



Newsletter

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NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

DENNIS KENEALY, TOWN CHAIRMAN

We completed another budget process in which we added more funding for Roads while staying within our budget guidelines of the past several years. We are also continuing the updates to the Town Hall, and so far the new roof and office remodeling have been successful.

As we approach the 2017 U.S Open, there will be more meetings and information regarding the event and we will include them on our website and in future newsletters. Our next meeting will be scheduled this spring.

There is ongoing work in the Parks and always a need for volunteer help if we are to continue the improvements. Please talk to any member of the Park Board about how you may contribute.

CLERK’S CORNER

JULIE KRIEWALDT, TOWN CLERK

Election Information

There will be a Spring Election on April 7, 2015. The Town of Erin Chairman, two Town Supervisors and the Town Treasurer will be elected at that time.



Spring White Goods/Tires Recycling

Each spring, the Town of Erin has a spring recycling event that includes tires and white goods only. Items are brought to the Town Hall to be disposed of for a fee. The 2015 event will be held on April 11, 2015, 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon . In addition to tires, stoves, microwaves, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers and water heaters can also be brought for recycling. Watch the Daily News, Booster and our website for more information as we get closer to April.

CLERK'S CORNER, CONTINUED

License Your Dogs

I've had many questions on dog licensing. All dogs five months and older must be licensed. Dogs must be licensed by March 31st each calendar year.

Licensing your dog ensures that if he or she gets away from you, the Humane Society knows who they belong to. It is important that your licensed dog wear the dog tag you receive when you license your dog.

When the tax statements are mailed out around December 15th each year, it includes a dog license application form. You may duplicate that form as one application must be filled out per dog. It is the easiest to license your dog for the year at that time.

The requirements to license your dog(s) are as follows: Complete an application for each dog, and provide your rabies certificate (that will be returned to you) and \$10 per dog (unless he or she is spayed or neutered, in which case the cost is \$5). For those of you that have more than three dogs or cats, additional permitting is required.

If you need a copy of the dog license application, you can find it on our website www.erintownship.com under the "Forms" button or under the "Treasurer" menu option. It can be downloaded and printed.

PARK BOARD

2015 Winter Update

The chilly temperatures and a bit of blowing snow mean that winter is here, and it has decorated Erin Park in a blanket of glimmering white. The temperature may be a bit cold right now but there is plenty of time to enjoy the sledding hill with friends and family. The Erin Roads Crew will keep the drive open for easy access to the sledding hill and Gazebo. There have even been a few sightings of brave Frisbee golfers walking the course to take in the winter sights and sounds.



PARK BOARD, CONTINUED

The fall season wrapped up with the largest soccer tournament hosted by the Erin Soccer Club. The Erin Park Board would like to thank the tournament volunteers for a well-run tournament with record crowds. No incidents were reported, even though the weather didn't cooperate, and the Park was as beautiful after the event as it was before. It is events like this that should make the Erin community proud to show off their splendid Park.

Jeff Nienhaus and his crew have put the lawn mowers away for the season but are already planning to get a jump on the spring season. The baseball outfields have been trimmed out nicely and are waiting for new grass in the spring.

Did you notice that during the holiday season, the Town Hall entrance remained festive and even had a lit Christmas tree? Thanks to Brian Maresh and his creative decorating ideas, the Town Hall was a welcome site even during the end-of-year tax season.

We want to mention again that we are always looking for new Park project ideas and are willing to help organize a community project around a great idea. Projects can be as small as painting a swing set to putting in new field lighting. The Park and Town Boards have created a simplified process to collect ideas and donations for specific projects to be carried out in the Town. The process will allow individuals or groups to specify a unique project with a predefined budget and funding schedule. Ask a Park Board member for ideas on fundraising or how to get started. If you have any questions or ideas, contact:

Joel Janz—joel.janz@med.ge.com

Jeff Nienhaus—jnienhaus@bertramwireless.com

So, come on down to our Park and enjoy a brisk walk in the snow or an exhilarating ride down the sledding hill. The Park is waiting for you.

