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District News

4K Enrollment for 2025-2026 Opens January 27

Enrollment for the West Bend School District's 4K program for the 2025-2026 school year opens on Monday, January 27. The enrollment is completed online at west-bend.k12.wi.us. Forms and other information can be completed prior to January 27 and then submitted on that day. Learn more about the 4K program on the [website](#).



Students currently enrolled in the 4K program this school year are automatically enrolled for WBSD kindergarten for 2025-2026. If a student is not enrolled in the WBSD's 4K, they may be enrolled for kindergarten beginning January 27. [Enrollment is completed online](#).

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Nature-Based 4K Program Moving to New Location

With 4K enrollment opening soon, there is an important update to the programming. Beginning this fall, the West Bend School District will use its facilities and relocate the nature-based program that is now at Riveredge Nature Center to the WBSD Outdoor Science Education Center. This building and surrounding land is located across the street from the high schools building, behind the baseball fields on the southeast corner of River and Decorah Roads.

Our community-based partner, Kettle Moraine YMCA, will continue to operate the program. Students will attend preschool at Holy Trinity in Newburg two days a week and the WBSD Outdoor Science Education Center two days a week. We are happy to use our facilities for this important part of our preschool programming. The other nature-based 4K program, also run by the YMCA and currently at Trinity Lutheran and Camp Silver Brook in West Bend, will continue next year unchanged.



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Summer School 2025 Dates

Registration for Summer School 2025 opens on Monday, March 17 for current grades 4K-7 and Monday, March 10 for other grades. Watch the newsletter for more details on Summer School. The dates for Summer School 2025 include:
Current grades 4K-7: Monday-Thursday June 16-July 10
Current grades 8-12 in-person: Monday-Thursday June 16-July 17
Current grades 8-12 virtual: Monday-Friday June 10-August 1



Review Proposed Officiating Class Materials

The proposed primary teaching resource for the high school physical education class Sports Officiating is available for public review. All interested parties are welcome to preview and provide feedback on *Successful Sports Officiating*. Review the [dates, times, and locations for review](#).

School Board News

Recap of January 6 Meeting

The West Bend School Board held a regular meeting on January 6. During the meeting, the board approved the Consent Agenda with Minutes of the December 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, retirement, geotechnical services agreement, school site survey agreement, and disbursements posted to January 3, 2025. The board reviewed information that will be provided in the annual Parental Notice of District Educational Options.

After the Superintendent's Report, the board held discussions on Audited Financials for 2023-2024 Effective June, 30, 2024 and Fund Balance Designation, Monetary Donation for Weight Room Equipment, 2025-2026 Facilities Capital Projects, 2025-2026 Technology Projects, and Enrollment Projections for Open Enrollment Seats.

If you are interested in reviewing the details of the meeting, [see this tutorial](#) on how to access the agenda with links to the supporting documents. The [video of the meeting](#) is available.

Student and Staff Achievements

Student-Athletes Making News

Over the past few weeks, a number of West and East student-athletes have broken records, established records, and more:

- Both Carson Bauer and Paige Guse, seniors at West, scored their 1,000 career points in basketball.
- East senior McKennah Orth broke the school records for beam and vault scores in gymnastics. In fact, the records that she broke were her own!
- Ethan Bast, a senior, won his 150th wrestling match at West.
- East senior Madison Rummel was featured as the Athlete of the Month in *Northern Kettle Living Magazine* in December 2024. Madison once again placed in diving at the state championships. [Read the article](#)



Staff Examines Programming on Work Day

During the professional development and work day on January 3 for WBSD staff, groups of teachers and administrators joined to complete an important exercise in vision development and program review. The teachers brainstormed program elements and shared their findings with the whole group.



First-Ever 4K Grads Take Starring Role

As a way to promote the amazing 4K program of the West Bend School District, recently the district's Facebook and Instagram accounts feature memories of 4K from a few of the students in the first-ever 4K class of the West Bend School District. These students, members of the "Class of 2017," are now in seventh grade at Badger Middle School. Their memories were of outdoor activities, making friends, and The Gingerbread Man story. Thanks to Caleb, Josie, Lydia, Santiago, and Wyatt for sharing their memories of 4K.

Enrollment for 4K opens on January 27. Please send this newsletter to anyone you know who may be interested in enrollment.

THE FIRST 4K CLASS LOOKS BACK...



As enrollment for the WBSD 4K Class of 2025-2026 approaches, graduates of the first-ever 4K class share their special memories of 4K. **These students are now in seventh grade at Badger Middle School and attended 4K in 2016-2017.**

Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board

There are various events and activities available on the WBSD's [Community Bulletin Board](#)!

Brewers Martin Luther King Jr Poetry Contest
Menomonee Falls Children's Choir

Events and Fundraisers:

MOWA Family Fun Events

Volunteer Center: Kindness Kits prep; Happy Hearts meal prep; Bowls of Goodness fundraiser;

Nourish + Nurture meal prep

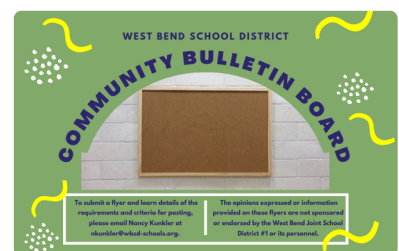
Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sakes

Trails Aglow Evening Hikes at Riveredge

Athletics:

West Bend Little League Registration

West Bend Swim Club Information



YMCA:
YMCA Swim Lessons for WBSD Students
YMCA Family Night



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