

EAGLE EXPRESS

December 15, 2023

CITIZENS OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER



Front Row 6th Grade (Left): Peyton Moua, Emily Pfotenhauer, Ingrid Bennett, Aiyana Hodge

Middle Row 7th Grade (Left): Genevieve Fullington, Collin Imhoff, CeCe Waltz, Annie Chang, Forest Mentzer

Back Row 8th Grade (Left): Ben Hoelter, Nora Sobiesczyk, Griffin Kleinschmidt, Cy Thielen, Elizabeth Bertram, Sydney Wheeler

Not Pictured: Makayla Spalding, GR 7

Principal: Dr. Rob Phelps
Associate Principal: Tami Cummings
Dean of Students: Robbie Grzadzielewski

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2023 Horace Mann

Student Council Food Drive

3-Week Food Drive competition by grade level!

Specific items to be donated each week!

Be Nice, Dude. Donate some food!

- ★ **BREAKFAST Week 1 (Dec 4th - Dec 7th):** granola bars, pancake mix, muffin mix, plastic containers of syrup, poptarts, powdered milk

- ★ **LUNCH Week 2 (Dec. 11th - 15th):** mac n cheese, creamy peanut butter, plastic containers of jelly, boxed jello/pudding, canned fruit, soup, canned pasta

- ★ **DINNER Week 3 (Dec. 18th - 22nd):** canned ravioli, lasagna, beefaroni, canned beef stew, canned soup, Lipton rice and noodle sides, instant potatoes, beans: baked, refried, kidney, black, pasta sauce, and noodles - egg, elbow, etc., brownie, cookie, & cake mix, frosting

No Expired Food - will be worth NEGATIVE 10 POINTS

*Any "loose" items brought in that are outside of the original box will not be counted. A box of items will be counted as the number of items in the box (i.e. 6 granola bars in the package = 6 points)

If you **donate dollars to other grade levels' jars** in the main office, **each dollar will deduct a point from that grade level** - feel free to sabotage each other! Change donated in each jar will count positively toward that group's total!

Grade level that gets the most points wins! Reward: Pieing staff in the face :)
Be Nice, Mann. Donate a can!

Logistics:

- Every day of the food drive, grade level Student Council reps in each Homeroom will bring donated items downstairs to stack in the bins on the table across from the main office.
- 7th grade Student Council reps will count and move items during 5th period Resource every day, the daily count will be on the announcements, and the thermometers will be posted below the School Store. Announcement of the winner will be on Friday, the 22nd!
- Staff will donate items in the bin that will be located in the front of the main office. Staff is competing, too!!!
- Any questions, please ask April Grzadzielewski (agrzadzi@wausauschools.org) or Kathy Tyskiewicz (ktyskie@wausauschools.org). THANK YOU for your support of the Eagle Pride Market!

The Ambassadors of Diversity will open a store (in room 122) called "Gifts 2 Give." The purpose of the store is to provide affordable items for students to buy for their friends and family. Items will cost .25-\$5.00.

"Gifts 2 Give!"

Horace Mann Middle School

"Gifts 2 Give" gift shop is opening soon and we need donations!!

(Only gently used please!)

- Simple Garage Tools
- Cooking utensils
- 5-10\$ Gift cards
- Kids/Pre-teen Books
- Kids Toys
- New Fleece Blankets
- New PJ Pants
- Bags, Wrapping paper, Tape (Gift wrapping)
- Winter Gear (Hats, Gloves, ect..)
- Candles
- Holiday Decor
- Nail Products
- Hair Accessories
- Fidgets
- Craft Sets
- Mr Sketch Smelly Markers
- Bendy Pencils/Rulers
- Puzzles

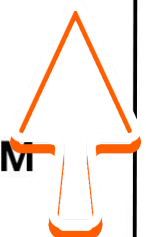
**Drop-off located
at Main Office
DONATE NOW!!**



Open December 11th-22nd

**Proceeds go to school
Celebrations**

Ambassadors of Diversity G2M



MESSAGE BOARD

NO SCHOOL DAYS

December 25-January 1 - Winter Break
(School Building Closed)

January 15 - Staff Professional Learning
February 19 - Staff Professional Learning

If your child will be out of school or late, please
call our attendance line at 715-261-0735.
You can leave a message 24-hours a day.