PARK BOARD MEMBERS

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Tim Zignego—Supervisor
Jeff Nienhaus—
Park Superintendent
Jim Wright—Member
Brian Maresh—Member
Tony Balistreri—Member
Kevin Kerrigan—Member

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING OFFICE

As many of you may know, since September 12, 2014, Kathy Kobs (Zoning Secretary) has been on a leave of absence. During her absence, Town Board Supervisor Pat Landon has been filling in and overseeing the Zoning Office. During this time, there have been several phone calls regarding dogs being allowed to deposit their feces and waste on neighboring properties. It is the dog owner's responsibility not to allow their dog(s) to run loose, and when you take your dog for a walk, the dog should be leashed and any waste picked up.

Please see the Clerk's article on Page 2 for dog licensing information.



ERIN GIRL SCOUTS

Erin 8th grade Girl Scouts Anna Janichek, MacKenzie Lutz, Grace Noe and Abby Stout worked all last summer to raise money to make improvements to the Erin-Go-Bragh Park playground equipment. The girls offered arts and crafts and games at baseball games in exchange for donations, and they also set out donation buckets at Church Road Station and the Tally Ho. With the money raised, they bought and installed four new swings and repainted the slide and two metal swing sets by the soccer fields. The girls will earn their Silver Girl Scout Award, the highest award available to Cadette (middle school) scouts, for completing this project. They would like to thank all those who contributed – especially Church Road Station and Tally Ho – for helping with the buckets, and also Erin Power for its contribution.



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Emergency Government

Bradley Bautz, Director

I have been gathering information and prices on generators. Neither our Emergency Operations Center (the Town Hall), or our first line shelter (Erin Elementary School) has a generator or backup power supply. Much of the Town was without power for days last summer. I am doing my due diligence in researching options and prices. I will present it to the Executive Committee for a decision on whether or not to fund such a purchase. Just based on some numbers I am gathering, I believe that it will likely be cost-prohibitive to equip the school.

This year I anticipate beginning to plan for the US Open with the USGA, Erin Hills, and the other stakeholders and emergency services that will participate in the event.

I am also working on updating our Emergency Operations Plan and hope to have this finished before this time next year, to leave plenty of time for planning the US Open.

I have also been working on making sure our ordinance for road names matches what our road signs have, and what Washington County GIS has as well. It is important for everything to match to make it easier for the emergency responders to find you.



Reminder

Spring will be here very soon, and I wanted to take the opportunity to remind you about severe weather watches and warnings.



- ◆ A *Severe Thunderstorm Watch* means that conditions are favorable for the formation of severe storms, with damaging winds, dangerous lightning, and large hail.
- ◆ A *Severe Thunderstorm Warning* means these conditions are occurring. Take shelter.
- ◆ A *Tornado Watch* means conditions are favorable for the formation of tornadoes. Be alert and prepared to take shelter.
- ◆ A *Tornado Warning* means that a tornado has been spotted, or that Doppler radar indicates a thunderstorm circulation which can spawn a tornado. When a tornado warning is issued **TAKE SHELTER IMMEDIATELY**. Go to the lowest level of your home or building and stay away from windows.

A weather alert radio would be an excellent way to help protect yourself and your family. They can be purchased at many electronic stores. The Sullivan Weather Amateur Radio Association also sells a very nice model at \$64.95. Its website is: <http://www.weather-radio.org>. Weather alerts are also available on a number of smartphones.

While the Town has discontinued brush pickup, I encourage you to recycle or make use of the brush drop off at the Town's dump site. If you need to burn, please keep the following advice in mind:

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT

Continued

Copies of the Town's burning ordinance are available from the Town, but here are the main points:

- ◆ No burning permits are required
- ◆ When fire danger is very high or severe all outdoor burning will be banned (this includes fireworks) by order of the Emergency Management Director, or Town Chairman. Outdoor cooking (i.e. grills) is an exemption. For such a ban I will notify the Sheriff's Office, and local radio stations. Notices will also be found on the Town posting boards and on the website..

