



March 2022

## **SOUTH MOUNTAIN COUGARS!**

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY**

**224700 BITTERSWEET ROAD**

**WAUSAU, WI 54401**

**Attendance / Office: 715-261-0235**

**FAX: 715-261-3930**

**First Student: 715-842-2268**

**Wausau Child Care: 715-845-4110**

**Office Hours: 7:45am - 3:45pm**

Mrs. Deb Heilmann

Principal

dheilman@wausauschools.org

Mrs. Kristi Stroik

Admin. Assistant

kstroik@wausauschools.org

March 21 - 25 Spring Break

March 28 - Class Resumes



Happy Spring Break

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

### **Morning drop off reminder!**

As a reminder, morning supervision does not begin until 8:15.

Doors to the building will be opened at that time so that students can enter for breakfast and head to their classrooms. Please do not have your students arrive at school prior to 8:15. We have had a number of behavior situations and safety issues in the past few weeks due to students arriving early. Students may enter the building any time between 8:15 and 8:30. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and help to ensure that students are supervised and safe when they are dropped off.



Wisconsin State Forward Exam that will be administered to students in 3rd through 5th grade in April. Watch your email for details!

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**Please send your  
child with their water  
bottle every day!**



# South Mountain

Donations  
can be made through  
March 24. The winner  
of the classroom  
competition will be  
announced after  
Spring Break.

# readathon.



## SO FAR ...

**We have raised \$6,616.00!**

**As a school we have read 34,444 minutes!!**



## Grade Level Winners are:

(students who read the most minutes)



Kindergarten - Sayde Y (Ecke)  
1st Grade - Graison U (Smith)  
2nd Grade - Nicholas R (Hassberg)

3rd Grade - Leif J (Egner)  
4th Grade - Jack Y (Zunker)  
5th Grade - Addy S (Dewitz)

# Great Job!



South Mountain students far exceeded all of the school Read-A-Thon goals earning an EXTRA recess AND two Silly Surprises!

# GREAT JOB COUGARS!

Grade level winners  
with Mr. Falk  
and his Crazy Pink  
hair!



NOT  
PICTURED:  
LEIF

Mrs. Heilmann in her Green with  
Mrs. Zunker's 4th grade







# 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!



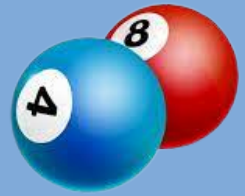
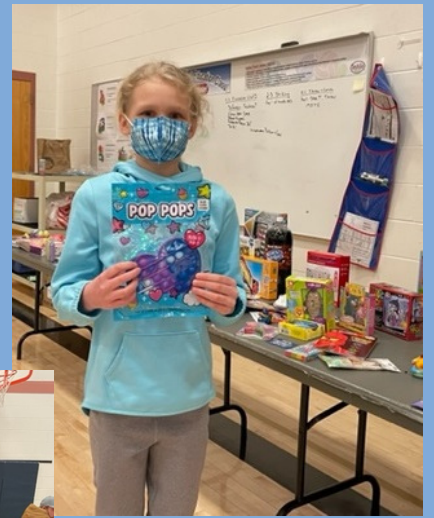




# Recess!











GET INVOLVED!  
PTO  
HAVE FUN!

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

Next Meeting: Monday, April 18 3:45pm South Mountain Library



# April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1					1 Day 1 Rotation 1  LIM SPIRIT DAY!	2
3	4 Day 2 Rotation 1	5 Day 3 Rotation 1	6 Day 4 Rotation 1	7 Day 5 Rotation 1	8 Day 1 Rotation 2  REPORT CARDS GOING HOME	9
10	11 Day 2 Rotation 2	12 Day 3 Rotation 2	13 Day 4 Rotation 2	14 Day 5 Rotation 2  COUGAR SPIRIT DAY!	15  NO CLASSES	16
17	18 Day 1 Rotation 1  PTO MEETING 3:45PM	19 Day 2 Rotation 1	20 Day 3 Rotation 1  KG TO SCHOOL FOREST	21 Day 4 Rotation 1	22 Day 5 Rotation 1	23
24	25 Day 1 Rotation 2	26 Day 2 Rotation 2	27 Day 3 Rotation 2	28 Day 4 Rotation 2	29 Day 5 Rotation 2  LIM SPIRIT DAY!	



