

THE HORIZONS WAY

NEWSLETTER

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Principal/Dean News

Hello Families,

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for entrusting us with the privilege of educating and nurturing your children. We take this responsibility very seriously and are committed to providing a safe, inclusive and engaging environment where every child can thrive.

Please remember we are in cold and flu season and encourage healthy habits. Please follow the district guidelines as to when to keep your child home from school.

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: January 12, 6:00

Email:

Horizonsfamilynetworkpto@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

- Dec 12 Family Movie Night
- Dec 17-23 Holiday Dress Up Days
- Dec 24-Jan 4 No School

Contact Info

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Horizons-Elementary@aasd.k12.wi.us

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HOJA INFORMATIVA DICIEMBRE 2025

Noticias del director/decano

Hola familias,

Nos gustaría expresar nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a todos y cada uno de ustedes por confiarnos el privilegio de educar y formar a sus hijos. Nos tomamos esta responsabilidad muy en serio y nos comprometemos a proporcionar un entorno seguro, inclusivo y atractivo en el que todos los niños puedan desarrollar todo su potencial.

Recuerden que estamos en temporada de resfriados y gripe, por lo que les recomendamos adoptar hábitos saludables. Siguen las indicaciones del distrito sobre cuándo deben mantener a sus hijos en casa y no enviarlos a la escuela.

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: 12 de enero, 6:00

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Upcoming Events

- 12 de diciembre Noche de cine familiar
- 17-23 de diciembre Días para disfrazarse durante las vacaciones
- Del 24 de diciembre al 4 de enero no hay clases.

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Dear Horizons' Families,

In December, I will be teaching our Second Step Child Protection lessons during Lifelong Skills in grades K-6. The lessons will include the following information.

- **SECOND STEP® - Child Protection Unit curriculum target skills (Recognize, Report, Refuse):**
 - Recognize- safe/unsafe touches, unsafe situations, uncomfortable feelings
 - Report- who are safe trusted adults at home, community, and school and how to get help
 - Refuse- teaching students to use an assertive voice to say NO and never keep secrets

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the content of the lessons.

Thank you,
Christine Otto, Horizons School Counselor



Estimadas familias de Horizons,

En diciembre, impartiré nuestras lecciones de protección infantil "Second Step" durante la asignatura de Habilidades para toda la vida en los grados K-6. Las lecciones incluirán la siguiente información.

SECOND STEP® - Plan de estudios de la unidad de protección infantil Habilidades objetivo (reconocer, denunciar, rechazar):

Reconocer: tocamientos seguros/inseguros, situaciones inseguras, sentimientos incómodos.

Reportar: quiénes son los adultos de confianza en casa, en la comunidad y en la escuela, y cómo obtener ayuda.

Rechazar: enseñar a los alumnos a usar una voz firme para decir NO y a nunca guardar secretos.

Si tienen alguna pregunta o inquietud sobre el contenido de las lecciones, no duden en comunicarse conmigo.

Gracias,
Christine Otto, consejera escolar de Horizons

HOLIDAY DRESS UP DAYS
DÍAS PARA DISFRAZARSE DURANTE LAS
VACACIONES



December 17: Frost Bite Day/White Out Day

December 18: Crazy About Flannel Day

December 19: Pajama Day

December 22: Ugly Sweater/Silly Sock Day

December 23: Candy Cane Day



17 de diciembre: Día de congelación/Día de ventisca

18 de diciembre: Día de la locura por la franela

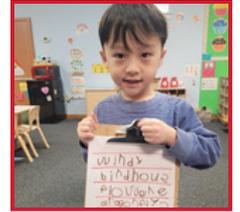
19 de diciembre: Pajama Day

22 de diciembre: Día del jersey feo/calcetines divertidos

23 de diciembre: Día del bastón de caramelo

*Do you know a child who will be 4 years old
on or before September 1st?*

APPLETON COMMUNITY 4K ENROLLMENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 9, 2026!



Why Appleton Community 4K?

- District-aligned curriculum for a seamless transition to kindergarten
- Highly qualified, 4-year-degree licensed teachers
- Morning, afternoon, and extended day classes
- 4-Day and 5-Day options
- Childcare available before and after classes at many locations
- Access to individualized supports for student success and early intervention

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

Our students learn through purposeful play guided by highly qualified teachers who engage in ongoing professional development. We embrace well-established research that play allows young learners to make connections and solidify newly learned skills. We carefully monitor and measure student growth, and our results consistently demonstrate that we meet or exceed the widely held expectations for 4K students. Aligned with the AASD Kindergarten curriculum, our curriculum includes early literacy, math, and social-emotional learning, such as kindness, making friends, and playing together.

We meet students with the skills they have when they arrive in 4K and use a positive, engaging classroom to build a lifelong love of learning through creativity, curiosity, problem-solving, and exploration.

2026-27 4K enrollment begins on February 9, 2026, at [4k.aasd.k12.wi.us!](https://4k.aasd.k12.wi.us)



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



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.



LO QUE DEBO USAR EN EL RECREO

PONGA EL NOMBRE DEL ALUMNO EN CADA ARTÍCULO, POR SI SE
PIERDE, ASEGURARUNA FÁCIL DEVOLUCIÓN

Si la sensación térmica es
de...

Tú debes usar...

Así es como se ve ...

<p>0° centígrados o menos</p>	<p>Debes usar las tres cosas: Chamarra, gorro y guantes</p> <hr/> <p>Si hay nieve - Debes usar pantalones y botas para nieve para salir del asfalto (<i>blacktop</i>)</p>	 <p>if snow</p>
<p>1° - 6° Centígrados</p>	<p>Debes usar una capa exterior con cierre (cremallera)</p> <hr/> <p>Si hay nieve en suelo, debes usar pantalones y botas para nieve para salir del asfalto.</p>	
<p>Por encima de 7° centígrados</p>	<p>Usar sudadera o chamarra ligera. Si no usas cualquiera de las dos opciones y sientes frío, no podrás regresar adentro para traer una.</p>	

Success for
Every Student,
Every Day



Project ADAM
SAVES LIVES

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.

Sincerely,

AASD District Nursing Staff