

HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY

ODYSSEY MAGNET



**FEBRUARY 2026
HAPPY WINTER!!**

Highlands/Odyssey
Elementary
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What's For Breakfast & Lunch

[February Breakfast Menu](#)

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Highlands/Odyssey Vocal Music Concerts

Thursday, February 12th at 2:30 p.m.

Highlands/Odyssey 4th & 5th Grade and Choir

Thursday, March 5th at 2:30 p.m.

Highlands/Odyssey 2nd and 3rd Grade

Tuesday, March 10th at 2:45 p.m.

Highlands Kindergarten and 1st Grade



Yearbook Ordering

Yearbook ordering is open! Please visit the link below and enter our school code to order yours today. Order Link: harmann.com/ordering School Specific Code: HIODYB

Best pricing for yearbooks is available until March 10th. After March 10th, prices will increase and upgrades will no longer be available. Click [here](#) for additional information.



Highlands Elementary School & Odyssey Magnet School

Kari Krueger, Principal
Michael Dexheimer, Associate Principal

Hello Tigers and Owls!

I cannot believe we are into the second semester of this school year. Time is flying, and our students are learning and growing!

You received digital access to your child's report card via Infinite Campus and have been provided a printed copy at your student's Parent Teacher Conference (some of those conferences were Tuesday with the rest of them being held tonight, Thursday). Please review this document alongside all the assessment data and work samples shared with you at your student's conference: celebrate your student's strengths as well as set goals for how he/she can improve. This shared commitment between school and home is important. Thank you for attending your student's conference and partnering with us in your child's education.

Although the cold weather delayed the high anticipated **Family Glow Dance** sponsored by our PTO, it has been **rescheduled for March 13th**. Please watch for a signup to come out as the date draws closer both to mark your attendance and availability to help. Note, **a grownup is required to accompany a student into the dance and stay with him/her in the designated school area for the duration of the event**. This is a fun, and free, way to meet other students and families from our site!

I also want to take a moment and remind you that our spring **music concerts** begin soon with the first being on **February 12th** for our **4th and 5th graders**. The concert begins at **2:30pm** in our gym, and we can't wait to show you what our intermediate students have been preparing!

As always, reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Krueger
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 5th - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:15 pm

February 6th - No Boys & Girls Club

February 9th - PTO Meeting - 3:45-4:45 pm (LMC)

February 12th - Music Concert - Highlands & Odyssey Gr. 4 & 5 and Choir - 2:30 pm

February 16th - No School - Staff Development

February 17th - Elementary Arbitrary Monday

February 20th - Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser (PTO Sponsored)

February 23rd-27th - Attendance Spirit Week

February 26th - Odyssey Interim Showcase - 6:30-7:15 pm

March 5th - Music Concert - Highlands & Odyssey Gr. 2 & 3 - 2:30 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. Thanks!
- 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.
- If you are picking your child up early, call the office (920-852-5480) when you are about five minutes away. We will call your student down and send them out to your vehicle when you arrive.
- Please make after school plans with your children in the morning before school. This helps avoid interruptions to classrooms while students are learning.
- 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.
- During the cold months, we see an increase in Health Room visits due to chapped lips. If you are able, please send lip balm with your student if they have chapped lips. This helps eliminate time out of the classroom and we do not have a large enough supply for every student.

ATTENDANCE SPIRIT WEEK

CELEBRATING POSITIVE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ALL WEEK

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23-FEBRUARY 27

~It's better when you're here~

MONDAY

"BRIGHT FUTURES START WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE"

Wear neon or bright colors!



TUESDAY

"WE ARE TEAMING UP FOR GREAT ATTENDANCE"



Wear your favorite sports team apparel or favorite team colors

WEDNESDAY

"DON'T SNOOZE ON SCHOOL, BE ON TIME!"

Pajama Day



THURSDAY

"HEAD FOR SUCCESS WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE"



Hat Day

FRIDAY

"WE SHOW UP TOGETHER!"

Wear our school colors





WELCOME TO MEET MY MILESTONES



The Appleton Area School District is excited to offer Meet My Milestones, a free parent/child preschool intervention group designed for 3-4 year-old children in the year prior to 4K.

Recognizing that parents are their child's first and most important teachers, this program empowers families to engage in teacher-led activities that promote learning, build friendships, and develop essential school readiness skills.