Thank you!

Every Wednesday, FCA will meet in Mr.
Klug's room at 6:50 a.m.

With 700 students in our school, it is very
difficult to deliver personal messages. Please
discuss after school plans, transportation
decisions, where your child should meet you,
etc. before school. It is very disruptive to class if
messages are run in for students. Emergency
situations are different. We will do our best to be
of service to you if an emergency arises. Thank
you for keeping disruptions to a minimum.

Visitors at Horace Mann

When you visit us at Horace Mann between 7:30 am - 4:00 pm,
we ask that you use the Main Entry. In efforts to keep our
students safe, all visitors are greeted at the front door through
our intercom system.

You will be asked to stop at the main office to register as a
visitor and receive your visitor badge.

The first time you visit, you will be asked for a driver's license
as part of our security procedure. We have a new system this
year. Subsequent visits will not need a drivers license.

Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe!

**Check out these great
Wisconsin resources for
children:**
[WSPEI Newsletter](#)
[Wisconsin Wayfinder](#)



WINTER BREAK:
DECEMBER 25-JANUARY 1

**THE HORACE MANN OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED DURING THIS TIME.**

SEE YOU ON JANUARY 2ND!



*Effective January 1, 2024, for those who submit electronic payments
through LINQ Connect, the credit and debit card convenience fees for
all payments will be 3.95% of the transaction amount with a
minimum fee of \$2.85 per transaction.*

Announcing...



HMMS Spring Musical

Performances: April 7-10

Rehearsals: January 8 through performances; two Saturdays 2/17 & 3/16

AUDITIONS:

January 2 & 3 after school

CALLBACKS:

January 4 after school

CAST LIST POSTED:

January 5 by lunchtime

SIGN UP for auditions using this [Google Form](#). No walk-in auditions available.

Prepare to sing the song "Under the Sea" provided in the packet. Background music will be sent to you once you sign up for the audition. Script reading will also take place during the audition. You will be able to choose script cuts and practice at the audition.

Audition Packets available December 20-22 from Mrs. Tourtillott or Ms. Ohrmundt... contact either of us with questions.

Sylvan Hill Tubing: 1329 Sylvan St, Wausau, 54403

Dear Sixth-Grade Family,

On Thursday, January 18th, all students on Team 6-1 will have the opportunity to go snow tubing at Sylvan Hill, and on Friday, January 19th, all students on Team 6-2 will tube.



After we eat lunch at the normal time, we will walk to the hill around 11:20 AM. We will walk back to school and return around 2:30 PM.

There will be concessions available for purchase, so students can bring a reasonable amount of money if they want to purchase any snacks and/or drinks. Students should bring hats, mittens, gloves, winter coats, snow pants, and boots.

The total cost per student to attend is \$8.00. Horace Mann 6th grade team funds will pay \$3.00 for each student, so each student only needs to pay \$5.00 to cover the remaining cost.

Please have your child bring the \$5.00 fee to their homeroom teacher by Friday, January 12th.

Families may donate additional money to help pay for students in need.

A student that is unable to pay the \$5.00 fee and/or does not have proper outdoor gear for tubing, should reach out to his or her homeroom teacher for assistance. We want to make sure all students can attend.

If you have any questions about tubing, please email your child's homeroom teacher.

We look forward to an exciting day! Should the weather dip significantly below zero, we will need to reschedule the trip for different dates.

