



March 2022

## **SOUTH MOUNTAIN COUGARS!**

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY**

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**WAUSAU, WI 54401**

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**MARCH**  
**At-A-**  
**Glance**

March 9 - 5th grade tour of John Muir

March 16 - Spring Concert

6:00 p.m. at Wausau West

March 17 - 3rd and 5th grade to Grand Theater

2nd grade to School Forest

March 18 - 11:30 a.m. Dismissal

End of 3rd quarter

March 21 - 25 Spring Break

March 28 - Class Resumes

**\*\*School Office will be closed during Spring Break**

*Think Spring!*



## Mark your calendar!

The South Mountain Spring Concert will be held at WAUSAU WEST on Wednesday, March 16 @ 6:00p.m. Check your students Friday folder for details.



We wanted to make you aware that the district has added a "filtered water" option at South Mountain. There is not presently a concern with the drinking water in Rib Mountain however, it was important to make this option available to all students and staff in the Wausau School District. The new filtered system is located in the hallway near the main office across and near the lost and found. Please share with your child (and their teacher) if you would like them using the filtered water option. Students will continue to have access to the unfiltered water bottle fillers by the gym and in the hallways by their classrooms.

## Read-A-Thon Reminder:

Our South Mountain Read-A-Thon is only half way done and we are off to a great start! Students can continue logging minutes until 3/14/22. Donations can be submitted directly to the Read-A-Thon website.

Questions?

Contact: [southmountainpto.readathon@gmail.com](mailto:southmountainpto.readathon@gmail.com)



Please send your child with their water bottle every day!



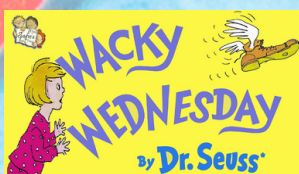
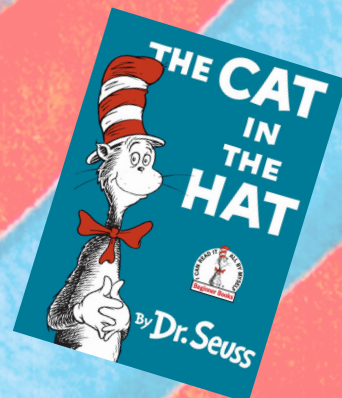
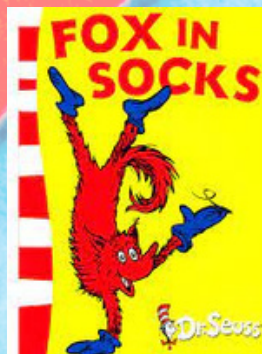


# Students Celebrated Read Across America Week February 28 – March 4

## Fox in Socks



Mrs. Smith's class wearing their Fun Socks!



## Wacky Wednesday



Mrs. Ecke's class getting ready for the read-a-thon in their pj's!

## Cat in the Hat



Mrs. Laffin's class wearing their red, white, black and fun hats!

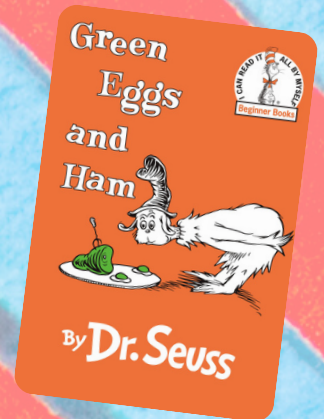
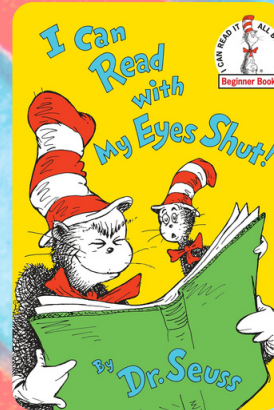




