

Peshtigo students find help after school

Program proves popular for students, teachers

PESHTIGO — Peshtigo middle school students can stay after school and get additional help with their schoolwork.

“Our average is 20-25 students each night, but we have had up to 30,” said teacher Amy Reed. Three certified teachers and several high school student tutor volunteers are ready to help. “It’s mostly catered to middle school students, but we don’t turn high school students away that need help,” she said.

The session starts with teachers checking students’ assignment notebooks. Organization is a critical skill for middle school students in order to be successful. Reed adds, “We help students figure out what they need, which varies from assisting in organizing their lockers to folders. We monitor their grades and help them find missing work to help them get everything turned in.”

“It’s hard for them to see the light at the end of the tunnel.”

Teacher Megan Dubrock affirms, “The after school program is more than just a place to get help for homework. We help students learn organization skills, work ethic, and ownership. We push the kids, but also celebrate their hard work with them, showing them that hard work pays off. We help them to see the light at the end of the tunnel and encourage them to keep moving forward.”



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Peshtigo junior Emma Heider assists seventh grader Chase VanWinkle at the school’s after school program.

“Back when I was in eighth grade, I had severe anxiety issues and had a tough time in school for the first time in my life,” said high school junior Sammy Gretzon.

“With the support and help of two amazing teachers, Amy Reed and Marty Sanders, I was able to learn and pass all of my classes.

“Now I go to the program, not for help, but to pay forward the opportunity those two teachers gave to me.”

Gretzon helps work with students and loves to see kids improve.

“I have seen so many kids succeed because of the after school program. It’s there to help them learn

the skills to earn good grades and we create great friendships in the process,” she explained.

Besides Gretzon, two other high school students often help tutor, senior Lauren Halfmann and junior Emma Heider. Halfmann said, “It’s a pretty cool feeling to see someone go from struggling to completing a problem without help.”

“I enjoy being able to help other kids and connect with them,” Heider, a junior, said. “When they come up to me with a smile on their face to tell me they were able to get their grades up, it’s the best feeling!”

“For me, it’s very rewarding seeing students turn things around and make academic progress,” Reed said. “We had multiple students failing several classes when they started the afterschool program, who were passing every class by the end of first semester. It’s awesome seeing students feel pride in their accomplishments and feel excited to experience success in school.”

This article was submitted by the Peshtigo School District.



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Teacher Megan Dubrock checks student grades while Danika Chase works diligently.

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Marinette County voters side with the conservative

MARINETTE — Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Janet Protasiewicz and ex-Justice Dan Kelly were the top two vote-getters in a four-candidate field in Tuesday’s primary and advance to the April 4 general election.

Protasiewicz, a liberal, garnered about 46% of the vote, while Kelly, a conservative, netted 24%. Waukesha County Circuit Judge Jennifer Dorow, another conservative

received 22%, while Dane County Circuit Judge Everett Mitchell, a liberal, got 7%.

In Marinette County, Kelly got the most votes with 2,536, while Protasiewicz garnered 1,708, Dorow, 1,151 and Mitchell, 218.

Conservatives currently hold a 4-3 majority on the court and have controlled the court for 15 years. But an open seat this year gives liberals a chance to take the majority with issues like abortion access, gerrymandered legislative districts and voting rights heading into the 2024 presidential election at stake.

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