Team 6-1 & 6-2 Teachers

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DEC 15 NEWS & UPDATES

TO LISTEN TO
OUR CONCERTS,
TUNE IN TO
100.5 ON 12/25
@ 3PM



**PRACTICE
CLUB
THURSDAYS
3:15-4:15**
SCAN ME TO SIGN UP!

**SOLO AND ENSEMBLE
SATURDAY, FEB 24 @ EAST**



Is your student looking for a musical challenge? Solo and Ensemble is a great opportunity for your student to truly dive into technique development, musical and self-expression, and receive valuable feedback on their performance from an experienced musician. Solo and Ensemble is open to everyone in the school, not just band, orchestra, and choir members! If you have any questions about Solo and Ensemble, reach out to a music teacher.

FOR MORE INFO, GO TO [BIT.LY/HMMS-SOLO-ENSEMBLE](https://bit.ly/hmms-solo-ensemble)

CONCERT SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER IS A BUSY TIME FOR OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT. EACH OF OUR PERFORMING ENSEMBLES PERFORMED GREAT CONCERTS! CONGRATS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENT MUSICIANS ON THEIR HARD WORK AND PROGRESS!



6TH GRADE SINGERS AND 7TH GRADE CHOIR

The seventh grade choir and Mrs. Noll's 6th Grade Singers had their very first concert! It was an evening of fun holiday tunes and great music-making! These students put a whole concert together in only **four short weeks**! Congrats on this great musical achievement! A special shoutout goes to our 8th grade choir mentors for helping participating and lending their musical leadership for this performance!

6-8 AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



The 6-8 Orchestras had their very first concert this year on November 30th. The students have been working diligently this year on learning new concepts and technique. The students' hard work definitely paid off! Congrats on a successful performance!

7TH AND 8TH GRADE BANDS



Ms. Ohrmundt directed the 7th and 8th grade bands in their first concert of the year. The concert featured new techniques and skills the students have developed since the beginning of the school year. Congrats on your hard work and dedication to improvement and musical success!

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

December 18	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room Ambassadors of Diversity - Room 122 FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
December 19	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Game Club - Room 234 Eagle Power - Weight Room Babysitting Safety - IMC FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
December 20	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room World Languages - Room 206 Babysitting Safety - IMC FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
December 21	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room Cooking Corner - Room 116 World Languages - Room 206 Music Practice Club - Room 058 Babysitting Safety - IMC FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
December 22	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room Volleyball - Gym FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
December 25 - January 1	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
January 2	School Resumes
	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
January 3	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 4	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room Cooking Corner - Room 116 Music Practice Club - Room 058 Ski & Snowboard Club FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
January 5	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room Culture Club FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225

PHOTOS NEEDED!!

2023-24

YEARBOOK

IF YOU TOOK SOME
GREAT PICTURES OF
OUR STUDENTS DURING
ACTIVITIES OR
ATHLETICS, PLEASE
EMAIL TO
MRS. TOURTILLOTT
FOR CONSIDERATION IN
THE HMMS YEARBOOK.



SUMMER LEARNING 2024

DATE: MONDAY JUNE 10 – JULY 18, 2024

DAYS: MONDAY – THURSDAY (NO CLASS ON THURSDAY JULY 4, 2024)

TENTATIVE TIMES: AM CLASSES 7:45 – 12:00 PM CLASSES 12:00 – 4:00

LOCATIONS: TO BE DETERMINED

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN
UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS.





The “Gifts 2 Give” Store has been a success and we still have one more week of shopping! The Ambassadors of Diversity, the G2M group running the store, would like to thank everyone who donated items for our store. A customer today said, “This stuff is WAY better than what we had at our elementary school store!”

Not only are students feeling good about buying gifts for friends and family, they are also learning how to count money and wrap presents.

We still have mittens, scarves, lotions/bath gel, craft kits, duplo legos, cooking utensils, and dishcloths for sale; nothing priced over \$5.



“My family is going to be so happy!”

“I want to get something really special for my mom because she never gets anything.”



Horace Mann Athletics



[Horace Mann Athletics Website](#)

Winter Sports Season

Congratulations to [Brinnley Kressel](#) and [Reed Nielson](#) for representing Horace Mann as Athletes of the Month in the November issue of the Wausau Neighbors Magazine.

