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by Superintendent David Bridenhagen

Dear Shell Lake parents and community, I am happy to be writing this years letter with the hope and optimism the worst of COVID is behind us. Having the majority of our students back attending school in person has been wonderful! We are finally able to return to many of the activities at school that add enrichment experiences for our children and further connect learning to work experiences. We are just beginning to be able to accept volunteers for field trips and hope to continue into next year inviting volunteers back into our classrooms.

Time passes so quickly. It's hard for me to believe it was seven years ago that I arrived in Shell Lake to serve as your superintendent of schools. I'd like to thank the community for your support during my time here. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to lead the district and work with so many great people.

After many years in education, I will be retiring at the end of this school year. This years graduating class were fifth graders when I came to Shell Lake. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the academic, physical and emotional growth of the students.

The support for education in this community has been awesome and something I will never forget. I thank you for your friendships and support over the years. I wish everyone the very best.

The Shell Lake School Board of Education approved the hiring of Mr. Todd Felhofer as the Superintendent at the regular meeting Monday, Feb. 21. Mr. Felhofer will be replacing Mr. Bridenhagen upon his retirement on June 30, 2022. Mr. Felhofer has been the district administrator and 7-12 principal for the School District of Greenwood since 2015.

2022-23 Shell Lake School Calendar

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No School for Students

- September 5 *Labor Day*
- October 21 *Teacher Work Day*
- November 21-25 *Thanksgiving Break*
- December 2 *Teacher Work Day*
- December 23-January 1 *Winter Break*
- February 20 *President's Day*
- March 3 *Teacher Work Day*
- April 7 and 10 *Spring Break*
- May 29 *Memorial Day*

Half Day for Students (Conferences)
October 20 1/2 Day & January 26 1/2 Day

*Please help us in
welcoming Mr. Felhofer!*



SHELL LAKE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

SPRING ELECTION

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §120.06(8)(c) and 10.01(2)(b) notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the School District of Shell Lake that a school board Spring election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. Three members will be elected at large to three-year terms which will expire in April of 2025. The three incumbents are Jake Anderson, Jill Dulavy, and Scott Smith. The order in which names will appear on the ballot will be as follows:

- Scott Smith
- Angie Bodzislav
- Jonathan Brown
- Christine L. Foust
- Jill Dunlavy
- Jake Anderson

Election information can be found on the District website under the DISTRICT navigation tab. Full candidate bios, voting information, a sample ballot and links to resources are also available.
www.shelllake.k12.wi/district/election-information.cfm

SHELL LAKE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

Full candidate bios were provided by the Spooner Advocate on 02/17/222. These can be found on the Election Information webpage mentioned above.

Scott Smith *Why are you running for this position?* I'm running for this position to continue serving the Shell Lake School District and community. One of the reasons my family moved to Shell Lake was to ensure our children receive an outstanding education. We believe in Wisconsin public education and the Shell Lake School District is one of the best.

What qualifies you to seek a position on the Shell Lake School Board? I believe in public education and giving our children as many opportunities to thrive as possible. I have served on the Shell Lake School board since 2015. Over these last seven years, I have learned how to be an effective board member. Experiences as a board member include revitalization of the district strategic plan, building referendum and addressing the effects of the pandemic.

Angie Bodzislav *Why are you running for this position?* I am running not because I think our school is broken, but because I want to be a part of leading our school to a new level of excellence. The health of a community can be gauged by the health of its school. I want our school to be healthier; for teachers to be empowered, supported, trusted and listened to; and for our school to be safe. I want our school to provide more learning options: increased college credit, creative hands-on, civic engagement and volunteer and intentional virtual/hybrid opportunities, and opportunities to learn through play. I want to invest in the organizational culture of the school and encourage a culture that laughs and leads together. I value the importance of having mental health support in the school and believe it should be a safe place for all. I value stories more than voices. It seems, especially lately, that there are a lot of loud voices. It's important for a board member to pay attention to who is quiet. I believe in the power of literacy in education and want to continue to see that reflected in the curriculums. I am also running because I am invested both as a Shell Lake graduate and a parent of two students in the district.

