

Pony Express

G.D. Jones Elementary School

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IMPORTANT DATES:

SEPTEMBER 14 & 15—DENTAL VISITS
SEPTEMBER 23—LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE (4B)
SEPTEMBER 29—PICTURE DAY!
SEPTEMBER 30—LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE (4H)

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**

iPad Insurance (GREEN SHEET):

Student iPad insurance information was given to parents at Open House or in the 1st day folders. Please remember, if you have indicated you wish to accept the WSD iPad insurance, coverage will not begin until payment has been received. Payments can be made through your Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

If insurance is declined; families assume the full cost of any and all repairs caused by accident, misuse or abuse.

Respect - Work - Belong

September 10, 2021

Access our school calendar
online [HERE](#)

- Drop Off: Students can be dropped off beginning at 8:15am
- Be on time! Classes begin at 8:35am. If you know your student is going to be tardy or absent, please contact the front office no later than 9am at 715 261-0950. Voicemail messages can be left 24/7
- **IMPORTANT**—we are required to submit the number of lunches to Nutrition Services by 9am. If your child comes in later than that, and we have not been notified, your child will likely have to take the sandwich alternative selection for lunch.

INFINITE CAMPUS—PARENT PORTAL

All families will want to sign up for Infinite Campus parent portal. This portal allows you to see grades, pay school fees, update phone numbers and addresses and check busing information. To set up your portal:

Go to the District's website: www.wausauschools.org
Choose Parents at the top of the page, then choose

Infinite Campus Portal
Select Campus Parent
Select New User (Bottom of the white panel titled Wausau School District)
Enter the Activation Code to complete the registration process

If you do not have your Activation Code, please email Kandyce Oldenburg at koldenbu@wausauschools.org
Create your own username and password. Once you have established your own username and password, the activation code listed below will no longer be valid.



BIRTHDAYS!



Birthday Celebrations At GD Jones:

We work hard to ensure that students' minds and bodies are ready for learning each day. In addition to the hard work our teachers and staff do every day to prepare students for success in the classroom, we can also work to encourage healthy eating and physical activity, leading them to lifelong success. By helping them start healthy habits early in life, we can help reduce our children's health risks and increase their chances for longer, more productive lives. Parents/guardians may honor their child's birthday by sending non-food treats such as stickers or pencils.

If you choose to send a food item to school for birthday celebrations, please ensure that it promotes healthy food choices (see the list of healthy snack ideas below). Birthday and special occasion treats must be brought to the front office, be store bought, individually wrapped, with an intact ingredient label. All snacks sent to school to be eaten in the classroom should be peanut and tree nut free. These items are consistent with the intent of the district's Local School Wellness Policy and will promote healthful eating among our students. Also note that students are asked to not bring in junk food items such as chips, candy, drinks, etc. to school. As educators, caregivers and loved ones we all want the best for our students. Thank you for joining us in giving students healthy opportunities to celebrate important events and achievements. If you have any questions, please contact the school. We are looking forward to making our school the healthiest it can be so our students can do their best work. Have a healthy day!

Healthier Options:

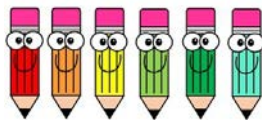
- Dried fruits
- Low-fat yogurt products
- Fruit leather
- String cheese
- Pretzel products
- Individually packaged veggies

