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Elementary

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Highlands/Odyssey

2024-2025

Parent Handbook

What's For Breakfast & Lunch



[May Breakfast Menu](#)

[May Lunch Menu](#)



2025-2026 School Registration Intentions

Please complete [this](#) survey indicating school registration intentions for your student for the 2025-2026 school year. This form does not replace online registration but helps us better plan class sizes and teacher allocations for next year. Thanks!

Timber Rattlers Night

Our School Night at Neuroscience Group Field is coming up on Friday, May 30th! The game begins at 6:40 p.m. Highlands and Odyssey students are encouraged to turn in their reading calendar to receive a complimentary ticket and hotdog & soda voucher.



We hope to see you at the game!





Highlands Elementary School & Odyssey Magnet School

Kari Krueger, Principal

Michael Dexheimer, Associate Principal

Hello Tigers and Owls!

I'm excited to be back to finish out the final month of school! Let's continue to work together to finish strong as we look forward to the events below!

- **HIG 5th Grade Farewell:** On Wednesday, June 4th our 5th grade farewell will take place at Kiwanis Park beginning at 1:30pm. Grown ups are encouraged to attend this celebration and to bring their lawn chairs. Watch for more information (including rain details) to come home with your 5th grade student regarding this event.
- **ODY 5th Grade Farewell:** This event will take place on Wednesday, June 4th from 5:00-6:30pm at Kiwanis Park. Please check the ODY Observer for more information.
- **Field Day:** This will take place Thursday, June 5th. Each grade level (K-5th) will come outside for about a 2 hour time block and journey through some fun stations planned by our wonderful PE teacher, Mr. Verheyen. Parents will be invited to attend for this block of outdoor fun and we will also conclude with our final quarter's TOPS awards. Additionally, your child will have the opportunity to purchase popcorn and/or Kona Ice this day, both of which are our final fundraisers for the year. Please watch for more information to come about specifics regarding the time of your student(s) events. Should the weather not cooperate we will run a modified version within the building that same day.
- **Family Picnic Lunch:** We are excited for this annual event! It will take place in conjunction with Field Day on Thursday, June 5th from 11:15-12:30. During this time, grown ups are invited to "picnic" and play with their students. All students will be able to order hot lunch to bring outside or students may bring their own cold lunch (we ask that grown ups bring their own lunch to enjoy). More details to come! Should the weather not cooperate, we will move our picnic indoors.
- **TOPS Raffle:** On the last day of school, Friday, June 6th, we will be auctioning off some pretty cool prizes! Encourage your student to do the right thing and earn TOPS tickets to increase his/her chances of winning!

Let's make the end of this year a great one!

Kari Krueger
Principal

Summer School Showcase

Join us for a Summer School Showcase on Friday, May 2nd. Join your student immediately at dismissal for a snack and gallery walk of all classes. From 3:25-4:15 staff will be available to answer questions, help register your student or explain anything related to summer school. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dawn Price pricedawn@aasd.k12.wi.us.



Summer School

Summer school registration will be done online via the Parent Portal and is now open to families. 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](#)



