



# THE HORIZONS WAY NEWSLETTER

October 2025

## Principal/Dean News

Hello Families:

As we close out October, we want to express our gratitude for your support in making the first months of school so successful. Our students are well-settled into their routines, and it's been rewarding to see their confidence grow.

This month was filled with learning and fun. We had our amazing Pumpkin Run and Boo Bash. It was a lot of fun seeing our Horizons Community come together to celebrate our students.

Mr. Ohlson, Principal  
Mr. Puls, Dean

## HFN

Horizons Family Network is a group of Horizons families and staff that come together for the common goal to support students, staff, teachers and school needs.

**Next Meeting:** November 10 6:00 pm

**Email:**

Horizonsfamilynetworkpto@gmail.com

## Upcoming Events

- Nov 18 Jersey Mike's Fundraiser
- Nov 20 Concert 3, 4, 5 Flames Choir
- Nov 26-28 No School

## Contact Info

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## Noticias del director/decano

Hola familias:

Al finalizar octubre, queremos expresar nuestra gratitud por su apoyo para que los primeros meses de clases fueran tan exitosos.

Nuestros estudiantes se han adaptado bien a sus rutinas y ha sido gratificante ver crecer su confianza.

Este mes estuvo lleno de aprendizaje y diversión. Tuvimos nuestra increíble Carrera de Calabazas y Fiesta de Halloween. Fue muy divertido ver a nuestra Comunidad de Horizons reunirse para celebrar a nuestros estudiantes.

Sr. Ohlson, Director  
Sr. Puls, Decano

## HFN

Horizons Family Network es un grupo de familias y personal que se unen con el objetivo común de apoyar a los estudiantes, el personal, los maestros y las necesidades escolares.

**Next Meeting:** 10 de noviembre 18:00 horas

**Email:**

[Horizonsfamilynetworkppto@gmail.com](mailto:Horizonsfamilynetworkppto@gmail.com)

## Próximos eventos

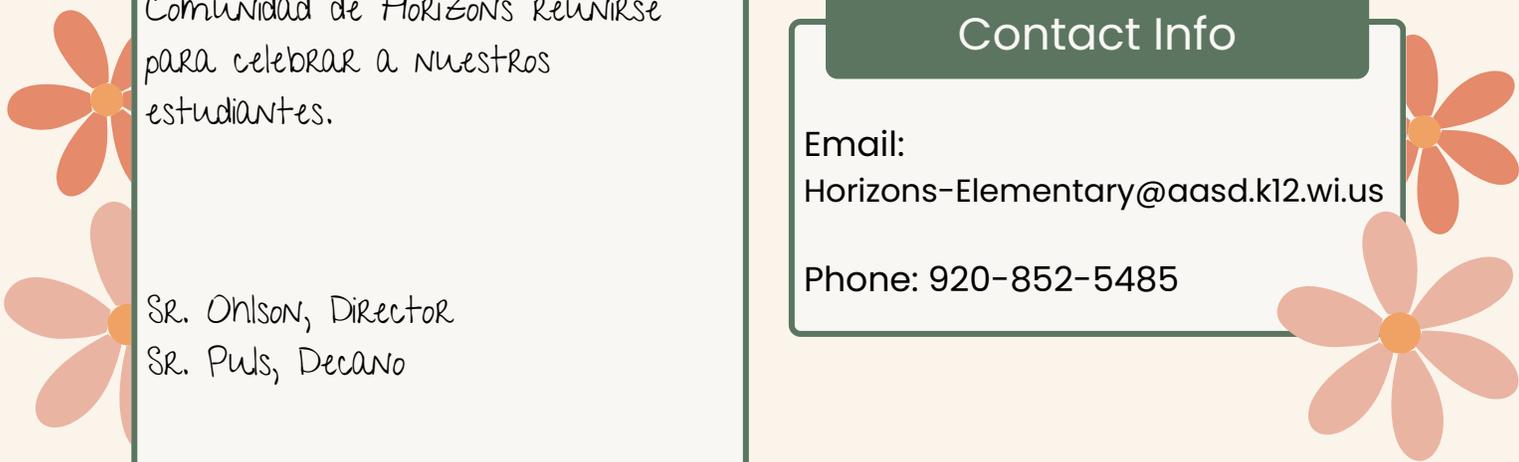
- Recaudación de fondos de Jersey Mike's, 18 de noviembre
- Concierto del 20 de noviembre, 3, 4 y 5, Coro Flames
- Del 26 al 28 de noviembre no hay clases.

