

HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY ODYSSEY MAGNET



**OCTOBER 2024
HAPPY FALL!!**



Highlands/Odyssey
Elementary

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What's For Breakfast & Lunch



[October Breakfast Menu](#)

[October Lunch Menu](#)



Free & Reduced Information

Please make sure to fill out a free & reduced application if your family qualifies and return to the school office. By completing the sharing information form, we are able to waive school fees as well. Forms are available [here](#).

Highlands/Odyssey Picture Day



Tuesday, October 8th is our school picture day with Harmann Studios. On picture day, your student will come home with a proof sheet that includes instructions for online ordering. Click [here](#) for important reminders and additional details. Picture Retakes are scheduled for Thursday, November 14th.



Fall Conferences

Conferences are coming up on Tuesday, October 22nd & Thursday, October 24th. You should be receiving a confirmation slip from your child's teacher soon with your conference date and time!



Highlands Elementary School & Odyssey Magnet School

Kari Krueger, Principal

Michael Dexheimer, Associate Principal

Hello Tigers and Owls!

Happy fall! The first month of school has flown by! We have been working hard to build community, develop routines, teach and reteach expected behaviors, and grow students' academics. It has been my pleasure to watch your students grow, and I can't wait to continue to do so throughout the rest of this year.

As our school year begins, the staff really works hard to get to know your child/ren. Our teachers are constantly taking the pulse of their class to determine how their students are responding to lessons. Our teachers are skilled at using informal assessments (often observations of and/or discussions with your student) to decide if reteaching and/or enrichment needs to occur. Our teachers group students based on what they see in order to provide them instruction at their skill level.

Another way teachers learn more about your students is through formal assessment data; we are in the midst of the iReady testing window. This diagnostic pinpoints your student's skill level and will set an individualized learning path for him/her based on his/her current skills. We will share this data with you at conferences.

The other very important part of us getting to know your child/ren is your participation in parent teacher conferences. We believe education is a partnership, and we need your support to ensure we do the best we can each day. I ask that you please make parent teacher conferences in October a priority. Your child's teacher will be notifying you soon of your student's conference date and time.

You should have also received a "Got It/Grow It" communication tool attached to a completed piece of your child's work that gives you a quick snapshot of things your student is already doing well on and skills they are continuing to practice.

If you have questions, concerns, or celebrations please do not hesitate to reach out. I want to be your partner in education.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Krueger
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 4th - No Boys & Girls Club Before and After Care

October 4th - Highlands Spirit Wear Sale Ends

October 5th - Tough Kid Challenge - Register [here](#)

October 7th - PTO Meeting 3:45-4:45 pm (LMC)

October 8th - Picture Day/Vision Screening

October 10th - Simple Simon Fundraiser Begins

October 22nd & 24th - Parent/Teacher Conferences & Scholastic Book Fair - 4:00-7:30 pm on the 22nd & 4:00-7:15 pm on the 24th

October 25th - No School (Staff Development)



[**Highlands/Odyssey Family Calendar**](#)

[**District Calendar**](#)

Important Yearly Reminders

- Supervision is available on the playground each day starting at 8:10 am and ending at 3:30 pm. Please do not drop off your student(s) prior to 8:10 unless they are in Boys & Girls Club. Any students that are not picked up by 3:30 will be sent to the office, and a phone call will be made.
- If you are submitting an absence request for your child or leaving a message that they will be late, please also include their lunch choice for the day if they need to order hot lunch.
- If you are picking your child up early, call the office (920-852-5480) when you are about five minutes away. We will call your student down and send them out to your vehicle when you arrive.
- Please make after school plans with your children in the morning before school. This helps avoid interruptions to classrooms while students are learning.
- We have noticed some students bringing their trading cards and other toys from home to school. Please remind them to leave these items at home to avoid any issues at school.
- Accidents happen! Please keep a change of clothes for your student in their backpack, including a pair of socks. This is helpful if they have an accident or get wet or muddy during recess.
- Please keep all parent/guardian or emergency contact information up to date throughout the year. Any updates can be made through the Parent Portal.



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BULLYING

The Appleton Area School District and our staff are committed to providing a safe, secure, and healthy environment that allows all students to maximize their learning potential. Education, intervention, awareness, and prevention exists for staff and students to ensure a learning environment that is free of bullying or intimidation.

The Board of Education and AASD staff consider bullying to be detrimental to the health and safety of students and disruptive to the educational process.

What is bullying?