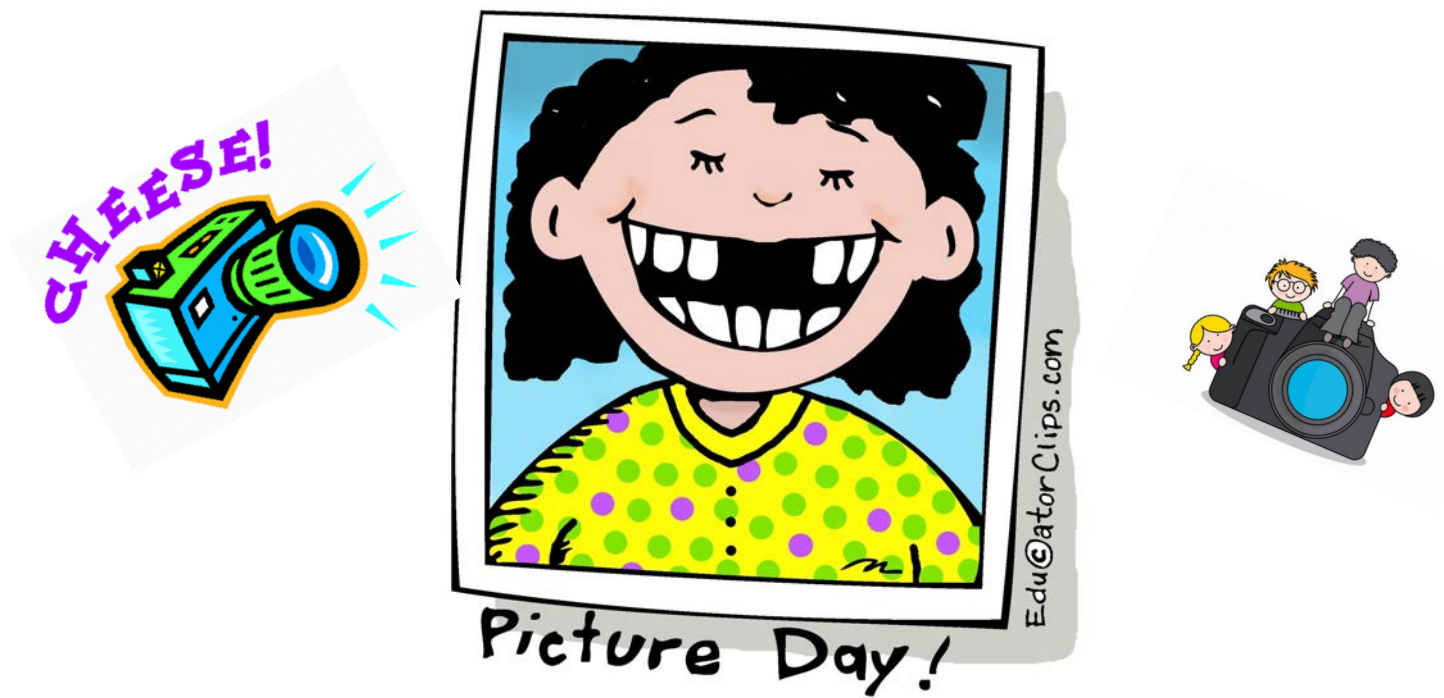


We encourage parents to use the list above as a guide in providing healthy snacks. You may also choose to bring in non-food items to give to each child on your child's birthday. Here is a list of nonfood items:

Glow-in-the-dark items

- Chalk
- Stickers
- Stamps
- Erasers
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Pens





Picture Day for G.D. Jones Elementary School is scheduled for: Wednesday, September 29, 2021. If you wish to pre-order, click this link: <https://inter-state.com/>

Picture Day Order Code is [60417XF](#).

LEADER IN ME—PARENT GUIDE

Hi Parents,

For some great information on the Lead in Me program, click here:

<https://www.leaderinme.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Parents-Guide-English.pdf>

E-Flyers

Remember to check out E-Flyers for the latest non-profit community and school-sponsored events. You can access E-Flyers [here](#)

The Wausau School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability (“Protected Classes”).

2021-2022 School Year Updates

Updated 8/12/2021

This letter is designed to inform you of the Wausau School District's COVID-19 protocols as we begin the 2021-22 school year. Please know that guidelines and protocols can change at any time and without notice. If that happens, we will be sure to notify you as soon as possible.

Masks and Face Coverings

- As of June 8, 2021, the policy in the Wausau School District states that masks and face coverings are optional in all district buildings.

Social Distancing

- All students will be offered an in-person spot at their home school. Social distancing will not be followed in most situations.

Cohorting

- Students will ***not*** be cohorted during the 2021-2022 school year.

Sick Students, Staff, and Visitors

- Students, staff, and visitors who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza or COVID-19, should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.

Attendance

- All students will attend their home school in-person. Those students who wish to remain virtual will need to enroll at WAVE.
- When quarantined, students are expected to continue learning by completing lessons and classroom work. Teachers will continue to make daily lessons and classroom work available through Itslearning or Seesaw and will be available for support.

Quarantining

- Those who test positive for COVID-19 are required to isolate. Marathon County Health Department will contact all positive cases.
- Marathon County Health Department will also implement all quarantines.

Contact Tracing

- Marathon County Health Department will conduct all contact tracing.
- School nurses will make the Marathon County Health Department aware if they are notified of a positive COVID-19 case.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Per CDC guidelines, cleaning once a day is sufficient to remove potential viruses that may be on surfaces. Disinfecting kills any remaining germs on surfaces.

- Cleaning will be completed once a day by custodial staff.
- If there's a positive case of COVID, and the case is known within 24 hours, the space will be cleaned AND disinfected by custodial staff.

Filtration

- MERV-13 filtration will be used throughout the district to balance energy use and air quality.

Hand Washing and Hand Sanitizer

- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom and at the main entrance of each building.
- Hand washing with soap and water for 20 seconds will be encouraged at all levels. Elementary students will have a hand washing schedule.

Classroom Materials

- Classroom materials can be shared. Students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer after using shared materials.

WSD COVID GUIDELINES 21-22

Students must stay home from school if they have the following symptoms.