At any time of year:

- ◆ Open fires must be attended
- ◆ The Fire Department or preferably the Sheriff's Office **MUST** be notified of any bonfire in excess of 10 feet in diameter or if a large area of grass is burned (i.e. over ¼ acre).
- ◆ Fires can't be started on the roadway surface and only leaves and grass can be burned in the right-of-way.

The burning of garbage, plastics, rubber, treated wood, petroleum products or anything that emits noxious or toxic odors is **PROHIBITED**. The DNR already bans the burning of these items as they pose a health hazard to residents if burned. You can be warned or cited municipally for violations. Have a safe and enjoyable spring!

NOTICE TO VETERANS OF THE TOWN OF ERIN:

If you or anyone you know would like to have a name enrolled on the Erin Veterans' Memorial Monument, please get in touch with one of the committee members:

Beverly Schroeder, 262-628-1961
Franklin Tennies, 262-673-2723
Michael Eggleston, 414-651-0875

To be eligible, you must be a resident or former resident of the Town of Erin and also have a copy of DD-214, Honorable Discharge, or deployment orders by the Federal Government documenting your military history.

ERIN HILLS UPDATE

Erin Hills concluded its season in a fun way this year by hosting the Erin School 5K. It was great to see so many smiles on a chilly November morning.



Looking forward to the 2015 golf season, we are proud to host the Wisconsin State Amateur Championship July 20-23. Admission will be free, so come see the best golfers in the Badger State play in your backyard.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Bishop Hying, Friend of Holy Hill, Moves to Gary, Indiana

On Tuesday, January 6, 2015, Bishop Donald J. Hying, a long-time friend of the Basilica of Holy Hill, was installed as the fourth Bishop of Gary, Indiana. For many years, Bishop Hying has been a regular visitor to the Basilica. Whether shepherding the faithful during the Liturgical celebrations, visiting the Shrine Chapel for a moment of reflection and quiet personal prayer, sharing a meal in the Old Monastery Inn, or tossing a ball with area youth in the parking lot, his presence at the Basilica has brought joy to many. He will be especially missed by the faithful who visit Holy Hill, who have grown accustomed to this kind and affable Bishop, and who have enjoyed his inspiring sermons. Throughout his three years as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Bishop Hying has been a frequent celebrant at various services and events at Holy Hill.

May Bishop Hying and those he serves be abundantly blessed as he begins to shepherd the people of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana.



Bishop Hying with First Communicants at Holy Hill
May 31, 2013



Celebrating Mass at Holy Hill on June 22, 2014



Celebrating Mass at Holy Hill on October 25, 2014



COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. PATRICK'S Mark Your Calendars!!!

The St. Patrick Preservation Group is pleased to announce that Father David LaPlante, Pastor of St. Kilian Parish of Hartford will again celebrate the annual . . .

Mass on St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 9 AM
St. Patrick's Church

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We once again thank Father David for having this special Mass to commemorate our feast day honoring Saint Patrick. We haven't had confirmation, but we are pretty confident that there will be Father's delicious cookies following Mass. In addition, we hope to see you at the 35th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Highway K, between Highway E & Highway 167, where St. Patrick will greet the crowd. Parade kick off is at 11 AM.

For continued updates on the St. Patrick Preservation Fund, please visit our web site at www.savestpatrick.com (check out the latest pictures and articles) or join us the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the Erin Town Hall for coffee, dessert and catching up with former parishioners, friends and neighbors following the meeting.