Parents will gain valuable resources and work alongside their child to support developmental milestones in areas such as speaking, listening, thinking, social skills, and movement. Parents must stay with their children and are encouraged to participate in the activities. If you sign up, please plan to attend all 8 sessions, as spots are limited.

Session 1: January 7 – February 27
 Session 2: March 4 – May 1
 Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
 Times: 8:45-10:00 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM
 912 N. Oneida St. Appleton

PROGRAM FEATURES :

- ✓ Parent/Child Class for 3 year olds/8 week sessions
- ✓ learn about typical 3 year old milestones
- ✓ Help your child meet milestones through play

ENROLL NOW

Scan QR Code

or call 920-832-6109




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!](http://4k.aasd.k12.wi.us)




Find more information here!
 ¡Encuentra más información aquí!
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News from the School Nurse:

[February Newsletter](#)

[Feb. Newsletter - Spanish](#)

[Feb .Newsletter - Hmong](#)

News from the AASD Birth-Five Outreach Program:

[February Newsletter](#)

[3-5 Year Developmental](#)



From the Counselor

The mindfulness technique we practiced in January was The Camera. This activity works the active memory and observation skills. We ask students to look around and notice something in a category (blue, round etc.) They spend a few moments noticing, then close their eyes and see how many things they can remember. Then they open their eyes and check if they were correct. The Camera helps students to expand their observation beyond one thing-this can lead to better observation skills in many areas including reading body language, tone of voice and other interpersonal cues.

In February, we will be using our powers of listening.

In January we learned about scared feelings. Scared feelings are feelings of the unknown. It's not knowing what's going to happen that causes all of our scared feelings. Kids want comfort when they are scared. They are also helped when they can consider what's scary in a new way. Sometimes it's as simple as asking them how likely it is to come true. Another help is asking them what the worst case scenario is and what they would/could do. Helping them plan makes it less "unknown" and therefore less scary. And it's always important to identify where they feel the physical sensations of fear in their body.

We love seeing your child every day. We understand that there may be occasions when students need to be absent, but it is so important that students are attending school. While kids come to school to learn academic skills, they also have a wonderful opportunity to build relationships, learn cooperation, empathy and improve emotional regulation. It allows students to learn multiple perspectives and promotes a sense of belonging. All of these, in turn, help students develop a sense of self, community and safety. All important elements of their development. If your family is struggling with getting kids to school, please reach out to see what resources we may have to help.

Lunchroom Help Needed



We are looking for help during our lunch hour from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m each day (there is some flexibility in the days/times). This is a volunteer or paid position and is a great opportunity to work with the wonderful students in our building! Contact Mrs. Krueger or Mr. Dexheimer in the office if you are interested.

Tri-County Dental Program

Tri-County Dental is offering an oral health program for children at Highlands & Odyssey that DO NOT HAVE DENTAL INSURANCE. The program includes: a dental exam, cleaning, x-rays, fillings, fluoride treatments and oral health education. Click the link below for additional information including how to register.

[Tri-County Dental Program](#)

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.

Summer School

Summer school registration will be done online via the Parent Portal and will open on April 13th. 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](#)

Clothing & Winter Gear Donations

We are in need of boys and girls pants sizes 5-10 to keep for students that may need to change their clothes during the school day. We are also looking for donations of new or gently used winter gear for students in need, especially warm mittens or gloves.

Please bring any donations to the office.

The Social Work Spotlight

Please reach out to Katie Yoder, School Social Worker if you need assistance with any of the following:

- Housing
- Food Resources
- Clothing Resources
- Mental Health Resources

WORK PHONE: 920-852-5480 EXT 29157

CALL/TEXT: 920-515-0216

EMAIL: yoderkatie@aasd.k12.wi.us

Highlands & Odyssey Food Closet

Staff and community members came together to organize a food drive in support of our students and families. Thanks to generous donations, we've collected a range of non-perishable, shelf-stable items that can be used for multiple meals and provide lasting support in the months ahead. If you would like to pick up food for your family, please contact Katie Yoder, Sarah Hestres, or the front office to schedule a time.

Additional Resources

1. Download the APP "Food Finder" enter your zip code and food pantries near you will appear on a map along with their hours and additional details
2. [Mental Health Resources](#)
3. [Crisis Resources](#)
4. [Food Resources](#)

**PTO
Meeting**

When: Monday, Feb. 9th

Where: LMC

Time: 3:45-4:45 pm

All are welcome!