What qualifies you to seek a position on the Shell Lake School Board? My qualifications include: strong leadership and work ethic; dependability; collaborative and community-mindedness; educational and board experience; a history of transparency in leadership; and a growth mindset. Community members have said I am calm, thoughtful, dedicated to the community, a fierce advocate for students and teachers, diplomatic, nonpartisan, empathetic, courageous in leadership and collaborative.

Be informed before you vote! Full candidate bios can be found under the DISTRICT tab on the school website.

WWW.SHELLLAKE.K12.WI/DISTRICT/ELECTION-Information.CFM

SHELL LAKE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES CONT.

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Jonathan Brown *Why are you running for this position?* This is where my heart is. I've been attending almost all board meetings for some time now because I care deeply about what's going on in the school. I attend because I want my kids' school experience to be pleasant and as fulfilling as possible. It goes beyond my own children, though. I want all the students and the whole community to be united within the district and continue to have a great school that we all can be proud of. Our kids really are our future and doing everything possible to ensure our students leave the district as prepared as possible for the world is something I can take great pride in.

What qualifies you to seek a position on the Shell Lake School Board? I want to be the voice of the parents in the community. I know a lot of my beliefs are shared with other parents, such as consistency in learning, finding the balance between a safe school environment yet still being able to learn in an efficient manner, strong curriculums and ensuring our children are properly prepared for life after high school. Not everyone is going to agree on some topic, but my ability to listen to parents' concerns and to take into account their beliefs goes a long way in keeping the district united and, along with a lot of hard work, will keep the school growing and flourishing.

Christine Foust *Why are you running for this position?* I'm running because I believe we need to work with our board to represent what more parents and families in our community would like to see happening in our schools, and honestly, as a parent we don't always feel heard.

What qualifies you to seek a position on the Shell Lake School Board? I ran a business with my husband for quite a few years and while doing so, we dealt with monies coming and going out and managing the day-to-day operations, so I have at least a basic understanding of the funding side of what is necessary to make a school run.

Jill Dunlavy *Why are you running for this position?* I am running to serve our community and students, to help ensure all of our students are served, setting them up for success no matter what path they choose going forward.

What qualifies you to seek a position on the Shell Lake School Board? Honestly, I am not sure if I am qualified. Voters can review minutes and agendas (<https://go.boarddocs.com/wi/shelllake/Board.nsf/Public>) to see if I have been meeting their expectations up to this point in my time on the School Board. I believe I have been and will continue to be a fair and consistent voice for our students, staff and community.

Jake Anderson *Why are you running for this position?* As a community member, I believe in volunteering my time to sustain local resources. In my past, I have served on the Cumberland and Shell Lake fire departments. I was supervisor for the Township of Barronett for two terms. In addition, I served on the committee to promote the most recent building referendum. Another way that I have served the school throughout the years is through athletics. I have coached youth baseball, basketball and softball over six years. I have also served on the sports' booster clubs and sponsored and helped manage several raffles and fundraisers. I believe that continuing to serve on the Shell Lake School Board is another way to give back to the community. This school has always put the students before everyone else, and I want to help carry that on.

What qualifies you to seek a position on the Shell Lake School Board? I got appointed to the Shell Lake School Board in November 2021 and have really enjoyed my time being on the board. If reelected, I am here to support the school district as a whole. I will also be a voice for the community and parents through my vast network. Friends of mine in the community would also tell you that I am a problem solver. I can take information from both sides of an issue and process it for the best possible outcome. I feel this will be a great asset to the board. I look forward to serving the district as a proud parent, community volunteer and board member.

Instagram @shelllake

If you have an Instagram account be sure to follow @shelllake! Instagram is a social network primarily made of photos



Facebook @ShellLakeSchool

Follow the District's Facebook page where the school celebrates students and staff!



Facebook @WeAreShell Lake

A partnership with We Are Network allows us to livestream music and varsity athletic events!