If you would like to become a member of the St. Patrick Preservation Fund, Inc. (reasonably priced at \$5/Single and \$10/Family), please contact Maureen Fitzsimmons-Vanden Heuvel at 262- 670-0975 or e-mail her at SaveStPats@aol.com. Remember, all donations to the St. Patrick Preservation Fund are tax deductible. To get a copy of the 150th Anniversary History Book of St. Patrick's Church, please e-mail Mary Hasslinger at mary.weddingday@att.net.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Paul's

175th Anniversary Celebration

St. Paul's United Church of Christ, located on the corner of St. Augustine and Monches Roads, Erin, has kicked off a year of celebration.

Officially founded as a church in 1840, St. Paul's United Church of Christ met in early Erin and Richfield settlers' homes until 1849, when members constructed a small log church on three acres donated by founding father Jacob Loew at the southwest corner of the roads where our current sanctuary is located.



While our big "blowout" 175th Anniversary Jubilee Service is scheduled for October 11, 2015, events have been planned for a great number of Sundays in 2015:

- ◆ Our Women's Guild is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Palm Sunday.
- ◆ St. Paul's UCC Historical presentations the last Sunday of each month.
- ◆ Special Celebrations of Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Father's Day, Grandparent's Day, a Choral Festival Sunday as well as celebrations of all of the usual Christian holiday events will all be detailed on our website throughout the year.

Please come join our merry celebrations any or all Sundays! All are welcome!

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Erin Baseball

2015 Season

Erin Baseball registration is currently underway! We are looking forward to a great 2015 season and invite all to check us out, whether as a player or as a spectator in the Park! Most games start at 6:00 p.m. and our Snack Shack will be open so come grab a hot dog or burger and cheer on your favorite Erin teams!



We have programs for boys and girls of all ages from 4K through 9th grade. Girls softball starts at the 3rd/4th Grade level and we need girls!!

For a link to registration, please visit our website, www.erinbaseballclub.com.

SHARE NEWS

The *Erin Township News* is published every four months. The deadline for getting articles to the editors for the next issue is **May 10, 2015**. The issue should be available on our website by end of May and in mailboxes by early June.

Please send questions and article submissions to Cornel Rosario at Crosario08@aol.com. Please submit articles as electronic files, preferably in Word. Pictures are always welcome!

COMMUNITY NEWS

WASHINGTON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Shelter Programs Designed to Reduce Cat Populations

Barn Buddies is a low-cost spay/neuter program for people with outdoor barn cats. This cost includes the surgery, rabies and distemper vaccines, and parasite treatment. The Barn Buddies program has also been extremely well-received, and we often hear from clients who otherwise wouldn't be able to provide this care because of the multiple cats on their property. TNR (Trap, Neuter and Return) is a method of controlling and reducing the number of feral (wild) cats, and has been a program that has been very well-received here. Historically, feral cats were brought into animal shelters but, because they were wild and not adoptable, they were euthanized after the stray hold period. We do not euthanize healthy wild animals such as raccoons or opossums when they come into our facility, and we believe that feral cats should be no different. With TNR, the cats are trapped, altered, given a rabies vaccine and returned to the same area they came from.



The cats are also "ear-tipped" (the very top of the left ear is removed) to identify them as already having been sterilized and part of a TNR program. Ideally, people interested in TNR provide some type of shelter for the cats, as well as food and water. During periods of extreme cold, the cats recover in our small, heated feral cat "building" for longer than the usual two or three days.



If you are a rural homeowner with a barn, outbuilding or method of providing some type of outdoor shelter and you are interested in this program, contact Tina at 262-677-4388 and she will provide you with any information you need to get started. If you would like to donate to this life-saving program, just write TNR on the memo line of your check, or indicate TNR on a donation slip or note.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHAUER CENTER ADDS THREE “AUDIENCE FAVORITES” IN 2015

The Schauer Center in Hartford is proud to announce the addition of three events to its 2014-15 performing arts series. With something for everyone, the performances include a tribute to the legendary Johnny Cash, a humorous nun who's reminded that "God never takes a vacation," and the energetic music and dance of talented youth.

