

Quick Tips

A quick recap of news and upcoming events in the Eau Claire Area School District
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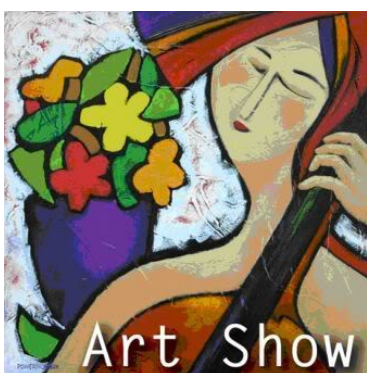


Every two weeks the Eau Claire Area School District sends out information on upcoming events. For more information on these items, please contact Teri Piper Thompson at 715-852-4907 or the contact person listed below.



DeLong Middle School received a \$6000 grant from the Market Family Education Endowment Fund through the Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation to run a RAFT (Recreation and Fitness) Club after school for 7th grade girls during 4th quarter. The students participate in *Mix it up Mondays, Tough it out Tuesdays, Thrilling Thursdays* and *Food & Fun Fridays*. A goal of the program is to teach students about lifetime fitness and healthy choices. The group, led by teachers Mikki Brettingen and Janel Seaholm, is participating in yoga, self-defense, Zumba and other activities led by community volunteers. They are also learning about healthy food choices every Friday. Students from the group will be visiting JAMF Software on Tuesday, May 5, at 3:30 pm, for a tour of its innovative facility

which includes many health and fitness components. The group also meets each school day except Wednesdays. **Please contact Teri Piper Thompson** at 715-852-4907 or tpiperthompson@ecasd.us for more information.



Sherman Elementary School students will have artwork displayed at its annual Student Art Show on Tuesday, May 5, from 6-8 pm. The hallways of the school will be covered with artwork from every student. Friends, family and community members are welcome to come and view students' artwork, enjoy music and refreshments and participate in an art scavenger hunt.

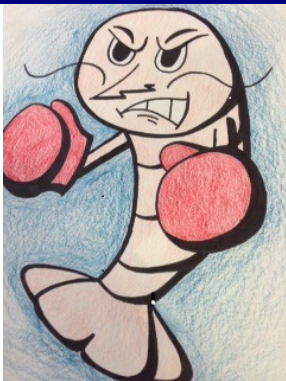
More than 200 **Sherman** students are also participating in a jog/walk club sponsored in part by Fuel Up to Play 60. Students earn incentives for every 15 laps around the school's field in the form of mileage "chains" which they can then wear. **Contact Kim Winkelmann** at 715-852-4807 for details on either program.



Roosevelt Elementary School will sponsor Muffins with Mom on Friday, May 8, from 7:50-8:35 am. This event is a way for Roosevelt parents and students to spend a few minutes of quality time together within the school environment. Muffin, beverages and door prizes are provided as a thank-you for participation. The building principal delivers a short message emphasizing how importance the presence of parents in the school truly is. This is the 10th year of the school partnering with local businesses including Gordy's Market, Starbucks, Dean's and JoAnn's Fabric and Craft Store to offer this program and its twin, Donuts and Dads. **Contact Tammy Rud** at 715-852-4707 for details.

Eight years ago **Meadowview Elementary School** adopted Fairfax Park. Through this partnership, they have committed to help keep Fairfax Park clean. Not only have they kept it clean, they have planted trees and worked on other park beautification projects.

On Tuesday, May 12, from 12 pm-2:20 pm the entire Meadowview student body and staff will walk to Fairfax Park for a short ceremony, picnic and litter clean up. **Contact Sue Lindstedt** at 715-852-4000 for more information.



Memorial High School students will perform *13 Ways to Screw Up Your College Interview* by Ian McWethy in the Memorial Little Theatre Thursday, May 7 at 7 pm, Friday, May 8 at 7 pm and Sunday, May 10 at 2 pm (no Saturday performance due to prom). The play is a fast-paced comedy full of quirky characters and is appropriate for the whole family. Twenty-five student actors and fifteen designers and technicians are working under the direction of MHS Theatre teacher Amber Dernbach to make the fictional campus of Willma Falls University and its mascot, the Fighting Shrimp, come to life. Student Hannah Detlaff designed the Fighting Shrimp mascot being used for promotion and student Julia Carpenter designed an official college crest used in the set design.

With a running time of 60 minutes and a multi-media component designed and directed by student Jaxi Alegria, *13 Ways to Screw Up Your College Interview* should be on your To Do list for next weekend. Tickets are \$5 for adult community members and \$3 for children. An MHS student ID, ECASD badge or district Platinum Pass for ages 62 and up will get you free admission to the show...but no guarantee of admission to Willma Falls University! **Contact Amber Dernbach** at 715-852-6389 for more information.

Three Odyssey of the Mind teams from the **Eau Claire Area School District** recently won the state championship in their divisions. Two will compete at the World Finals at Michigan State University May 20 – 23. Twenty-five different countries will participate at this event. The two teams heading to World Finals are the **North/Memorial** and the **Manz Elementary School** teams.



The **North/Memorial High School Odyssey of the Mind** team coached by Sara Passint includes middle and high school age students. Team members are Zaria Whitacre, Blake Rudd, Sergio Sigala, Hannah Crowell, and Kate Mathias. The team selected a challenge in which they were to create a video game skit incorporating themes from the Pandora's Box myth.

The **Manz Elementary** team's coach is Jana Armstrong 3 years of coaching practice. Team members are Anna Blohowiak, Ellie Blohowiak, Mara Effinger, Anya Effinger, Greta Steines, Beth Berger and Maeve McGinley. The team created an original performance that told the story of Pandora's Box by creating a "video game" which included avatars and a gamer who released Hope to win the game. The **DeLong Middle School** team coached by Jen Wiltgen elected not to attend World Finals this year. Team members include Lizzie Wiltgen, Alex Waters, Scout Stokes, Hannah Brunner, and Alaina Stuve. In their problem, the team created and presented a performance depicting a Director character that produced and presented a silent movie featuring a humorous villain character that commits three silly acts of "villainy".

OM is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Tax deductible donations are being accepted to help fund the trip to East Lansing, Michigan. Checks should be made out to Odyssey of the Mind World Fund and sent to Central Office, 500 Main Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701. If the donation is for a specific team, be sure to specify on the check with the coach's name or funds will be shared equally with both teams. **Contact Pam Cernocky** at 715-852-3110 for more information.



Northstar Middle School will participate in Join Hands Day on Friday, May 15. Join Hands Day involves school-wide participation encompassing a variety of outreach projects in the Chippewa Valley while also helping children in Africa.

Sixth grade students and staff will clean up at Camp Manitou in New Auburn.

From approximately 8:30-10:30 am students and staff will be participating in activities such as raking the grounds and cleaning the cabins, chapel, dining room and main lodge.

Seventh grade students and teachers incorporate a service-learning component into Join Hands Day, concentrating on homelessness and poverty at both a local and global level. Students are involved in a variety of service projects in the morning, including collecting supplies, making items, cleaning and volunteering time with different groups in our community and around the world. Participating organizations for this year's event include the following: Beacon House, Bolton Refuge,

Building Hope, Community Table, Eyes That See, Feed My People, Hope Gospel, ECCHA, Sojourner House, St. Francis Food Pantry and Teamwork Africa.

Eighth grade students and staff will spend the morning at Lake Altoona County Park. They will pick up trash, clean up the beach area and rake all around the park area. Contact Becky Van Es at 715-852-5107 or via email at bvanes@ecasd.us for details.