

Proud to be a Tider—what a year it's been so far!

Known for our rigorous academic programs, highly trained staff, strong parent and community support, and first class facilities, the Edgerton School District has earned an outstanding reputation throughout the state. The past 20 months our staff and families have had to adjust to a rapidly changing landscape as Covid-19 caused shifts to a virtual instructional platform, performances to be canceled, athletics to be disrupted, and after school activities to be limited. Through these uncertain and difficult times our students, staff and families have demonstrated incredible resilience and flexibility.

This fall we have once again been able to enjoy some of the traditions that we're so proud of in the Edgerton School District. In September, we welcomed approximately 1,900 students back to our schools. Our classrooms buzzed with the sound of engaged students and spaces that were empty last year such as our cafeterias were once again alive with students.

The Homecoming festivities returned with the business window paintings downtown. Later in the week students enjoyed the powder puff football games and evening bonfire. The timeless tradition of the elementary school pep rally and mini-parade were enjoyed by hundreds of students, parents and residents. The high school parade rolled through town with thousands of spectators cheering on the home team. The Homecoming football game and dance culminated a great week.

Included in the Homecoming festivities this year was the formal ribbon cutting of our completed \$41.6 million referendum renovations and additions. Our staff were anxious to show off the project more than a year after its completion. Residents enjoyed tours of our new and updated facilities and we once again would like to thank our residents for their generous support.

In November, the high school musical returned. This is another annual tradition our students and community look forward to. This year's performance of Oklahoma was enjoyed by enthusiastic audiences attending the three weekend performances. Our students do an incredible job with the singing, dancing, acting, and scenery. We are very proud of their efforts.

In December, sounds of the season filled the performing arts center with magnificent middle and high school band and choir performances. It was wonderful to see the performing arts center filled once again with parents and family members enjoying the outstanding talent of our students. I encourage you to watch our high school choir perform on Christmas Eve at 10:00 P.M. and Christmas morning at 6:00 A.M. on NBC15's Sounds of the Season.

Along with the school performances filling the performing arts center this fall, the Wartmann Artist series returned with performances from tributes to Neil Diamond and Glen Campbell along with a Christmas concert by the Chicago Brass Quintet. Upcoming performances include: The Polish Philharmonic Orchestra on March 5, Tusk—the music of Fleetwood Mac on April 9, and The Forgotten Kingdom on May 7.

This month the pedestrian bridge will be completed, however the official opening ceremony will occur in the spring or summer once the asphalt approaches from the school are finished. This work cannot be completed until the weather is warmer.

Finally, we are proud of our students' performance on the State Report Card. As a district, we received a grade of Exceeded Expectations as well as all of our schools. This is a testament to the efforts of our staff in preparing students for the assessments along with the support received at home.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as the superintendent in the Edgerton School District.

Dr. Pauli