Bullying is deliberate or intentional behavior using words or actions, intended to cause fear, intimidation or harm. Bullying includes aggressive and hostile behavior that is intentional and involves an imbalance of power between the bully and the bullied and is behavior that is repeated over time rather than an isolated incident.

This behavior may include but is not limited to physical and verbal assaults, nonverbal or emotional threats or intimidation, harassment, social exclusion and isolation, extortion, use of computer or telecommunications to send messages that are embarrassing, slanderous, threatening or intimidating (cyber-bullying).

Bullying may also include teasing, put-downs, name calling, rumors, false accusations, and hazing. Bullying based on sex, race, color, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, cognitive, emotional or learning disability in its education programs or activities is also prohibited by law and [Board policy](#).

In addition, the District prohibits bullying or discrimination on the basis of gender identity and gender expression. Bullying behavior is prohibited in all schools, buildings, properties, educational environments as well as on any school grounds or school buses. This includes any property or vehicle owned, leased, contracted, or used by the AASD such as public transportation regularly used by students to go to and from school and to school-sponsored events.

Students who engage in any form of bullying behavior at school or at a school-sponsored activity, will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Board policy. This action may include off campus behavior that causes substantial disruption to the educational environment. Consequences and sanctions for such actions, including retaliating against someone for reporting bullying behavior, may include but are not limited to, parent notification, suspension, expulsion, or referral to law enforcement officials for possible legal action. Student services staff will support the identified victim. The [Positive Behavior Interventions and Strategies](#) framework will be utilized to assist and support all students.

What are students learning about bullying and prevention?

The elementary and middle level curriculum provides students guidelines for school wide expectations and social responsibility outside the classroom. Students are taught the Stop/Walk/ Talk response to disrespectful behavior and practice the skills through role play. Stop/Walk/and Talk is a three step response students use to eliminate disrespectful behavior themselves and seek help from an adult if necessary.

Students are also taught how to appropriately respond when they are a bystander or the aggressor and practice these skills in groups. The groups address the issues involved with gossiping, inappropriate remarks,

and cyberbullying in each of the roles. The middle school curriculum also provides guidelines for school wide expectations and social responsibility outside the classroom but places more emphasis on addressing cyber-bullying.

Bully & Incident Reporting

If you think there's a threat to you, a friend, your school, or the community, don't wait. SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT with an anonymous tip that can bring much-needed help.

The SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT School Resource Center isn't just for students. Parents and community members can submit a confidential tip when they notice unsafe or risky behaviors that might be putting their child, other children, or the community in danger.

Students, parents, school staff, or any community members can submit a school safety concern or threat via a website, mobile phone application, or toll-free number. We recommend typing in "AASD" into the search field to see all AASD schools.

- [Submit a tip now](#)
- You may also make a report using your smartphone by downloading the SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT app from the [Apple Store](#) and [Google Play](#)
- or by calling 1-800-MY-SUSO-1 to speak to a resource center analyst.

This system can be used to identify not just threats to schools, but also other daily safety concerns students encounter, such as bullying, drug use, self-harm, suicidal thoughts, and more. How do you know if someone might need help? Most SUSO tips fall into one of three categories - click on a category below to learn more.

- [A Classmate Is Being Bullied Or Bullying Someone Else](#)
- [A Classmate Might Hurt Themselves](#)
- [A Classmate Might Hurt Others](#)

Resource center staff work around-the-clock to respond to tips and to deploy a response locally by communicating directly with school administrators, law enforcement, and counselors. [Learn more here.](#)

Are staff trained?

Staff have participated in Bullying Prevention training. This training focuses on pre-correction of inappropriate behavior, rewarding the use of the three step response, and responding to reports of disrespectful behavior. It is well known that schools are successful when they help children grow academically, socially, and emotionally. For this to happen, it is imperative that we have a safe environment that is supportive and conducive to growth. By setting forth clear social and behavioral expectations, it is our goal to create an atmosphere for learning.

What can parents do?

To be most effective, bullying prevention efforts are the shared responsibility of parents, staff, and community. Parental pride and involvement in the school sets a positive example for children. As adults, we can:

- *Teach self-respect.*
- *Discuss the seriousness and negative effects of bullying behaviors.*
- *Work together with your child's school to develop a consistent approach to bullying behaviors.*
- *Set a good example. Children learn more by actions than from words.*

What is the Appleton Area School District's policy on bullying?

