

HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY

ODYSSEY MAGNET



**FEBRUARY 2025
HAPPY WINTER!!**

Highlands/Odyssey
Elementary

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What's For Breakfast & Lunch

[February Breakfast Menu](#)

[February Lunch Menu](#)



Does your student get a milk at school with their packed from home lunch? The cost of a milk is \$.40. Students can bring exact change or use their positive lunch account balance to pay for a milk.

Highlands/Odyssey Vocal Music Concerts

February 13, 2025 2:30 p.m.

Highlands/Odyssey 4th & 5th Grade and Choir



March 4, 2025 2:30 p.m.

Highlands/Odyssey 2nd and 3rd Grade



March 13, 2025 2:45 p.m.

Highlands Kindergarten and 1st Grade



Highlands Elementary School & Odyssey Magnet School

Kari Krueger, Principal

Michael Dexheimer, Associate Principal

Hello Highlands & Odyssey Families,

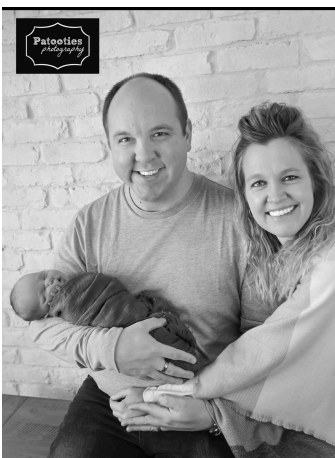
My name is Karen Brice, and I am excited to serve as the interim principal at Highlands/Odyssey while Mrs. Krueger is at home with her new baby (see pictures below). I have been enjoying the opportunity to get to know the students, staff, and families of this special school. A particularly fun moment for me was meeting a kindergarten student whose mom I had the pleasure of working with early in my career at Foster School in Appleton. It's been wonderful to discover the many connections with students, staff, and families here!

I am looking forward to meeting more of you at Parent-Teacher Conferences in a few weeks! As a reminder, the date and time from your fall conferences will carry over to the spring schedule. Please keep an eye out for communication from your child's teacher and reach out to them if any changes need to be made.

If you have any questions, celebrations, or concerns, please don't hesitate to call, email, or stop by. I'm here to help!






Warm regards,

Karen Brice
Interim Principal



February Spirit Days

Feb. 10-14

Monday 2/10	School Shirt Day Shirts will be delivered to your classroom on Friday, Feb. 7th Please pass them out Monday morning and have students wear them!	
Tuesday 2/11	Hat Day	
Wednesday 2/12	Pajama Day	
Thursday 2/13	Career Day What do you want to be when you grow up? Dress the part!	
Friday 2/14	Red & Pink Day	

Conferences

Conferences will be held on February 25th and 27th. Soon you will be receiving a confirmation slip from your child's teacher with your conference date and time!

HIGHLANDS & ODYSSEY BRING YOUR FAMILY TO PE



**LEARN AND BE ACTIVE WITH YOUR STUDENT FOR THEIR 30
MINUTE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS WITH MR. VERHEYEN
OR MR. HEURKENS DURING THE WEEK OF FEB. 10-14, 2025**

***SIGN UP WITH THE QR
CODE OR WITH THIS LINK***



DATES TO REMEMBER



February 7th - No Boys & Girls Club

February 10th - PTO Meeting - 6:00-7:00 pm (LMC)

February 13th - Music Concert - Highlands & Odyssey Gr. 4 & 5 and Choir - 2:30 pm

February 17th - No School - Staff Development

February 25th & 27th - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:00-7:30 pm on the 25th & 4:00-7:15 pm on the 27th

March 1st - Chipotle Fundraiser (PTO Sponsored) - 4:00-8:00 pm

March 4th - Music Concert - Highlands & Odyssey Gr. 2 & 3 - 2:30 pm

March 7th - No Boys & Girls Club

March 10th - PTO Meeting - 3:45-4:45 pm (LMC)

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

[**District Calendar**](#)

Important Yearly Reminders

- We are looking for donations of boys and girls pants to keep in our Health Room for student accidents. Donations can be dropped off in the office. Thank you!
- 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.
- 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.
- Please make after school plans with your children in the morning before school. This helps avoid interruptions to classrooms while students are learning.
- If you haven't already, please be sure to pay your child's school fees for the 2024-2025 school year. You can pay fees online with a debit/credit card through the Parent Portal or in the office with cash or check.
- During the cold months, we see an increase in Health Room visits due to chapped lips. If you are able to, please send lip balm with your student if they have chapped lips. This helps eliminate time out of the classroom and we do not have a large enough supply for every student.



