

THE HORIZONS WAY

FEBRUARY 2026

Principal/Dean News

Hello Families,

We invite all parents and guardians to join us for our next HFN meeting on March 9. This is a great opportunity to connect, share ideas, and learn more about how we can continue supporting our students and school together. We hope to see you there!

Please remember there will be no school on February 16. We hope our students enjoy the day off, and we appreciate your support in planning accordingly.

Attendance week is just around the corner! Regular attendance plays a critical role in student success, and we'll be highlighting the importance of being present and on time each day. We will have dress up days and many fun activities. Thank you for partnering with us to help our students build strong attendance habits.

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: March 9, 6:00

Email:

Horizonsfamilynetworkpto@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

- Happening now Yearbook Orders
- Feb 16 No School
- Feb 22 - 27 Attendance Week
- Feb. 23-Mar. 13 Hygiene Drive
- Feb 27 Bingo Night

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Noticias del director/decano

Hola familias,

Invitamos a todos los padres y tutores a asistir a nuestra próxima reunión de HFN el 9 de marzo. Es una gran oportunidad para conectar, compartir ideas y aprender más sobre cómo podemos seguir apoyando juntos a nuestros estudiantes y a la escuela. ¡Esperamos verlos allí!

Recuerden que el 16 de febrero no habrá clases. Esperamos que nuestros estudiantes disfruten del día libre y agradecemos su apoyo para hacer los planes correspondientes.

¡La Semana de la Asistencia está a la vuelta de la esquina! La asistencia regular desempeña un papel fundamental en el éxito de los estudiantes, y destacaremos la importancia de estar presentes y llegar puntuales todos los días. Tendremos días de disfraces y muchas actividades divertidas. Gracias por colaborar con nosotros para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes a desarrollar buenos hábitos de asistencia.

SR. Ohlson, director
SR. Puls, Decano

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Upcoming Events

- 16 de febrero No hay clases
- 23-27 de febrero Semana de asistencia
- 23 de febrero - 13 de marzo Campaña de higiene
- 27 Febrero Noche de bingo

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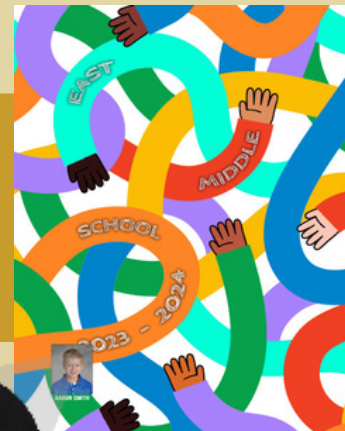
UNA GRAN OPCIÓN PARA MÁS RECUERDOS Y PERSONALIZAR TU ANUARIO!

Opciones de actualización solo disponibles hasta el 10 de marzo

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SOLO \$6

Personalízalo con tu nombre y foto del colegio. ¡Nunca mezcles los anuarios con los de tus hermanos ni los pierdas en la escuela!



DESCUENTOS Y ACTUALIZACIONES ELIMINADOS DESPUÉS DEL 10 DE MARZO

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STUDIOS



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.



AASD



HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

HYGIENE DONATION DRIVE



February 23–March 13, 2026

WHY IT MATTERS

Over **500 AASD students** are experiencing homelessness. Your donations provide **care, dignity**, and basic necessities across our district.



WHAT TO DONATE

Cleaning Supplies

- Bleach
- Dish soap
- Disinfectant cleaner
- Kitchen trash bags
- Laundry soap

Feminine Care & Paper Products

- Facial tissue
- Paper towels
- Toilet tissue
- Pads
- Tampons



LAST YEAR'S IMPACT

In 2025, **AASD** schools donated **over \$723,000** in hygiene supplies—supporting our students facing homelessness.

THANK YOU!

Your participation meets the basic needs of **AASD** students and families.

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IEP 101: Understanding Your Child's IEP

 **February 18**

 **6:00–7:00 PM**

 **James Madison Middle School Auditorium**




Join us for a parent education session designed to help families better understand the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and the special education process.

This session will provide a broad overview of IEP components and the IEP process to help parents feel informed and confident.

Information will be shared by the AASD Special Education Administration. Sponsored by the AASD Special Education Parent Advisory Council.

All parents and caregivers are welcome!





Appleton Area School District

Summer School 2026: Horizons Elementary

June 9 – July 3 (No classes on June 19)

Daily Schedule

8:00–8:30 AM — Free Breakfast
 8:30–11:30 AM — Summer School Classes
 11:30 AM–12:00 PM — Free Lunch
 11:30 AM–5:30 PM — YMCA after care: to enroll, schoolage@ymcafoxcities.org

Contacts

School Site Coordinator: Pam West • westpamela@asds.k12.wi.us
Coordination Specialist: Karrie Kadolph • kadolphkarrie@asds.k12.wi.us
Summer School Director: Todd Kadolph • kadolphtodd@asds.k12.wi.us
Summer School Office: (920) 852-5332

Registration Details

Current AASD Students & Returning Private School Students

- Families will receive an email or message on the parent portal on **April 13** with assigned summer school site access.
- Enrollment will be open to the school the student will attend the next school year.
- Private school students will have access to their previous summer school site.
- To request a different site, please contact kadolphkarrie@asds.k12.wi.us or call (920) 852-5332.