Please use this [site](#) to sign your child up for 7th/8th Girls Basketball or 6th/7th/8th grade Wrestling. Wrestling/Girls Basketball starts after Winter Break.

[Mann Game Schedule](#) can be used to find the current schedule for your child's sports. You can also download the Activity Scheduler app to stay up to date with the latest schedules.

Horace Mann coaches are now using the "Sports You" app to communicate with parents and athletes. Please download the app and use these [codes](#) to join a team.

Wausau West is setting up to have the WYBS all-skills softball camp January 14th and they also plan on a pitching/catching clinic January 28th. Times are not set but looking at 8:30-11:30 the 14th, and then 9-11 for the 28th. For more info you can contact Jamie Hughes (Wausau West head softball coach) or Tim Pagel (Horace Mann/John Muir softball coach @ wausauwindow@icloud.com).

MCU Soccer Registration Information

CALLING ALL PARENTS, FANS, ATHLETES AND COACHES!

BVM Sports (BVMSports.com) is dedicated to providing local, national and international sports coverage. BVM Sports delivers all-encompassing coverage of sports at every level—peewee to pro—conveniently in one place. From scores and news to profiles and human interest stories, BVM Sports is your home for all things sports. Here is a link to [BVM Sports](#)

and the links to some of the articles of our Horace Mann Athletes of the Month. As a parent you can also share articles of information on our local sports, teams and athletes.

Is your favorite athlete or team not getting the media coverage they should? BVM Sports provides your local sports community the platform needed to highlight these local stars by handing the writing reins over to YOU!

Posting your own local sports stories, videos, photos, game highlights and more helps generate buzz for your school and athletes and connect sports communities across the country—even helping scouts and recruiters follow star athletes in your neighborhood. With just a few clicks, you can see your local teams and athletes appear on a national website!



Eagle Pride Market is in need of the following

Healthy Smart Snack Program (No Peanuts)

Our classrooms are in need of donated snacks! Students can fuel up on individual

size: Fruit (if available)

Granola bars (No Peanuts)

Oatmeal bars

Nutri Grain

Baked Cheetos, Fritos, doritos (reduced fat)

Popcorn

Chex mix

String Cheese (if available)

Fruit cup, applesauce (plus plastic spoon)

Animal Crackers

Graham Crackers

Pop Tarts

Ritz cheese crackers

Gold Fish

Pretzels

Freeze Dried Fruit

Rice snacks

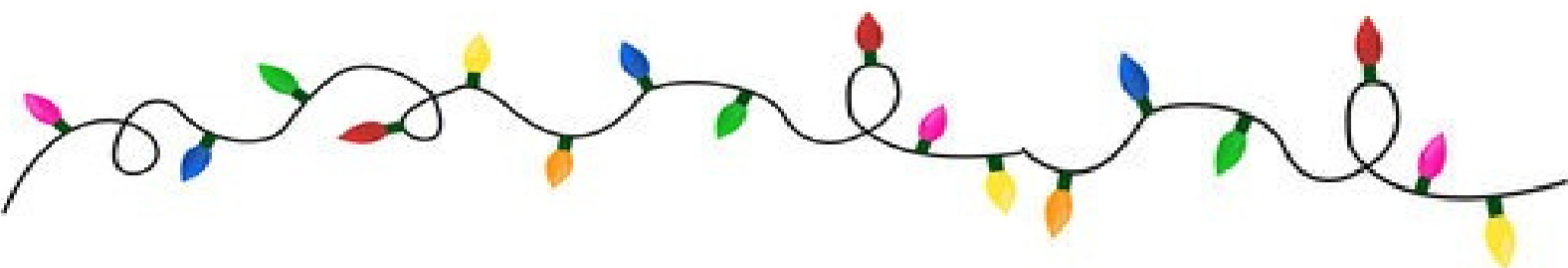
Wheat crisp crackers

Please donate to the main office Mon - Fri 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