Upcoming Fundraisers

Buffalo Wild Wings

4601 W. College Ave.

Friday, February 20th

11:00 a.m - 1:00 a.m.

**READY,
SET...
GLOW!**

Join
us
for

**HIGHLANDS & ODYSSEY
GLOW DANCE**

NEW DATE

FRIDAY MARCH 13TH, 2026

6:00 - 7:30 pm

School Gym

**Families Welcome!
Adult Must Be Present**

Drinks & Snacks will be Available



EARN CASH FOR SCHOOLS WITH BOX TOPS

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

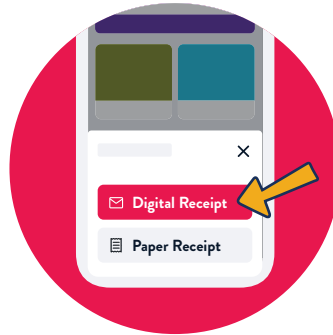
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in the app



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receipts in the app



CONNECT
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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.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfecom.com)

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APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:



Congratulations TOPS Quarter 2 Winners!



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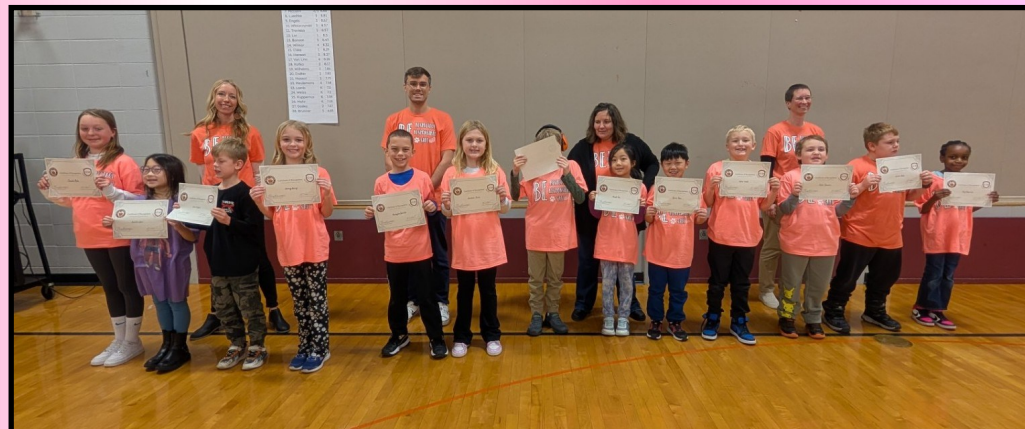
1ST GRADE



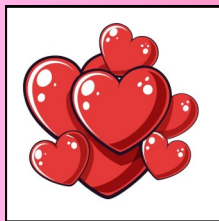
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3RD GRADE



4TH GRADE



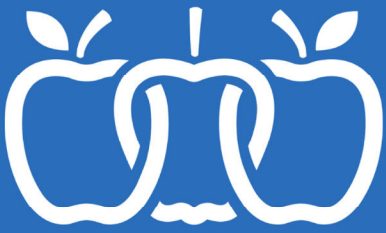
5TH GRADE



ODYSSEY 2 & 3

ODYSSEY 4 & 5





APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM

REFERENDUM INFO SESSIONS

The Appleton Area School District invites all community members to attend an upcoming Referendum Information Session. Each session will feature a brief presentation explaining the April 7 operational referendum, followed by time for questions and discussion.

DATE / TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.	Madison Middle School Auditorium 2020 S. Carpenter St.
Thursday, Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.	Kaleidoscope Academy Commons 318 E. Brewster St.
Friday, Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m.	Einstein Middle School Commons 324 E. Florida Ave.
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m.	Virtual Session
Sunday, Feb. 22, 1:00 p.m.	AASD Welcome Center 2701 North Oneida St., Suite C3
Thursday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.	Wilson Middle School Multipurpose Room 225 N. Badger Ave.
Sunday, March 15, 1:00 p.m.	Einstein Middle School Commons 324 E. Florida Ave.
Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.	Virtual Session
Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.	AASD Welcome Center 2701 North Oneida St., Suite C3

These sessions are designed to share clear, factual information and help community members feel informed and prepared ahead of the spring election. **Open to all staff, families, and community residents.**

Find more info and virtual session links at www.aasd.k12.wi.us/referendum.