Winter

CLOTHING DRIVE



DECEMBER 11 2024 - FEBRUARY 28 2025

Appleton Area School District Winter Clothing Drive

We are collecting new winter items for AASD families in need

Collection Dates

December 11, 2024- February 28, 2025
between the hours of 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

**Donations are only accepted on days
when school is in session.*

Drop-Off Location

Welcome Center
Family and Community Engagement Office
2701 N Oneida Street,
Appleton WI

Items Needed

- Gloves
- Boots and Shoes
- Warm Hats and Headbands
- Coats and Jackets
- Snow Pants
- Warm/Heavy Duty Socks

**Please consider donating waterproof and
warm items to ensure our students stay
comfortable during the winter months*

Questions? Please contact: Julie Bargholtz at bargholtzjulie@aasd.k12.wi.us

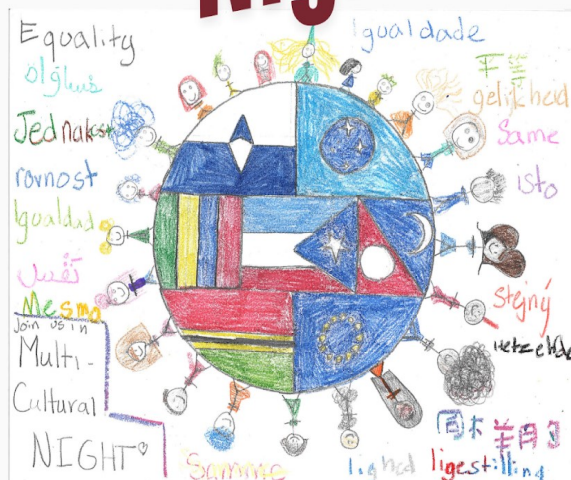


Highlands Odyssey Elementary



Multicultural Night

Storytelling



Art work by: Elsbeth Van Houten and Marin Padgett

March 18th, 2025

5:00-7:00 PM | Highlands/Odyssey Gym

Join us for:
Performances
Food
Activities
Raffle prizes

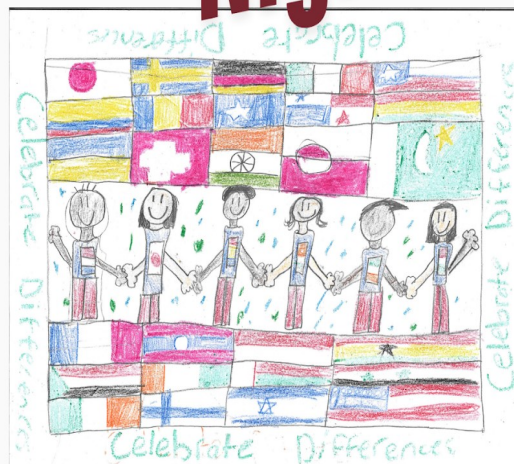


Highlands Odyssey Elementary



Multicultural Night

Storytelling



Art work by: Ahana Bhatia

Join us for a night of fun!

For questions, please contact: leelillie@asds.k12.wi.us

We will continue to accept:

Donations from businesses for raffle prizes

Performers

Volunteers to run activities for booths

Deadline to accept will be: February 15th, 2025

Multicultural Night on March 18th from 5-7pm

We are reaching out to families who own businesses to consider donating items or gift certificates to be used as prizes during the event. Not only will your generosity help make the event a success, but it's also a great opportunity to promote your business to the families in our school community!

Prizes could include anything from your business, such as:

- Gift cards or certificates
- Products or services
- Discounts or special offers

How it works: Attendees will earn tickets by visiting each booth, and they can enter their tickets for a chance to win one of the amazing prizes donated by our community members.

If you're interested in donating, please contact Alyssa Dalton at (920)852-5480 x81339 or daltonalysa@asds.k12.wi.us to arrange the details by Friday, March 7th. We truly appreciate any contribution, and your support will help make this celebration even more special for everyone.

If you are still interested in participating and volunteering your talents through performance, engaging games, or telling your story please consider filling out this [form](#).

Please RSVP [here](#) if you plan to attend this event, so we can be sure to have the right amount of food and other materials. Thanks!

