



Johnston JCC

December 2024

Happy Holidays, Johnston School Families!

As the year winds down, December brings with it a special blend of celebration, reflection, and anticipation for the new year. Here at Johnston, we are thankful for the incredible partnerships that make our school community so vibrant and successful.

Winter Updates and Highlights

Holiday Spirit Month

We're excited to spread cheer with our Holiday Spirit Month from December 2- 20th, 2024. Each day will feature a festive theme! This is a great way for students and staff to show their school spirit and celebrate the season together.

Giving Back

This December, we're focusing on service and generosity. Student Council will be leading our school in participating in a food drive for the Salvation Army. Donations will be collected in each classroom starting December 4th-13th. Let's work together to brighten the season for those in need.

Winter Band Concert

Mark your calendars for our 5th Grade Band Concert on December 5th at 6:30 pm at James Madison Middle School. Our talented students have been working hard to prepare a delightful evening of music. We hope to see you there!

Paint and Sip Family Event Night

Join us on Tuesday, December 12th, from 6:00-7:30 PM, for a cozy evening of creativity and connection! Our Paint and Sip Family Event Night is open to all families. Supplies will be provided, and no artistic experience is needed—just bring your enthusiasm and your loved ones. Light refreshments will be served. We can't wait to see your masterpieces!

Celebrating Success

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the dedication of our students, staff, and families. A special shoutout to our Attendance Team for their ongoing efforts to support our students' success. Additionally, a special THANK YOU to TEAMJohnston Parent Organization for Mrs. Fieldt's fund-raising of over \$6,000 for our school!

Looking Ahead

Winter Break: School will be closed from Monday, December 23rd- January 1st, 2024. Classes resume on Thursday, January 2nd, 2025.

Mid-Year Assessments: After the break, we'll begin preparing for mid-year assessments (CORE Survey, ACCESS, Forefront, and iReady). These are valuable tools to measure student growth and guide our instruction.

A Note of Gratitude

As we close out 2024, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of our school community. Your support, kindness, and collaboration make Johnston a place where every child every day can thrive. Let's continue working together to make 2025 an even brighter chapter for our school.

Wishing you and your family a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

MaiKou Heu, Principal

December 2024

Attendance Updates

When calling in your child for an attendance please state the reason for the absence.

Our school contact number is as follows: 920.852.5505, then follow the prompts

When using Infinite Campus to report an absence, please state the reason for the absence online.

Robo calls go out to families at 9:00 AM each morning if your child is absent from school and we have not heard from you. Please contact the school and report the absence so it is not recorded as an unexcused absence.

Once a family hits 5 unexcused absences you are considered habitually truant. An attendance conference would then take place with the family.

If your child is late for school please walk them inside or call the office to let them know they are on their way into the building. At the elementary level, it is a requirement to walk your child into school to avoid an unexcused tardy.

PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING FAMILY VACATIONS DURING OUR SCHEDULED SCHOOL BREAKS, SUCH AS CHRISTMAS BREAK, SPRING BREAK OR SUMMER BREAKS. Students missing more than 2-4 days of school go on to miss nearly a month of school in a year.

- Resources:
 - [Elementary Handout](#)

This Month in Phy. Ed.

The 3rd-5th grade students are wrapping up their invasion games unit. They have made a ton of progress towards understanding offensive and defensive concepts. They are now beginning their Lifetime Fitness unit. This unit is focused around helping students discover and identify activities they enjoy doing that can help them be active and healthy throughout their life. Encourage them to have conversations with you about what their favorite activities are and how they can be involved in them outside of school.

The K-2nd grade students are wrapping up their Eye/Hand coordination unit. Encourage them to continue practicing those skills outside of school with different tossing and catching challenges and activities. The K-2nd grade students are now beginning their Lifetime Fitness unit. During this unit they are working on identifying different activities that they enjoy and activities that challenge them. During this unit they are also working on understanding that challenging themselves on a regular basis can lead to success.

Have a great winter!
Mr. Weinzetl

ART News

What's Happened so Far...

Spider Web
2nd grade completed their project using the spray bottle painting technique and primary colors.

Candy Shoe
3rd grade completed their candy shoe project by adding designs and patterns.

Wayne Thiebaud Inspired Cakes
5th graders applied values on their cakes.



Annual Food Drive

**Our annual food drive starts on
Wednesday, December 4, 2024!
Sponsored by: Johnston Student Council**

Our charity organization is the Salvation Army. We are asking for donations of canned or boxed food, such as pasta, dinner meals, bagged or boxed cereal, or any other non-perishable items. If you would like to donate any of these types of food, please bring them to your classroom between December 4th and December 13th. Class levels will be involved in a challenge to donate the most food! Boxes will be located in classrooms starting on Wednesday.