Accessibility requests should be directed to Kayla Malott at malottkayla@asd.k12.wi.us or (920) 852-5300 ext. 60111 at least 24 hours before the session.

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

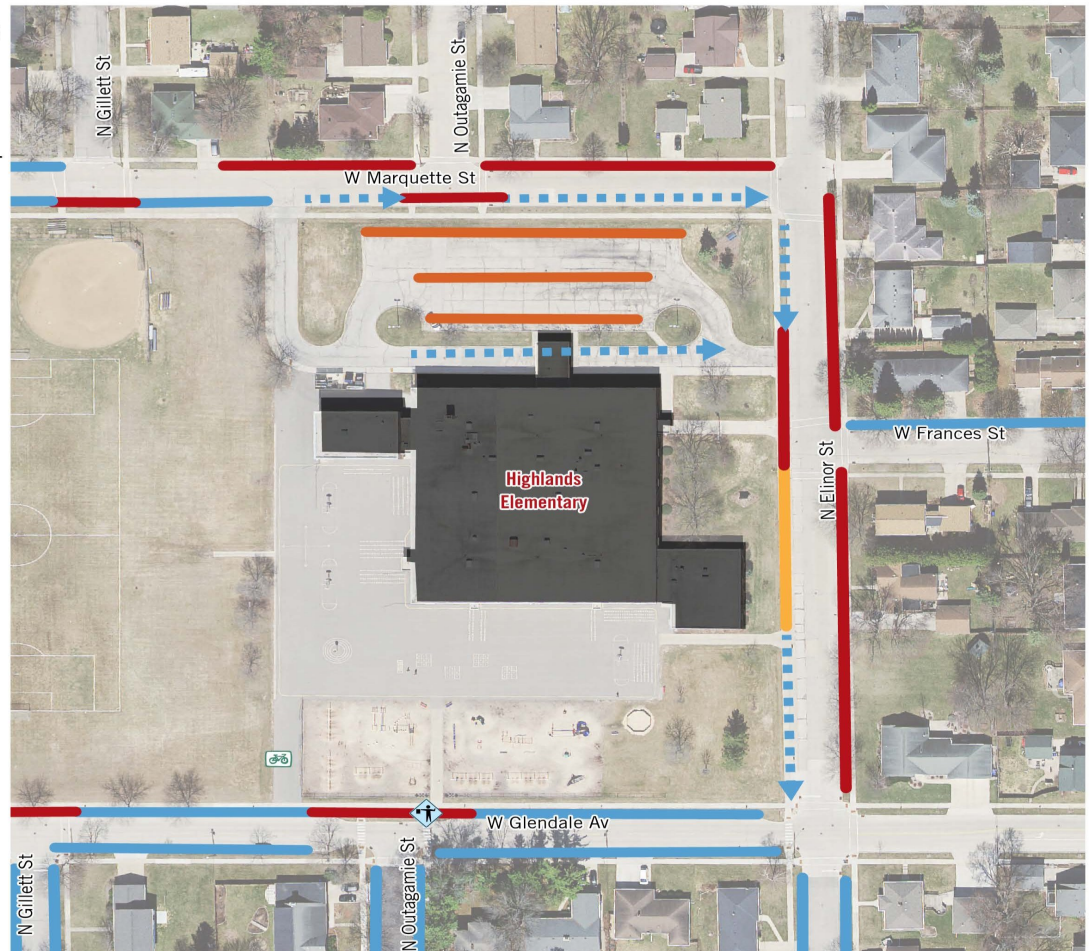


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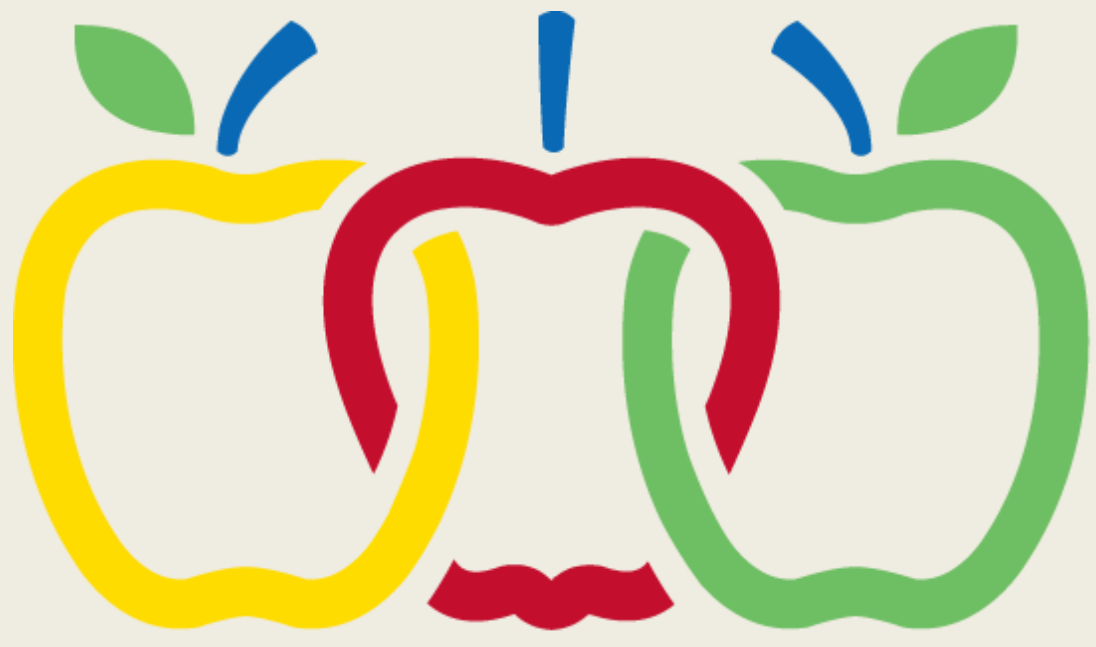
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Safe Routes to School Information & Map

- 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.



AASD



Help for the Homeless **HYGIENE DRIVE**

Feb 23 - Mar 13

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO SCHOOL

Learn more



Most urgent needs

Laundry detergent
Dish soap
Hand soap
Trashbags

Trash bags
Diapers/Pull ups
Deodorant
Wipes

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
2-in-1 Shampoo
Shower gel
and more.....



TERROR PAWS PLAY SKOOL



(HS STUDENTS GAIN
TEACHING
EXPERIENCE)

Children **MUST** be
potty-trained!

AGES: 2 1/2--
5 YEARS OLD

\$10
PER CHILD

DATES:
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
FEB 10, 12, 19, 24, 26
MAR 3, 5, 12, 17, 19

9AM-11AM

MEETING AT DOOR #13
WINNEBAGO ST- ROOM 218

SERVICES

- HS Students teach the lessons!
- Literacy, creativity
- Social Development
- Motor Development

SPOTS ARE LIMITED

DUE TO LIMITED SPACE
WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT THE
FIRST 15 CHILDREN.

SIGN UP HERE:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/JSY
WD1U5KYA7QFUR6](https://forms.gle/JSYWD1U5KYA7QFUR6)