**JOHNSTON'S YMCA EXTENDED DAY LEARNING PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH
AASD DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COORDINATORS PRESENT**

BLACK HISTORY & CULTURE CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 FROM 12:30 – 3:30 PM

AT THE APPLETON YMCA 218 E LAWRENCE STREET

OPEN TO ALL AASD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS & FAMILIES

JOIN US FOR

PERFORMANCES BY SISTAR SOCIETY

RAFFLE PRIZES

**FUN & EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES BY
LOVIN' THE SKIN I'M IN**

PHOTO BOOTH

**FREE ACCESS TO THE SWIMMING POOL,
BASKETBALL COURTS & OBSTACLE COURSE**

**VENDORS SELLING PRODUCTS THAT
CELEBRATE AND HIGHLIGHT AFRICAN
AMERICAN CULTURE**

**THE COZZY CORNER WILL BE OFFERING \$5
LUNCHES DURING THE EVENT**

**THANK
YOU TO**

STAR
SCHOLARS ON TARGET TO ACHIEVE RESULTS



REGISTER



**To register, scan the QR
code, or send us an email.**

**Registration is required for
raffle prizes entry.**

CONTACTS

**Alyssa Buchmiller, Johnston YMCA Site
Coordinator, abuchmiller@ymcafoxcities.org**

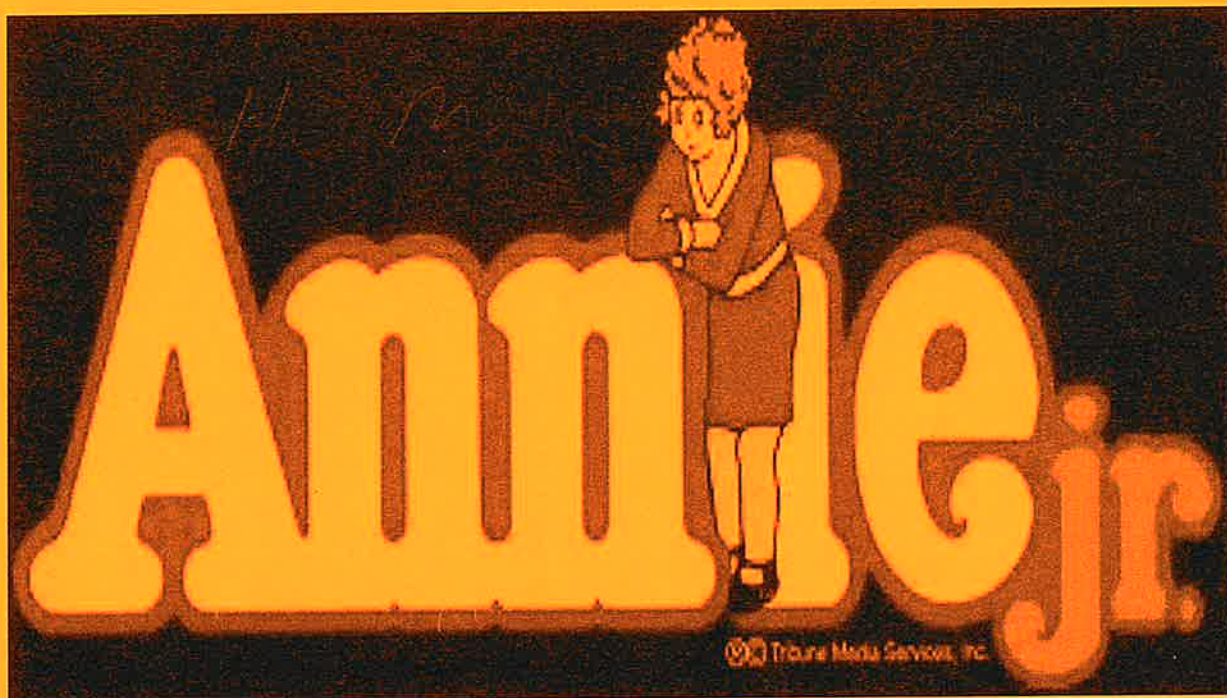
**Kike Tomori, AASD Diversity, Equity &
Inclusion Coordinator,
tomorikelomo@asd.k12.wi.us**



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Acting classes for ages 5-13
with showcase performance.



AASD WEEKLY CLASSES: JOIN ANY CLASS! 5-13 YR OLDS.

