

MAY 2024

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Columbus Elementary & Appleton Bilingual School

Columbus 920- 852-5450
 Appleton Bilingual School 920 - 852-5535



Like our Columbus Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/columbusABS/>
 We will be posting exciting news about upcoming events and things happening in our classrooms!

Bell Times:

Columbus & ABS Grades K-5: 8:22am-3:20pm
 Early Childhood/Title 1 Preschool (Mon-Thurs):
 AM: 8:27-11:04am PM: 12:39-3:16pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			MAY 1	2	NO BGClub 3 COL K-2 Field Trip PAC 9:00-11:30	4
5	6 COL STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK	7 Fine Arts Concert Gr 4&5 6pm at ABS/Zion	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 COL PTO MTG 4PM - RM 400	21	22 COL 5th Gr KA Transition Day 12:30-2:30	23	24 NO SCHOOL PROF DEV DAY	25
26	27 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31	June 1
June 2	3	4 COL Kindergarten Graduation 2pm/COL Gym	5 COL FIELD DAY 11:40-3:15	6 PM: No BG Club COL 5th Grade Graduation 2pm COL End of Year Carnival 3:30-5:00pm	7 Last day of school 11:27 Dismissal PM-No BG Club	8



Important message about birthdays and other celebrations:

Please do not bring in snacks/treats for birthdays or other celebrations. The AAASD Board Policy (458) regarding Student Wellness was updated in 2018 in order to align our school wellness procedures with best practices. This change is to focus on honoring students through more inclusive practices that are not only more aligned to the updated policy, but are practices identified as being best for overall student health and wellness. Policy 458 reads:

D. Recognition for special occasion without treats

Recognitions for special occasions (birthdays, holidays, etc.) during the school day (starting at midnight the day before through a half hour after students are dismissed for the day) will not include students bringing in snacks/treats from outside of the District for other students and will instead take place through non-food practices.

Columbus End-of-Year Picnic & Field Day June 5, 2024 11:30-3:15pm at Columbus

Families are welcome to join us. There is no charge for Columbus students for the picnic lunch, however, if family members wish to eat lunch, it's \$4.65 for each family member. You must order and pay in advance in the office.

Menu: Hot Dog, Harvest Cheddar Chips, Blue Raspberry Lemon Sidekick, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Choice of Milk



SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

Columbus/ABS Summer School

June 10-July 3 (No Class June 19)

8:30-11:30am

(open to students entering K-5)

Daily Schedule:

8:00-8:30 am - Free Breakfast

8:30-11:30 am - Summer School

11:30-12:15 - Free Lunch

11:30-5:30 - Boys & Girls Club Program

(Complete paper registration forms
or register online) Summer Coordinator:

mcinnesrobert@oasd.k12.wi.us

Summer B.O.O.S.T.

Building **O**utstanding **O**pportunities for **S**tudents **T**ogether (Gr1-9)

- Academic instruction/enrichment for reading/math skills
- Targeted curriculum to prevent summer learning loss
- Daily opportunities for socialization
- Structured enrichment activities designed to engage students and adult mentoring to increase students' feelings of connectedness to peers

During Summer School Session: June 10-July 3 (off 6/19) (11:30-5:30pm)

After Summer School Session: July 8 - July 19 (8am to 5:30pm)

Students can register for summer school and the B.O.O.S.T. program at www.oasd.k12.wi.us/families/summer_school_information - or by using the paper registration forms. Guardians will then be contacted by the Boys & Girls Club for additional information.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Field Day & Picnic

COLUMBUS

FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN FOR LUNCH.

JUNE 5TH 11:40 AM

Families can order lunch for \$4.65. Columbus students are free. Lunch orders are due by 5/18. Scan code to left or stop in office.

The poster features a vibrant illustration of a picnic scene with a basket of fruit, a cake, drinks, and party hats on a checkered blanket. A hand holding balloons is visible on the right. The background is dark green with colorful bunting and confetti.



Columbus Elementary School
913 N Oneida Street
Appleton WI 54911

Telephone: (920) 852-5450
Fax: (920) 852-5451
Principal: Mr. Joel Cannon

Dear Columbus Families,

April 1, 2024

We thank you and your family for being our valued partners as we work together to educate the children in our district. Appleton Area School District values input from our community – and we need to hear from your child/children! Students are important partners as we work to improve our communication, academic program and overall experience for everyone.