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# HELP US BUILD A STRONGER SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

Are you interested in supporting our school through the **Horizons Family Network**?

**How'd you like to volunteer?**



We'd love to learn how you'd like to help, whether is volunteering at events, donating items, or sharing unique skills.

**Please take a few minutes to complete our Time & Talent Survey by scanning the QR code.**

Thank you for being part of our amazing school family!



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

## Does Good Attendance Matter?



### Success Starts with Attendance

If a student misses 10 days per year for the lifetime of their school career, that adds up to 140 days... almost a full school year. Research and experience teach us that students with poor attendance are at greater risk for school difficulty. Making up missed schoolwork is very helpful, but missed classroom instruction cannot be made up.

We try to impress upon students that there is a difference between “not feeling well” and being truly sick. We all know there are times when we do not feel 100%, but still try to make it through the day. Students understand that parents do this in order to keep their jobs. This is a real “life skill” that employers look for when hiring. They want employees they can count on to come to work. For students, school is their job.\_\_\_\_\_

Common sense can guide parents in deciding when a child is sick enough to be at home. If you are uncertain about sending your child to school, please reference [Is Your Child Well Enough to Go to School](#) from our district website or please call us. Sometimes a second opinion can be of help! Not only is school attendance a legal requirement, it encourages behavior that will help your child be successful in life. So while the goal of “perfect attendance” may not be realistic for all, great school attendance is something to work towards!

Here are some helpful tips:

- Schedule appointments outside of school hours
- Request beginning or end of day appointments
- If appropriate, consider having child return for ½ day if feeling better.
- Ask your provider to write a letter for the time they missed from school



# APPLETON AREA

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### ¿Importa tener buena asistencia?



El éxito comienza con la asistencia

Si un(a) estudiante falta 10 días por año durante toda su carrera escolar, eso suma 140 días... casi un año escolar completo. Las investigaciones y la experiencia nos enseñan que los estudiantes con poca asistencia tienen un mayor riesgo de tener dificultades en la escuela. Recuperar el trabajo escolar perdido es muy útil, pero la enseñanza en el aula no se puede recuperar.

Tratamos de hacer comprender a los estudiantes que hay una diferencia entre “no sentirse bien” y estar realmente enfermo. Todos sabemos que hay momentos en los que no nos sentimos al 100%, pero aun así intentamos seguir con el día. Los estudiantes entienden que los padres hacen esto para conservar sus empleos. Esta es una verdadera “habilidad para la vida” que los empleadores buscan al contratar. Quieren empleados en quienes puedan confiar para que se presenten a trabajar. Para los estudiantes, la escuela es su trabajo.

El sentido común puede guiar a los padres para decidir cuándo un niño está lo suficientemente enfermo como para quedarse en casa. Si no está seguro de enviar a su hijo(a) a la escuela, consulte ¿Está su hijo(a) lo suficientemente bien para ir a la escuela? en nuestro sitio web del distrito o llámenos. ¡A veces una segunda opinión puede ser de ayuda! La asistencia escolar no solo es un requisito legal, sino que fomenta comportamientos que ayudarán a su hijo(a) a tener éxito en la vida. Así que, aunque la meta de “asistencia perfecta” tal vez no sea realista para todos, ¡una excelente asistencia escolar es algo por lo que vale la pena esforzarse!

Aquí hay algunos consejos útiles:

- Programe citas fuera del horario escolar
- Pida citas al inicio o al final del día
- Si es apropiado, considere que su hijo(a) regrese por ½ día si se siente mejor
- Pida a su proveedor médico que escriba una nota por el tiempo que su hijo(a) estuvo ausente de la escuela



Dear Families,

As we prepare to begin the new school year, the Appleton Parking Utility would like to emphasize the importance of following the legal parking practices during student drop-off and pick-up times. All our zones are marked as one of the following: loading zones, no-parking areas, and parking areas.

**Loading Zones:** The adult **MUST** stay in the car. This is for active loading/unloading only. This is for kindergarten drop-off and pick-up. We have adults outside who will help your child get into the car. Parking and leaving your car in a Loading/Unloading zone will result in a ticket.

**No Parking Areas:** There is **NO** parking at any time in this zone. Please pay close attention to the crosswalks. You cannot have your car parked on a crosswalk, even if you are inside of the car. There is no waiting, loading, or unloading in a No Parking area.