# APRIL 2022

## Elementary Breakfast Menu

**Monday**
**Tuesday**
**Wednesday**
**Thursday**
**Friday**

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

Cereal Kit 3 items **4**  
Craisins 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Toatly Baked Oatmeal 1 item **5**  
String Cheese 1 item  
Apple Slices 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Breakfast Round 2 items **6**  
Banana 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Frudel 2 item **7**  
Applesauce 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Cereal Bar Kit 3 items **8**  
Fruit Choice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Cereal Kit 3 items **11**  
Craisins 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar 1 item **12**  
String Cheese 1 item  
Applesauce 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Breakfast Bread 2 items **13**  
Apple Slices 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Cereal Bar Kit 3 items **14**  
Fruit Choice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

**15**  
NO SCHOOL

Cereal Kit 3 items **18**  
Craisins 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Oatmeal Round 2 items **19**  
Applesauce 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Cereal Bar 1 item **20**  
String Cheese 1 item  
Banana 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Sun butter and Jelly **21**  
Sandwich 2 items  
Apple Slices 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Cereal Bar Kit 3 items **22**  
Fruit Choice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Cereal Kit 3 items **25**  
Craisins 1 item  
Milk 1 items

Toatly Baked Oatmeal 1 item **26**  
String Cheese 1 item  
Applesauce 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Cereal Bar 1 items **27**  
String Cheese 1 item  
Banana 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Donut Holes 2 items **28**  
Apple Slices 1 item  
100% Fruit Juice 1 item  
Milk 1 item

Cereal Bar Kit 3 items **29**  
Fruit Choice 1 item  
Milk 1 item



# APRIL 2022

## Elementary Lunch Menu

**Monday**
**Tuesday**
**Wednesday**
**Thursday**
**Friday**

Chicken Patty  
Potato Smiles  
Vegetable Juice  
Peaches  
Milk

**4**

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

**5**

Mini Corn Dogs  
Cooked Broccoli  
Baby Carrots  
Melon Cubes  
Milk

**6**

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

**7**

Cheese Filled Breadsticks  
Marinara Sauce  
Peas  
Cauliflower  
Applesauce  
Milk

**8**

Cheeseburger  
French Fries  
Baked Beans  
Applesauce  
Milk

**11**

Chicken Nuggets  
Emoji Potatoes  
Cherry Tomatoes  
Strawberry Cup  
Milk

**12**

Harvest of the Month  
Mini French Toast  
**Maple Syrup**  
Sausage  
Vegetable Juice  
Corn  
Banana

**13**

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

**14**

NO SCHOOL

**15**

Hot Dog  
French Fries  
Baked Beans  
Peaches  
Milk

**18**

Turkey & Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Applesauce  
Roll  
Milk

**19**

Beef & Cheese Burrito  
Tater Tots  
Cucumber Slices  
Orange Slices  
Milk

**20**

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

**21**

Stuffed Crust Pizza  
Corn  
Fresh Cauliflower  
Pears  
Milk

**22**

Chicken Patty  
Potato Smiles  
Vegetable Juice  
Peaches  
Milk

**25**

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

**26**

Mini Corn Dogs  
Cooked Broccoli  
Baby Carrots  
Melon Cubes  
Milk

**27**

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

**28**

Cheese Filled Breadsticks  
Marinara Sauce  
Peas  
Cauliflower  
Applesauce  
Milk

**29**

Harvest of the Month: Maple Syrup

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"



# 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](#))

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# Stay, learn and play!

## G2M Community Connections

Extend your Summer Learning with Community Connections! Have a FREE lunch and join in the fun (Monday - Thursday, 1:00 - 4:00 PM) with Community partners - like 4-H, Boys and Girls Club, Monk Botanical Gardens and much more!  
G2M = Growing Great minds!

**Registration deadline is April 15, 2022**



**Join our 6 week program June 8- July 21!**

For students in  
K-Grade 4,  
classes are held at GD  
Jones, Hawthorn Hills,  
Lincoln, Riverview and  
Thomas Jefferson  
Elementary schools!

For more information and  
to register on-line at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/wsdsummer2022>

Cost for the 6 week  
program is  
\$40/student;  
\$100/family;  
For students  
economically  
disadvantaged, the  
reduced cost is  
\$10/student.







# 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)



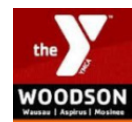
Mountain View  
Montessori  
1500 Merrill Avenue  
Wausau WI 54401  
715-298-3832



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.**

# 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

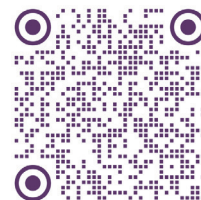
Education has changed significantly since many of our school buildings were designed decades ago. While classrooms in our schools generally function well for traditional instruction, they are not aligned with the kinds of flexible environments found in colleges, universities, and workplaces today.

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.



Learn more at

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