



Fort Howard Elementary  
School  
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**Mission:** We ensure that all will graduate college, career and community ready; inspired to succeed in our diverse community.

### Ready Bodies, Growing Minds

#### Upcoming Events:

**Sept 5** - First Day of School!

**Sept 29** - School Picture Day (8:00 - 9:30)

**This Month's Theme:** Ready Bodies, Growing Minds

**Cool Tools:** Appropriate Voice Volume, Hallway Expectations, Growth Mindset, Clean School Environment

**Dress-Up Day:** Friday, Sept 29th, Comfy Clothes Day

**Celebration:** Friday, Sept 29th, Yoga and Mindfulness

This year Fort Howard School is focusing on **"Ready Bodies, Growing Minds"**. Children often come to school full of emotions. These emotions affect their ability to focus and learn. Some students are very excited and need to calm down. Other students enter our school tired or lethargic and need to energize. Fort Howard School recognizes the need for students to ready their bodies to learn and have incorporated many different activities and supports to help students prepare their bodies for learning. A few of the systems we use here are energizers, brain breaks, movement breaks, calm down areas in the classroom, manipulatives, differential seating, and mindfulness activities such as breathing and relaxation techniques. All of these are attempts to get the students bodies ready to learn. Once a child has been able to deal with their emotions they are much more ready to grow their minds.

#### Infinite Campus Parent Portal

This year all parents must set up Infinite Campus Parent Portal access. Any household information updates (phone numbers, emergency contact information, etc.) must be updated by the parent on Parent Portal. If you have not accessed Parent Portal in the past, a letter will be mailed to you instructing you how to create an account. If you have already created an account but have forgot your username and/or password, please call our Central Registration office at 920-448-2000 and they will help you. Unfortunately, the Fort Howard Office does not have access to this information, you will need to call the district office. For help with this new process, please contact Amy in the office. By using Parent Portal you will be able to access grades, attendance, email teachers, and update household information.

#### Tuesday Packets

Every student will go home with important information on Tuesdays. Please be sure to check your child's backpack on Tuesday nights!

### Encore Explorations

My name is **Dave Lepisto** and I am your child's **physical education teacher**. Physical education is your child's time to develop movement skills in a setting that is safe, challenging, and fun. It also is a safe setting where your child has the opportunity to learn how to respond to events that occur. During these first weeks of school the focus is on creating a positive, safe, and challenging learning environment and how we can be "fun to play with" in that environment. This space will be used to share what your child is doing in physical education and how your child is showing growth. I look forward to the start of the year!

Hi! I'm **Stacy Juelich** and I will be starting my 14th year as the **music teacher** at Fort Howard, and am looking forward to sharing my love of music with your student! Music is a time to create, perform, explore, and connect music to life in a safe, welcoming environment. We have a great curriculum in Elementary Music called "Quaver's Marvelous World" and can be accessible at home through the site [www.quavermusic.com](http://www.quavermusic.com). It's free for home and student use, and it really helps to connect learning from school to home! We will also hold two school-wide concerts this year-more info to come! Thanks for your support of the arts in education!

Hi! I am **Alyssa Gruett**, the **art teacher**, and I want to tell you how excited I am to teach your child during this upcoming school year. This year, I will be guiding your child on a creative voyage. Together, we will explore a variety of art media techniques, examine historical art movements, and learn how to use art for self-expression. Art education also provides a pathway for developing literacy skills, understanding math concepts, and facilitating cross-cultural understanding. This year, student artists will have opportunities to use their imagination and creativity to discover creative solutions to struggles and conceptual challenges. I hope you will join in as we celebrate your child's growth and mastery! Let the journey begin!

### **Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRCs)**

PIRCs are federally funded nonprofit organizations that provide training, information, and technical assistance to parent, parent organizations, and schools to build partnerships to benefit children. Each state has at least one Parental Information and Resource Center. Federal law requires that parents be informed of the state organization. In Wisconsin, the PIRC is called Parents Plus, and it is located in Milwaukee. Its mission is to educate, train, and support parents, educators, service providers, and community members throughout Wisconsin to strengthen families, promote student success, and achieve optimal childhood outcomes. For more information and to view their newsletter, go to their website at [www.parentspluswi.org](http://www.parentspluswi.org).

### **Title 1 Program**

We are very fortunate to have a special program called **Title 1 at Fort Howard School**. This program is paid for by the federal government and serves students in 15 public and private school in Green Bay. Fort Howard's students benefit from the additional funding that allows us to provide additional support to our students.

The Title 1 teachers in our building are **Math - Ms. Rentmeester, Reading - Mr. Swille, Literacy - Ms.**

**Statz..** These staff members work with students who would benefit from extra academic support. These teachers will either meet with students in their regular classroom or will pull students to their work space to work on related skills and strategies.

Our **Dean of Students, Mr. Unger** is part of our Title 1 staff. He works with the principal, our teachers, our parents and our students, to create a safe environment that is the best for student learning.

**Parent involvement** is a very important part of Title 1. Parents are encouraged to be involved in their children's education and to participate in planning the Title 1 program. We are always welcome family support at school events and would love you to join our Family Engagement Committee that meets one Monday a month to plan events and to keep families informed. The purpose of the program is to support accelerated student learning and to providing funding that will allow special attention and assistance to our students and their success.

**If you are interested in more information** about the Title 1 program, **or would like to volunteer** to help out, please **call the Fort Howard School office at 448-2105** and we will connect you with the right person.

We look forward to a great school year!

**Every Student, Every Day, Everyone, Every Way!**