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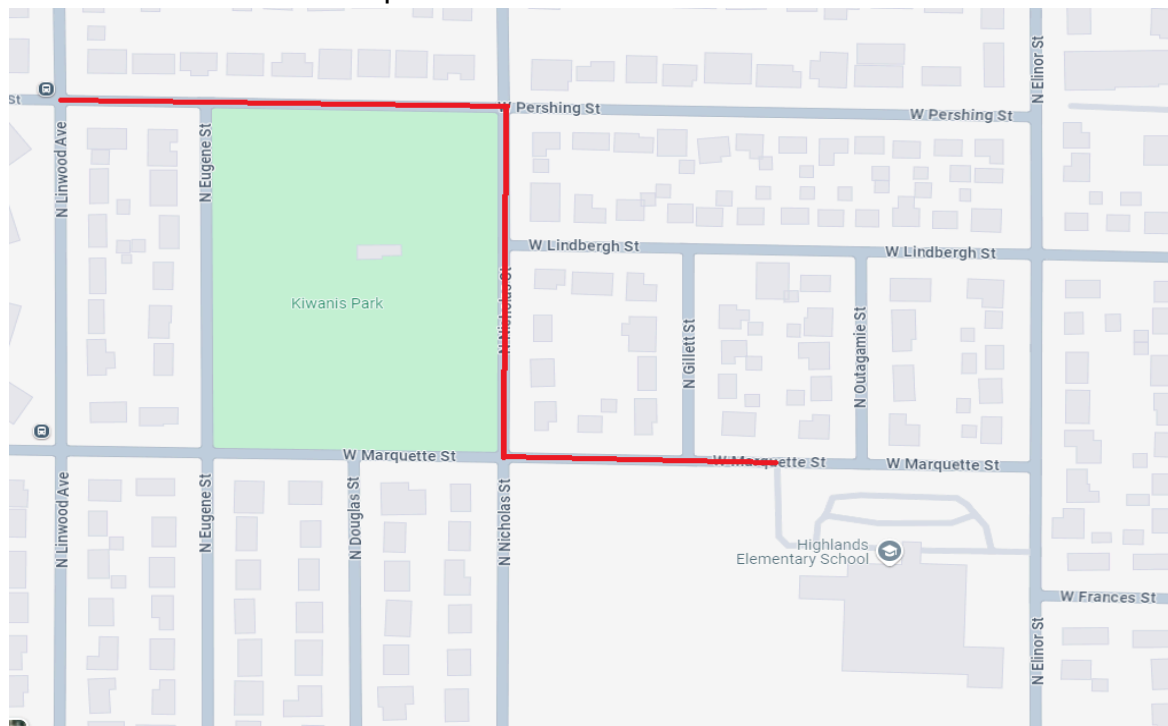
Kari Krueger, Principal
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Highlands/Odyssey Families,

I am excited to announce that the *walking* school bus is back for the spring!

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 8:10 a.m.
- ~**The first day for Walking School Bus will be Friday May 1st.**
- ~Bus routes will follow the path shown below.



If you live in an area that isn't near the pick up route, please reach out and we can possibly add more routes.

Thank you,

Mike Dexheimer
Associate Principal
dexheimermicha@asds.k12.wi.us

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1st - Stuc's Pizza Fundraiser (PTO Sponsored) - 11:00 am-9:00 pm

May 2nd - No Boys & Girls Club Before & After Care

May 2nd - Summer School Showcase - 3:25-4:15 pm

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

May 7th - National Bike to School Day

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

May 23rd & 26th - No School

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

June 4th - Progress Reports Visible in IC - 4:00 pm

June 4th - Highlands 5th Grade Farewell - 1:30-3:00 pm (Kiwanis Park)

June 4th - Odyssey 5th Grade Farewell - 5:00-6:30 pm (Kiwanis Park)

June 5th - Field Day/School Picnic/Kona Ice

June 6th - Last Day of School - Dismissal at 11:27 am




[Highlands/Odyssey Family Calendar](#)

[District Calendar](#)

Important Yearly Reminders

- Be sure to check the lost & found if your student is missing anything. If they are missing other items like glasses, a cell phone, or other valuables, stop by the office to check our collection. All items not claimed by the last day of school will be donated.
- Please return all library books, classroom books and even books from other schools by Thursday, May 22nd. Next year's readers will be grateful!
- With warm weather it is important to dress coolly as the building heats up quickly. A reminder that as elementary students, portions of the day are spent on the floor and running/playing on the equipment, so we recommend attire that allows students to be active. Also, be sure to send students with a water bottle each day (no glass please).



Highlands/Odyssey Elementary School

Attention current 4th grade students

Register for 5th Grade Strings

Register by
5/22

Attention 4th Grade Strings Students &
Families!

Sign-Up for 5th Grade Strings is NOW OPEN
for the 2025–2026 School Year!

Deadline to Register: May 22

Scan the QR code to sign up and reserve your
spot in next year's 5th Grade Strings Program!