SHELL LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The Shell Lake School Board of Education meets in regular session on the third Monday of each month. Meeting times are 6:00 p.m. and are held in the Shell Lake Schools Library/Media Center at 271 Hwy 63 S Shell Lake, WI 54871. Special meetings are also held and noticed in the same manner.

Zoom webinars are available for attending school board meetings by using a registration link. The link, meeting agendas, meeting minutes and video recordings of monthly meetings can be found on the District website under Board of Education.

WWW.SHELLLAKE.K12.WI.US
DISTRICT OFFICE
715-468-7816

PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT

The open enrollment application period for the upcoming school year is February 7-April 29, 2022.

What is Open Enrollment? The inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend public school in a school district other than the one in which they reside. **Who can apply?** Any Wisconsin resident in 4K to grade 12 may apply to attend a nonresident school district under the open enrollment program. However, a child may transfer to a nonresident school district for early childhood education or 4K only if the child's resident school district offers the same type of program and only if the child is eligible for that program in the resident school district. **When can parents apply?** The regular open enrollment application period for the 2022-23 school year ends at 4pm on April 29, 2022. Apply online: <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

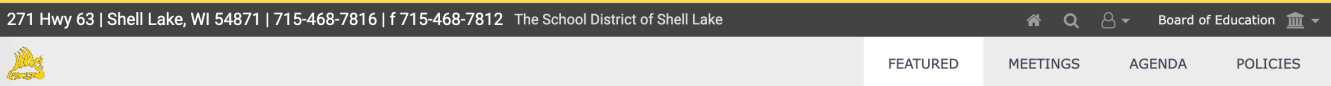
All students must be fully registered in the district's student information system for fall enrollment. Please complete New Student Registration online via the district website (Parents & Community navigation bar).

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM



Skyward is the Shell Lake School District's Family Information System. This program allows the district to track information on each area of a student's experience at the school. Skyward is a resource for student schedules, academics, emergency contact information, activity involvement and lunch payments. This resource also allows parents to communicate with teachers! Every student at Shell Lake Schools has a Skyward Family Access Account. Please contact the district office if you need assistance logging in.

WHAT IS BOARD DOCS?



Meetings

Tuesday, March 29, 2022
Special School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Board Docs is online software that archives, stores, and organizes all school board meeting agendas, minutes, and policies. Public users can use the navigation bars to find the information at right.

MEETINGS - AGENDA

Allows user to view past and present meetings (agendas)

POLICIES

Allow users the ability to view the School Board Policies

FEATURED

Allows you to see the most recent meeting(s)

<https://go.boarddocs.com/wi/shelllake/Board.nsf/Public#>

SCHOOL HEALTH & NUTRITION SERVICES

Health Services Summer 2022

District Nurse, Brianna Thompson

COVID-19: Covid testing will continue to be available at the school until the end of the school year (06/03/22). Please note that the school will not be providing covid testing during the summer months. Additionally, there will be no Covid-19 case updates reported on the Covid Resource Page during that time.

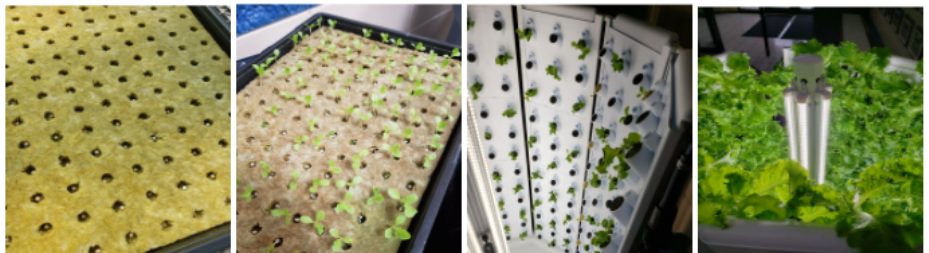
IMMUNIZATIONS: Are your child's immunizations up to date? If you are unsure of the status, please contact Nurse Thompson or your family doctor. A friendly reminder to parents of students entering 6th grade: Students are required by the state to have a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis). Please try to schedule your child's appointment this summer. Families choosing to not stay up to date on immunizations, must fill out a waiver.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Nurse Thompson is off for the summer! Please address time sensitive questions and needs before the end of the school year. Emails can be directed to thompsonb@shelllake.k12.wi.us and phone calls to 715-468-7816

School Nutrition

Food Service Director, Josh Schmidt

The extension of the Summer Food Program allowed the district to continue offering free meals to students this year. Students in grades 4K-12th grade have the option to enjoy breakfast and lunch everyday. Students participating in an activity after school also receive a balanced snack.



