

Pony Express

G.D. Jones Elementary School

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Respect - Work - Belong

January 21, 2022

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**

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 24, 25, & 26
4K–5th GR HEARING SCREENING

January 31–February 2
5th GR to School Forest

February 10 - Book Bowl

**DAILY DISMISSAL TIME IS
3:30PM**

**STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE
PICKED UP AT THIS TIME UNLESS
THEY ARE ATTENDING AN AFTER
SCHOOL PROGRAM**

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").



Hearing Test



The health services team will begin hearing screening in late January. If you do not want your child screened, please notify the school secretary or health aide.

Another G2M Session is Coming Up!



When? Tuesdays & Thursdays between Feb. 8th - March 17th

What Time? All PM Classes are from 3:30pm to 4:45pm.

There is one AM Class from 7:15 to 8:15am.

**(MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Parent-Teacher Conferences →
NO G2M on MARCH 10TH OR 15TH)**

G2M is super rewarding and so much fun for your children! Our program provides quality academic and enrichment classes to all students in Grades K - 5.

Register your children by Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 for this upcoming session by clicking [HERE!](#)

Paper registration forms will also be sent home this week, and you can also access the online registration through the GD Jones website.

Work First, Then Play

Big Rocks are the most important things for you to do, such as spending time with your family, planning family meals, and getting an education. **Little rocks** are the less important things for you to do, such as watching TV for long periods of time, playing video games, or aimlessly searching the Internet/social media.

“Things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter least.”
—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

STEPS

1. I spend my time on things that are most important.
2. I say no to things I know I should not do.
3. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan.
4. I am disciplined and organized.

COMMON LANGUAGE

Big Rocks
Traditions
First things first

HOW DO WE PUT FAMILY TIME FIRST?

- Develop a family mission statement.
- Schedule **one-on-one** bonding time.
- Have regular family meals.
- Plan regular family times.
- Build family traditions.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH THEIR BIG ROCKS?

Ask them what they feel are their most important jobs or responsibilities. Suggest they do the hardest part of their homework or chores first. Describe the word ‘procrastinate’ to your child. What is something they have been procrastinating?

RESOURCES

- Video: Search YouTube for *First Things First, Habit 3, Big Rocks*.
- *Froggy Gets Dressed* by Jonathan London
- *The Little Red Hen* by Paul Galdone
- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

PLAN WEEKLY FAMILY TIMES

Family Activity: Keeping the family close with so many distractions can be tricky. Designating a specific time each week for family time will keep everyone on the same page.*

- Read a book together.
- Learn a new skill.
- Play a board game.
- Make a meal together.
- Visit a local attraction.
- Learn about and practice a habit.
- Discuss family matters (school, activities, etc.).
- Plan an important upcoming family tradition.
- Plan your week.
- Share talents.
- Eat together.
- Do a service project.
- Solve problems together.

What day and time of the week are you going to meet as a family?

*Put a reminder in your phone calendars and in a place in the home that can be seen by all.

Why is this a Big Rock for your family?

List three of your family's traditions:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What is a tradition you would like to start?



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 (no store/bakery cupcakes, cookies or other non-individually wrapped items). 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:

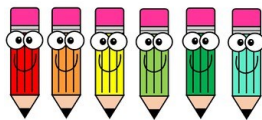
- Dried fruits
- Low-fat yogurt products
- Fruit leather
- String cheese
- Pretzel products
- Individually packaged veggies



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:

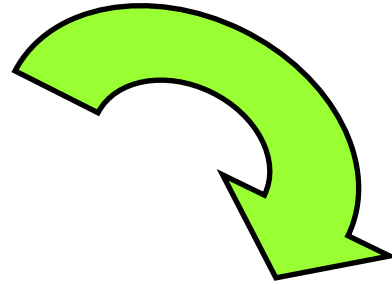
Glow-in-the-dark items

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





IN PLACE OF TRADITIONAL SNOW DAYS



Earlier this week you received a message from the WSD with regard to our plans for Inclement Weather Days. The message can be read by clicking on the button following this text section.

Here are a few additional specifics:

*We will do our best to be proactive should inclement weather be predicted and send home all necessary materials including student iPads and classroom materials. This is also why we will be sending student iPads home on a daily basis for all students.

*All students should plan to attend a classroom google meet at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Each google meet will last approximately 15 minutes. Google meet codes for each classroom will be shared through your class Seesaw.

*During the live google meet, classroom teachers will check in with students, explain the learning activities that students will be completing for the day and answer any questions that there may be.