## GREEN EGGS AND HAM



**MRS. ZUNKER'S CLASS SPORTING THEIR GREEN!**



## Read-A-Thon Totals (through Friday morning)

**9,581 minutes read**  
**\$4,750.00 raised**

**Keep UP**  
**THE** *you're doing GREAT*  
**good work**

## I CAN READ WITH MY EYES SHUT!



**Mrs. Ecke's class "wearing their words"**

## KEEP LOGGING THOSE READING MINUTES!

If we reach the Read-A-Thon Goals of 10,000 reading minutes per week and raising \$5,000.00 by March 14

Mrs. Heilmann will have a **silly surprise**  
and Mr. Falk with change his hair to **wacky color!**



# MRS. MATTKE'S KG GREEN BEARS!

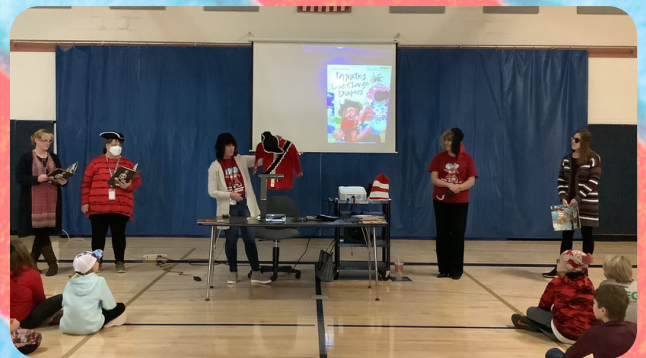




# Message from Mrs. Marten's

## HAPPY DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY & READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK!

We celebrated with some fantastic Guest Readers in the gym this year. A big Thank-You goes out to Julie Schell, WSD Director of Elementary Education, Firefighter Kristy Chula, SAFER Fire & EMS in Rib Mtn., and Jena Lawson, retired South Mtn. 4th Gr. Teacher, who all did a wonderful job reading and are fantastic role models of the lifelong love of books, reading and learning that we want to instill in our students. Thanks for sharing great books with us!







# Lost & Found



## The South Mountain Pupil Services team is here to help!



The pupil service members at South Mountain are available to offer further assistance and services to your student. Our school counselor, school social worker, and school psychologist can assist students who may need additional academic, emotional, social, behavioral, and/or attendance support. If you would like to speak with someone able to help, please contact one of the following South Mountain Pupil Services staff:

School Counselor: Sadie Boyle [sboyle@wausauschools.org](mailto:sboyle@wausauschools.org)  
 School Psychologist: Amanda Melville [amelvill@wausauschools.org](mailto:amelvill@wausauschools.org)  
 School Social Worker: Michelle Dahms [mdahms@wausauschools.org](mailto:mdahms@wausauschools.org)  
 School Nurse: Alexandra Hein [ahein@wausauschools.org](mailto:ahein@wausauschools.org)

## Online enrollment for 22-23 is open!

Know of someone new to the area?

Have a child who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2022? Online enrollment is open and can be found here:

[Online Enrollment](#)

Any student currently attending a WSD 4K program will automatically be enrolled into their home school for Kindergarten.

Thank you!







# **TAKE OFF** with **School Breakfast**

## **MONDAY**

**"COURAGEOUS" kids are Koo Koo for Cocoa Puffs!**

## **TUESDAY**

**"DAIRY DAY" Try milk on your Totally Baked Oatmeal Bowl. It will be "TOUGH" to say no!**

## **WEDNESDAY**

**"TAKE OFF" to worlds unknown! Imagine you are eating a planet while eating your "DARING DONUTS." If you wear a cape, your name will be entered for an "out of this world" prize!**