You can also send Amazon orders direct to the school Attn: Kathy Tyskiewicz

We are also in need of Winter coats, sweatshirts, female yoga pants and male joggers (size kids L and XL Adults S - XXL)

Questions: Kathy Tyskiewicz 715-261-0734 ktyskie@wausauschools.org



EAGLE PRIDE MARKET

If you know of any businesses, organizations or individuals that would like to sponsor or donate to the Eagle Pride Market, please contact:

JulieKuhn (715)261-0740 or jkuhn@wausauschools.org

Kathy Tyskiewicz (715) 261-0734 or ktyskie@wausauschools.org

There are many ways to support the Pantry:



Gift Cards



Food drive at your business or organization



Cash Donations

Toiletries and hygiene products

- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Floss
- Sunscreen
- Shampoo/Conditioner(Travel Size)
- Lotion(Travel Size)
- Combs/Brush
- Soap/Body wash



Winter Weather Clothing Drive

Please donate to the main office: Mon - Fri 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Everything donated truly makes a difference in the lives of our students in need.

ROBOTICS

TEAM: "Eagle's E.G.G."

Electronic Ground-breaking Gadgets



ATTENTION Eagles,

The Robotics club is returning for another exciting season! A maximum of 14 students will meet to explore robot building and coding. Due to limited robotics supplies, 8th graders and last year's participants will be invited first. 7th and 6th graders will be invited if space allows.

- Thursdays: December 14th through March 21st (schedule below)
- 2:55-3:10...meet in cafeteria for attendance, snack, and juice
- 3:15-4:15...Room 115
- FULL SCHEDULE (we will not meet on parent conference nights)
 - DECEMBER 14 / JANUARY 4, 11, 18, 25 / FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 / MARCH 7, 14, 21

Parent permission required. GOOGLE FORM option: [Permission Slip](#), or print or request a hard copy of the second page below.

Email any of us with questions, or the best time to reach you if you prefer a phone call or meeting.

Yours in going above and beyond,

Mr. Boller

Middle School Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher
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715-261-0725, X35604

Ms. Goessl-Heiser

G2M Out-of-School Enrichment Coordinator
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Study Zone



Need more time to finish homework?
Want a teacher available to help answer questions?
Join Study Zone after school!

[G2M Permission Slip Click HERE!](#)

**Meet at 3:00pm in the Cafeterium
For Check in and FREE SNACK**



Eagle Power



FREE class consists of Training Techniques which include lifting weights, plyometrics, stretching & aerobic exercise.
OpentoALL 6th,7th,and8thGradeStudents

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.
**Meet at 3:00pm in the Cafeterium
For Check in and FREE SNACK**

For questions, please see Mr.Beversdorf or Mrs. Zemke

[G2M Permission Slip Click HERE!](#)



HMMS

Ski/Snowboard Club

January/February 2024

****Mandatory Info Meeting for students/parents
Wed. 11/29 @ 4pm****



[G2M Permission Slip click HERE!](#)

****There are a limited number of spots available****

Email amarrier@wausauschools.org or wforbes@wausauschools.org
with any questions



World Languages Club



Learn about other languages
Promote positive cross-cultural engagement
Get support from a teacher
WEDNESDAYS/THURSDAYS

[G2M Permission Slip Click HERE!](#)

**Meet at 3:00pm in the Cafeterium
For Check in and FREE SNACK**



Ambassadors of Diversity Let's Make A Difference!



Do you want to learn about others? Do you want everyone to be treated fairly? Do you want to make a change? Do you want to have a voice in a safe environment? If so, join the after school group, Ambassadors of Diversity. As an ambassador of diversity, you

will learn about others through google meets, guest speakers and projects.

WHEN: Mondays

WHO: Mrs. Zemke @ pzemke@wausauschools.org

[G2M Permission Slip Click HERE!](#)

Meet at 3:00pm in the Cafeterium
For Check in and FREE SNACK



MOVEMENT, FUN, FREEDOM

[G2M Permission Slip Click HERE!](#)

Meet at 3:00pm in the Cafeterium
For Check in and FREE SNACK.