In order to learn more about student experiences at school, we will be asking for your child's feedback via an online survey they will be completing at school between the dates of April 2nd, 2024 - May 3rd, 2024. It is called the Panorama Student Survey, and it shouldn't take no more than 20-30 minutes to complete.

We are asking that all of our students grades 3-5 participate in the surveys, as their feedback will provide invaluable insights into their experiences and how we can improve and adapt our district to their needs. If a student doesn't feel like they have enough information to answer a question, they will be able to skip the item altogether. The responses to these surveys will be completely confidential. We are partnering with a third-party vendor to support us in administering these surveys.

The survey content will ask students to self-reflect on student competences and student supports and equity.

Please notify us if you would like your child to opt out of taking the surveys by giving us a call or email. We thank you in advance for your thoughtful responses. If you have any questions about the survey administration, please don't hesitate to contact us at 920-852-5450, or email loryer@asd.k12.wi.us.

Sincerely,
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Columbus/ABS
School Counselor



Enrollment begins on
Monday, February
12th, 2024!!!



Appleton Community 4K builds a lifelong love of learning through creativity, curiosity, problem solving, and exploration.

Why 4K? Because their learning journey starts now!

The AASD prides itself on providing our youngest learners with the opportunity to participate in a quality early learning program in a play-based model. Appleton's 4K develops the whole child by balancing critical early reading, writing, and math skills, with the social and emotional skills necessary to be successful in school and throughout their lives.



To enroll, your
child must be 4
years old
on or before
September 1st.

Want to learn more? Please visit 4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/our_school/enrollment to check out our helpful instructional videos and find one of our community partners near you. During the month of January, we welcome you to reach out to the 4K sites you are interested in learning more about. They'd love to talk to you and offer you a visit!



With many
locations in
Appleton, 4K is
inclusive, flexible
& near you!



Find more information here!
¡Encuentra más información aquí!
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ntawv hauv 4K mus ntawm no!



Community Opportunities for Students

The AASD shares local, community opportunities for students. These community opportunities include upcoming events and activities such as art and music camps, youth athletics, cultural events, enrichment programs, and more. We encourage AASD families to regularly review these opportunities for students of all ages. Check out the [AASD COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WEBPAGE](#) for a current list of opportunities for students.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Lunch • Classic Pepperoni Pizza • Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich	2 Lunch • Mini Chicken Corn Dogs • Turkey & Cheese Sub	3 Lunch • Whole Grain Apple Cinnamon Muffin • Low Fat Mozzarella String Cheese • Crispy Fish Sticks
6 Lunch • Beef Taco Meat • Turkey Hot Dog	7 Lunch • Popcorn Chicken • Sunbutter & Crackers Fun Lunch	8 Lunch • Cheesy Italian Pull Apart • Orange Chicken	9 Lunch • Whole Grain Waffles • Strawberry Banana Yogurt • Chicken Nuggets	10 Lunch • Classic American Cheeseburger • Cheese Quesadilla
13 Lunch • Boneless Chicken Wings • Meatballs in Zesty Marinara	14 Lunch • Chicken Nuggets • Turkey & Cheese Sub	15 Lunch • Chicken Corn Dog • Teriyaki Chicken	16 Lunch • Personal Galaxy Cheese Pizza • BBQ Rib-B-Q Sandwich	17 Lunch • Muffin, Goldfish & Yogurt Fun Lunch • The Perfect Sloppy Joe
20 Lunch • Cheese Pizza • BBQ Pork Sandwich	21 Lunch • Chicken Nuggets • Ham and Cheese Wrap	22 Lunch • Classic American Cheeseburger • Twisted Mozzarella Stuffed Breadstick	23 Lunch • Popcorn Chicken • Crispy Fish Sandwich with Cheese	24
27	28 Lunch • Personal Galaxy Cheese Pizza • Orange Chicken	29 Lunch • Macaroni and Cheese • Cheesy Italian Pull Apart	30 Lunch • WG Cinnamon Glazed French Toast Sticks • Pork Sausage Patty • Hot Smokey Ham & Cheese Sandwich	31 Lunch • Top N Go Tostitos Tortilla Chips • Shredded Cheddar Cheese • Beef Taco Meat • Turkey Hot Dog

Lucky Tray Day is May 10th!

Menus Subject to Change We try our best to serve our menus as posted; however, sometimes last minute changes occur. Please check with the cafe manager prior to the meal if you have any concerns.



HEALTH SERVICES * P.O. Box 2019, Appleton, WI 54911 * 920-852-5344

Immunizations: Is Your Child Up to Date?

