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ODYSSEY MAGNET



**APRIL 2025
HAPPY SPRING!!**

Highlands/Odyssey
Elementary

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What's For Breakfast & Lunch



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Highlands/Odyssey Band & Orchestra Concert

April 29th at 1:15 p.m. or 2:15 p.m.



Goodies w/ Grownups

Please join us with your students on Thursday, April 10th from 7:30 to 8:15 am for some yummy breakfast treats! We will have a variety of breakfast treats, coffee, hot cocoa and juice. Volunteers are also needed to help make this event a success! Click [here](#) to sign up to help out.





Highlands Elementary School & Odyssey Magnet School

Kari Krueger, Principal

Michael Dexheimer, Associate Principal

Dear Highlands/Odyssey Community,

I hope this message finds you well. Since returning from spring break, we've been hard at work taking the FORWARD State assessment, and our students are also beginning the iReady assessment. It has been an exciting and productive time for our school!

As many of you know, I have had the honor of serving as your interim principal since January. It has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful community.

As we approach the final 9 weeks of the school year, I want to inform you that next week will be my last week at Highlands/Odyssey. Mrs. Krueger will be returning on Monday, April 14th. She is excited to come back and will lead the school through a strong finish to the year.

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration during my time here. It has been a pleasure working alongside the students, staff, and families of Highlands/Odyssey. I will carry these memories with me as I move forward.

As we head into the final quarter of the school year, I wish each of you continued success and growth. Keep learning, and thank you once again for allowing me to be part of this incredible community.

Warm regards,

Karen Brice
Interim Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER



April 4th - No Boys & Girls Club

April 4th - Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser (PTO Sponsored)

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

April 10th - Goodies w/ Grownups (PTO Sponsored) - 7:30-8:15 am

April 18th - No School - Staff Development

April 29th - Highlands & Odyssey Band/Strings Concert

May 2nd - No Boys & Girls Club

May 5th - PTO Meeting - 3:45-4:45 pm (LMC)

May 8th - Fun Run (PTO Sponsored) - 4:30-6:00 pm

May 23rd & 26th - No School

May 30th - Highlands & Odyssey Timber Rattlers Night - 6:40 pm

[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.

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.

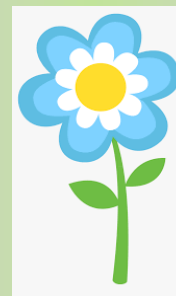
[Highlands](#)

[Wilson](#)



Join us in the gym for a showcase of all Summer School classes. Meet teachers, grab a snack, enter the registration raffle. Need help signing up for Summer School? We can help! Any questions, please reach out to Dawn Price- Summer School Coordinator:

pricedawn@aasd.k12.wi.us



Multicultural Night

Highlands/Odyssey had a great turnout for our Multicultural Night: Story telling! Students enjoyed winning prizes, watching performers, and engaging with our Highlands/ Odyssey families and our Appleton Community organizations!

We were graced with great performances. Thank you to the Appleton Bilingual School student dance group who showcased a great performance for our Highlands/Odyssey school. We also thank the musical performances by Tyler Sjostrom singing his original songs and Luis Fernandez with his Venezuelan Violin Music. Lastly, we were also graced with a Hmong and Thai dance by Appleton Wilson Middle School students and want to thank them as well!

Thank you to our contributing organizations for their participation and donation of their time or resources to make sure our event Highlands/Odyssey Multicultural Night: Storytelling a success:

- Kwik Trip
- Festival
- Timber Rattlers
- Lawrence University LUREE students
- Northeast Wisconsin Hmong Professionals

Lastly, thank you to our Highlands/Odyssey families and staff for supporting and sharing their own stories and inviting our students through food, song, art, story, and artifacts! What an amazing night!



THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING
MARCH 18TH, 2025



Thank you.

Huge shoutout and thank you to
the following organizations for
their donations and
participation:



KWIK TRIP





**Here are some photos from our Multicultural Night!
Thanks to all who organized, volunteered and attended
this event and helped to make the night a success!**



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COMMUNITY



FREE ADMISSION

Sunday, May 4th

Appleton West High School

610 N Badger Ave

12-3pm

Food, Dance, Crafts, & Fun!



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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News from the

School Nurse:

[April Newsletter](#)

[Apr. Newsletter - Spanish](#)

[Apr. Newsletter - Hmong](#)



News from the AASD

Birth-Five Outreach

Program:

[April Newsletter](#)



Upcoming Fundraisers

Buffalo Wild Wings

Friday, April 4th

[English](#)

**PTO
Meeting**

When: Monday, April 7th

Where: LMC

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

All are welcome!

Fun Run

Come join the fun at our RUN WILD FUN RUN on Thursday, May 8th! There will be surprise guest appearances that will make it even more fun! There'll also be fun on each block of the school along with music, concessions and raffle tickets to purchase for a chance to win prizes! Click [here](#) for additional information on this event.

Fang's Reading Club

Our school is participating in Fang's Reading Club, with the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. The program will run from Monday, March 3rd through Friday, April 25th and the Highlands/Odyssey Family Night will be on Friday, May 30th.

See the link below for additional details.



[Fang's Reading Club Program Information](#)



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.

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INVITED!**

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organization name Highlands & Odyssey PTO

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FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM

Monthly Newsletter

April 2025



Did you know....



Some of the fruits and vegetables students enjoyed last month as part of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program were: Daikon Radishes, Tangelos, Grapefruit and Pineapple. To find out what students will be trying this month, check out the calendar menu on the back of this newsletter or check out the "Fruit and Vegetable Spotlight" section of the newsletter which highlights a fruit and/or vegetable of the month.

