

Pony Express

G.D. Jones Elementary School

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Respect - Work - Belong

April 1, 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**

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").

IMPORTANT DATES:

APRIL 7, 18-22 BBS Dental Visits

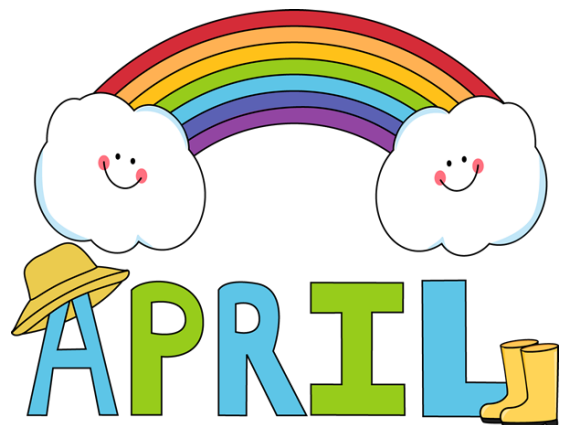
APRIL 8 - KDG to School Forest

APRIL 12 - G2M Session Begins

APRIL 15 - NO SCHOOL

MAY - GR 3-5 Track Meet @ West

MAY - Spring Concert @ West



Habit 6 Synergize



I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I work well in groups. I seek out other ideas to solve problems. I know that "two heads are better than one." I am a better person when I let other people into my life and work.

Family Activity- Leaning Tower of Feetza

Explain that your family goal is to build the tallest free-standing structure they can using only their shoes.

Everyone has exactly three minutes to achieve the task.

When time's up, ask everyone to step away from the structure and perform some form of measuring ritual to determine how tall your structure got.

Often, standing by the structure and marking a spot on the side of my body (and comparing it to all others) works pretty well.

Have fun, it's hard not to.

- What strategies did you use to build the tower? What worked and what didn't?
- How did having a time limit affect how you worked together?
- If you could build a second tower, what would you do differently?

ART SHOW

G.D. Jones Collective Spring Art Show was such a blast! The K-5th artwork displayed our talented students' skills in Weaving, Clay Sculpture, Landscape Drawings, Animal Paintings and Collages, and a wide array of Seasonal Art. Everyone in attendance also got the chance to experience a fantastic and bright Glow Gallery full of amazing neon art pieces! Thank you to all of our Jones' families who came to appreciate their students' wonderful and unique art pieces, as well as enjoy some tasty ice cream sandwiches!





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza • Corn • Cauliflower • Sliced Pears • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Patty on Bun • Potato Smiles • ASSORTED VEGGIE JUICE • Sliced Peaches • Ketchup • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEEF TACO FILLING • TORTILLA CHIPS • Shredded Cheddar Cheese • Shredded Romaine • SALSA • Refried Beans • Corn • Bananas • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini Corn Dog • Broccoli • Baby Carrots • Melon Cubes • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popcorn Chicken • Mashed Potatoes • Chicken Gravy • Mixed Vegetables • Apple Slices • Blueberry Lemon Bite Cookie • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHEESE STUFFED BREADSTICK • MARINARA SAUCE • Peas • Cauliflower • Mandarin Oranges • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheeseburger • French Fries • Baked Beans • Assorted Applesauce • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Nuggets • Emoji Potatoes • Cherry Tomatoes • STRAWBERRY CUP • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini French Toast Eggo • Turkey Sausage Link • ASSORTED VEGGIE JUICE • Corn • Bananas • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheesy Pizza Pull Apart • MARINARA SAUCE • Broccoli • Baby Carrots • Sliced Pears • Holiday Cookie • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Lunch Served
18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot dog on a Bun • French Fries • Baked Beans • Sliced Peaches • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TURKEY N GRAVY • Mashed Potatoes • Green Beans • Assorted Applesauce • Dinner Roll • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef & Cheese Burrito • TATOR TOTS • Sliced Cucumber • Oranges • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Tenders • Broccoli • Baby Carrots • Apple Slices • DICK & JANE COOKIES • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza • Corn • Cauliflower • Sliced Pears • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk
25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Patty on Bun • Potato Smiles • ASSORTED VEGGIE JUICE • Sliced Peaches • Ketchup • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEEF TACO FILLING • TORTILLA CHIPS • Shredded Cheddar Cheese • Shredded Romaine • SALSA • Refried Beans • Corn • Bananas • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini Corn Dog • Broccoli • Baby Carrots • Melon Cubes • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popcorn Chicken • Mashed Potatoes • Chicken Gravy • Mixed Vegetables • Apple Slices • Blueberry Lemon Bite Cookie • 1% Milk • Non Fat Chocolate Milk 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHEESE STUFFED BREADSTICK • MARINARA SAUCE • Peas • Cauliflower • Mandarin Oranges • 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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Any Questions Please Call Bridging Brighter Smiles at (262)896-9891 or visit www.bridgingbrightersmiles.org

WHAT IS YOUR



INTERNET SPEED?



The North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, in partnership with Marathon County, is conducting a regional internet speed testing initiative.

Many communities that need broadband funding may miss out because the data showing their need isn't available. The goal of this project is to create an accurate regional map of where internet service is and is not available in Central Wisconsin and what speeds people are currently receiving.

Take the speed test today and encourage your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to do the same!

Scan



Visit



[www.ncwrpc.org/ncwrpc2021/
broadband-speed-test/](http://www.ncwrpc.org/ncwrpc2021/broadband-speed-test/)

or

Call



If you have no internet for any reason, please call 715-261-1404 to report the address.

No Internet? Let us know! If you don't have internet available at your residence or business due to no service being available or other barriers, please call 715-261-1404 to report the address.



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

VIEW STUDENT GRADES – PARENT PORTAL

Dear Parent/Guardian:

What can an Infinite Campus Parent Portal do for you?

In today's busy world information must be at your fingertips in a moment's notice! Put Infinite Campus to work for you by creating your personal Parent Portal. In just a few minutes you will be able to access some or all of these features:

- Check Bussing Information
- View Student Grades
- Print Report Cards and Progress Reports
- Pay School Fees
- View Payment History
- Update email addresses and Phone Numbers
- Set up personal notifications

**Get Connected and Stay Informed –
Create or use your existing personal Infinite Campus Parent Portal Today!**

To view features available click on this Video Link: <https://goo.gl/ERYDez>

If you do not have a Parent Portal Account already, here are the steps to create one:

- Go to: www.wausauschools.org
- Choose the FOR PARENTS link, and choose PARENT PORTAL FOR INFINITE CAMPUS
- Choose the first option at the very top, labeled, "If you've been assigned a Campus Portal Activation Key, click here".
- Enter the credentials listed below to complete the registration process

If you need your activation code, please email Kandyce Oldenburg at koldenbu@wausauschools.org

- Create your own username and password. Once you have established your own username and password, the activation code listed below will no longer be valid.

If you experience difficulties, we will assist you via phone or via email. Or you may complete the [technology support form](#)



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)



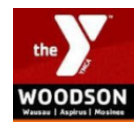
**Mountain View
Montessori**
1500 Merrill Avenue
Wausau WI 54401
715-298-3832



**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.

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.

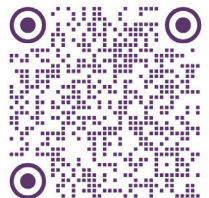
THE APRIL 2022 REFERENDUM INCLUDES FUNDS TO RIGHT-SIZE CLASSROOM SPACES & ADD MORE SPACE AT:

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