## **THURSDAY**

**"Special bag giveaway with our "TREMENDOUS" Triple Berry Bar.**

## **FRIDAY**

**Cereal Bar Kits are soooooo  
"CLEVER"! Everything in one package.**






**March 7 – 11, 2022  
National School  
Breakfast Week**





# March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1		<b>1</b> Day 3 Rotation 1  Parent / Teacher Conferences 4-8pm	<b>2</b> Day 4 Rotation 1 Vision and Hearing Screening	<b>3</b> Day 5 Rotation 1 Vision and Hearing Screening Parent / Teacher Conferences 4-8pm	<b>4</b> Day 1 Rotation 2	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Day 2 Rotation 2	<b>8</b> Day 3 Rotation 2	<b>9</b> Day 4 Rotation 2 5th grade tour of John Muir	<b>10</b> Day 5 Rotation 2	<b>11</b> Day 1 Rotation 1  Cougar Spirit Day! 	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Day 2 Rotation 1	<b>15</b> Day 3 Rotation 1	<b>16</b> Day 4 Rotation 1 Spring Concert @ Wausau West 6pm	<b>17</b> Day 5 Rotation 1 3rd/5th grade to Grand Theater  2nd grade to School Forest	<b>18</b> Day 1 Rotation 2  11:30 am Dismissal  End of 3rd Qtr.	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
 <b>Spring Break</b> 						
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Day 2 Rotation 2  Classes Resume	<b>29</b> Day 3 Rotation 2	<b>30</b> Day 4 Rotation 2	<b>31</b> Day 5 Rotation 2		





## *South Mountain Spring Concert*

Dear South Mountain Families,

I am very excited to announce that we will have a Spring Concert for Grades K-5 this year. It will be held on **Wednesday, March 16th at Wausau West High School**. The performance will begin at **6:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity to see your child perform. Students are excited to share their music with you and it is our goal to make that performance a truly wonderful and memorable experience!

All parents/families should arrive at Wausau West between 5:40-5:55 pm. and plan to drop off their children at the commons/cafe area. Teachers will meet the students in the commons at 5:40. Generally the doors to the auditorium open 30 minutes before the show starts.

Students will be asked to remain with their teacher and class mates until it is their time to be on stage as well as after their performance. This will allow as many open seats as possible in the auditorium for family and friends wishing to attend.

The concert will last approximately 40 minutes. We ask that families wait until the end of the concert before picking students up in the Commons. Also, please don't pull your child out of line as teachers will be looking for them. We really appreciate your help in this matter.

Students are encouraged to "dress up" as this is a special night for them, however, PLEASE do not feel that you have to go shopping for a new outfit. Nice school clothes are very appropriate for such an event. Please keep in mind that students will be walking and moving on risers and that the stage lights make things very warm for performers.

If you know ahead of time that your child will miss the concert, please email me at [kajohnson@wausauschools.org](mailto:kajohnson@wausauschools.org). If you find out the day of the concert, PLEASE let me know or your child's teacher know immediately. I certainly understand that emergencies and illness arise.

Thank you in advance for sharing your child and this evening with all of us. Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at Wausau West.

Ms. Kathy Johnson  
K-5 General Music Teacher  
[kajohnson@wausauschools.org](mailto:kajohnson@wausauschools.org)  
South Mountain Elementary School  
Maine Elementary School



# **South Mountain Elementary PTO Agenda**

## **Monday, Feb 22, 2022**

### **2020-2021 Officers:**

President – Peggy Kniess

Vice President –OPEN

Treasurer – Traci Leffel

Secretary – Dana Parlier Pease

Principal – Deb Heilmann

**Meeting started: 3:44pm**

**In Attendance: Deb Heilmann, Peggy Kniess, Dana Parlier Pease, Andrea Frey (via phone), Tiffany Andrews, Brittany Vanden Langenberg**

### **Officer's Reports:**

#### **President's report:**

- Peggy will start planning EOY celebration

#### **Treasurer's report:**

- **Financial update–update next month**

#### **Principal's Report:**

- Conferences next week; sign up with Mrs. Stroik
- Spring concert March 16 @ 6pm @ West
- “back to normal”
- FORWARD testing
- Art fair-April 26