MONDAYS:	HOUDINI ELEM.	FEB. 23-MAY 19	3:20-4:30PM	RM. LGI
MONDAYS:	HIGHLANDS ELEM.	FEB. 23-MAY 19	3:20-4:30PM	RM. MUSIC RM.
TUESDAYS:	FERBER ELEM.	FEB. 24-MAY 27	3:20-4:30PM	RM. LGI
WEDNESDAYS:	CLASSICAL ELEM.	FEB. 25-MAY 28	3-4PM	RM: MUSIC RM
THURSDAYS:	JANET BERRY ELEM.	FEB. 26-MAY 29	3:20-4:30PM	RM. LGI

ANNIE Showcase: May 31/June 1—TIMES TBD AFTER WEEK 2.



REGISTER NOW!

WWW.KIDSTAGE.NET

QUESTIONS: KIDSTAGE@YAHOO.COM /

920-915-0044



Staff Conference Dinner

Conferences are coming up and the PTO will be providing a dinner for staff on Tuesday, February 25th. The PTO will be looking for donations of food or money to help put on this event. Please watch for a signup to be sent out soon. Thank you!

PTO Meeting

When: Monday, February 10th

Where: LMC

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

All are welcome!

Upcoming Fundraisers

Chipotle

111 N. Mall Dr.

Saturday, March 1st

4:00 - 8:00 pm

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



BOX TOPICS

Easy ways to make a difference for your school.

NOVEMBER
2024 EDITION

BONUS OFFERS

Offers are valid in a single transaction between 11/01/2024-11/30/2024



Buy 3, Earn 6
on participating
Nature Valley
products*



Buy 3, Earn 6
on participating
Betty Crocker
baking products*



Buy 3, Earn 6
on participating
Totino's products*



Buy 2, Earn 4
on participating
Cinnamon Toast
Crunch products*



Buy 2, Earn 4
on participating
Pillsbury crescent
products*

*Must submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Limit 5 claims per receipt.



THE BIGGEST COOKING DAY OF THE
YEAR IS ALMOST HERE!

Take it easy in the kitchen and make family-favorite
dishes with Box Tops delicious, timesaving products.
See participating products at btf.com/products



THIS
MONTH
ONLY!

CONNECT
AND EARN
50
BONUS BOX TOPS

WALMART CONNECTED ACCOUNTS

During November 1-30, 2024, you'll earn
50 Bonus Box Tops (\$5) by connecting your
Box Tops and Walmart accounts for the first
time. It only takes a few minutes and it's easy.

Learn more at BTFE.com/Walmart

3 EASY WAYS TO EARN FOR OUR SCHOOL



SCAN
Qualifying receipts
in the app



SUBMIT
Qualifying digital
receipts in the app



CONNECT
Your Walmart and
Box Tops accounts

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT
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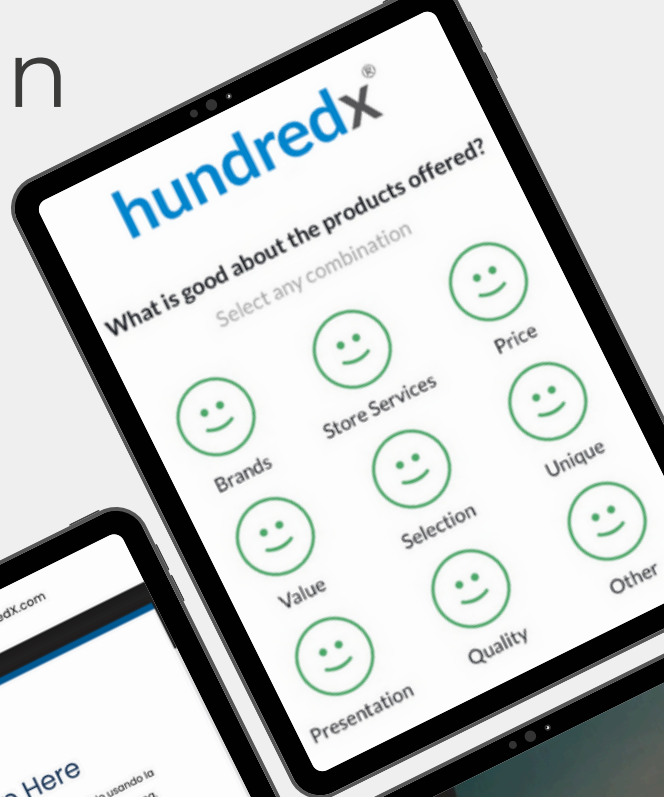
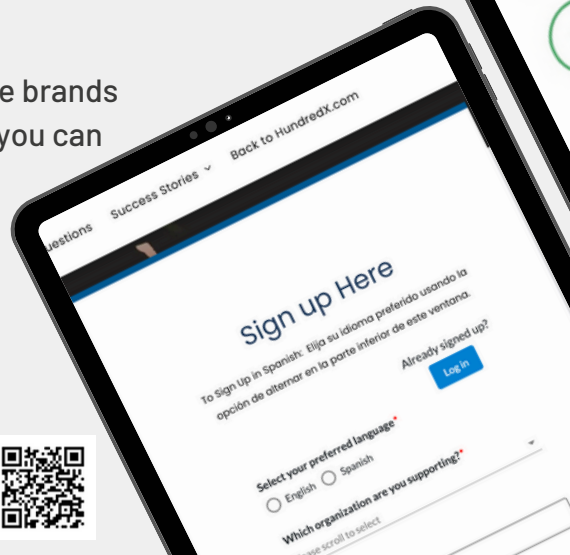
You can now order a Highlands & Odyssey yearbook through Harmann Studios. You can order by clicking [here](#) and entering the school specific code HIODYB. All yearbook orders are due by March 10th. After this date, prices will increase and upgrades will no longer be available to purchase. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Coming Soon