Hello families,

We hope your student had a great spring break! As summer is approaching it is time to start thinking about scheduling your student's [well child visit](#) and making sure they are up to date on vaccines. The Wisconsin Immunization Law requires that all students through grade 12 meet a minimum number of required immunizations prior to school attendance. These requirements can be waived only for health, religious or personal conviction reasons.



Grade/Age	Number of Doses					
Pre-K (ages 2 through 4 yrs)	4 DTaP/DTP/DT	3 Polio	3 Hepatitis B	1 MMR	1 Varicella	x
Kindergarten through Grade 6	4 DTaP/DTP/DT/Td	4 Polio	3 Hepatitis B	2 MMR	2 Varicella	x
Grades 7 through 12	4 DTaP/DTP/DT/Td	4 polio	3 Hepatitis B	2 MMR	2 Varicella	1 Tdap

If your child does not have a primary care provider and you have insurance, you should call the number on the back of your card, and they can tell you who they cover for medical care. If you do not have insurance, [211Wisconsin](#) connects you with thousands of nonprofit and government services in your area 24/7/365. You may also call "211" to speak with a representative. Other options include:

City of Appleton Health Department

100 N. Appleton Street, Appleton

- Immunization clinics on Tues/Wed/Thurs (call for appt)
- Interpreter assisted clinics once per month (call for appt)
- To schedule an appointment, call (920) 832-6429
- \$5 per immunization donation suggested, but not required
- Eligible:
 - All residents who live in the City of Appleton



Columbus PTO NEEDS YOU!

We have many events at Columbus sponsored by the PTO! See the backside of this sheet for remaining events this year and next year's events.



★ **We need your help to make the events successful.** Please let us know if you can help us with this year's and next year's events by visiting the Sign Up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FADAB2DA5FFC07-47475946-columbus> , scan the QR code or by letting us know below.

Please return this sheet with your responses or check out the link above. Thank you!!

★ **I can help with events. See the backside of this sheet.**

Name _____

Phone Number _____

What events interest you? _____

2024 PTO Events

Feb 20	PTO Meeting 4pm
March 11	Tom's Drive-In Fundraiser (4-8pm)
March 15	Spring Dance (6:00-7:30pm)
Mar 18	PTO Meeting 4pm
Apr 15	PTO Meeting 4pm
April 16	Black Bear Fundraiser Night
May 6-10	Staff Appreciation Week
May 20	PTO Meeting 4pm
June 6	End of Year Carnival 3:30-5pm

2024-2025 Events

Thurs Aug 29	Open House/Back to School Night (4:30-5:30)
Sept 6	Back to School Night
Thurs Oct 24	Trunk or Treat (5:30-6:00pm)
Thurs Oct 24	Fall Dance (6:00-7:30pm)
March 14	Spring Dance (6:00-7:30pm)
April 15	Black Bear Restaurant Fundraiser
May 5-9	Staff Appreciation Week
Thurs June 5	End of Year Carnival (3:30-5:00pm)
Fall and spring	Scholastic Book Fair during Conference Dates
Fall and Spring	Tom's Drive-In Fundraiser (sept 6 and mar 10)
Jan 1 start date	T Rats Reading Program and Game (ongoing duties)
All year	Box Tops (ongoing duties)



STUDENT ATTENDANCE



EMBRACE THE EVERY DAY!



DID YOU KNOW?



Students who are chronically absent in preschool through 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.



By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk of dropping out of school.



Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is:

- Losing interest in school
- Struggling with school-work
- Dealing with a bully
- Facing some other difficulty

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



Make school attendance a priority. Help your child to be on time to school.



Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.



Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

HOW DOES LATE ARRIVAL AFFECT STUDENTS?



Minutes late per day	Equal days work of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 Mins	6.9 days
15 Mins	10.3 days
20 Mins	13.8 days
30 Mins	20.7 days



Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half of students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

HOW TO CREATE A GOOD ROUTINE:



Set a daily schedule with the same wake-up times and bedtimes for each school day -- and stick to them.



Prepare morning routines the night before. Each night, have your student pick out their outfit, and have school supplies ready by the door. Being prepared the night before makes the morning routines simpler.