#### **Teachers' Report:**

- None here to report

### **New Business -**

- **Read-a-thon fundraising spring 2022 update**
  - Tiffany is here
  - Raised \$835 so far and hasn't even started
  - Rewards are literacy related
  - Printed flyer for Friday folders
  - Log minutes in the program; teachers report to parents to log minutes
  - Have kids do announcements daily during the 'pledge' period
  - Every kid gets a bookmark for setting up an account
- **Scholastic Book fair**
  - April 25-29
  - Open during the art fair on April 26
- **Bingo**
  - Bingo kit–in the PTO closet
  - Runners to check cards–dry erase board with numbers/letters called
  - Pizzas–will be ordered; 2 days in advance; Peggy will pick up lemonade to mix



- Prizes—laundry basket in the office
- 38 as of today 2/21; French club here until 5pm
- Check on plates, cups, and napkins
- **EOY student celebration—Peggy & Jason will organize**
  - **JUNE 3 –AM only;**
  - ice cream truck
  - blow up/ bounce house
  - sack races
- **Teacher Appreciation May 2022**
  - Anne Young & Alyssa Schneeberger will chair
- **Conference dinner: March 3**
  - Taco Bar
  - Signup genius to go out ASAP

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:30pm**

**Next Meeting: March**





# 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](mailto:alouis@wausauschools.org)

Community Connections (G2M)

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

# 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.

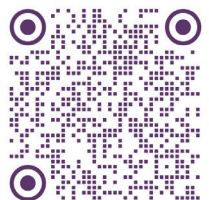
THE APRIL 2022 REFERENDUM INCLUDES FUNDS TO RIGHT-SIZE CLASSROOM SPACES & ADD MORE SPACE AT:

**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](https://wausau.referendumfacts.org)



# MARCH 2022

## Elementary Breakfast Menu

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

**National Breakfast Week**  
"Courageous" Cereal Kit 3 items  
Craisins 1 item  
Milk 1 item

**National Breakfast Week**  
"Tough" Toatly Baked  
Oatmeal 1 item  
String Cheese 1 item  
Apple Slices 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

**National Breakfast Week**  
"Daring" Donut 2 items  
Banana 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

**National Breakfast Week**  
"Tremendous" Triple Berry Bar 2 items  
Applesauce 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

**National Breakfast Week**  
"Clever" Cereal Bar Kit 3 items  
Fruit Choice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Cereal Kit 3 items  
Craisins 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar 1 item  
String Cheese 1 item  
Applesauce 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Breakfast Bread 2 items  
Apple Slices 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Nutrigrain Bar 1 item  
String Cheese 1 item  
Banana 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Cereal Bar Kit 3 items  
Fruit Choice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

SPRING BREAK  
NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

Cereal Kit 3 items  
Craisins 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Oatmeal Round 2 items  
Apple Slices 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Muffin 1 item  
String Cheese 1 item  
Applesauce 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Benefit Bar 2 items  
Banana 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

# MARCH 2022

## Elementary Lunch Menu

### Monday

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

### Thursday

### Friday

Turkey & Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Applesauce  
Roll  
Milk

1

Beef & Cheese Burrito  
Tater Tots  
Cucumber Slices  
Orange Slices  
Milk

2

Spaghetti Meat Sauce w/Rotini  
Noodles  
Broccoli  
Baby Carrots  
Apple Slices  
Roll  
Milk

3

Stuffed Crust Pizza  
Corn  
Fresh Cauliflower  
Pears  
Milk

4

Chicken Patty  
Potato Smiles  
Vegetable Juice  
Peaches  
Milk

7

Macho Nacho  
Beef Taco Filling  
Tortilla Chips  
Shredded Lettuce/Cheddar  
Salsa  
Refried Beans  
Corn  
Banana

8

Mini Corn Dogs  
Cooked Broccoli  
Baby Carrots  
Grapes  
Milk

9

Popcorn Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Mixed Vegetables  
Apple Slices  
Blueberry Lemon Bite Cookie  
Milk

10

Cheese Filled Breadsticks  
Marinara Sauce  
Peas  
Cauliflower  
Mandarin Oranges  
Milk