A NEW WAY TO GIVE TO YOUR CAUSE.

By sharing your opinions on the brands and businesses you frequent, you can generate funds to support our organization!

For more information,
scan the QR Code or visit
causes.hundredx.com



Congratulations TOPS Quarter 2 Winners!



KINDERGARTEN

1ST GRADE



2ND GRADE



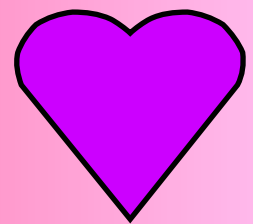
3RD GRADE



4TH GRADE



5TH GRADE



ODYSSEY 2 & 3



ODYSSEY 4 & 5






WELCOME TO MEET MY MILESTONES

The Appleton Area School District is excited to offer Meet My Milestones, a free parent/child preschool intervention group designed for 3-4 year-old children in the year prior to 4K.

Recognizing that parents are their child's first and most important teachers, this program empowers families to engage in teacher-led activities that promote learning, build friendships, and develop essential school readiness skills.

Parents will gain valuable resources and work alongside their child to support developmental milestones in areas such as speaking, listening, thinking, social skills, and movement. Parents must stay with their children and are encouraged to participate in the activities. If you sign up, please plan to attend all 8 sessions, as spots are limited.

Session 1: January 7 – February 27
 Session 2: March 4 – May 1
 Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
 Times: 8:45-10:00 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM
 912 N. Oneida St. Appleton

PROGRAM FEATURES :


- ✓ Parent/Child Class for 3 year olds/8 week sessions
- ✓ learn about typical 3 year old milestones
- ✓ Help your child meet milestones through play

ENROLL NOW

Scan QR Code

or call 920-832-6109





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!
 Yog koj xav paub ntiv txog kev kawm
 ntawv hauv 4K mus ntawm no!

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:

February Newsletter

Feb. Newsletter - Spanish

Feb. Newsletter - Hmong

News from the AASD
 Birth-Five Outreach
 Program:

February Newsletter





Our lost & found is overflowing!
Please take your student through
the lost & found if they are miss-
ing anything. All items not claimed
by Friday, February 28th at 3:30
pm will be donated. Thanks!



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.

Summer School

Summer school registration will be done online via the Parent Portal and will open on April 14th. Additional information is available on the [AASD Summer School webpage](#). See the links below for information and course offerings for Highlands and Wilson.

[Highlands](#)

[Wilson](#)



January 31, 2025

Dear Teachers, Parents and Guardians,

We are happy to announce that your elementary school was selected to participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) during the 2024-2025 school year. This program provides a fresh fruit or vegetable to students, free of charge.

The goals of this grant program are to:

- Create healthier school environments by offering healthy choices.
- Expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience.
- Increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption.
- Make a difference in children's diets to impact their current and future health.

A fresh fruit or vegetable will continue to be offered to your students for the 2024-2025 school year for as long as grant funds are available. FFVP will generally be served mid-morning or early afternoon. The FFVP must be served during the school day and cannot be taken home.