FLOW starts after other G2M
activities and goes until 5:15pm



Game Club

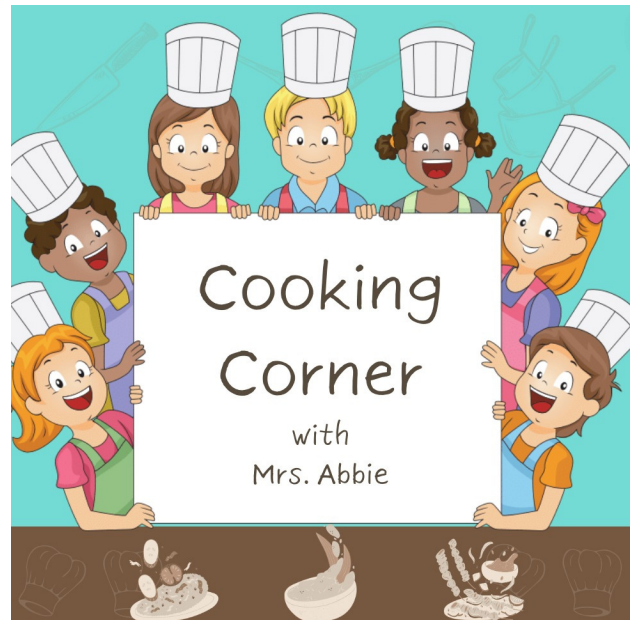
***Bring your own board/card/rpg
games if you wish!**

**Come join us for an hour of games
on Tuesdays**



[G2M Permission Slip Click HERE!](#)

Meet at 3:00pm in the Cafeterium
For Check in and FREE SNACK



[G2M Permission Slip Click HERE!](#)

**THURSDAYS After School
Starting Oct. 5th**

Meet at 3:00pm in the Cafeterium
For Check in & FREE SNACK





Healthy Habit Tips to Set Your Family Up for Success this Cold and Flu Season

Follow Vaccine Guidelines

One of the best ways to help slow the spread of seasonal, illness-causing germs is to receive immunizations, like the flu shot. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends anyone above the age of six months receive a flu vaccine every year.



following your child's school protocols at home will help curb the spread of germs in your community.

Teach Proper Handwashing Technique

Washing your hands is a simple and effective way to help prevent the spread of germs. Washing your hands frequently is highly recommended by the CDC, especially after eating, spending time outside, blowing your nose, and coughing or sneezing. As always, make sure your child is using soap and water and washing their hands for at least 20 seconds.

Start a Cleaning and Disinfecting Routine

Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces to help kill germs, including those that cause cold and flu. Donating wipes to your child's school is also a great way to help curb the spread of germs in the classroom. This year, refer your school district to apply for free Lysol Disinfecting Wipes by visiting [Frontline Impact Project](#).

Support School Healthy Habits and Goals


School health sectors, parents, and communities all have similar goals to improve each child's development. A key component of the CDC's [Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child](#) model is family engagement to reinforce student health and learning opportunities at home and in school. This cold and flu season,

Keep Children Home When Sick

If your child is exhibiting any cold or flu symptoms, it is recommended that they stay home from school. The same goes for staying home from work or running errands if you are sick yourself! This will help prevent you from spreading your illness to others.

[Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child](#)
[Frontline Impact Project](#)

From your nursing team, Alex Hein, Sydney Nielsen, Emma Buckli and Emilee Mootz
December 2023




ONE Network *for* VOLUNTEERS


WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

WANT TO HELP WITH FIELD TRIPS, SCHOOL EVENTS, SPORTING EVENTS,
MATH, READING, CLASSROOM HELP, SCHOOL ASSISTANCE OR PROJECTS?
GET STARTED TODAY!


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wausauschools.org/programs/one-volunteer-network




3 EASY STEPS




Background Check



Volunteer Handbook



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VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT COORDINATOR
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