

Pony Express

G.D. Jones Elementary School

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Respect - Work - Belong

March 4, 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:

March 10—3:45pm—7:45pm
Parent Teacher Conferences

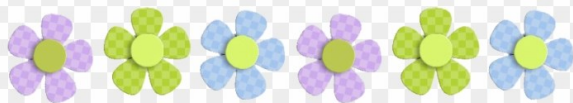
March 15 3:45pm—7:45pm
Parent Teacher Conferences

March 15—2nd Grade School Forest

March 18—EARLY RELEASE 11:30AM

March 21—25 NO CLASSES
SPRING BREAK

April 15— NO CLASSES



Ready for Spring

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").

Habit 5

Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood

“Listen first. Talk second.” Too often instead of really listening, we are busy forming our response in our mind. This Habit is about not just hearing with our ears, but looking at body language with our eyes, and using our hearts as well. We listen to understand who that person is, how they feel about something, and how they view the world.

What you can do at home: Pretend listening: Have your child try to tell you something while you are doing something else. “Pretend to listen.” (Uh-huh. That’s nice. Pretend to be distracted) Talk to them about how that felt. Now, have them tell you again while you give your child your full attention. Then switch. Have them play or draw while you talk. Then have them really listen. Talk about how it felt for you and them.

Habit #5

**SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND
THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD**

Listen before you speak

- I listen to others without interrupting.
- I raise my hand when I want to speak and I wait to be called on.
- I don't blurt out.
- I try to understand other people's views and feelings, even if they are different from my own.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1

- TURKEY N GRAVY
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Assorted Applesauce
- Dinner Roll
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

2

- Beef & Cheese Burrito
- TATOR TOTS
- Sliced Cucumber
- Oranges
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

3

- Spaghetti Meat Sauce
- Rotini Pasta
- Broccoli
- Baby Carrots
- Apple Slices
- Dinner Roll
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

4

- Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza
- Corn
- Cauliflower
- Sliced Pears
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

7

- Chicken Patty on Bun
- Potato Smiles
- ASSORTED VEGGIE JUICE
- Sliced Peaches
- Ketchup
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

8

- BEEF TACO FILLING
- TORTILLA CHIPS
- Shredded Cheddar Cheese
- Shredded Romaine
- SALSA
- Refried Beans
- Corn
- Bananas
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

9

- Mini Corn Dog
- Broccoli
- Baby Carrots
- Red Grapes
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

10

- Popcorn Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes
- Chicken Gravy
- Mixed Vegetables
- Apple Slices
- Blueberry Lemon Bite Cookie
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

11

- CHEESE STUFFED BREADSTICK
- MARINARA SAUCE
- Peas
- Cauliflower
- Mandarin Oranges
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

14

- Cheeseburger
- French Fries
- Baked Beans
- Assorted Applesauce
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

15

- Chicken Nuggets
- Emoji Potatoes
- Cherry Tomatoes
- STRAWBERRY CUP
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

16

- Meatballs
- Beef Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes
- Corn
- Bananas
- Dinner Roll
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

17

- Cheesy Pizza Pull Apart
- MARINARA SAUCE
- Broccoli
- Baby Carrots
- Sliced Pears
- Holiday Cookie
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

18

- No Lunch Served

21

- No School Today

22

- No School Today

23

- No School Today

24

- No School Today

25

- No School Today

28

- Hot dog on a Bun
- French Fries
- Baked Beans
- Sliced Peaches
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

29

- TURKEY N GRAVY
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Assorted Applesauce
- Dinner Roll
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

30

- Beef & Cheese Burrito
- TATOR TOTS
- Sliced Cucumber
- Oranges
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

31

- Chicken Tenders
- Broccoli
- Baby Carrots
- Apple Slices
- DICK & JANE COOKIES
- 1% Milk
- Non Fat Chocolate Milk

IMPORTANT MENU UPDATE Last minute menu changes can occur frequently and are out of our control due to the nationwide food supply chain issues. Menus on Nutrislice may not reflect these changes. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

All menus subject to change without notice

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COME JOIN US FOR
AN ICE CREAM
SANDWICH SOCIAL
& SEE YOUR
CHILDREN'S ART
WORK!

GD JONES ELEMENTARY PRESENTS

FAMILY ART SHOW NIGHT



**WHEN: THURSDAY, ▼
MARCH 31, 2022**

**COME ANYTIME
BETWEEN
5:30PM - 7:30PM**

YOU MUST RSVP TO ATTEND!