Please do not donate any glass or expired items.
Thank you!



Dates to Know

December 5: 5th Grade Band Concert at JMMS
December 12: Paint and Sip 6:00- 7:30 PM
December 23-Jan 1: No School Winter Break

Donations Needed!

We are in need of pants (boys and girls) size 4-8

If you have any that you would like to donate please bring them to the office!

Thank you!

Student Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday, December 18th, 12:05 PM
Wednesday, January 15th, 12:05 PM
Friday, February 21st, 7:40 AM
Tuesday, March 18th, 7:40 AM
Wednesday, April 16th, 12:05 PM
Friday, May 16th, 7:40 AM

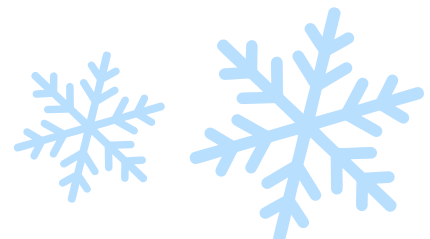
Announcements & Reminders

While water bottles at school are encouraged we just ask that they be plastic to avoid them accidentally breaking.

Thank you!

Contact Information

Address: 2725 E Forest St Appleton, WI 54915
Phone: 920-852-5505
Email: lowrybrenda@aad.k12.wi.us
<https://johnston.aad.k12.wi.us/>



What should I wear to recess?

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO RECESS

LABEL ALL ITEMS TO ENSURE EASY RETURN IF LOST

If the "feels like" temperature is...

You should be wearing...

This looks like...

32 degrees and below

Must have all 3 things: Jacket, hat and mittens/gloves

If there is snow- You need snow pants and boots to leave the blacktop



33 - 44 degrees

Must have an outer layer with a zipper.

If there is snow on the ground, must have snow pants and boots to leave the blacktop



45 degrees and above

Wear a sweatshirt or light jacket if you are chilly, you will not be able to go back inside to get one if you are cold.



Developmental Screening

Appleton Area School District Preschool 3-5 yr old Developmental Screenings

Appleton Area School District is proud to offer free developmental screenings for children between the ages of 3-5 prior to Kindergarten. We strongly recommend all families come to a screening, preferably before attending 4K. Children must live in the Appleton Area School District. Parents/guardians do not need to have concerns to schedule a screening. Is your child younger than three? Give us a call and we can set up a universal screening with Early Intervention Services (Birth-3.)

The Developmental Screening is designed to:

- Educate families about typical child development and growth
- Develop/Expand awareness of community resources
- Identify children in need of further assessment



- *How your child talks
- *How your child listens
- *How your child thinks
- *How your child moves
- *How your child uses their hands

We offer Free Vision and Hearing Screenings!

To schedule a screening appointment please call Sharon at 920-832-6109

Community Early Learning Center 313 S. State St., Appleton, WI 54914



Johnston MUSTANG MILE

Raffle Donations

We accept donations throughout the year!

December Requests:
Toys
STEM activities
Board games



Drop off your donations

Johnston Elementary | Mondays through Fridays | 8am-3:30pm
Questions? Contact reinholdanna@aasd.k12.wi.us

TEAM Johnston PTO

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY,
JAN. 21ST

FAMILIES WITH
FIELD TRIP
COSTS

PROVIDE
MEALS FOR STAFF
DURING
CONFERENCES

FULFILL
TEACHERS'
SPECIAL
REQUESTS

TEAM
JOHNSTON
HELPS...

PROVIDE ITEMS
FOR KIDS FROM
OUR CLOTHES
CLOSET

FUND
BUILDING
PROJECTS

WHEN?
3:30-4:30

ORGANIZE
THE MUSTANG
MILE &
THE JOHNSTON
CARNIVAL

WHERE?
JOHNSTON'S LMC



Questions?

Please contact Anna Reinhold - Youth Advocate
(and parent): reinholdanna@aasd.k12.wi.us



Measles: More Than Just a Rash

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease that spreads through the air. When an infected person coughs or sneezes the virus is expelled into the air and can remain in the room for up to two hours! According to the CDC, up to 9 out of 10 people nearby will become infected if they are not protected. The best protection against measles is the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

Symptoms usually appear 7-14 days after infection with the virus, but may take as long as 21 days to present.

7-21 days after infection:

- High fever (can spike over 104°F)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes

2-3 days after symptoms begin:

- Tiny, white spots may appear inside the mouth (Koplik spots)

3-5 days after symptoms begin:

- Rash (usually starts on the face or upper neck then spreads to the rest of the body)

An infected person is contagious for four days before they develop a rash and remains contagious for four days after the rash appears.