Don't miss your chance to keep making music
next year – I can't wait to see you in Strings!





AASD



Instrumental Music Program

Does your 3rd or 4th grader want to learn an instrument?
Now is the time to sign up for classes starting in Fall.



Playing an instrument strengthens your brain!

**RECRUITING with
INSTRUMENT DEMOS
BEGINS IN
MAY**



**REGISTRATION
INFORMATION
WILL ARRIVE
HOME SOON!**

Strings & Band Lessons are free and take place during the school day.
Instrument rental fees may apply and rental fee waivers are available to
families with financial need.



3rd and 4th grade
can choose:
Violin, Viola or Cello

4th grade can also choose:
Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone,
Trumpet, French Horn,
Trombone, Baritone, Tuba,
Percussion

*If your child is interested in Strings or Band join **NOW** for success.
There is no guarantee that beginner ensembles are available in middle school.*



Highlands and Odyssey

Run Wild 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 and [here](#) for a letter from our Fun Run Coordinator.



When: Monday, May 5th

Where: LMC

Time: 3:45-4:45 pm

All are welcome!



The Good Mood Food!™

Highlands & Odyssey PTO Fundraiser

This Thursday May 1st

A Portion of the Entire Day's Sales
Will Be Donated to Our PTO

11am - 9pm

110 N Douglas St. Appleton
920-735-9272

Dine in, Carry Out or Order Online



Our annual Kona Ice Fundraiser will be on June 5th during our Highlands & Odyssey Field Day. It will run from 11 am until 1 pm. Watch for more information, including pricing to come later!

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.



**News from the
School Nurse:**

[Immunization Newsletter](#)

[Immunization Newsletter - Spanish](#)

[Immunization Newsletter - Hmong](#)

**News from the AASD
Birth-Five Outreach
Program:**

[May Newsletter](#)

EARN CASH FOR SCHOOLS WITH BOX TOPS

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

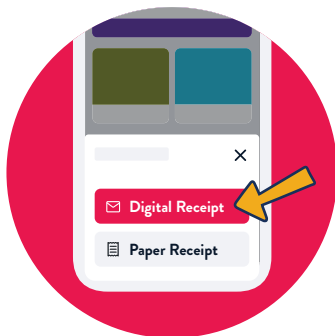
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qualifying receipts
in the app



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.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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ADAPTED SPORTS
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SILENT AUCTION
APPLETON ROCK
SCHOOL
PERFORMANCE
& MORE!



JANET BERRY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

3601 S. TELULAH AVE. APPLETON

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025
4:00-7:00 PM

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FOOD, FUN, & ENTERTAINMENT.



**DONATE NOW TO SUPPORT
ARTS FOR ALL IN THE AASD**

Scan the QR code and click "2025 Arts for All"

WHAT IS ARTS FOR ALL WISCONSIN?

They expand the capabilities, confidence, and quality of life for children and adults with disabilities throughout Wisconsin by providing programs in the arts. Since 1985, they have been guided by the understanding that the arts build bridges between people, support physical and mental wellness, and celebrate diversity in our community.

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COMMUNITY



FREE ADMISSION

Sunday, May 4th

Appleton West High School

610 N Badger Ave

12-3pm

Food, Dance, Crafts, & Fun!

Big Fun. New Friends.

Girl Scouts are dreamers and doers and we love helping their big ideas come to life! Whether she's eager to climb a tree, paint a mural, or build a robot, being a Girl Scout means she can try something new and explore what interests her. Help get her started on her Girl Scout journey, join us as we Dive into Daisies!



Be a Girl Scout.



Make projects, explore nature, sing silly songs and more! 4K, Kindergarteners and 1st graders, join us for a fun 4 part program this May through August and learn all about being a Daisy Girl Scout! Scan the QR code or visit the website for dates, times and to register. These sessions are free and just for new Daisy Girl Scouts.



tinyurl.com/DiveIntoDaisies2025

Adults, help start a troop by signing up to be a troop leader! Your unique talents and experiences have the power to change girls' lives. As a Girl Scout volunteer, you'll help guide their experiences and teach them the skills and confidence they need to bring big ideas to life.