One of these symptoms: <input type="checkbox"/> New or worsening cough <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing <input type="checkbox"/> New loss of smell or taste	Two or more of these symptoms: <input type="checkbox"/> Fever over 100.4/Chills <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat <input type="checkbox"/> Runny nose/congestion <input type="checkbox"/> Headache <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle/body aches
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- If a student has symptoms, it is recommended that they immediately be tested for COVID, regardless of vaccine status.
- The student may return to school with proof of a negative **PCR** COVID test or an alternate diagnosis from a medical practitioner.
- If parents choose not to have their child tested, the student is presumed positive and must stay home for 10 days, be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and have improvement of symptoms before returning to school.
- If a student or anyone else living in the home tests positive, all students in the home (unless vaccinated and not showing symptoms) must quarantine for the 10 days of the positive person's isolation PLUS an additional 10 days quarantine, a total of 20 days. If the positive person can isolate away from the students, the other students in the home must quarantine for 10 days from the last contact with the positive person.
- Parents are asked to notify the school if a student later develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID.
- If your child is identified as a close contact to someone outside the home, follow the directions from the health department.

Contact the [Marathon County Health Department](#) with questions. **715-261-1900**



RECEIVE DENTAL CARE RIGHT AT SCHOOL!

Oral Screening
Dental Cleaning
Fluoride Varnish
Sealants
Silver Diamine Fluoride
Referral Assistance

Services are provided during the day and visits are held throughout the school year.

Enroll Now for This Fall!

Open the camera feature on your phone and hold over the QR code below for fast access to enrollment!



OR

By going to the link below:

<https://enrollment.bbsmiles.org/>

Bridging Brighter Smiles, Inc. accepts Forward Health/BadgerCare Insurance Only.

Any Questions Please Call Bridging Brighter Smiles at (262)896-9891 or visit www.bbsmiles.org

2021-2022 Wausau School District Calendar

Board approved: 2-22-2021

July 2021						
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Aug 26, 30-31: Professional Learning
 Aug 27: No Classes - Non-Contract Days

Sept 1: First Day of School
 Sept 6: No Classes - Labor Day

October 2021						
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Oct 27: No Elementary Classes
 No AM/PM Pre-K Classes
 No PM Secondary Classes
 Oct 27: 1st Quarter Ends (40)
 Oct 28-29: No Classes - PL

Nov 24: No Classes - Non-Contract Day
 Nov 25-26: No Classes-Thanksgiving Break

Dec 23-31: No Classes - Winter Break

January 2022						
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Jan 14: No PM Elementary Classes - Recordkeeping
 No AM/PM Pre-K Classes
 Jan 14: 2nd Quarter Ends (46)
 Jan 17: No Classes - PL

Feb 18: No Classes - PL

March 18: No PM Elementary Classes - Recordkeeping
 No AM/PM Pre-K Classes
 March 18: 3rd Quarter Ends (43)
 March 21- 25: No Classes - Spring Break

April 2022						
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May 2022						
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June 2022						
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April 15: No Classes

May 27: No Classes - PL
 May 30: No Classes - Memorial Day

June 3: No PM Classes - All Elementary Recordkeeping
 No AM/PM Pre-K Classes
 June 3: Students' Last Day
 June 3: 4th Quarter Ends (46)
 June 6: Teachers' Last Day

- No Classes
- Students' first and last days of school
- No Classes - Professional Learning (PL)
- No Pre-K or Elementary Classes / No PM Secondary Classes / Recordkeeping AM (Elem) and Parent/Teacher Conferences PM
- 2022 High School Graduation: May 23 - West; May 24 - WAVE; May 25 - East; May 26 - EEA
- Quarter Ends (1st - 40) (2nd - 46) (3rd - 43) (4th - 46) = 175
- Teachers' last day of school
- No PM Elem Classes-Recordkeeping. No AM/PM Pre-K Classes

Welcome to *Leader in Me*

Each new school year brings opportunities for academic growth and growth in all areas of development. Although children must be knowledgeable when they graduate, they must also be healthy, engaged, responsible, and caring people.

We're grateful you're here at our school and we're excited to partner with you and your child. As a *Leader in Me* School, we believe that every member of your family has greatness and we can't wait to learn and grow from you! *Leader in Me* (LiM) is an evidence-based, comprehensive school-improvement model—developed in partnership with educators and FranklinCovey—that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in a global community.

Our school has chosen to operate through a uniquely different lens. *Leader in Me* is about empowering your child to reach their full potential while ultimately finding their voice. As a school, the staff in this building have made five core commitments to your child. We call these our Core Paradigms. In these paradigms you will find the belief and way we view all students. At this school we see that:

- Everyone is a leader.
- Everyone has genius.
- Change starts with me.
- We empower students to lead their own learning.
- Educators and families partner to develop the whole person.

Not only do these paradigms apply to your student, they apply to all of us!

Leader in Me provides our school with the vision and language to lead the school in a way that addresses all areas of development. As each child discovers and develops their unique gifts and talents, they are given opportunities to lead. As leaders, they become active, engaged partners in their own education, and their self-confidence, responsibility, and initiative grows. The children quickly understand the benefits of different gifts and talents; they learn to listen to new ideas, work together to achieve results, and motivate one another to be the best.

We hope your school enjoys sharing these new opportunities. Together, we will see each child grow throughout the year.