-topic, cross-curricular, experiential learning journey accompanied by educational or cultural presentations or a field trip to augment classroom studies. During this time, Paris School learners are immersed in the selected topic and prepare projects for display in our upper hallway and a student-guided culmination assembly to demonstrate topic comprehension and application in each grade.

Last spring, Paris School learners explored the continent of Africa through engaging literature and experiences. Performers from The Village for African Cultural, Visual, and Performing Arts from West Dundee, IL, presented cultural music, dance, and storytelling to students in all grades. In addition, Paris School parent, Alpha Seisay, shared his knowledge and enthusiasm about his home country of Sierra Leone.

DISTRICT PROGRESS

An update about Paris School District financial gains and future goals.



PARIS SCHOOL FISCAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2017-18

- ❖ Student enrollment is **281** students. All grades are at capacity.
- ❖ Open Enrollment students into Paris decreased 5 students to a total of 130. Total revenue from Open Enrollment is **\$839,012**. This is a decrease of **\$33,740** from 2016-2017.
- ❖ Implementing additional new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum in grades 1-5.
- ❖ Replaced all Intermediate Wing (North End) flooring with proper vapor barrier, subfloor, and tiles.
- ❖ Added Safety Bollards along front sidewalk and replaced cracked sections of front sidewalk.
- ❖ Removed and roofed over five old leaky roof vents that are no longer in use.
- ❖ Staff workroom and Speech/Language classroom remodeled thanks to PSO donation.

PARIS SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS: 2018-19 (TO DATE)

- ❖ Student enrollment is **277** students. All grades are at capacity.
- ❖ Open Enrollment students into Paris increased 11 students to a total of 141. Total revenue from Open Enrollment is **\$972,497**. This is an increase of **\$133,485** from 2017-2018.
- ❖ Implementing more new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum in grades 1-5.
- ❖ Addition of iPads in Intermediate Wing for STEM implementation.
- ❖ Removed old north playground set and replaced with new climber/slide thanks to PSO donation.
- ❖ Added a beautiful new handicapped accessible playground set on south playground thanks to PSO donation.
- ❖ Installed 22 interior and exterior surveillance cameras and completed wiring for more cameras.

PARIS SCHOOL BOARD GOALS: 2018-2019

Training, building improvements, and surveillance camera additions to enhance school safety.

Work with Paris Legacy Committee to explore Community Fitness Center on site.

Further Technology Initiative and STEM Classroom Integration.

Continue ongoing necessary building and grounds maintenance practices.

Increase Fund Balance to save for future revenue loss due to continued declining resident enrollment.

NOTIFICATION OF 2018-2019 REDUCTION OF LEVY RATE

For the 2018-2019 school year, the Paris Board of Education is presenting a budget with a tax levy rate of .004754, compared to the 2017-18 levy rate of .004897.

ACADEMICS

News about curriculum and classroom improvements.

MATH CURRICULUM UPGRADE TO Math Expressions:

Mastering math is about learning to look beyond the numbers to understand how and why they work. Based on National Science Foundation (NSF) funded research, Math Expressions is a proven K-6 curriculum that helps students make sense of math. Rather than mere memorization, the program teaches math based on the way children learn—which leads to strong fluency, critical thinking, and valuable problem-solving skills that will take students far beyond the classroom.

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Contextual Learning:

Every lesson integrates mathematical processes and practices. Students develop an understanding of mathematics through real-world situations and visual supports.

Multiple Strategies:

Students just don't solve problems—they learn multiple ways to solve problems, explain their answers and methods, take questions from the class, and justify their answers.

Interactive Platform:

Math Expressions links with Osmo iPad technology to provide enrichment activities and further opportunities for hands-on learning.

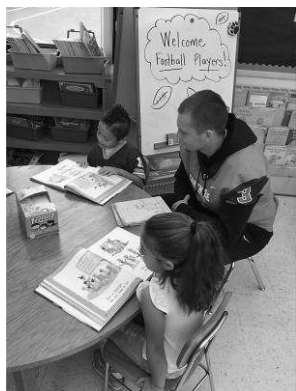
Results:

Studies conducted throughout the United States show that Math Expressions raises student achievement.



PARTNERSHIPS

Exciting collaborations to benefit our students and our school.



CARTHAGE FOOTBALL STUDENTS reach out:

IN SEPTEMBER, PARIS School K-2 students improved their reading game when Carthage College football athletes visited for a special "Come Read With Me" event. Carthage Football coach and Paris School parent, Dustin Hass, encourages his team to volunteer in the community. The players read stories in primary grade classrooms, were read to by students, and wrapped up their Paris School huddle with a Q&A session, group photos, and recess time with the kids. We thank the Carthage Football Program for mentoring our students in this fun and educational way!



OUR condolences:

IN JULY, OUR Paris School family lost a dear friend and custodian, Mr. James Dix. His positivity and love for life is greatly missed. We extend our condolences to Jim's family and thank all who contributed to the Paris School Foundation memorial in his name. These funds will bring joy to Paris School kids just as Jim brought joy to all who knew him.



IT'S A PANTHER PROWL pig roast:

THE PARIS SCHOOL Organization's 13th annual Panther Prowl Walk-a-thon is Saturday, October 13th from noon to 5:00 p.m. and will feature a pig roast courtesy of Kordecki & Sons, Purveyors of Pork. Other highlights include students walking for pledges, a silent auction featuring classroom projects, 50/50 raffles, music, concessions, and an amazing bake sale. **Community members are invited to join us for this day of food and fun with family, friends, and neighbors!**



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Notice of budget hearing:

PARIS SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, October 22nd
7:00 p.m.
Paris School Gym

National Blue Ribbon
Educational



Schools Award Winner

Excellence ★

Superior academic standards • Panther Pride
Challenging curriculum • Positive environment

Outstanding educators • Differentiated student instruction
Interactive technology in every classroom • Policy of inclusion

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Paris School Board meetings are held on
the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

PARIS SCHOOL upcoming events:

Paris School Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting
Mon., October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. • Paris School Gym

Panther Prowl 2018 Walk-a-thon & Pig Roast
Saturday, October 13th: Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Paris Community Halloween Party
Wednesday, October 24th
Grades K-4: 6-7:30 p.m. • Grades 5-8: 8-10:00 p.m.

Share Basket Food Drive for Paris Community
November 2018

Spaghetti Supper Spring Fundraiser
March 16, 2018 • 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Please contact Paris School at (262) 859-2350 for
more information about any of our upcoming events.