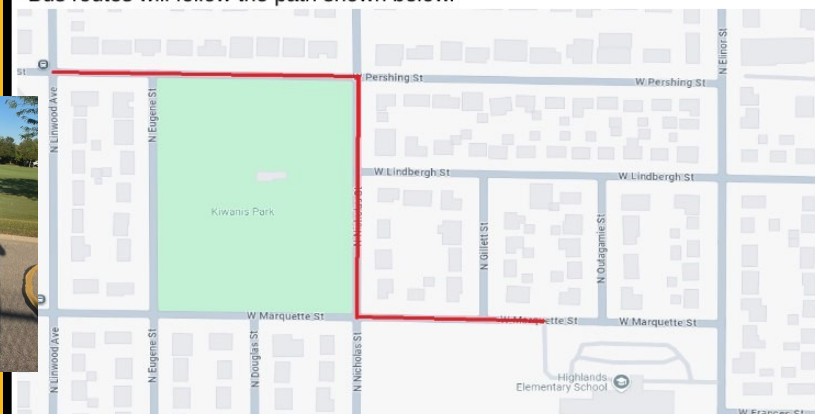
http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/district/board_of_education/school_policies/

- *Click "Series 400: Students"*
- *Select Policy 443.71, Bullying and Harassment*

**Interested in joining our Walking School Bus?
We are looking for more riders!**

About the Walking School Bus:

- Staff members from Highlands will walk to an area near school and pick up students.
- Staff will have clearly marked vests.
- Parents will receive a permission form to complete in order to "ride" the bus during pick up the first few days.
- Walking School Bus will run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**
- The route will start on the corner of Pershing and Linwood at 8 a.m.
- The first day for Walking School Bus will be Monday September 9th.**
- Bus routes will follow the path shown below.



Panorama Survey

Students will soon be completing the Panorama survey during school. Click the link below for a parent letter with more information about the survey and how to opt your student out. All opt out forms are due by October 11th.

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

Family BINGO

Save the date: Wednesday, November 6th at 2:00 pm is our Quarter 1 TOPS Assembly for our students who will be recognized for consistently following school expectations. Family BINGO for all students and families to follow in your child's classroom. Hope you can join us for this fun event! More information to come!

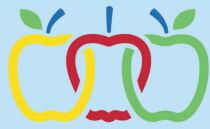
Community Opportunities for Students

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

Reading is a Gift Grant



We are excited to share that each student at Highlands will receive a book of their very own from the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair in a couple weeks! This is possible thanks to an anonymous donor's generous contribution to the Reading is a Gift Fund within the Appleton Education Foundation. Classroom teachers will pick a book from the fair for each student at their reading and interest level. We are so grateful for this opportunity!



APPLETON AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGES
5-13

\$15

AFTER 9/27
\$20

FOX VALLEY TOUGH KID Challenge

REGISTRATION



OCTOBER 5TH

9 A.M. - 1 P.M.



HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY
2037 N ELINOR ST.

FOX VALLEY TOUGH KID CHALLENGE (TKC) IS AN OBSTACLE COURSE EVENT AND FUNDRAISER FOR THE APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FEATURING KID-FRIENDLY YET CHALLENGING OBSTACLES.

THE 1.55-MILE COURSE AND 30 OBSTACLES CHALLENGE THE AGILITY AND STRENGTH OF OUR PARTICIPANTS. THIS YEAR THE COURSE HAS A FEW NEW TWISTS AND TURNS!



Tri-County Dental Program

Tri-County Dental is offering an oral health program for children at Highlands & Odyssey that **DO NOT HAVE DENTAL INSURANCE**. The program includes: a dental exam, cleaning, x-rays, fillings, fluoride treatments and oral health education. To sign-up, click the link below and fill out the survey or hard copies of the form are also available in the office.

[Tri-County Dental Online Registration](#)



Spot Vision Screening

AASD has partnered with Appleton Noon Lions Club this school year to screen the vision of AASD students using their SPOT camera. See below for consent for vision screening letters and additional information about the program.

[ENGLISH](#)

[SPANISH](#)

[HMONG](#)

3-5 Year Old Developmental Screenings

AASD offers free developmental screenings for all children between the ages of birth-5 prior to kindergarten. Children must live in the Appleton Area School District. We encourage all families to come to a screening, preferably before attending 4K. Visit this [link](#) for additional details and to schedule your child's screening.