*Each grade level will be assigned one encore activity through Seesaw. The grade level the child is in will determine what encore activity will be assigned. This activity will be something that students can complete on their own and should take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

*Depending on the child's grade level additional learning activities will be assigned by the classroom teacher that a child should complete asynchronously/independently during the day. For K-2 this will be approximately an additional 15 minutes and for grades 3-5 this will be about 75 additional minutes.

*We understand that on inclement weather days, internet connections may not always be working. Please do your best to connect to the google meet, when possible. Also, if you are in need of a hot spot, you may check one out through our library. Please contact Miss Harty, our librarian for more information.

VIRTUAL LEARNING DAYS IN PLACE OF TRADITIONAL SNOW DAYS

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 symptomatic student may return to school with proof of a negative rapid or PCR COVID test from a medical facility** (not a home test) or an alternate diagnosis from a medical practitioner. (Proof may be an email, text, or paper copy.) If a student returns to school without proof of a negative test, the student will be sent home.
- ***New guidance from the CDC: If a student tests positive for COVID, the child must stay home and isolate for 5 days from the COVID test date** . The student must also be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and have improvement of symptoms before returning to school. **The student must wear a mask for 5 days after the isolation period ends.** (Ten days total isolation plus masking.)
- **If parents choose not to have their symptomatic 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.

Return date: _____

- Parents are asked to notify the school if a student develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID. A positive home test will be accepted. A lab verified test is strongly recommended.
- Parents may choose to quarantine the siblings of a positive student in the home, based on the health department recommendation, and the absence will be excused.
- If your child is identified as a close contact by the health department, follow the directions from the health department.

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

Pautas de WSD COVID 21-22

Los estudiantes deben quedarse en casa y no asistir a la escuela si presentan los siguientes síntomas.

Uno de estos síntomas: <input type="checkbox"/> Tos nueva o que empeora <input type="checkbox"/> Falta de aliento / dificultad para respirar <input type="checkbox"/> Nueva pérdida del olfato o del gusto	Dos o más de estos síntomas: <input type="checkbox"/> Fiebre superior a 100.4 / Escalofríos <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrea <input type="checkbox"/> Dolor de garganta <input type="checkbox"/> Congestión / secreción nasal <input type="checkbox"/> Dolor de cabeza <input type="checkbox"/> Fatiga <input type="checkbox"/> Náuseas / vómito <input type="checkbox"/> Dolores musculares / corporales
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- Si un estudiante tiene síntomas, se recomienda que se le haga una prueba de COVID inmediatamente, independientemente de su estado de vacunación.
- El estudiante sintomático puede regresar a la escuela con prueba de una prueba COVID rápida o PCR negativa de un centro médico (no una prueba casera) o un diagnóstico alternativo de un médico. (La prueba puede ser un correo electrónico, un mensaje de texto o una copia impresa). Si un estudiante regresa a la escuela sin una prueba de una prueba negativa, el estudiante será enviado a casa.
- * Nueva guía de los CDC: si un estudiante da positivo en la prueba de COVID, el niño debe quedarse en casa y aislarse durante 5 días a partir de la fecha de la prueba de COVID. El estudiante también debe estar libre de fiebre durante 24 horas sin medicamentos para reducir la fiebre y tener una mejoría de los síntomas antes de regresar a la escuela. El estudiante debe usar una máscara durante 5 días después de que finalice el período de aislamiento.
- Si los padres optan por qué no se le haga la prueba a su hijo sintomático, se presume que el estudiante es positivo y debe quedarse en casa durante 10 días, estar sin fiebre durante 24 horas sin medicamentos para reducir la fiebre y tener una mejoría de los síntomas antes de regresar a la escuela.

Fecha de regreso: _____

- Se les pide a los padres que notifiquen a la escuela si un estudiante desarrolla síntomas o da positivo por COVID. Se aceptará una prueba casera positiva. Se recomienda encarecidamente una prueba verificada por laboratorio.
- Los padres pueden optar por poner en cuarentena a los hermanos de un estudiante positivo en el hogar según la recomendación del departamento de salud, y la ausencia será justificada.
- Si tiene preguntas comuníquese con el [Departamento de Salud del Condado de Marathon](#) al **715-261-1900**

WSD COVID COV CIAM KEV TAW COJ (GUIDELINES) 21-22

Cov tubkawm yuavtsum nyob hauv tsev tsis tuaj tsev kawm yog tias lawv muaj tej mob hauv qab no tshwm sim.