Contact / Questions:
BERNDTJENNIFER@AASD.K12.WI.US

APPLETON WEST HS
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Appleton Little League 2026 Registration



REGISTRATION OPEN
MINOR/MAJOR - until February 15
ROOKIE - until March 29
TEE BALL - until April 12

REGISTER EARLY!
AppletonLittleLeague.org

Level	Games	Opening Day Event
Tee Ball	Tue/Thu	Saturday, May 16
Rookie	Mon/Wed	Saturday, May 2
Minor	Tue/Thu	Saturday, May 2
Major	Mon/Wed	Saturday, May 2

- **Games played weekday evenings**, from early May to the end of June
- **Individual player development** through team practices
- **In-season and post-season tournaments** for most divisions
- **Discounted participation fees** for other Appleton LL seasons & events
- **Financial aid is available** (no player is ever turned away due to the inability to pay)
- **Volunteers and coaches needed** - please help any way you can!
- **Registration open to Appleton and surrounding communities**
- **No player is turned away** (not guaranteed if registering past deadline)
- **No residency/school requirements** for players league ages 4-7

**NEW: EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
IF REGISTERED IN DECEMBER**

For more information and to register, go to www.AppletonLittleLeague.org

Have registration questions? Please email Registration@AppletonLittleLeague.org

Any other questions, please visit the "Connect » Board" page on our web site to contact one of our volunteer leaders