**News from the
School Nurse:**

[October Newsletter](#)

[Oct. Newsletter - Spanish](#)

[Oct. Newsletter - Hmong](#)

News from the AASD

Birth-Five Outreach Program:

[October Newsletter](#)



LAST CHANCE TO ORDER SPIRIT WEAR!

ALL ORDERS ARE DUE
TOMORROW
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

Click [here](#) to place your order.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Highlands & Odyssey starting Monday, October 21st through Thursday, October 24th. The Book Fair will be open daily, during lunch from 11:00-12:30, and also during conferences from 3:20-7:15. If students are shopping on their own, they need to have money or an eWallet to enter the Book Fair. If you can't make it in person, you can also shop at our school's Online Book Fair. Your online orders will also benefit our school. Visit our [Book Fair homepage](#) to learn more and to get started with eWallet and online shopping.



SCHOLASTIC
BOOK
FAIRS

We need your help!

Fall conferences are coming up and the PTO is putting on a dinner for staff on October 22nd. Check the PTO Facebook page soon for a sign up to help with providing our wonderful staff a meal.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be here the week of conferences and we are looking for volunteers to help run the fair during the lunch hours on October 21st-24th, and during conferences on October 22nd and 24th. Use the link below to volunteer.

Thanks!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C48A4AB2AA1F85-44797234-scholastic>

Upcoming Fundraisers

Simple Simon

Our Simple Simon Fundraiser is coming up and will run from October 10th through November 1st. Order forms will be available soon. Order pick up will be on Wednesday, November 20th from 3:30-5:00. Be sure to order some delicious treats, available in time for Thanksgiving, and help support our school!

Panda Express

Friday, October 18th
10:00 am - 9:00 pm

[English](#) [Spanish](#)



PTO
Meeting

When: Monday, October 7th

Where: LMC

Time: 3:45-4:45 pm

All are welcome!

EARN CASH FOR SCHOOLS WITH BOX TOPS

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

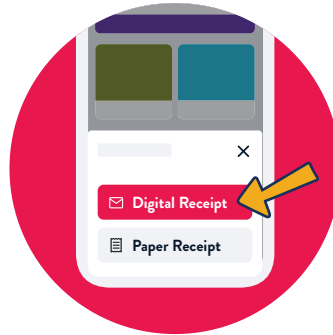
For over 25 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn for schools with products they already buy. Today, you can find hundreds of participating products throughout the store — and all you need is the Box Tops app.



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



SCAN
qualifying receipts
in the app



SUBMIT
qualifying digital
receipts in the app



CONNECT
your Walmart and
Box Tops accounts



ONLINE SHOPPERS CAN EARN WITH BOX TOPS, TOO!

Whether you order groceries for delivery or pickup, shop through your store's app, request an email receipt at checkout or shop with your Walmart connected account, you can earn for your school no matter where you shop.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfecom.com)

DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS
APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:










Please follow these guidelines for dropping off and picking up your student(s):

- You may park in any of the areas on the map shown in **blue**. Remind your student to use the crosswalks and crossing guards when crossing the street and to cross with caution.
- Please **do not park** in areas marked in **red** or **yellow** as they are designated no parking zones or bus zones.
- Areas marked with **blue dashed lines** are designated hug n' go zones. Cars should pull over, students should exit on the passenger side, and the car should exit the area. **Cars should not be in this area for longer than one minute** and cars should never be parked or left unattended.
- **Please note that the canopy doors (Main Entrance) are for students/families with disabilities only and cabs; a parking pass is needed for this area. We have barricades up starting at 8:10 in the morning until the bell rings, and after school until 3:30. Only vehicles with parking passes will be allowed to enter during these times.**

Parent Parking Procedures

Highlands Elementary School

-  Bus Loading Area
-  Parent Pick-up/Drop-off
-  Parent/General Parking
-  Staff Parking
-  No Parking
-  Bike Rack
-  Crossing Guard