Ib yam ntawm cov mob tshwm no: <input type="checkbox"/> Hnoos tshiab losyog hnoos heev dua qub <input type="checkbox"/> Ua pa luv luv/Ua pa nyuab <input type="checkbox"/> Tshwm tshiab qhov tsis hnov ntxhiab losyog tsis nov tsos	Ob yam losyog ntau dua ntawm cov mob tshwm no: <input type="checkbox"/> Ua npaws kub tshaj 100.4/daus no <input type="checkbox"/> Thoj plab <input type="checkbox"/> Mob qa <input type="checkbox"/> Los ntswg/txhaws ntswg <input type="checkbox"/> Dias taubhau <input type="checkbox"/> Tsis muaj zog <input type="checkbox"/> Xeev siab/ntuav <input type="checkbox"/> Nqaij/ib ce mob
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- Yog ib tug tubkawm muaj cov mob tshwm, nws yog tias lawv yuavtsum tau mus sim tshuaj COVID tamsim ntawd, tsis hais tias txhaj tshuaj tiv thaiv lawm los tsis tau.
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- Tus menyuam kawm ntawv tus mob tuaj yeem rov qab mus rau tsev kawm ntawv nrog cov ntaub ntawv pov thawj ntawm qhov tsis zoo sai lossis kuaj PCR COVID los ntawm lub chaw kho mob (tsis yog koj hauv tsev) lossis kev kuaj mob los ntawm tus kws kho mob. (Cov ntaub ntawv pov thawj tej zaum yuav yog email, ntawv nyeem, lossis daim ntawv luam.) Yog tias tus menyuam kawm ntawv rov mus kawm ntawv yam tsis muaj ntawv pov thawj ntawm qhov kev xeev tsis zoo, tus menyuam kawm ntawv yuav raug xa mus tsev.
- * Kev taw qhia tshiab los ntawm CDC: Yog tias tus tub ntxhais kawm kuaj pom tus kab mob COVID, tus menyuam yuav tsum nyob hauv tsev tshiab nyob ib leeg rau 5 hnuv txij li hnuv xeev COVID. Tus menyuam kawm ntawv yuav tsum ua npaws tsis pub dhau 24 teev yam tsis muaj tshuaj kub taub hau, thiab kho cov tsos mob ua ntej rov mus kawm ntawv. Tus menyuam kawm ntawv yuav tsum hnav daim npog qhov ncauj rau 5 hnuv tom qab lub sijhawm cais tawm.
- Yog tias cov niam txiv xaiv tsis muaj lawm tus menyuam cov tsos mob, tus menyuam kawm ntawv tau pom zoo thiab yuav tsum nyob hauv tsev 10 hnuv, ua npaws tsis pub dhau 24 teev yam tsis muaj tshuaj txo qhov kub taub hau, thiab kho cov tsos mob ua ntej rov mus kawm ntawv.

Hnuv xa rov qab: _____

- Cov niam txiv nraug hais kom ceeb toom rau lub tsev kawm yog tias tus menyuam kawm ntawv pom cov tsos mob lossis kuaj pom tus kab mob COVID. Yuav tau txais qhov kuaj pom zoo hauv tsev. Kev kuj kuj pom tseeb yog pom zoo.
- Cov niam txiv tuaj yeem xaiv cais cov kwv tij ntawm cov tub ntxhais kawm zoo hauv tsev raws li lub tuam tsev saib xyuas kev noj qab haus huv tau pom zoo, thiab qhov tsis tuaj kawm yuav raug zam.
- Yog tias koj tus menyuam yog tau txheeb paub tias yog ib tug txav ti lwm tus neeg muaj mob siab nraug ntawv tsev neeg, ua raws li tej kev qhia ua los ntawm lub tsev saib kev noj qab haus huv.

Hu rau [Marathon County Health Department](#) txog tej lus nug. **715-261-1900**

2021-2022 Wausau School District Calendar

Board approved: 2-22-2021

July 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	
	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	

August 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	9	10	11	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	
	30	31				

September 2021						
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	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30		

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						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	

November 2021						
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	15	16	17	18	19	
	22	23	24	25	26	
	29	30				

December 2021						
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	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	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						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	3	4	5	6	7	
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	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
	31					

February 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	28					

March 2022						
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	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30	31		

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						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	25	26	27	28	29	

May 2022						
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	23	24	25	26	27	
	30	31				

June 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	6	7	8	9	10	
	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