11

Cheeseburger  
French Fries  
Baked Beans  
Applesauce  
Milk

14

Harvest of the Month  
Chicken Nuggets  
Emoji Potatoes  
Cherry Tomatoes  
Strawberry Cup  
**Honey Sticks**  
Milk

15

Meatballs  
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy  
Corn  
Banana  
Roll  
Milk

16

Cheesy Pull Apart  
Marinara Sauce  
Cooked Broccoli  
Baby Carrots  
Pears  
Shamrock Cookie  
Milk

17

No Lunch

18

SPRING BREAK  
NO SCHOOL

21

SPRING BREAK  
NO SCHOOL

22

SPRING BREAK  
NO SCHOOL

23

SPRING BREAK  
NO SCHOOL

24

SPRING BREAK  
NO SCHOOL

25

Hot Dog  
French Fries  
Baked Beans  
Peaches  
Milk

28

Turkey & Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Applesauce  
Roll  
Milk

29

Beef & Cheese Burrito  
Tater Tots  
Cucumber Slices  
Orange Slices  
Milk

30

Chicken Tenders  
Broccoli  
Baby Carrots  
Apple Slices  
D & J Cookie  
Milk

31



Harvest of the Month: Honey

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"





# 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](http://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](mailto: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)



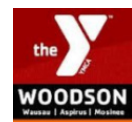
Mountain View  
Montessori  
1500 Merrill Avenue  
Wausau WI 54401  
715-298-3832



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



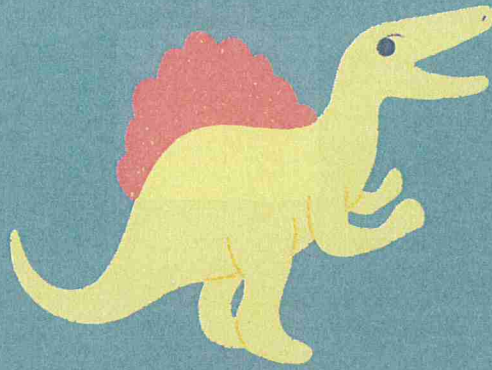
YMCA  
707 3rd Street  
Wausau WI 54403  
715-845-2177

*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.

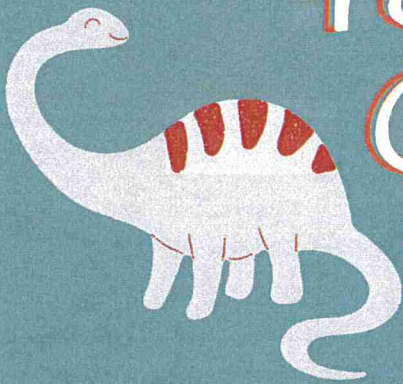
**Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais lus, thov hu, 715-261-0265.  
Si usted requiere de servicios de traducción por favor llame al teléfono 715-261-0265.**





JOIN IN ON THE FUN

# 48TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL



10AM - 3PM MARCH 26TH

Located at East Gate  
Hall in Marathon Park



THIS IS NOT A WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT-  
SPONSORED ACTIVITY AND THE OPINIONS  
EXPRESSED ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE  
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR ITS  
PERSONNEL.





# WARRIOR CHEER KIDS' CLINIC

**APRIL 2 - 3, 2022**

- Who? Grades 3-8
- When? 9:30 am - 2:00 pm
  - Performance on April 3 at 1:30 pm
- Where? Wausau West field house
- Free T shirt provided!
- Bring your own lunch.
- \$40 per child

Learn **cheers, dances, jumps, and stunts** with the Wausau West cheerleaders! We'll play **games, learn** a lot, and most importantly, **have fun!**

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To sign up, please go to  
<https://forms.gle/WLDa6a3uS1Au5AJC9>

or email Coach Dana Rasmussen at  
[drasmussen@wausauschools.org](mailto:drasmussen@wausauschools.org).

Sign-up forms are due by **March 18.**