The Man In Black, starring Shawn Barker

Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 3:00 & 7:30 pm

Back by popular demand! Experience the sound of Johnny Cash brought to life by pre-eminent tribute artist and musician, Shawn Barker. Having an uncanny resemblance to Cash, his portrayal is remarkably authentic. *The Man In Black* goes beyond looks to feature hits made famous with June Carter Cash, as well as music he performed up until his death in 2003. Adult \$38/\$34, Student w/ID \$10.



Shawn Barker

Sister's Summer School Catechism

Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Sister is NOT happy -- the diocese has decided to offer a summer school catechism course for students who weren't paying attention all year. Sister is sure to talk about the best way to make use of what's left of your summer vacation. And if you know what's good for you, don't be late! Adult \$36/ \$32, Student w/ID \$10.

Kids from Wisconsin

Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm

An entertainment tradition for nearly 50 years! The passion lives on through Wisconsin's most talented singers, dancers, and musicians ages 15-20. The fully -staged show includes a mix of American favorites, Big Band, '50s to '80s Classics, Motown, Country, Broadway, and current Top 40 hits. Adult \$22/ \$18, Student w/ID \$10.

Tickets can be purchased at the Schauer Center Box Office Monday through Friday from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM and Saturday from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM at 147 N. Rural Street in Hartford, charged by phone at 262-670-0560, ext. 3 or online at SchauerCenter.org. Group reservations of 20 or more tickets can be made by calling 262-670-0560, ext. 201.



COMMUNITY NEWS

HIGHWAY J CITIZENS' GROUP

On November 14, 2014, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) submitted its 2015-2017 biennial budget request to Governor Scott Walker, calling for more than \$750 million in new taxes and fees to pay for more highway-widening projects throughout Wisconsin. This transportation budget proposal includes the following:

- ◆ Increasing both the gasoline tax (by 5 cents) and diesel fuel tax (by 10 cents),
- ◆ Imposing a 2.5% surcharge on the price of new vehicles purchased,
- ◆ Diverting \$574 million of general tax revenues into the transportation fund,
- ◆ Borrowing an additional \$805 million
- ◆ Requiring drivers to annually report their odometer readings on all vehicles owned so the WisDOT can use this data for additional mileage-based fees in the future

Now that the Wisconsin State Legislature is back in session, Highway J Citizens Group (HJCG) members are strongly urging

several area legislators (including newly-elected State Representative Janel Brandtjen, who represents Erin residents) to promptly reject these huge tax and spending increases and instead support our "common sense conservative" alternative of:

- ◆ Cancelling all wasteful and unnecessary highway widening projects (like the \$16 million Highway 164 widening project currently being proposed in our area),
- ◆ Adopting more cost-effective, community-friendly and safety enhancing options (like reducing Highway 164's speed limit to 45 mph, at a cost of only \$8,000)
- ◆ Returning the many millions in saved tax dollars to towns, villages and cities, to be used for local road repair and maintenance (thereby reducing property taxes)

To further enhance its effectiveness, the HJCG has joined with several Wisconsin-based business, environmental and property owner organizations which also are vigorously opposing this fiscally-irresponsible WisDOT transportation budget. To learn more about these ongoing citizen efforts, please call Jeff Gonyo at (262) 644-8334, e-mail him at: jmgonyo164@core.com or visit the HJCG website at: www.hwycitizensgroup.org.



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SCHOOL NEWS

Building and Grounds

by Debra Fenney, Director

Building art, whether by students or professional artists, can create teaching and learning opportunities, express school spirit, add verve, and amplify the identities of schools. Examples can be found here at Erin School. We feel it's important to provide emotional and intellectual reinforcement of what our school promotes. To show that we are proud of everybody here, we have photos and plaques recognizing staff, students and their achievements, as well as various levels of artwork throughout the hallways and in the classrooms. We also like to take a look at what the students can do in their art classes and then work with faculty and students to envision how to apply their talents more permanently around school. When you visit Erin School, please take a look at the talented artists we are creating as you walk the hallways and enter the classrooms.

