

Pony Express

G.D. Jones Elementary School

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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](#)

IMPORTANT DATES:

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
NOVEMBER 5—4TH GR PLANETARIUM

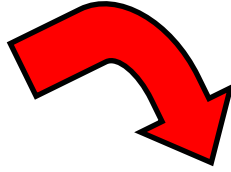
IT'S GETTING COLD!



Get your winter gear ready! Temps are dropping and students still go outside for recess twice daily. Please be ready with winter coats, boots, snow pants, hats and gloves.

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").

STUDENTS MUST STAY HOME IF THEY HAVE THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS



WSD COVID GUIDELINES 21-22

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

One of these symptoms:	Two or more of these symptoms:	
<input type="checkbox"/> New or worsening cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Fever over 100.4/Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat	<input type="checkbox"/> Runny nose/congestion
<input type="checkbox"/> New loss of smell or taste	<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	<input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue
	<input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle/body aches

- **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



GD Jones students Ari, Payton, Shin, Aria and Karina were invited to attend the Leadership Conference held on October 6th, 14th, and 20th. The Leadership Conference is designed to bring together some of our most talented fourth and fifth grade leaders from across the district for three days of intensive leadership training. The sessions were held at the Boys and Girls Club of Wausau. The students engaged in activities that explored what it means to be a leader, the characteristics of leadership and the traits they see in themselves and classmates that will help them develop into strong leaders. We also listened to guest local community leaders and role models who provided insight on leadership qualities. The students participated in activities involving problem solving, risk taking, decision making, planning, communicating, conflict resolution, and time management.

We are so proud of how these students represented GD Jones. Way to go!

MUSIC CONCERT UPDATE

The Wausau School District remains committed to advancing student learning, achievement, and success. As part of that, we highly value the educational benefits that Music Education Programming and encore classes provide our students, not to mention the related performance opportunities that our students have in our K-12 schools. That said, since there's still so much uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, the Wausau School District is going to err on the side of caution and postpone all **elementary** music concerts until at least Spring. The decision was made for a couple of reasons. The main one is the safety of our students, their families, and our staff. As you know, right now elementary-aged students are not able to get vaccinated against COVID-19 like many of our middle and high school students can. In addition to the fact that not everyone can get vaccinated, concerts often bring together a lot of people in one space and we want to make sure everyone is not only safe but feels comfortable participating and watching. Please know, the District will reevaluate the situation in the spring and keep you up-to-date after the new year as to the status of concert performances at that time.



SWEET TREATS PROVIDED BY SOME SPECIAL VISITORS!



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:

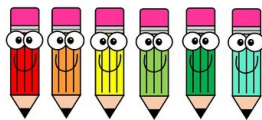
- Dried fruits
- Low-fat yogurt products
- Fruit leather
- String cheese
- Pretzel products
- Individually packaged veggies



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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1</p> <p>Cheeseburger French Fry Baked Beans Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>2</p> <p>French Toast Sausage Links Vegetable Juice Cauliflower Florets Orange Slices Milk</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Meatballs Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Corn Grapes Roll Milk</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Emoji Potatoes Cherry Tomatoes Apple Slices Blueberry Lemon Bite Cookie Milk</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Wild Mikes Cheesy Bites Marinara Sauce Cooked Broccoli Baby Carrots Strawberry Cup Milk</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Cheese Omelet Waffles Vegetable Juice Tater Tots Peaches Milk</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Orange Chicken Brown Rice Stir Fry Vegetables Celery Sticks Strawberry Cup D & J Cookie Milk</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Chicken Patty on a Bun Baked Beans Potato Smiles Banana Milk</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Cooked Broccoli Apple Slices Roll Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pizza Corn Baby Carrots Pears Milk</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Hot Dog on a Bun French Fries Vegetable Juice Sliced Pears Milk</p>	<p>16</p> <p><u>Macho Nacho</u> Beef Taco Filling Tortilla Chips Shredded Lettuce/Cheddar Salsa Refried Beans Corn Applesauce</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs Mac & Cheese Cooked Broccoli Baby Carrots Strawberry Cup Milk</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Cucumber Slices Apple Slices Blueberry Lemon Bite Cookie Milk</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Cheesy Max Sticks Marinara Sauce Fresh Cauliflower Peas Peaches Milk</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Cheeseburger French Fry Baked Beans Strawberry Cup Milk</p>	<p>23</p> <p><u>Harvest of the Month</u> Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Squash Dinner Roll Applesauce Cookie</p>	<p>24</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>25</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>26</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Cheese Omelet Waffles Vegetable Juice Tater Tots Peaches Milk</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Orange Chicken Brown Rice Stir Fry Vegetables Celery Sticks Strawberry Cup D & J Cookie Milk</p>			



Harvest of the Month: Squash
 All meals served with a choice of milk (varies by school): Nonfat Chocolate Milk, 1% white
 Daily Meal Alternate: Turkey Sandwich
 "This institution is an equal opportunity provider"

Leadership Roles at Home

Leadership roles don't just take place in the classroom!

Greeter Leader

Greet a neighbor (while social distancing) during a walk. Mail a note or card to a friend or relative to brighten their day. Create a sidewalk-chalk note of kindness for the neighborhood.

Meal Monitor

Help set the table, clear the table after a meal is over, or do the dishes. Older leaders can even make their own lunch and clean up after themselves.

Materials Manager

Help take care of the home and the materials inside. Make the bed, vacuum or sweep, put away toys, put away laundry, or wash the car. Clean up messes made from projects, games, or play-time activities.

Morning Announcer

Greet someone at home with a hug and tell them why they inspire you. Write them a note or draw them a picture that will sprinkle them with kindness.

Buddy-Watch Captain

Help watch a younger sibling or play independently when it is important for a parent to accomplish a task. Connect virtually with a friend or family member that is feeling lonely or needs a pick up.

Information Officer

Report on the weather to the family and draw a picture of the weather that day with the date. Make a note of something fun or something that challenged you during the day and share with your family at dinnertime.

Develop your own ideas!

What leadership roles does our family need to love each other and live harmoniously?

The [Family Name] Pony

Get the mail or take a letter to the mailbox. Run "errands" around the house for a parent or caregiver—for example, put away groceries or get the laundry basket from another room.



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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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