Our goal as the food service team is to provide your school with nutritional education to increase students' knowledge of the health benefits of eating fruit and vegetables. Starting in February a Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Newsletter spotlighting one fruit and one vegetable from the FFVP menu for the month will be provided to your school for students. The newsletter will provide some fun facts, games, challenges and occasional recipes for students to try as they learn more about fruits and vegetables. Additional education materials including fact sheets, videos, and songs can also be found on the WI DPI website (<https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/programs/fresh-fruit-vegetable/promotion>).

You can help support your child(ren)/student(s) efforts to increase their fruit and vegetable consumption in many ways like keeping fruits and vegetables where they can be seen (such as on the counter) or even by letting them see you regularly eating fruits and vegetables too.

Thank you for your involvement in this program. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact the Food Service Department at 920-852-5314 or foodservice@asds.k12.wi.us.

Nondiscrimination Statement for USDA Child Nutrition Programs

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
program.intake@usda.gov

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Did you know?



A number of schools in our district participate in the USDA's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). Your school is one of them. The FFVP provides students with a healthy snack when they are away from home, as a way to promote healthful eating habits. The FFVP is free to all elementary school students! The snacks are provided everyday, but not during lunch or breakfast. The program features a variety of unique, and sometimes new, fruits and vegetables to students that they may otherwise not have had the opportunity to sample. To find out more about the program, please check out WI's FFVP webpage:
dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/programs/fresh-fruit-vegetable.

FUN FACTS

- Oranges are one of the most commonly grown fruits in the world.
- Cauliflower means "cabbage flower" because it is a flower that has not fully developed.
- Sweet potatoes can be white, yellow, red, purple or orange.

Why eat fruits and vegetables?

Cantaloupe is rich in vitamin C which helps with immunity, skin health and gum health.

Jicama is a good source of carbohydrates. It also contains fiber, vitamin C and potassium.

Fruit and Vegetable Challenge:
Keep track of how many fruits and veggies you eat for a week.



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Info found at <https://dpi.wi.gov>



Fruit and Vegetable Spotlight

What's on the menu this month?



JICAMA

Jicama is a root vegetable with thick, brown skin. The inside of the vegetable is white and tastes like an apple but is not as sweet. They grow on vines that are about 20 ft long. They are members of the potato family.



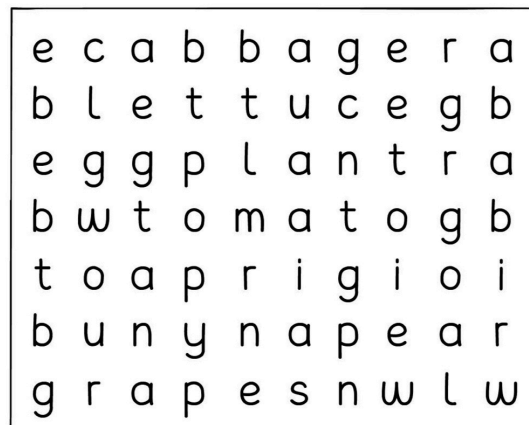
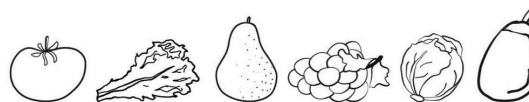
CANTALOUPE

Cantaloupe is a fruit often referred to as a "musk melon." They are large, round, and heavy fruits that contains seeds in the center. The inside of a cantaloupe is orange. They grow on the ground attached to a vine. When picking a cantaloupe, use your nose to find the sweetest one.

Fun with fruits and veggies

Have some fun with fruits and veggies and check out the game below.

Circle 3 fruits and 3 vegetables in the puzzle.
Use the pictures as clues.



www.cleverlearner.com












TOMATO, CABBAGE, PEAR, GRAPES, LETTUCE, EGGPLANT

February

2025

FFVP

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Snack Apple 	4 Clementines 	5 Grapefruit Wedges 	6 Colored Cauliflower 	7 Plum 	8
9	10 Snack Apple 	11 Orange Wedges 	12 Cantaloupe 	13 Turnip Sticks 	14 Red Grapes 	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL	18 Snack Apple 	19 Orange Wedges 	20 Rainbow Carrots 	21 Jicama 	22
23	24 Snack Apple 	25 Clementines 	26 Pineapple/Blueberries 	27 Sweet Potatoes 	28 Cantaloupe 	

*Menu subject to change without notice

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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Feet

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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.