

# Eau Claire Area School District e-Newsletter

Fall 2016

## Fall 2016 District News

Welcome to the Eau Claire Area School District's electronic newsletter. Parents will automatically receive a link to our newsletter. Others may subscribe at [www.ecasd.us](http://www.ecasd.us) to receive the latest news from our district delivered directly to your email inbox. Please direct questions about our newsletter to Teri Piper Thompson at 715-852-4907 or via email at [tpiperthompson@ecasd.us](mailto:tpiperthompson@ecasd.us).



## Good News from our Eau Claire Schools!

- **Six Memorial High School seniors** have recently been recognized as National Merit Semi-Finalists. More than 1.6 million juniors nationwide entered the 2017 National Merit Scholarship program by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. These seniors now will compete against 16,000 semifinalists for 7500 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 million offered next spring. **Congratulations to Ben Gochanour, Carrie Kemmet, Brooke Rothamer, Carolyn Schmitz, Ken Tana and Elias Wojahn.**
- And more congratulations to **Memorial** girls' cross country coach **Mark Johnson** for being chosen by the Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association as the 2015-2016 National Federation of High Schools Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year for Wisconsin. Award recipients are selected based upon a variety of criteria including coaching record, coaching honors and involvement in community and school organizations.
- **DeLong Middle School principals Tim O'Reilly and Michele Wiberg** and **Northstar Middle School principals Tim Skutley and Kit Schiefelbein** will be recognized with distinguished service awards from the Wisconsin Art Education Association at its fall conference on October 21 in La Crosse. The four principals are being recognized for their overwhelming support of art education in our district.

## Upcoming Board Meetings

...

Regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Education are typically held the first and third Monday of the month at 7 pm. These meetings are held in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 500 Main Street. All meetings are open to the public except the closed session portion of the meeting. Minutes, meeting agendas, supporting documents and board committee information can be found on the district's web site at [www.ecasd.us](http://www.ecasd.us) under Board of Education.

Upcoming board meetings are October 17, November 7, November 21, December 5 and December 19 at 7 pm. If you are unable to attend, watch our board meetings **LIVE ONLINE** at [Board Live Stream](#).



## Referendum Fast Facts

- **THE ECASD** is the eighth largest school district in Wisconsin and ranks 272<sup>nd</sup> out of 424 school districts in spending.
- **THE STATE AVERAGE** for per pupil spending was \$10,312 in 2015-2016. Eau Claire's spending per pupil was \$9894 for a difference of \$418.
- **UPCOMING Referendum Information Sessions** are from 6:30-7:30 on **October 18 at Meadowview Elementary, October 24 at North High and November 3 at Locust Lane Elementary.** See the complete flyer [HERE](#).
- **LEARN** more about the November 8 referendum [HERE!](#)

## Foundation Focus: J. Murphy STEM Program and Golden Apples



The Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation has had a busy fall 2016 season. First, the J Murphy STEM Scholarship was established, a new scholarship celebrating STEM education and offering one ECASD graduating senior an incredible \$10,000 per year for her or his post-secondary studies in STEM. Secondly, the nominations form opened for the Golden Apple Awards, allowing ECASD staff to nominate their peers for the honor to receive grant funding generously provided by area businesses. Honorees will be announced by the end of January 2017 and the banquet will take place April 6, 2017. Finally the Foundation saw a record number of grant applications from ECASD staff for the 2016-17 grant cycle. Stay tuned for news on grant recipients for the 2016-17 year!



The Northstar Middle School after-school board game club was selected by the Foundation for funding last year.