Left to Right: planting plugs; seedlings; transplanted plugs; lettuce.

The continuation of the district's AmeriCorps Farm to School program has encouraged student and community involvement in the school nutrition program, bridging the relationship between local farmers and Shell Lake School! Local beef and pork have made their way on the lunch menu along with regularly offered school grown lettuce. The school kitchen has two hydroponic lettuce towers! They were purchased from Fork Farms of Green Bay, WI. The staff are able to harvest greens for lunch on a daily basis. School garden grown produce will be added to the menu beginning with Summer School in June!

Employment Opportunities

Apply for openings within the School District of Shell Lake through the Wisconsin Education Career Access Network (WECAN) website:
<https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/>



Download The Free App



The Touch App is free and provides parents with quick access to everything school-related.

Driver Education

There has been a change to the State of Wisconsin driving laws! It is now possible for a 15 year old student to get a learners permit. Based on this change, there will be another Driver Ed Classroom offered, this summer only, from 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM on the same days as the other classes during the month of June.

If you choose to take advantage of this and get the student their permit at age 15, or at least before the traditional age of 15 ½, please understand that the older students will get priority in getting the Behind The Wheel part of the requirement done first.

The newly permitted driver is required to drive with an approved instructor within 60 days of getting their permit, but will have until age 16 to get the required 12 hours driving with an instructor. Please contact Robert Forsythe for more information (715) 468-7814 Ext 1119 or forsythe@shelllake.k12.wi.us. Shell Lake students that are eligible to take classroom Driver's Education this summer have received information from Mr. Forsythe.

SHELL LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Heather Cox, Elementary Principal

If you've been reading the district's weekly newsletter, The Laker, you might have seen the newest addition to the Elementary News titled, Parenting Corner, written by our Shell Lake Elementary Principal, Mrs. Cox.

Parenting Corner is a place of insight for parents of elementary students. Readers will find notes on teaching math to young learners, ideas on screen time and empowering kids to try hard things. Visit Mrs. Cox's blog to view the Parent Corner collection, including the one below: <https://principalcox.blogspot.com/>

"Keep your expectations for your kids high - they can do hard things, they can persevere and not give up, and they can learn difficult and rigorous content."

Heather Cox

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SKILLS

Two of the greatest skills we need to teach our children are how to recognize/regulate emotions and how to develop positive relationships with others. Studies show that children who have strong social and emotional skills at an early age are prepared to engage in learning and productive work with less distractions impeding their progress. One of the first things we can do as parents is have open communication with our children about emotions and help them to identify what they are feeling: mad, sad, worried, sick, tired? The first step is identifying the emotion and the second step is to then consider how they will respond to this emotion. This helps build empathy so that children can understand how their peers might be feeling and interact with them in a more cooperative and constructive manner.

SAVE THE DATES



Explore 4K the Laker Way!

Mon - Tues - Wed - Thur
August 15, 16, 17, 18, 2022
8:15 AM-12:00 PM

*Meet your teacher, see your classroom and have lunch!
Practice drop off & pick up*

Explore 4K The Laker Way is a chance to practice school before school starts!

The 4K program for the 2022-23 school year is open to any child who will be 4 on or before 9/1/2022.

Watch for registration announcements in Skyward and the district's website and social media pages.

SUMMER CLUB ATHLETICS

Youth Club Athletic Programs offer a variety of opportunities for our youth to participate on teams that support our middle and high school athletic programs. Registration is open for summer ball teams! Visit the website to register:

STUDENTS - Athletics Register A Player

T-Ball & Coach Pitch T-Ball * 3-4th Gr Baseball * 3-4th Gr Softball * 5-6th Gr Baseball * 5-6th Gr Softball
Babe Ruth U-14 * 7-8th Gr Softball * Babe Ruth U-16



Register for summer fun now!



Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!
Margaret Fuller



"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."
Benjamin Franklin

Summer School & Rec 2022

Academic Enrichment

June 13-24 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

and

Prairie Fire Children's Theatre

June 20-24 12:30- 4:00 PM

*Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Transportation & Lunch for kids living
in the Shell Lake School District*

Commencement Ceremony

The Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2022 will take place on Friday, May 27 at 7:00 PM Shell Lake High School Gymnasium

Senior Awards Ceremony

The Senior Awards Ceremony celebrates the academic and athletic success of Shell Lake Seniors. The awards ceremony will take place in the SLHS gym at 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 26, 2022.

Valedictorian & Salutatorian Announced

Carlton Miller, son of Phil and Carrie Miller, has been named Valedictorian of the 2022 graduating class. Carlton is an active member of the Shell Lake High School Band, Choir, FFA, National Honor Society, and the Cross Country team. Carlton will be attending the University of Minnesota- Duluth and will be studying Physics. His plan is to work in the field of aerospace engineering. He plans to play piano and trumpet in the UMD Jazz band.

Samuel Negus, son of Judi Negus and Rod Negus, has been named Salutatorian for the 2022 graduating class. Sam is an active member of the SLHS Student Council and National Honor Society. Sam is a member of the Football, Baseball and Track teams as well as a member of the Northwest Iceman Hockey team. Sam will be attending the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire to major in Computer Science. Sam will be playing football with the UW-Eau Claire Bluedevils.



"Excellence is not being the best; Excellence is doing your best."

NEW STUDENT GROUP MAKES BIG IMPACT

Spanish Club, led by Señora Johnson, has brought service learning to a new level at Shell Lake School! Monthly projects incorporate Spanish speaking skills, writing, service learning and community support.

Each month, members of the club participate in a community service project that encourages bilingual conversation with elementary students! In November, the group hosted a food drive for the elementary school to support the Washburn County Food Pantry. With a request for specific items, the group created bilingual fliers and taught the words to the elementary classrooms! December presented a cultural lesson based on a "shoe" tradition celebrated in Spanish-speaking countries. Third graders loved this craft activity!

WASHBURN COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

Location: 1649 Cottonwood Ave, Spooner WI

DESPENSA COMUNITARIA DE WASHBURN COUNTY

Ubicación: 1649 Cottonwood Ave. Spooner WI



SPRING ATHLETICS HAVE BEGUN!

Shell Lake students in grades 7-12 are off and running despite the snow on the ground! Track, Baseball and Softball team competitions are scheduled and the athletes are ready. Schedules can be found on the District's website under STUDENTS.

The grounds will remain active during the summer months with baseball and softball both hosting sectional games, regular season games and youth games. A reminder to visitors: Designated parking areas have been established with safety in mind. Please encourage others to follow parking signage.

HIGHLIGHT DATES

- The Lakers will host the *first meet on the new track* on Tuesday, April 26, 2022!
- Baseball will be hosting the sectional game on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.
- Softball will be hosting the sectional game on Thursday, June 2, 2022.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL

Baseline concussion testing is done every other year. Students currently in 6-11th grade planning to participate in Fall 2022 athletics should contact Nurse Thompson if you are unsure if you need to be tested before August, 2022.

Physicals are required for all Shell Lake School Teams (MS & HS Teams) BEFORE your 1st practice in the fall.

Fall teams include: HS Football * 5-8th Gr Football * HS Volleyball * 5-8th Gr XC * HS XC * HS Boys Soccer



Shell Lake Board of Education

President: Scott Smith **Vice President:** Bethany Deneen

Clerk: Linda Nielsen **Treasurer:** Nicole Tims

Board Members: Joel Anderson, Jacob Anderson, Jill Dunlavy

School Board meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

***In response to COVID-19, B.O.E. Monthly meetings may be held virtually*

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