**FILL OUT THIS FORM TO RSVP & TURN IN TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM
TEACHER BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH!**

STUDENT'S NAME(S): _____

GRADE(S): _____ **TEACHER'S NAME(S):** _____

OF ADULTS ATTENDING: _____ **# OF KIDS ATTENDING** _____

**CONTACT ENRICHMENT COORDINATOR, KRISTEN ANDERSON, WITH
ANY QUESTIONS**



EMAIL: KRANDERSON@WAUSAUSCHOOLS.ORG



OFFICE PHONE: 715-261-0958



Summer Learning

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER LEARNING 2022 IS NOW OPEN

Hello, Wausau School District Families,
We are pleased to share with you that Summer Learning registration for students in 4K - 5th grade is now open. Information regarding middle and high school programming will be shared with families soon. Our 4K - 5th grade programs will offer a wide variety of morning and afternoon activities. A brief summary of the options for each grade level are below. Please click [HERE](#) for details on all the programming that is offered as well as directions for the registration process ([Elementary Tutorial](#))

There will be transportation provided from every WSD school to Summer Learning sites.

Detailed busing information will be available at a later date on the district website and will also be sent with student registration confirmation packets the week prior to Summer Learning.

Overview of Summer Learning by Current Grade Level

Wednesday, June 8 - Thursday, July 21, 2022

Monday through Thursday, No Programs on July 4 or 5, 2022

Free Breakfast 7:45 a.m.- 8:00 a.m.

Class Time 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Free Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (staggered lunches)

If you have questions or need additional details, please contact:

Elementary (Current PK - Current 5th grade)

Contact [Amy Louis](#) at 715-261-0530 or alouis@wausauschools.org

Community Connections (G2M)

Contact [Sandy Wawrzaszek](#) at 715-261-0580 or swawrz@wausauschools.org

GD Jones Elementary

4K - 5th Grade Parent/Teacher Conference

Dear Parent,

Please take a moment to schedule your Parent/Student/Teacher Meeting!

DATES: Thursday March 10, Tuesday March 15, (and Friday March 18th 4K ONLY)

MEETING LENGTH: 15 minutes

To select a time slot for your conference, enter this link in your internet browser and follow the prompts:

https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/GD_Jones_Elementary

Once you have registered with PTCfast.com, you will receive a confirmation email containing a link to schedule your student conference day and time. The scheduling window will close on Monday, March 7, so please schedule early! If you do not have internet access, feel free to call Kandyce at 715-261-0950 for assistance.

Due to the large number of conferences, we are requesting that parents, whose children live in more than one household, work together to schedule one conference time for your child. We know this is not always feasible, but it would be greatly appreciated if every effort could be made. If additional conferences are needed, we would wait until all families have had a chance to schedule at least one conference before assigning a second one. If your student sees more than one teacher for their core class curriculum, we have scheduled your conference for you and you should have received notification of the day and time. If you wish to have a virtual conference, please reach out to your classroom teachers.

If you wish to meet with one of the specialists in addition to the classroom teacher, the specialists will be available during the following conference hours:

Mar 10 Mar 15 Mar 18

	Mar 10	Mar 15	Mar 18
Amy Begley, Title I	3:45pm – 7:45pm	3:45pm – 7:45pm	
Andy Reimann, Social Worker	3:45pm – 7:45pm	3:45pm – 7:45pm	12:30pm – 3:30pm
Andrea Koser, Art Teacher	3:45pm – 7:45pm	3:45pm – 7:45pm	
Chong Her, School Counselor	3:45pm – 7:45pm	3:45pm – 7:45pm	12:30pm – 3:30pm
Kristin Ruleau, Educational Support	3:45pm – 7:45pm	3:45pm – 7:45pm	
Taylor Harty, Librarian Media Specialist	3:45pm – 7:45pm	3:45pm – 7:45pm	
Jennie Boho, Educational Support	3:45pm – 7:45pm	3:45pm – 7:45pm	
Angela Lenselink, Music Teacher	3:45pm – 7:45pm		
Samantha Mijal, Science Teacher		3:45pm – 7:45pm	
Jack Kennedy, Psychologist	3:45pm – 7:45pm	3:45pm – 7:45pm	12:30pm – 3:30pm
Amy Smet, Title I Teacher	3:45pm – 7:45pm	3:45pm – 7:45pm	
Sarah Bondioli-Naranjo, Speech and Language	3:45pm – 7:45pm	3:45pm – 7:45pm	
Jeff Wais, PE Teacher	3:45pm – 7:45pm	3:45pm – 7:45pm	



2022-2023 Registration for 4K Learning Academies and Community Sites

Begins February 1, 2022

Registration for the free, half-day 4K Program is a two-step process for all eligible children
(Four years of age on or before September 1, 2022)

- 1 Visit the 4K & Early Childhood page at www.wausauschools.org**
Complete and submit the online form. You will receive an electronic confirmation following the completion of Step 1. The online registration indicates your interest in 4K and preferred site of attendance; however, the registration form must be verified (Step 2) before your child is fully registered and assigned to a site.

If you do not have computer access or need assistance completing the online form, please contact the 4K office at 715-261-0265 or email 4K@wausauschools.org.