A measles infection can cause serious health complications, especially in children under five years of age and those that are immunocompromised. Some of these serious complications include encephalitis (swelling of the brain), blindness and pneumonia. According to the CDC, about 1 in 5 unvaccinated people in the U.S. who get measles is hospitalized and as many as 1 out of every 20 children with measles gets pneumonia, the most common cause of death from measles in young children.

For more information about measles, please see this Measles Q&A handout. To get more information about current measles activity in our area, please visit the CDC tracker where they update the counts weekly.

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

Safety Patrol

Week of December 2 – December 6

Sebastian P*	Gabby D (C)
Dane S (T)	Daisy M(C)
Sammie S(T)	

Week of December 16 – December 20

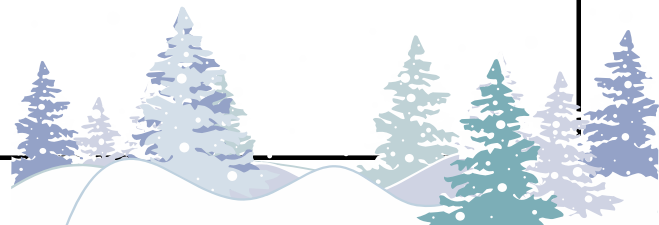
Emma S*	Henry C (C)
Michael R (T)	Noah G (C)
Daniel P (T)	

Week of December 9 – December 13

Haven B*	Carter B (C)
Liam R (T)	Kaylin G (C)
Elizabeth W (T)	

Week of January 2 – January 10

Saleenah T*	Annah J (C)
Thomas A (T)	Ellyanna K (C)
Kayden J (T)	



Enroll in AASD Community 4K



The mission of Appleton Community 4K is to maximize the learning of 4 year olds!

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

Why 4K? Because their learning journey starts now!

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.

Who can enroll?

Appleton Community 4K is open to any student who will turn 4 years old on or before September 1st.

How do we enroll?

Online enrollment begins Monday, February 10th, 2025. Watch the AASD and 4K website for more details as they become available:

4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/our-school/enrollment

How can I learn more about Appleton Community 4K?

- Check out our 4K Partner Sites: 4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/appleton-community-4k-partner-sites
- Review our Frequently Asked Questions: 4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/our-school/faqs
- Watch our 4K Informational Videos: 4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/our-school/enrollment
- During the month of January, we welcome you to contact the 4K sites you are interested in learning more about. They'd love to talk to you and offer you a visit!
- Call the Appleton Community 4K office at (920)852-5600!



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



Kids who play more, pursue more.
100 W. College Avenue
Appleton, WI 54911
(920)734-3226



Brrrr! It's getting cold out there!

Join us inside where it's warm - at the Building for Kids for a very special Appleton Community 4K -and their 5K Friends- family Event!

WHEN: Saturday, January 25th, 2025

WHERE: Building for Kids

TIME: 5:00-8:00 PM

WHO:

AASD Appleton Community 4K students & their families

AND

AASD Kindergarten students & their families

COST: FREE!

RSVP: community-4k@asd.k12.wi.us

OR (920)852-5600, option 1

*Please include the name of your 4K site/elementary school & the number of people expected to attend.



Enrollment begins on
Monday, February
10th, 2025!!!



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



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

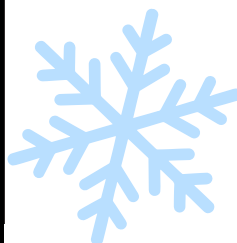
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Counselor Corner

Counselor

CORNER



December Life Long Skills

Each month I will give you information about the topics that your child(ren) will be learning during Lifelong Skills (LLS); LLS are my lessons that all students receive twice a month.

December Topic: Self Awareness & Personal Safety

- Coping Skills
- Second Step Safety Lessons 1 & 2

Winder Break: 12/23-1/1

Looking for ways to keep the kids busy over winter break?

Visit:
<https://govalleykids.com/> to learn more!

Let's Connect!

Yer Lor
LORYER@asasd.k12.wi.us
(920) 852-5505

Want your child to meet with me? Follow QR Code to sign up!



Holiday Self-Care



hello winter



December Dress Up Days

DECEMBER 2024

Manday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Winter Wonderland Wear White	3 Toasty Toes Wear Festive Socks	4 Elf Day Dress like an Elf	5 Happy Hanukkah Wear Blue/White	6 Candy Cane Wear Red/White
9 Penguin Day Wear Black and White	10 Holiday Best Wear Fanciest Clothes	11 Fleece Navidad Wear Festive Fleece	12 All is Merry and Wear Plaid/Flannel	13 Holiday Gear Wear a festive shirt
16 Happy Kwanzaa Wear Black, Red, Green	17 Gingerbread Day Wear Brown	18 Comfort and Joy Wear Pajamas	19 Grinch Day Wear Green	20 Ugly Holiday Sweater

JOY