Book Keeper, by Cheryl Johrendt

Erin School has been the fortunate recipient of many generous gifts throughout the year. The gifts have come in many different forms, ranging from volunteers helping here at school, monetary donations and technology equipment donations.

Any monetary donation the district receives is placed into a gift fund. The funds in that account are used specifically for items that are not planned for in the operating budget. Examples include, but are not limited to, school-wide assemblies, unique materials/projects or assisting a student whose family is unable to pay for a field trip. If you would like to see a classroom receive any specific item(s), we can work with your donation to fulfill that wish. Donated Kindles or Tablets are a wonderful addition and enhance the quality of learning. All items donated will be acknowledged with a receipt from the District that can be used for tax reporting purposes.

If you would like further information on how you can donate to our school, feel free to contact either myself or Kieth Kriewaldt.

Athletics

by Andrew Address, Athletic Director

In early December, the Girls Basketball season finished up. Thirty-seven girls in Grades 5 - 8 participated this season and represented Erin School very well. The 6th Grade team had an impressive 3rd place finish in the AMSAC conference tournament. A recognition night for all the teams was successfully held on December 15th. A silent auction was also held that night to raise funds for the girls' new uniforms for the 2015 season.



January 5, the Boys Basketball season began for 5th through 8th Grade. Over forty young men signed up to play this year. Contact Erin School to find out when a set of games is scheduled at home. Come on out and support the Roadrunners. All games start at 4:30 and 5:30 PM.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

by Sue Lisko

The Volunteer Program at Erin School is again a big success with over 35 volunteers either doing projects from home or coming into the school. We have many new faces this year along with those who have been coming in year after year. All areas of the school are being helped out by the program and the staff is grateful for all the assistance. We welcome the Erin community to volunteer at school. There are many areas in which to volunteer and many ways to volunteer. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, feel free to contact Sue Lisko - lisko@erinschool.org or 262-673-3720.



SCHOOL NEWS

ERIN SCHOOL PTC

By Rachel Deutschendorf, Vice President

The Erin PTC has had a few changes this school year! We have newly elected officials, new bylaws, and new policies!

Here are your new officials: President: Kathy Grabarczyk; Vice President: Rachel Deutschendorf; Treasurer: Sophie Matthys; Secretary: Marcia Bender; and Board Members: Lisa Jelen, Dee Schultz, and Shannon Lutz.

It was suggested that because we were updating the PTC as a whole, we should consider revising the bylaws as well. After much discussion and many revisions, we voted in the new bylaws at our December meeting. You can find them on the Erin School PTC page.

There have been a few fun and successful events so far this school year! Fall Fest was on November 1 and many of our families came to enjoy some fun games, face painting, caramel apples, bingo, a craft, and bag of candy! Christmas Craft Day was also a fun event! On a Friday in December, each elementary class made an ornament to hang on the tree. They also made holiday cards for the troops. The ornaments turned out great and the kids had fun!



There have also been a few successful fundraisers! The PartyLite Fundraiser raised \$1,000 which will be used to purchase a new Die Cut Machine for the school. School Mall and Market Day have also helped to bring in some extra money so the PTC can continue to provide for the students of Erin School.



There are some small things you can do to help Erin School! We collect Scrip orders, Box Tops, Labels For Education, and Coke Rewards. Also, if you have a Target Red Card, you can assign Erin School to your account and the school will automatically get a certain percentage back from whatever you spend using your card! If you would like more information on any of these, feel free to visit the Erin School Website. Every little bit helps!



Coming up this spring will be the Fun Fair, another Book Fair, Grandparent's Day, and Staff Appreciation!