Little League Softball

Girls Tee Ball & Softball

SB "League Age" determined as of 12/31/2025

Softball League Ages 4-12



Girls Softball
TEE BALL (4-6)

Introduction to Softball

Girls Softball ROOKIE (6-8)

*Instructional, coach (machine) pitch
6's subject to availability, passing skills assessment*

Girls Softball MINOR (8-11)

*Developmental, player pitch
Tryout/draft required for all players
8's subject to availability, passing skills assessment*

Girls Softball MAJOR (10-12)

*Competitive, player pitch
Tryout/draft required for non-returning Major
New in 2025, continuing in 2026: 10-year-olds may try out for Major and 11-year-olds not ready for Major may be drafted to a Minor team*



Little League Baseball

Co-ed Tee Ball & Baseball

BB "League Age" determined as of 8/31/2026

Baseball League Ages 4-12



Co-ed Baseball
TEE BALL (4-6)

Introduction to Baseball

*Beginner (all 4-year-olds & first-year 5-year-olds)
Advanced (5-year-olds w/ 1 yr. experience; all 6's)*

Co-ed Baseball ROOKIE (6-8)

*Instructional, coach (machine) pitch
6's subject to availability, passing skills assessment*

Co-ed Baseball MINOR (8-11)

*Developmental, player pitch
Tryout/draft required for all players
8's subject to availability, passing skills assessment*

Co-ed Baseball MAJOR (10-12)

*Competitive, player pitch
Tryout/draft required for non-returning Major*



Appleton Little League



AppletonLL

REGISTER NOW



No web access to register?

Please call or text 920.944.8081



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Monthly Newsletter

February 2026



What is the Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program?

The FFVP provides students with a healthy fruit or vegetable and is free to all elementary school students! FFVP is provided everyday, but not during breakfast or lunch. The program features a variety of unique, and sometimes new fruits and vegetables to students that they may not otherwise not have had the opportunity to sample. To find out more about the program, please check out WI's FFVP webpage, dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/programs/fresh-fruit-vegetable.



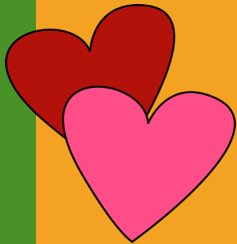
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SPOTLIGHT

What's on the menu this month?



Red Plum

- Dried Plums are sometimes called Prunes and they are a GREAT snack!
- Plums are high in Vitamins A and C. They also high in Fiber.
- Plums grow on trees and like lots of sun.



Plant Power Did You Know?

On average, plant foods contain 64 times the antioxidant levels of animal foods! Antioxidants protect our bodies against harmful substances and keep us healthy.



Fun Facts

Colored Cauliflower: The colors are NOT fake. None of the colors are made with dyes or paint. They are all grown naturally by the plant.

It's Magic.... squeeze lemon juice on cooked purple cauliflower, the color will get brighter.

Fruit Cocktail Popsicles

Ingredients:

1-(20oz) can of fruit cocktail with juice, popsicle mold, or paper cups with sticks.

Instructions:

1. Spoon canned fruit with juice into molds/cups. If using paper cups, partially freeze (1-2 hours) before inserting sticks to keep them straight. Freeze until solid.. Enjoy!!!



Why should you eat fruits and vegetables?

Most fruits are low in fat, sodium and calories. Fruits do not have cholesterol. Vitamin A keeps eyes and skin healthy and helps protect against infections. (USDA MyPlate)

The best way to get more nutrients is to eat fruits and vegetables of many different colors.
















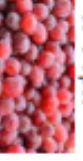





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February

2026

FFVP

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Snack Apple 	2 Mandarin Orange 	3 Veggie Medley 	4 Honeydew 	5 Green Apple Slices 	6	7
8 Snack Apple 	9 Red Plum 	10 Colored Cauliflower 	11 Apple/Grape Combo 	12 Parsnip Sticks 	13	14
15 NO SCHOOL	16 Snack Apple 	17 Turnip Stick 	18 Cantaloupe 	19 Red Grapes 	20	21
22 Snack Apple 	23 Peach 	24 Rainbow Carrots 	25 Mixed Fruit 	26 Pineapple 	27	28

*Menu is subject to change without notice