

Pioneer Slate

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Did you know that starting in kindergarten, if a student reads 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear 1.8 million words per year. They will have read for 851 hours by 6th grade and on standardized tests, they will likely score better than 90% of their peers. A recent study conducted by the American Academy of Pediatrics found reading to children of any age wakens several regions in the left part of the brain. The areas in the brain that become active involve understanding the meaning of words and concepts tied to memory. The great thing is that no matter when you start you can gain benefits in vocabulary and learning. We are currently participating in the Tundra Tales reading challenge across the elementary school. Please be sure your child is reading (or being read to) for at least 20 minutes per week. The goal is 240 minutes by March 5.

Student	A	B	C
Minutes per day	20	5	1
Words Heard	1.8 million	282 thousand	8 thousand
Time read by grade 6	851 hrs	212 hrs	42 hrs

Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember:

February – is Dental Health Awareness Month

Other Notes



Sevastopol Apparel: Just a reminder that there is an online store open 24/7 filled with Sevastopol gear. You can order and have it shipped directly to you. Just follow this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/3sbck8v5>



Character Strong: Our Theme for February is Honesty. One way to think about Honesty is “being truthful in what you say and do.” Practicing Honesty helps strengthen our relationships and reduce stress. You may want to talk to your child(ren) about what it means to be honest. Is it hard? Why or why not? Why is it best?

Dental Health (Feb): February is national dental health awareness month. Please talk to your child(ren) about:



- Brush Your Teeth 2 or 3x per Day
- Always Brush Before Bedtime
- Don't Share Your Toothbrush
- Change Your Toothbrush Every 3 Months
- Clean Between Your Teeth With Floss
- Avoid Sweets / Sugary Foods & Drinks
- See Your Dentist / Hygienist 2x per Year



Tundra Tales: The Green Bay Packers are sponsoring a reading challenge (more information will be shared through your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher). As a way to kick off this event, we will have a **Packer Dress Up Day** on January 30. That is the first day of the program and runs into March.



Kids Heart Challenge: Our annual Kids Heart Challenge Event will take place February 13th – 17th in all elementary Physical Education classes. Students are encouraged to register online for the event. All classrooms that have 50% or more students registered will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card from the American Heart Association. Students who register do not need to collect donations but can learn Hands Only CPR through the registration site.

<http://www2.heart.org/goto/sevastopol>



School Counselors Appreciation Week: The week set aside nationally to recognize school counselors was February 6-10. It's never too late to drop a line to Mrs. Retzlaff to thank her for the wonderful work she does for our students every day!



National Bus Drivers Week: This week (Feb. 13-17) is set aside to acknowledge school bus drivers. A huge thank you to our district bus drivers – both this week and throughout the year!



Open Enrollment: If you are already open enrolled you do not need to complete additional paperwork. If however you know someone that would like their child(ren) to attend Sevastopol, the application window is open from February 6-April 23 and they should complete the online form found here: <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>



4K and K5 Letter of Intent: At the end of this SLATE Newsletter is a simple form that can give us a clearer idea of 4K and K5 enrollments for the fall. If your child is already in the 4K program, there is no need to complete the form although you can. This Letter of Intent is more specifically for students that are planning to join Sevastopol in the fall. Even if there is already an older sibling attending here, we would still like to know about younger students that will be joining us for the first time. Please know that filling out the form is in no way an obligation to attend, it is merely an indication that you are considering it. Please consider sharing a copy of the letter with others who may not have students currently attending Sevastopol.



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4K or K5 Letter of Intent to Attend

If you plan for your child(ren) to attend 4K or K5 in the fall of 2023, please complete and submit this form by February 24. Completing and submitting this form is not binding, it will merely be used to gauge enrollment numbers for the fall. Please complete a separate form for each 4K and 5K child.

I anticipate my child (please print): _____

He/she will be attending Sevastopol in (check the box):

4K or 5K

He/she attended Sevastopol this current (2022-2023) school year:

Yes or No

Parent: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Please return to Melissa Olson in the main office
(this can be scanned and sent to molson@sevastopol.k12.wi.us)

YOUTH ART

Sturgeon Bay Program Center



The YMCA's Youth Art Programs provide a creative and safe environment for kids to explore and develop their artistic talents. Instructors aim to inspire and empower kids through a variety of art forms, while also helping to build confidence and life skills and connect with others.

REGISTRATION

February 20: Members

February 22: Community

AFTER SCHOOL ART

Grades 1-5

Tuesdays • 3:45pm-4:45pm

February 28-April 18

Members: \$40.00 Community: \$80.00

HOMESCHOOL ART

Ages 5-14

Fridays • 9:15am-10:00am

March 3-April 21

Members: \$40.00 Community: \$80.00



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YOUTH SPORTS

Sturgeon Bay Program Center



Youth sports at the Y are designed to promote physical activity, teamwork, and healthy competition. Each sport will focus on the development of athletic skills, as well as the principles of fair play and sportsmanship. Whether your child is just starting out or has been playing sports for years, classes will provide a supportive and fun environment to develop or continue to develop their skills and interests.

SOCCER SKILLS AND DRILLS

Grades 1-5
Mondays & Tuesdays
3:45pm-4:45pm

YOUTH PICKLEBALL

Grades 2-8
Wednesdays
3:45pm-4:45pm

DODGEBALL

Grades 1-5
Thursdays
3:45pm-4:45pm

SATURDAY SOCCER

4k-5k • 9:00am-9:45am
Grades 1-2 • 10:00am-10:50am
Grades 3-5 • 11:00am-11:50am

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SPRING BREAK KIDS DAY OUT

Lansing Avenue Center Ages 4-12

Join the Door County YMCA for Spring Break at Lansing Avenue! We will be enjoying our days with fun and exciting games, arts and crafts, and outdoor activities! We will provide lunch, and a snack each day. Please either pack your child with breakfast or feed them before attending the program.

Dates:

Monday, March 20th	6:30am-5:30pm
Tuesday, March 21st	6:30am-5:30pm
Wednesday, March 22nd	6:30am-5:30pm
Thursday, March 23rd	6:30am-5:30pm
Friday, March 24th	6:30am-5:30pm



SCAN TO REGISTER



	Member Rates Per Day	Community Member Rates Per Day
Full Day In-Service	\$35	\$40

Deadline to register is March 12th.

What to bring:

- Winter gear: jacket, snow pants, boots, gloves, scarves, hats
- Sleeping bag/ blankets and pillow for quiet time (especially for the younger group)



STAY CONNECTED   | www.DoorCountyYMCA.org