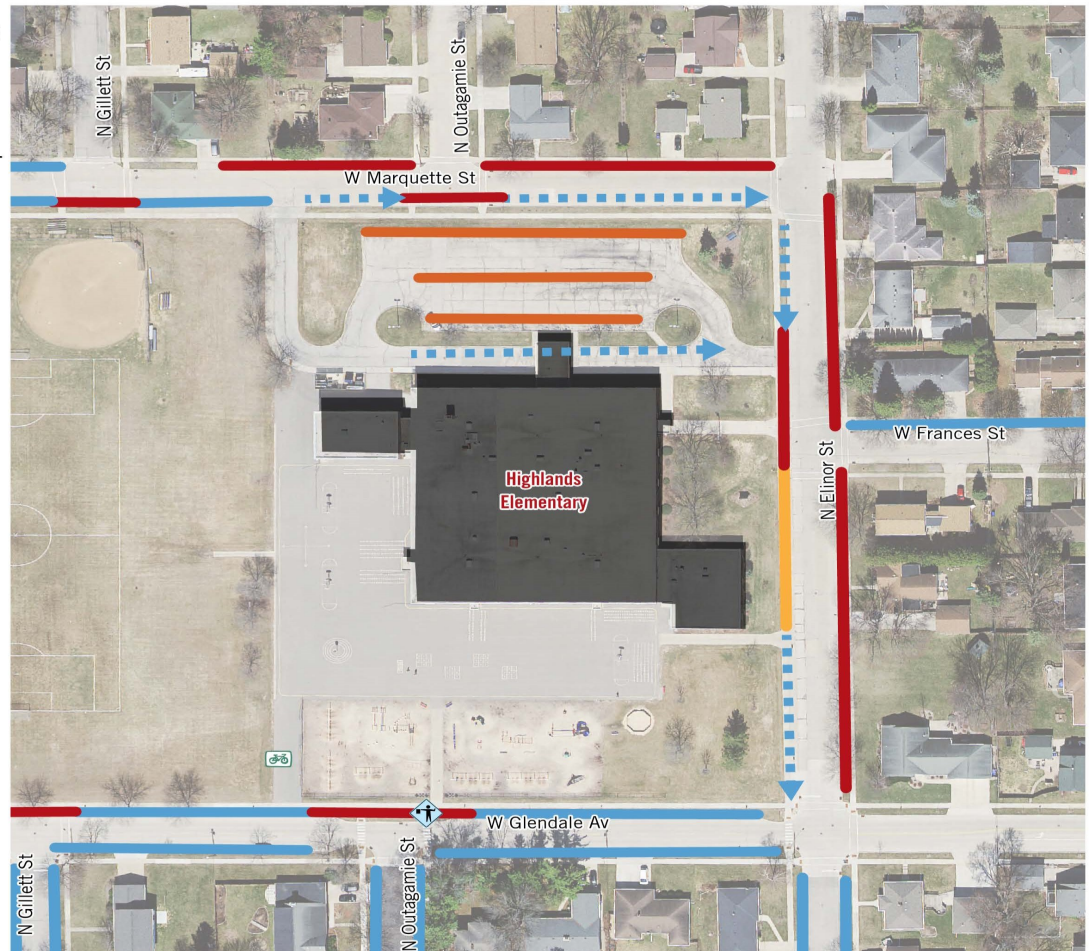


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Safe Routes to School Information & Map

- Click [here](#) for a letter from the Appleton Police Department & Department of Public Works with helpful information on how to get your elementary kids safely to and from school.
- Click [here](#) for a Safe Routes to School walking map for Highlands Elementary.



STREET SMART

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2024

Happy
Halloween



Stay Spooky and Safe

Halloween poses significant risks for pedestrian safety. The hour between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. is particularly hazardous, coinciding with sunset and increased darkness when many children are out on the streets.

Parents accompany young children, and know the route and return time of older children!



Pedestrian Safety Tips for Parents and Children

Whether trick-or-treating or any time out for a walk, here are some tips to keep in mind:

- **Accompany Young Children:** Always accompany young children as they do not have the skills needed to walk alone until age 10.
- **Plan for Older Children:** If older children are walking alone, plan and review their route beforehand. Set a specific return time and equip them with flashlights in low light conditions.
- **Avoid Distractions:** Remind kids about the risks of distracted walking, including texting, using cell phones, or listening to music while crossing streets.
- **Use Crosswalks and Stay Visible:** Cross streets as a group at the crosswalks and intersections. Avoid crossing between parked cars or in the middle of the block.
- **Be Visible to Drivers:** Encourage children to stay on well-lit streets and always use sidewalks.

By following these simple tips, we can ensure a safe and enjoyable Halloween for everyone in our community.





HEALTH GUIDANCE FOR GOING TO SCHOOL

Showing up to school every day is critical for children's well-being, engagement and learning.