## Parking

We have lots of street parking along Woodlands Park. School staff monitor this area after school. Families can park and meet their child on the playground, or students can walk along the sidewalk until they spot their child.

Additionally, the information available on the Appleton Area School District (AASD) website is well-organized, appreciated, and serves as a valuable resource for families:

<https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/families/family-resources/school-safety-preparedness/traffic-parking-around-our-schools>

Thank you for your continued support in creating a safe and orderly environment for all.



Queridas familias,

Al prepararnos para el inicio del nuevo año escolar, el Servicio de Estacionamiento de Appleton desea enfatizar la importancia de seguir las normas legales de estacionamiento durante la entrada y salida de estudiantes. Todas nuestras zonas están marcadas como: zonas de carga, zonas de no estacionamiento y zonas de estacionamiento.

**Zonas de carga y descarga:** El adulto DEBE permanecer en el coche. Esto es solo para subir y bajar del coche. Es para dejar y recoger a los niños del kínder. Hay adultos afuera que ayudarán a su hijo a subir al coche. Estacionar y dejar el coche en una zona de carga y descarga resultará en una multa.

**Zonas de Prohibido Estacionar:** No se permite estacionar en ningún momento en esta zona. Preste mucha atención a los cruces peatonales. No puede estacionar su auto en un cruce peatonal, ni siquiera dentro del vehículo. No se permite esperar, subir ni bajar pasajeros en una zona de Prohibido Estacionar.

### Estacionamiento

Disponemos de amplio estacionamiento en la calle a lo largo de Woodlands Park. El personal escolar supervisa esta área después de clases. Las familias pueden estacionar y esperar a sus hijos en el patio de recreo, o los estudiantes pueden caminar por la acera hasta encontrarlos.

Además, la información disponible en el sitio web del Distrito Escolar del Área de Appleton (AASD) está bien organizada, es muy apreciada y constituye un recurso valioso para las familias:

<https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/families/family-resources/school-safety-preparedness/traffic-parking-around-our-schools>

Gracias por su continuo apoyo para crear un entorno seguro y ordenado para todos.

Success for  
Every Student,  
Every Day



**Project ADAM**  
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## Heart Safe School Designation Letter to School Community

Dear Community,

Horizons Elementary School is pleased to inform you that we have joined a community effort to implement a sustainable and comprehensive CPR and AED program. This decision is the result of our wish to make our buildings safe for our students, visitors and employees.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) occurs when the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating, cutting off blood flow to the brain and other vital organs. SCA is fatal if not treated immediately. Having access to an AED as well as having a written plan and a team of CPR/AED-trained staff ready to act in an emergency can save the life of someone suffering a SCA during those critical first few minutes. Through our cooperative efforts with **Project ADAM** and **Children's Hospital of Wisconsin**, we have joined hundreds of schools throughout the state of Wisconsin and beyond in preparing our school for a life-threatening emergency. This program enables us to offer any person who may experience a Sudden Cardiac Arrest during regular school hours, the best chance for survival.

Horizons currently has an AED in the building. The AED is stored in a wall cabinet. When the cabinet door is opened, a loud alarm will sound. This alerts everyone that there is a potential emergency. Our school has a maintenance plan in place for the units. The AEDs are designed to work effectively unless they are tampered with. Additionally, the AED will not shock a person unless it detects a shockable rhythm (ventricular fibrillation).

Staff has been trained to assist with an emergency during regular school hours. After school hours and during the summer, this is a Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program. If you suspect someone is experiencing a Sudden Cardiac Arrest, please feel free to use the equipment at our school. Good Samaritan laws protect the layperson in a life-saving attempt, although we recommend becoming trained in CPR/AED use as an investment in your health and the health of others. Our local Emergency Medical Services and AASD Medical Director are aware of our procedures for the program.

*"Project ADAM is a national, non-profit organization committed to saving lives through advocacy, education, preparedness and collaboration to prevent sudden cardiac death. Our affiliate programs improve the cardiac chain of survival in schools and communities in memory of Adam Lemel, a 17-year-old Whitefish Bay, WI, high school student who collapsed and died while playing basketball at school."*

Many thanks for your participation in this important Heart Safe initiative in our school. To see our school on the Project ADAM map, visit [www.projectadamwi.com](http://www.projectadamwi.com).

Sincerely,

AASD District Nursing Staff