

Clipper Pride

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FROM DAN'S DESK

Residents and Sturgeon Bay Clippers Supporters,

Has it ever been so challenging to have school every day? How do we navigate the tremendous division in society? Can't we all just get along? When are things going to get back to "normal"? These are just a few of the questions that you and I have asked over the past number of months. I certainly don't have all the answers to these and other questions, but I can tell you that the people of our school district continue to work very hard every day to support not only our students in many ways, but also our families, businesses, and overall community.

During the 2020-2021 school year, we had in-person school every day of the year. This fall, we are making it happen again. This is possible thanks to the dedication of our staff, the critical partnership with our students and families, and the support of the overall community. For this, I say "thank you" as your superintendent of schools, a Sturgeon Bay resident, and a parent.

As the year continues and as you monitor our publications and social media, you'll see and hear more information about the cool things our students and staff members are up to, as well as important updates on topics from construction to an operational referendum and more. Thank you for taking some time to stay informed and for supporting our district as we remain committed to inspiring, supporting and educating our students.



With Clipper Pride,
Dan Tjernagel
Sturgeon Bay
Superintendent of Schools

MEET SAWYER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, KATY DEVILLERS

Hello Sturgeon Bay residents! I am honored to be the new principal of Sawyer Elementary School, serving grades 4K-2 students and families! I was born and raised in Green Bay, and my family and I have enjoyed boating and fishing in Sturgeon Bay for over 25 years! I have been a special and regular education teacher, a professional



learning coordinator, and a district administrator in Green Bay. My teaching experience was in a PK-8 alternative school where I taught 2nd-6th grade students in multi-age classrooms. I loved being part of that school community and that is why I wanted to be a principal, so that I could be part of a school community again. I feel blessed to serve as Sawyer Elementary School principal, and I look forward to meeting you and working together as partners as we educate our youngest learners in Sturgeon Bay.

MEET HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, KEITH NERBY



I am very excited to be serving as the principal of Sturgeon Bay High School. The reputation of the students, staff, and community is well known throughout the state and is what attracted me to the position. Before serving here, I was principal for the past six years at Sun Prairie High School, just outside of Madison and a middle school

principal in Burlington, Wisconsin before that. I started my career as a high school Business and Marketing teacher at Tremper High School. On a personal note, I met my wife, Angela, while we were both attending Kettle Moraine High School in Delafield, Wisconsin, and we have been together for over 23 years. Angela is an elementary teacher and currently teaches 5th grade in the Sturgeon Bay district. We have three children who are in second, fourth, and seventh grades in Sturgeon Bay Schools and they are enjoying all their new friends. We are excited to call Sturgeon Bay home, raise our family here, and be a part of this community.

RECENT HAPPENINGS



Students in the Adapted Biology Skills class have been learning about various habitats and ecosystems in our area and enjoyed a trip to the Kewaunee Fishery Facility. They learned about salmon spawning and anatomy and watched the fish come back into the streams. It was a very fun learning experience for all!



The Sturgeon Bay football team had the opportunity to tour the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on a Saturday this fall. The team got to see the main fitness center, the updated football locker room and attended the UW-Whitewater vs UW-Platteville football game.



Congratulations to the Door County United Girls Swim Team on winning the Bay Conference Championship. DCU dominated the competition earning first-team all-conference in every varsity event.

Sturgeon Bay School District invites you to a Community Open House

Tuesday, November 30th
from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Members of the community are invited to tour the new and remodeled areas of our district facilities, with student/staff/alumni tour guides.

Location: starting at 1230 Michigan Street, continuing on to the other buildings, including Sunrise Elementary: 1414 Rhode Island Street and Sawyer Elementary: 60 Willow Drive
Time: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Jane Stephen 920-724-1036



UPDATED LEARNING SPACES AT SUNRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upon returning to school this fall, our third through fifth grade staff, students and families were excited to see the results of the largest remodeling work at Sunrise School in over 25 years.