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SCHOOL NEWS

School Operation

by Donna Runte, District Secretary/Administrative Assistant

4K and 5K Registration

4K and 5K registration is now taking place. If your child will be 4 or 5 years old on or before September 1, 2015, and is not currently attending Erin School, please see our website for a registration form or stop by the office to pick one up. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Runte at 262-673-3720 ext. 4105 or runte@erinschool.org

Open Enrollment February 2 - April 30, 2015

The Open Enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Students in 5-year-old

Kindergarten to Grade 12 may apply to participate in Open Enrollment. Open Enrollment for 4-year-old Kindergarten and Early Childhood Education is limited. Please contact Donna Runte to find out if your preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.



How and when parents may apply?

The Open Enrollment application period for the 2015-16 school year is from February 2 through April 30, 2015. ***Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.*** Parents may apply on-line at <https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/Opal2012>. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact us. For more information please contact Donna Runte at Erin School at 262-673-3720, ext 4105, or runte@erinschool.org, or visit <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>.

Erin School District is required to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools in the school district, and homeless children. The process of locating, identifying, and evaluating children with disabilities is known as Child Find. If you have concerns regarding your child, please contact the school at 262-673-3720.



District

by Kieth A. Kriewaldt, District Administrator

Last January, I reported that the Erin School District was working on three fronts: 1) To ensure our students leaving Erin School are prepared for what awaits them in high school and beyond, 2) Assessing students in ways that address the 4c's (critical thinking and problem solving; communication; collaboration; and creativity and innovation), and 3) developing a professional learning community of staff.

Over the past several years, our school district has identified a direction in which we wanted to head, and this year we have added another front –data. To measure improvement, we need to know where we were and where we are, and have an idea of where we want to be. We have put in place some tools to help us measure our journey. The teachers have been refining these tools and taking the data to help both students and themselves get better.

While improvement is about judging you over time, we are also judged by comparison to others around us. Erin School continues to improve in many of the areas we are working on and we have some of the highest scores in our region for reading and math, as shown by local and state data. Using parent and student survey data over the last three years, we continue to receive higher scores in the areas of making personal connections, meeting individual needs, and being trustworthy, honest, and caring.

The Erin Community has a public school of which it should be proud. Your support for our school allows us the chance to help students receive a strong academic core of instruction by staff who know how to reach each child's potential. We are grateful for this opportunity.

SCHOOL NEWS

Curriculum, by Joannie Kalina Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Our goal at Erin School is to prepare students for success in high school and beyond. We provide rigorous academic experiences that help our students achieve excellence. This is reflected in our School Report Card and our MAP score rankings. Our teachers continue to focus on reading, writing and critical thinking using *The Reading and Writing Workshop Framework* developed by Lucy Calkins. Currently, we are implementing the final portions of our new math curriculum, following the Dana Center Model. Six teachers spent a week in July at the *Wisconsin Statewide Mathematic Initiative Summer Institute*. All Erin math teachers work with a math coach to deepen their own mathematical understanding and teaching repertoire. In addition, our enrichment classes and school-wide experiences expose students to a variety of unique opportunities. Two such areas are Fitness and Nutrition and Fine Arts.

Fitness and Nutrition are highlighted throughout our school environment. In addition to highly engaging Physical Education classes, our school has been chosen to receive funds for *Fuel up to Play 60*. This program, sponsored by the Wisconsin



Dairy Council, granted our school approximately \$5500 to assist in offering unique fitness opportunities and provide exposure to healthy foods. Community partners model awesome fitness opportunities during two Fitness Fridays and full-day fitness experiences, held in September and February. Finally, this year we initiated the Erin School Fun Run, a 5K run/walk, organized by a hard-working group of parent volunteers, at Erin Hills Golf Course.



Erin School also offers some unique Fine Arts experiences. Each December, our middle school students perform our holiday program at the Schauer Art Center. This year included a performance by our string players and Glee Club, as well as a band concert incorporating a ballet and special lighting effects. The evening finale included our 8th Grade musical that the students had prepared for since September. All of our middle school students participate in these unique opportunities. We are confident that these special offerings, together with strong academics, provide a truly well-rounded curriculum.

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