

THE HORIZONS WAY

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER
2025

Principal/Dean News

Hello Families,

It is a busy, exciting time at our school, filled with festive spirit and the anticipation of a well-deserved break. Our last day of school is December 23rd and school resumes on January 5th.

During the break, we hope you find moments to relax, connect with loved ones, and create cherished memories. Whether you're traveling or staying home, please prioritize safety and well-being.

We look forward to welcoming your children back in the new year, refreshed and ready for new learning. Until then, please have a peaceful, joyful, and healthy holiday season.

Mr. Ohlson, Principal
Mr. Puls, Dean

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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:

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Upcoming Events

- Dec 24-Jan 4 No School
- Jan 16 and 19 No School
- Jan 30 Winter Formal

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HOJA INFORMATIVA DICIEMBRE 2025

Noticias del director/decano

Hola familias,

Es una época muy agitada y emocionante en nuestra escuela, llena de espíritu festivo y la expectativa de unas merecidas vacaciones. Nuestro último día de clases es el 23 de diciembre y se reanuda el 5 de enero.

Durante las vacaciones, esperamos que encuentre momentos para relajarse, conectar con sus seres queridos y crear recuerdos inolvidables. Tanto si viaja como si se queda en casa, le rogamos que dé prioridad a la seguridad y al bienestar.

Esperamos con entusiasmo dar la bienvenida a sus hijos de regreso en el nuevo año, renovados y listos para nuevos aprendizajes. Hasta entonces, les deseamos unas vacaciones tranquilas, alegres y llenas de salud.

Sr. Ohlson, director
Sr. Puls, Decano

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Upcoming Events

- Del 24 de diciembre al 4 de enero no hay clases.
- 16 y 19 de enero No hay clases
- 30 de enero Baile de invierno

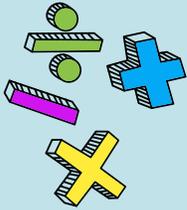
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Please Check Your Child's Take Home Folder



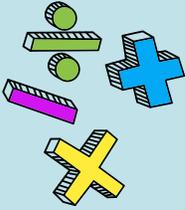
Between **January 5-9**, please review your child's
5K-5 take-home folder.

If your child receives small group reading or math support from a teacher, special education teacher, EL teacher, or literacy/math interventionist, you will find a progress update inside. These updates are shared every 8-10 weeks and show how your child is doing with the skills they are working on.

You will see:

- A progress monitoring report, and
- A cover letter explaining whether your child continues to grow and succeed. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Por favor, revisen la carpeta que su hijo/a lleva a casa.



Entre el **5 y el 9 de enero**, por favor, revisen la carpeta de tareas para llevar a casa de sus hijos **de 5K a 5º grado**.

Si su hijo recibe apoyo en lectura o matemáticas en grupos pequeños por parte de un maestro, un maestro de educación especial, un maestro de inglés como segundo idioma o un especialista en intervención de lectura/matemáticas, encontrará un informe de progreso en este documento. Estos informes se comparten cada 8 a 10 semanas e indican el progreso de su hijo en las habilidades que está trabajando.

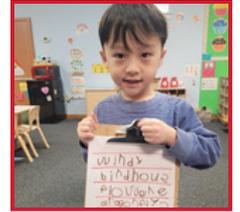
Verás:

*Un informe de seguimiento del progreso, y

*Una carta de presentación que explique si su hijo/a continúa creciendo y progresando. Si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en ponerse en contacto con el/la maestro/a de su hijo/a.

*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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HAND WASHING CAN SAVE LIVES!



Hand washing is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Many diseases and illnesses are spread by not washing hands with soap and water. It is best to wash your hands with soap and clean running water for 20 seconds. Although soap and water are more effective at removing germs, alcohol-based hand rubs significantly reduce the number of germs on skin and are fast acting.

Per the CDC, handwashing:

- Reduces the number of people who get sick with diarrhea by 23-40%
- Reduces diarrheal illness in people with weakened immune systems by 58%
- Reduces respiratory illnesses, like colds, in the general population by 16-21%
- Reduces absenteeism due to gastrointestinal illness in schoolchildren by 29-57%

When washing hands with soap and water:

- Wet your hands with clean running water and apply soap. Use warm water if it is available.
- Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub all surfaces, making sure to clean in between fingers, thumbs, the back of your hand and your wrists
- Continue rubbing hands for 20 seconds. Need a timer? Imagine singing "Happy Birthday" twice to a friend!
- Rinse hands well under running water
- Dry your hands using a paper towel or air dryer. If possible, use your paper towel to turn off the faucet

Remember: If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer to clean hands.

When using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer:

- Apply product to the palm of one hand
- Rub hands together
- Rub the product over all surfaces of hands and fingers until hands are dry.

When should you wash your hands?

- Before preparing or eating food
- After going to the bathroom
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has gone to the bathroom
- Before and after tending to someone who is sick
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After handling an animal or animal waste
- After handling garbage
- Anytime your hands are visibly dirty
- Before and after treating a cut or wound



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¡LAVARSE LAS MANOS PUEDE SALVAR VIDAS!



Lavarse las manos es uno de los pasos más importantes que podemos tomar para evitar enfermarnos y propagar los gérmenes a los demás. Muchas enfermedades y padecimientos se transmiten por no lavarse las manos con agua y jabón. Lo mejor es lavarse las manos con agua limpia corriente y jabón durante 20 segundos. Aunque el agua y el jabón son más eficaces para eliminar los gérmenes, los desinfectantes de manos a base de alcohol reducen significativamente la cantidad de gérmenes en la piel y actúan rápidamente.

Según los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC), lavarse las manos:

- Reduce el número de personas que se enferman con diarrea en un 23–40%.
- Reduce las enfermedades diarreicas en personas con sistemas inmunitarios debilitados en un 58%.
- Reduce las enfermedades respiratorias, como los resfriados, en la población general en un 16–21%.
- Reduce el ausentismo escolar debido a enfermedades gastrointestinales en un 29–57%.

Al lavarse las manos con agua y jabón:

- Moje sus manos con agua limpia corriente y aplique jabón. Use agua tibia si está disponible.
- Frote las manos para formar espuma y restriegue todas las superficies, asegurándose de limpiar entre los dedos, los pulgares, el dorso de las manos y las muñecas.
- Siga frotando las manos durante 20 segundos. ¿Necesita medir el tiempo? ¡Imagine que canta “Feliz cumpleaños” dos veces seguidas!
- Enjuáguese bien las manos con agua corriente.
- Séquese las manos con una toalla de papel o con un secador de aire. Si es posible, use la toalla de papel para cerrar el grifo.

Recuerde: Si no hay agua y jabón disponibles, use un desinfectante de manos a base de alcohol para limpiarlas.

Al usar un desinfectante de manos a base de alcohol:

- Aplique el producto en la palma de una mano.
- Frótese las manos.
- Frote el producto por todas las superficies de las manos y los dedos hasta que las manos estén secas.

¿Cuándo debe lavarse las manos?

- Antes de preparar o comer alimentos.
- Después de ir al baño.
- Después de cambiar pañales o limpiar a un niño que ha ido al baño.
- Antes y después de atender a alguien que esté enfermo.
- Después de sonarse la nariz, toser o estornudar.
- Después de tocar un animal o sus desechos.
- Después de manejar basura.
- Siempre que las manos estén visiblemente sucias.
- Antes y después de curar un corte o una herida.

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