**AASD Columbus Elementary Summer School
and Appleton Bilingual School Summer School**

Fully In-Person Offerings with Safety Precautions
June 10-July 3 (No class June 19) 8:30-11:30
8:30-11:30

School Site Coordinator: Robert McInnes mcinnesrobert@aasd.k12.wi.us

Registration will be conducted online

Please see the following website for more information. www.aasd.k12.wi.us/families/summer_school_information

Columbus/ ABS In-Person Summer Schedule

8:00-8:30 Breakfast (Free breakfast will be provided)
8:30-11:30 Summer School Classes
11:30-12:15 Lunch (Free lunch will be provided)
11:30-5:30 Boys and Girls Club Program

Boys and Girls Club Program Costs: To enroll, Contact: 920-470-1581

Splash into summer with these exciting adventures!

Week 1: Underwater Week

Week 2: Experiment/Camping Week

Week 3: Outer space Week

Week 4: Sports Week

Students will go deeper into the curriculum from the previous school year, participating in enriching math, reading, writing, science, social studies, technology, physical education, music and art activities. Students will be enrolled in the Appleton Public Library Reading Program upon enrolling in the summer school program!

8:30AM - 11:30AM
Class (Grade level) (cost)
Kindergarten Here I Come (entering 5K in the fall) (\$15)
First Grade Here I Come (entering 1 st Grade in the fall) (\$15)
Second Grade (entering Grade 2 in the fall) (\$15)
Third Grade (entering Grade 3 in the fall) (\$15)
Fourth Grade (entering Grade 4 in the fall) (\$15)
Fifth Grade (entering Grade 5 in the fall) (\$15)

Students register for the grade they will be entering next fall



Appleton Area School District Summer School Registration

Please complete only if you are NOT using online registration!

Please turn in your registration form at the school you want your child to attend.

Student Name _____ Gender M F Date Of Birth _____

Address _____ Apt # _____ City _____ Zip _____

My child is currently attending _____ Elementary school. Grade next Fall _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In case of absence or emergency, the number to call *first* to contact a legal guardian between 8:30am-11:30am is: _____.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Phone # _____ E-mail Address _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Phone # _____ E-mail Address _____

Does this student have an IEP, Building Intervention Plan, or 504 Plan? Yes No (If yes, please explain): _____

According to WI Dept of Public Instruction, summer school classes are not tailored to implement a student's IEP.

Special Health Concerns/Medical Diagnoses: _____

Will your child have medications at summer school? Yes _____ No _____

If so, please provide the name of the medication(s): _____

Reason for Medication(s) _____

Time(s) medication is administered: Routine/Daily _____

As Needed _____ Emergency _____

(Please bring any medications to the site coordinator on the first day of summer school.)

Class choice 8:30-11:30: Columbus classroom Appleton Bilingual classroom

Additions: Extended Day- Summer School B.O.O.S.T through the Boys and Girls Club Yes or No

You will be notified if your child is not able to participate in the classes you requested. If you'd like a confirmation of classes, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

All Appleton School District policies for the regular academic school year regarding dress, behavior and school safety are in effect during Summer School. If you would like a copy of these policies, please contact the Summer School office.

I hereby authorize summer school personnel to obtain emergency medical care for my child if needed.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Questions? Call the Summer School office at 920-852-5332 ext. 60350

Office use only: Registration received on ___/___/___, Amount paid \$ _____ Cash or Check # _____

Summer B.O.O.S.T.

Building Outstanding Opportunities for Students Together

A DPI funded ESSER grant-based collaboration between the AASD and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley

Participating schools: Badger, Classical, Columbus, Edison, Foster, Highlands, Houdini, Huntley, Einstein, Kaleidoscope, Madison, and Wilson

Grades: Students entering 1st - 9th grades next fall

Dates: June 10th -July 19th (No school on 6/19, 7/4, 7/5)

Purpose: Provide opportunities for academic instruction and enrichment to help students practice their reading and math skills during summer. It will deliver targeted curriculum and academic programs to prevent summer learning loss. Staff will provide daily opportunities for socialization, structured enrichment activities designed to engage students with one another and adult mentoring to increase students' feelings of connectedness to peers. Staff will also provide weekly social emotional learning programs to assist students in developing stronger self-regulation skills and maintaining positive, productive relationships with peers, parents, and teachers.

During the Summer School Session: June 10th -July 3rd (No school on 6/19)

Badger, Columbus, Edison, Foster, Highlands, Kaleidoscope, Madison:

Students will enroll in summer school classes at the school site and attend the Boys & Girls Club after-care program at that school site. Guardians will pick their student(s) up by 5:30 pm.

Classical, Houdini, Huntley, Einstein, and Wilson:

Students will enroll in summer school classes at the school site. Students will then be bussed free of charge to another location for lunch and afternoon programming through the Boys & Girls Club. Guardians will pick up their student(s) at their determined location by 5:30 pm. Specific location information will be provided before programming begins, but may include Badger, Columbus, Edison, Foster, Highlands, Kaleidoscope or Madison.