The facility work included air conditioning for the first time for our 3rd and 4th grade classrooms; new windows throughout the entire building; and new doors,

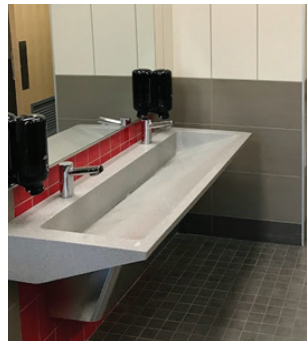
cabinets, ceilings, and classroom doors in many classrooms. All exterior doors were replaced and now include shatter resistant glass. Bathrooms in the 3rd grade wing were updated, along with some of our special education spaces. Lighting in each 3rd and 4th classroom was updated and includes dimmable LED fixtures. These upgrades have made the entire building

a more comfortable place to learn and grow, and also safer and more economical to operate.

Outside of the classroom, much of the electrical wiring and computer network wiring was upgraded or replaced, along with new boilers and air conditioner



units. The fire alarm system was updated, along with the public address system and clocks. The Sunrise office was also updated with new ceilings, lighting and flooring. Outside updates include new gutters, soffits and fascia, and security lighting installed in the soffits of the 3rd and 4th grade wing. Finally, sidewalks and an accessibility ramp were replaced along Rhode Island Street.



The students and staff at Sunrise Elementary want to share our appreciation once again for our community's support of the April 2020 facilities referendum. Thank you!

UPGRADES TO CAREER & TECHNICAL ED AND FAB LAB AREAS OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

The facilities referendum in April 2020 allowed the district to update its career and technical education spaces for students in both the middle and high school. Classrooms that housed the district's woods, metals, and consumer sciences courses were modernized and outfitted with various school courses in mind, as well as students' ability to obtain jobs in the future. Being able to meet local employer needs by preparing students with a variety of skills and project-based knowledge is part of the district's mission to inspire, educate and equip students for their next steps beyond high school.

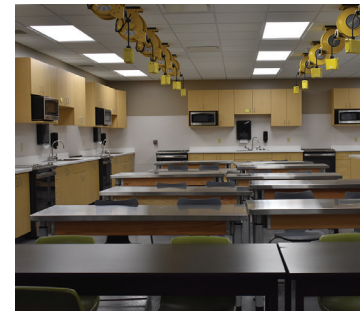


The woods, metal, and technology shop renovations and updates include new lighting, HVAC, safety equipment, and an expanded mezzanine for tools and supplies. New air-handling equipment improves air quality but

also creates additional safety measures in the welding area by adding a line of defense in addition to sprinklers. Additional classroom updates include Fab Labs for both middle and high school students, connected classrooms, larger metals lab with welding booths, separated woods spaces and a shared secondary woods classroom.

We are grateful to local businesses in the industrial park for their generous donations towards equipment for the Fab Lab space, along with a WI Economic Development Corp (WEDC) Fab Lab grant awarded towards this significant project.

The High School Family and Consumer Science lab was updated with new commercial appliances, a demonstration kitchen and work spaces to accommodate coursework that prepares students for careers in culinary arts, health care, and beyond.



Please come to the district's Open House on November 30th from 4:00-6:00pm to see these incredible new spaces!



LOCAL AUTHOR, JILL HARDING, VISITS SAWYER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



Door County author, Jill Harding, recently visited Sawyer Elementary School and read her book *Earth Messages* to students at each grade level. With beautiful

illustrations, *Earth Messages* celebrates nature and encourages readers to care for the earth and listen to what nature can teach us. The students really enjoyed listening to Ms. Harding explain how to write and illustrate a book, and they were especially thrilled when she graciously donated a copy of her book to every 4K - 2nd grade student at Sawyer! Thank you, Ms. Harding, for inspiring our youngest readers and writers!

MORE RECENT HAPPENINGS

Second grade students earned "free-choice" time in the STEAM area by following the rules of being kind, helpful, and safe. Keep up the great work kids!



Fourth graders were young archaeologists at Crossroads at Big Creek and also tested their spear throwing skills at a cardboard woolly mammoth!



MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY WRITERS

Several middle school students were given the opportunity recently to attend a Mystery Writing Workshop at the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay. Students learned about the writing process, collecting ideas and evidence, real-life railway crimes, and elements of a good mystery. The students learned from experts in the field, including a forensic scientist and a detective which provided a unique angle on how writing meets the real world.



After the learning sessions, the students rode a train and wrote a mystery of their very own while sitting on the train, suspended above the river! The students really enjoyed the day and learned quite a bit about mysteries and mystery writing.