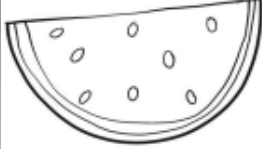





Fun with fruits and veggies

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Fruits grow on trees and vines. They contain the seeds of the plant.
Vegetables grow on plants, above or below the ground. They usually do not contain seeds.
Color the examples below and draw two other examples of your own

Fruit	Vegetable
	
watermelon	broccoli
	

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Fruit and Vegetable Spotlight

What's on the menu this month?

This month we are spotlighting two veggies.

Enjoy!



Snow Peas

Snow peas should be shiny and flat and their peas should be very small, barely able to be seen through their pod. Snow peas are high in vitamin C and are a good source of iron. You can freeze snow peas, but if you don't you should use them as soon as possible.

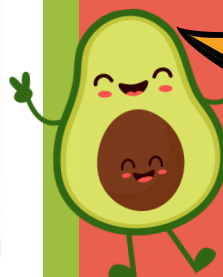


Parsnip Sticks

Parsnips should be chosen firm and without pits. The smaller they are the more flavorful and tender they are. Parsnips are good sources of vitamin C, fiber, vitamin K and are very low in sodium. You can refrigerate parsnips and keep them unsealed for 3 weeks or more.

FUN FACTS

- Red, orange, and yellow peppers are actually very ripe green peppers.
- Melons are related to squash and cucumbers.
- The paler white the parsnip is, the sweeter it will taste.



Fruit and veggie challenge:
Try to eat 3 new fruits and 3 new vegetables this month.

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

April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Snack Apple 	2 Red Grapes 	3 Parsnip Sticks 	4 Veggie Medley 	5
6	7 Snack Apple 	8 Orange Wedges 	9 Rainbow Carrots 	10 Cantaloupe 	11 Apple/Grape Combo 	12
13	14 Snack Apple 	15 Clementines 	16 Turnip Sticks 	17 Cantaloupe/Honeydew 	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20	21 Snack Apple 	22 Orange Wedges 	23 Snow Peas 	24 Red Grapes 	25 Jicama 	26
27	28 Snack Apple 	29 Clementines 	30 White Peaches 			

*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

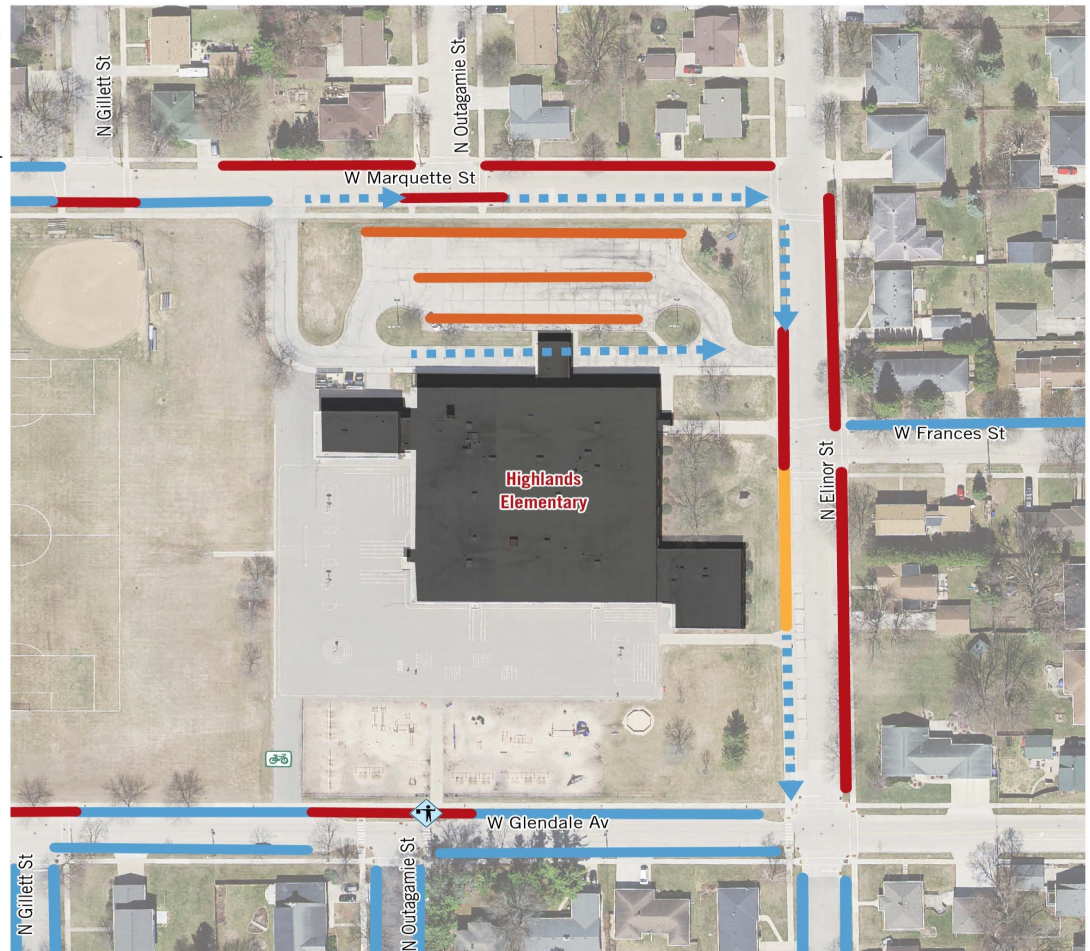


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Safe Routes to School Information & Map

- 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.