After the Summer School Session: July 8th -19th

Badger, Columbus, Edison, Foster Highlands, Kaleidoscope, Madison:

Students will attend the 2-week program from 8:00 am-5:30 pm daily at their home school site. Guardians will pick their student(s) up by 5:30 pm.

Classical, Houdini, Huntley, Einstein, and Wilson:

Students will attend the 2-week program from 8:00 am-5:30 pm daily at another school site. A bus will pick students up at their home school site at 8:00am. Guardians will pick their student(s) up at the designated location by 5:30 pm. Specific location information will be provided before programming begins, but may include Badger, Columbus, Edison, Foster, Highlands, Kaleidoscope or Madison.

Additional information:

- Students must register for summer school classes and the B.O.O.S.T program at one of the participating schools: www.aasd.k12.wi.us/families/summer_school_information
- Guardians will then be contacted by the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley for additional information.
- Information on B.O.O.S.T programming curriculum can be found at: <https://www.bgclubfoxvalley.org/>
- Registration for the 2-week BOOST program is free of charge
- Summer Food service will provide free meals at most sites for the 6 weeks
- If your student attends a different school site and you'd like more information, please contact kadolphkarrie@aaasd.k12.wi.us or 852-5332 ext. 60350.



**ABS/Columbus Elementary School
APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**



**PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE
FORM FOR FIELD TRIPS AND EXTRACURRICULAR TRIPS**

I, as parent or guardian of _____, do hereby grant permission and consent for my child to participate in the Appleton Public Library Reading Program. I understand this means that contact information will be given to the APL. I also give permission in the following field trip or extracurricular trip:

Destination: Appleton Public Library
Date: 6/12-7/7 (not 6/19 or 7/4) Departure Time: 8:30am Return Time: 11:30am
Cost: *free
Purpose/Curriculum Connection: To be able to walk with teacher and class to the library during summer school.

PERMISSION AND CONSENT

In granting such permission and consent, I:

1. Acknowledge and assume full responsibility for any and all damage to person or property caused by our child during such activity.
2. Expressly authorize emergency medical or dental treatment deemed necessary by the school district, its agents, and employees during such activity.
3. Expressly agree that in the event that any disciplinary action or the health of my child requires that my child be returned home during such activity that such return shall be accomplished at our expense.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration for the participation of the above-named student in the field trip described, we, the student and parent(s) or guardian(s), each agree to the following:

1. The student's participation in the field trip or event described is entirely voluntary and is not a mandatory part of the school's curriculum;
2. We **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND WAIVE OUR RIGHT TO SUE** the Appleton Area School District and its administrators, directors, employees, school board members, teachers, chaperones, supervisors, volunteers and drivers (collectively "AASD"), **FOR ALL CLAIMS OR DAMAGES**, we separately or collectively may have, **FOR PERSONAL INJURY, BODILY HARM, INJURY TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY, EMOTIONAL INJURY OR LOSS OF CONSORTIUM**, that may occur at or traveling to or from the event due to the negligence of AASD. We understand that we are not releasing AASD from liability for claims or damages arising from any reckless or intentional act of AASD;
3. We understand that this **WAIVER AND RELEASE** applies to the above-named student, his or her parent(s) or guardian(s), and their agents, representatives, heirs and assigns; and

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER AND
RELEASE AND UNDERSTAND ITS IMPACT AND EFFECT.**

(Date)

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

IMPORTANT: REVERSE SIDE MUST ALSO BE COMPLETED

Student's Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

CHILD'S HEALTH INFORMATION

For the safety of your child, please indicate any health conditions, allergies, restrictions, or special precautions that should be taken.

Is it necessary for your child to take any medication while on this field trip (prescribed or over-the-counter)?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

Name of Medication _____ Dosage _____

Time to be taken _____

If it is necessary for your child to take any medicines while on this field trip, please send the medicine in the original container, clearly labeled with your child's name. All medication must be accompanied with written directions and consent from the parent, and if medication prescribed, written physician consent is also needed (this is state law). The required medication forms can be obtained from the school office (HS-015, HS-017, HS-018) or on the Parent tab of the District's website www.aasd.k12.wi.us.

Physician's Name _____ Clinic _____ Phone _____

In case of emergency please contact _____ at _____
(Name) (Phone)

Alternate emergency contact _____ at _____
(Name) (Phone)