- 2 Registration verification and enrollment**
Please follow the instructions outlined in the email you will receive from the 4K Office to finalize your child's 4K enrollment and secure a spot.

ATTEND 4K AT ONE OF THESE 8 SITES:

WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT 4K LEARNING ACADEMIES (Busing is available at elementary school sites with some qualifications)



**G.D. Jones
Elementary School**
(4K & Early Childhood Programs Office)
1018 South 12th Avenue
Wausau WI 54401
715-261-0950



**Riverview
Elementary School**
4303 Troy Street
Wausau WI 54403
715-261-0030



**Thomas Jefferson
Elementary School**
500 West Randolph Street
Wausau WI 54401
715-261-0175



**Hawthorn Hills
Elementary School**
1600 Kickbusch Street
Wausau WI 54403
715-261-0045

WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY 4K SITES (Busing is not available)



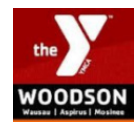
**Mountain View
Montessori**
1500 Merrill Avenue
Wausau WI 54401
715-298-3832



**Newman Catholic
St. Michael**
615 Stark Street
Wausau WI 54403
715-848-0206



Wausau Child Care - West
505 N. 28th Avenue
Wausau WI 54401
715-848-1437



YMCA
707 3rd Street
Wausau WI 54403
715-845-2177

*Please note that Wausau School District Kindergarten placement will be at your neighborhood school regardless of where your child attends 4K.
4K Learning Academy attendance is based upon home address and/or child care address.*

We look forward to meeting you and your child. Please call us with any questions about the registration process at 715-261-0265.
The 4K & Early Childhood Programs office is located at G.D. Jones Elementary School, 1018 South 12th Avenue, Wausau.

Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais lus, thov hu, 715-261-0265.

Si usted requiere de servicios de traducción por favor llame al teléfono 715-261-0265.



BRINGING A TREAT FOR YOUR CLASS?

ALL TREATS NEED TO BE PACKAGED WITH A FULL NUTRITION LABEL ATTACHED, PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE, INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED, AND STORE BOUGHT.

GET THE FACTS

Wausau School District Referendum April 5, 2022

On **Tuesday, April 5, 2022**, Wausau School District residents will vote on a referendum question. If approved, it would allow the district to address several of its critical long-term facility needs, which span three categories:

- **SAFETY & SECURITY**
- **FACILITY SYSTEMS & DEFERRED MAINTENANCE**
- **RIGHT-SIZED LEARNING SPACES**

The solution the Board of Education is presenting to voters on April 5 has been created based on the input and feedback of our community. This effort included online surveys for community and staff members, three community engagement sessions, staff listening sessions at all schools, and engagement on social media.



DISTRICT NEEDS?

1 SAFETY & SECURITY

While our facilities have served generations of district residents well, most of our buildings were constructed before newer school security standards were established. Our schools are safe. However, some of them require enhanced entrance security upgrades and modern emergency systems, such as updated fire alarms, mass notification systems, and video surveillance.

THE PROPOSED REFERENDUM INCORPORATES FUNDS FOR:

- More secure entryways
- Updated fire alarms, clocks, and PA systems
- Improved student drop off, pick up, and parking at some of our schools
- Updates for accessibility (*ADA compliance*)

2 FACILITY SYSTEMS & DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

While our maintenance staff has made the most of the district's maintenance funding, facility systems in several of our buildings have outlived their useful lives. This includes inefficient and outdated heating and cooling systems in some buildings. In other buildings, systems are obsolete and no longer supported by their manufacturer.

THE APRIL 2022 REFERENDUM INCLUDES FUNDS FOR:

- HVAC updates and repairs
- More efficient lighting
- Roof replacements and repairs
- Improved temperature controls
- Electrical and technological updates
- Casework in classrooms

3 RIGHT-SIZING LEARNING SPACES

Education has changed significantly since many of our school buildings were designed decades ago. While classrooms in our schools generally function well for traditional instruction, they are not aligned with the kinds of flexible environments found in colleges, universities, and workplaces today.

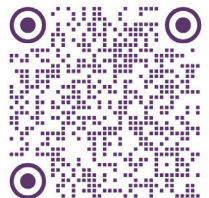
THE APRIL 2022 REFERENDUM INCLUDES FUNDS TO RIGHT-SIZE CLASSROOM SPACES & ADD MORE SPACE AT:

Horace Mann Middle School
John Muir Middle School
Riverview Elementary School
South Mountain Elementary School
Stettin Elementary School
Wausau Area Montessori Charter School
Wausau West High School

PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

An approved referendum would have an estimated property tax decrease of \$0.43 on every \$1,000 of property value in the school district. The owner of a home valued at \$200,000 would see an annual tax reduction of about \$86.

FORWARD
TOGETHER



Learn more at
wausau.referendumfacts.org