MAKE SURE TO SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE:

- Generally healthy and well
- Participating in usual day-to-day activities

CHILDREN CAN EVEN GO TO SCHOOL IF THEY:

- Have a mild cold, which may include a runny nose and/or cough
- Have eye drainage without fever, eye pain, or eyelid redness
- Have a mild stomachache
- Have lice nits. If live lice are found, the guardian will be instructed to remove live lice after the end of the school day.
 - *Though they are annoying and should be treated, lice are not a reason to exclude a child from school. (This is consistent with the guidance provided by DPI, AAP, CDC, and DHS.)*
- Haven't had a fever for 24 hours and have not taken fever-reducing medicine during that time.

Avoid keeping children at home unless they are too sick to participate. Please see the back of this handout for details. *Note: In most situations, a healthcare provider's note is not needed to return.*



Children may also avoid school due to anxiety. Symptoms may include:

- decreased appetite
- feeling tired
- stomachache
- headache etc.

If you are worried that your child may be suffering from anxiety, talk with your student's Classroom Teacher, the School Nurse, Social Worker, or other School Staff to discuss the challenge and identify what can help your child stay in school.

REASONS TO KEEP STUDENTS HOME FROM SCHOOL AND WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN BEFORE THEY CAN RETURN

SYMPTOM	WHEN SHOULD YOUR STUDENT STAY HOME?	WHEN CAN YOUR STUDENT RETURN TO SCHOOL?
Fever	They have a fever of 100.0°F (38°C) or higher.	If they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and are feeling better.
Vomiting and/or diarrhea	If they have vomited or have had diarrhea in the last 24 hours. If their stool is watery, they may not make it to the toilet in time.	Once a normal diet is tolerated for 24 hours and they are feeling better.
Cough	If they have a persistent cough with difficulty breathing or with a fever.	Once they are feeling better and any remaining cough is not distracting to themselves or others.
Rash	If a rash has blisters, is draining, is painful, and spreading and or accompanied by a fever it needs to be examined by a health care provider.	Once the rash has no new bumps, has dried, or they have been cleared for return by your health-care provider.
Sore throat	If they have painful swallowing when drinking or eating along with other symptoms such as a fever or rash.	Once they are feeling better. If they were prescribed an antibiotic by your health-care provider, then they can return 24 hours after the first dose, if they are without fever and feeling better.

If you don't know whether to send your child to school or have specific concerns regarding your child's health, contact your child's Healthcare Provider, local urgent care, or the School Nurse.

If your child has a compromised immune system or is at high risk for complications from common illnesses, please talk to your School Nurse about developing a plan with you and your child's Healthcare Provider to keep your child healthy and safe while attending school.

Information included was collected from Attendance Works, Kaiser Permanente, and the National Association of School Nurses (NASN).





The Salvation Army of the Fox Cities 2024 Coats for Kids and Christmas Assistance

Coats for Kids



November 11-15 | 1 PM - 3 PM
November 16 | 9 AM - 11 AM

Coats are available for children ages 17 and under.
No pre-registration required for coats.

The Salvation Army Social Services Center
130 E North St., Appleton



Christmas Assistance Registration



Households with children ages 17 and under are eligible for:

Adopt a Family

Online Registration October 14 — 18 or until program is full

Or

Toy Shop (Toys for Tots)

Online Registration November 12 — December 4



TO REGISTER

Use the QR code or go to www.safoxcities.org
follow the link under “Christmas Assistance Programs”



ANGEL TREE

To apply in person, call The Salvation Army front desk after November 12, 2024 at
(920)734-3324 to set up an appointment.



The Salvation Army of the Fox Cities 2024 Abrigos Para Niños y Asistencia Navideña



Abrigos Para Niños

Noviembre 11-15 | 1 PM - 3 PM

Noviembre 16 | 9 AM - 11 AM

Hay abrigos disponibles para niños menores de 17 años.
No es necesaria preinscripción para abrigos.

El Centro de Servicios Sociales del Ejército de Salvación
130 E North St., Appleton



Registro de Asistencia Navideña

Los hogares con niños de 17 años o menos son elegibles para:

Adoptar una Familia

Inscripción en línea del 14 al 18 de Octubre o hasta llenar el programa

o

Juguetería (Juguetes para los más pequeños)

Inscripción en línea del 12 de Noviembre al 4 de Diciembre



PARA REGISTRARSE

Utilice el código QR o vaya a www.safoxcities.org
siga el enlace bajo "Programas de asistencia navideña"



ANGEL TREE

Para presentar la solicitud en persona, llame a la recepción del Ejército de Salvación después del 12 de noviembre de 2024 al (920) 734-3324 para programar una cita.



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The Salvation Army Social Services Center
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