Get a headstart on all the amazing adventures Girl Scouts has to offer with our extended year membership*, available April 1 through July 31st. Find a troop or start your own, visit gsnwg1.org/join and choose extended year membership at checkout.



Search for troops in Appleton
tinyurl.com/Appleton-Troops-4K-5



Girl Scout Experience Boxes
tinyurl.com/Meet-the-GS-Experience-Box



I have more questions!
tinyurl.com/for-questions

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

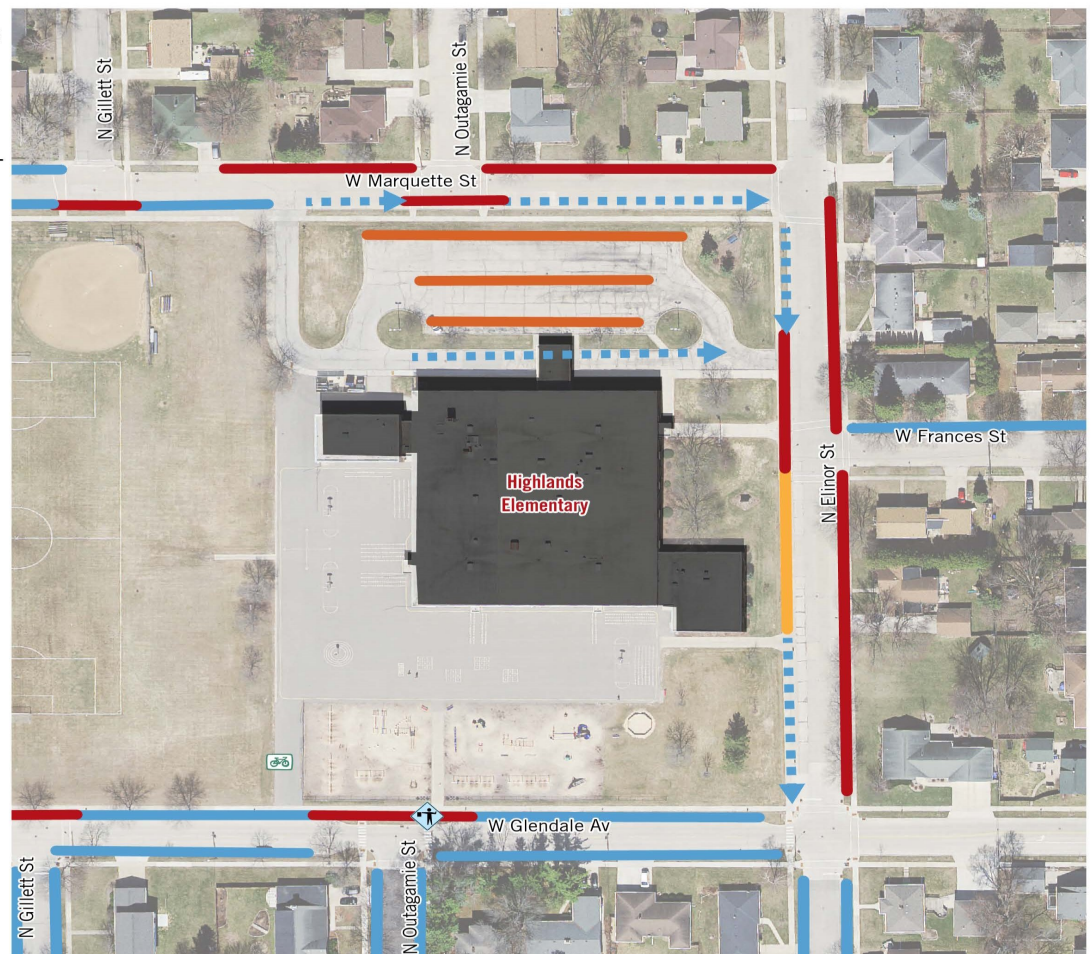


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Safe Routes to School Information & Map

- 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.