

# Pony Express

G.D. Jones Elementary School

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

OCTOBER 15—1ST GRADER TO  
SCHOOL FOREST  
OCTOBER 15—4TH GRADERS FARM  
TOUR

## 4K—5TH GRADE CONFERENCES:

OCTOBER 21—3:45-7:45PM  
OCTOBER 26—3:45—7:45PM  
OCTOBER 27—12:30-3:30PM

OCTOBER 27—NO CLASSES  
OCTOBER 28—NO CLASSES  
OCTOBER 29—NO CLASSES  
NOVEMBER 4—PICTURE RETAKES

**Respect - Work - Belong**

October 8, 2021

Access our school calendar  
online [HERE](#)

## **PARENT REMINDER:**

**STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE  
DROPPED OFF OR ARRIVE  
AT SCHOOL BEFORE  
8:15AM**

**THERE IS NO OUTDOOR  
SUPERVISION IN THE MORNING, AND  
FOR SAFETY CONCERNS, SHOULD NOT  
BE AT SCHOOL UNTIL ARRIVAL TIME**

**STUDENTS MAY ENTER THE  
BUILDING BEGINNING AT  
8:15AM FOR BREAKFAST**

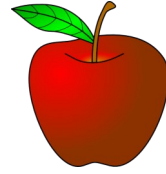
## E-Flyers

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

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# INTRODUCING...



Hello! My Name is Andy Reimann, "Mr. Andy" as the kids like to call me. I am the new full time Social Worker at GD Jones this year. My wife and I moved to Wausau in 2018 from Madison. We have really been enjoying getting to know the area and becoming part of the Wausau community! I feel honored and am extremely excited to be part of the GD Jones family. I am looking forward to meeting all the students and families here. If you need anything at all, please feel free to call me at 715-261-0964.



My name is JoAnn Michlig. I moved here from Rochester MN, where I taught preschool for 26 years. I have 2 fabulous children; Aaron is 29 and lives in CA. Alexandra is 25 and lives in MN. I have 2 labradoodles, Zuzi and Bella. I enjoy live music and spending time outdoors, and running every day with my dogs. I'm looking forward to my new adventure here at GD Jones School!







October 5th was a very exciting day at GD Jones! We celebrated Walk/Bike to School Day with music, small prizes, and a dancing dinosaur! On hand to greet the students were the Wausau Police and Fire Departments!

All students entered a drawing awesome prizes, such as sidewalk chalk, bike bells, bike helmets, and the GRAND PRIZE....ONE GIRLS BICYCLE AND ONE BOYS BICYCLE!!

Ms. Franks and Office Cornell delighted the students by riding them through the hallways to show the wonderful prizes before the drawing.





# WALK & BIKE TO SCHOOL





## WSD COVID GUIDELINES 21-22

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

<b>One</b> 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	<b>Two</b> or more of these symptoms: <input type="checkbox"/> Fever over 100.4/Chills <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat <input type="checkbox"/> Headache <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Runny nose/congestion <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue <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**



# 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:

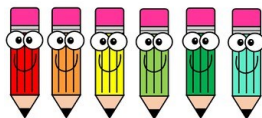
- Dried fruits
- Low-fat yogurt products
- Fruit leather
- String cheese
- Pretzel products
- Individually packaged veggies



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



# Paradigms

As a *Leader in Me* School, we have 5 Core Paradigms that drive our decisions, behaviors, and results. A paradigm is simply the way we “see” things. These 5 Core Paradigms include:

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

These paradigms or “the way we see things” at our school drive our everyday interaction with not only your student, but ourselves too. A partnership with families supports our ability for students to lead their own educational journey—empowering them to be responsible, reflective, and active in their learning experiences.

The great news about paradigms is that they are also powerful at home! When you operate through these five paradigms in your own life, you are communicating your own value as well as encouraging greatness in your student.

Ways to engage your family in these paradigms can include:

PARADIGM	ACTIVITY
Everyone can be a leader.	Recognize that you are a leader. Reflect on your strengths and the strengths of your family members.
Everyone has genius.	Ask your student what their unique genius is.
Change starts with me.	Discuss how each member of the family has shown personal responsibility for their actions and choices.
Empower students to lead their own learning.	Empower your student at home to be “in charge” of their learning experience by asking questions rather than just always giving them the answer.
Educators and families partner to develop the whole person.	Reflect on how you take care of your mind, body, heart, and spirit and share that with other members of your family.

# 2021-2022 Wausau School District Calendar

Board approved: 2-22-2021

July 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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August 2021						
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September 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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November 2021						
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December 2021						
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	27	28	29	30	31	

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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February 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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	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30		

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



# We're Hiring!

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One Child at a Time**

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and support employment  
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Wausau School District  
employment opportunities, please  
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or call 715-261-0500**



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