New Private School Students

- Families should complete the registration form on the next page and return to the school you'd like the student to attend.

Course Registration Opens: April 20

- Families register through the **Infinite Campus Parent Portal:** <https://portal.asds.k12.wi.us>
- Student's finalized schedules and fees will also be available for viewing in the Portal within one week after registering the student.
- Fees may be paid online, also through the portal.
- Online registration will close on June 1st; however, registration forms may be dropped off at the school site after that time.


Need help logging in? Contact the Helpdesk: helpdesk@asds.k12.wi.us • (920) 852-5555 ext. 63159.

Class Offerings

Students should enroll in classes for the grade they will enter next fall.

8:30AM - 9:30AM Class (grade next fall)	9:30AM – 10:30AM Class (grade next fall)	10:30AM – 11:30AM Class (grade next fall)
Marvelous Math Minds (3)	Marvelous Math Minds (4-6)	Marvelous Math Minds (2)
Reading Adventures (2)	Reading Adventures (3)	Reading Adventures (4-6)
Curiosity Quest(2-4)	Little Scientists Lab (2-4)	STEM Innovators Challenge (3-6)
Crafty Kids Art Lab (2-3)	Jewels & Craft Creation (2-3)	Creative Craft Studio (4-6)
Gym & Playground Games (4-6)	Gym & Playground Games (2-3)	Teamwork & Games (2-6)
Tasty Travel Adventures (3-6)	Tasty Travel Adventures (3-6)	Stories & Snack-Time Fun (2-3)
Board Game Bonanza (2-5)	Home Alone Heroes (4-6)	Around-the-World Adventures (2-4)
Page-to-Performance Club (3-6)	Page-to-Performance Club (3-6)	Pom Dance (3-5)
Countdown to Kindergarten (entering 5K in the fall) (\$15) 8:30-11:30		
First Grade Bound (entering 1 st Grade in the fall) (\$15) 8:30-11:30		

Summer classes do not implement IEP services per WI DPI: <https://www.asds.k12.wi.us/programs-services/services/special-education/current-families/summer-school-participation-for-students-with-disabilities>



Appleton Area School District

Summer School 2026: Madison Middle

June 9 – July 3 (No classes on June 19)

Daily Schedule

8:15–8:45 AM — Free Breakfast
 8:45–11:45 AM — Summer School Classes
 11:45 AM–12:15 PM — Free Lunch
 11:45 AM–5:30 PM — Boys & Girls Club Program: to enroll, <https://www.bgclubfoxvalley.org/appleton/>

Contacts

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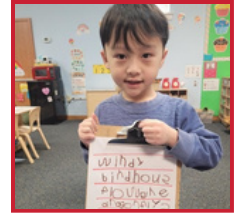
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8:45AM - 9:45AM Class (grade next fall)	9:45AM – 10:45AM Class (grade next fall)	10:45AM – 11:45AM Class (grade next fall)
Math Reinforcement (7)	Math Reinforcement (6)	Math Reinforcement (8-9)
English Language Arts (8-9)	English Language Arts (7)	English Language Arts (6)
Middle School 101 (6)	Middle School 101 (6)	Middle School 101 (6)
Cooking (6-9)	Cooking (6-9)	Cooking (6-9)
Weave, Knot & Stitch (6-9)	Art Studio (6-9)	Let's Get Crafting! (6-9)
Summer STEM Lab (6-9)	Summer STEM Lab (6-9)	Summer STEM Lab (6-9)
Mystery Science (6-9)	Rocket Building & Launch Lab (6-9)	Rocket Building & Launch Lab (6-9)
Volleyball (6-9)	Gym & Outdoor Games (6-9)	Gym & Outdoor Games (6-9)
Fitness Fun & Circuits (6-9)	Fitness Fun & Circuits (6-9)	Sports Science (6-9)
Authors & Actors (6-9)	Forensics- Speech and Debate (6-9)	Authors & Actors (6-9)
Math Puzzles & Brain Games (6-9)	Mindful Moves(6-9)	Life Hacks: Skills for Everyday Living (6-9)
Video Game Design (6-9)	Video Game Design (6-9)	Video Game Design (6-9)
Kindness Crew: Leadership & Service (6-9)	Board Game Builders (6-9)	Kindness Crew: Leadership & Service (6-9)
Group Drumming & Gamelan Experience (6-9)	Keyboards, Boomwhackers & Handbells (6-9)	Ukulele & Guitar Jam (6-9)

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*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!
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Appleton School Nurse Talks Health and Pickleball in Hallway Voices

by Rebecca Loroff Appleton Post-Crescent

In this week's Hallway Voices, we learned about how school nurses help take care of students' physical and mental health needs.

We talked to school nurse Sam Shoemaker, who works at Janet Berry and Horizons Elementary in Appleton. Shoemaker, who has been a nurse for 15 years. She moved to working in a school setting four years ago after school staff "really stepped up" to help one of her children, she said.

"I think a big piece of being a school nurse is being an advocate," she said. "So whether that's advocating to families for needs that students share with us or advocating to medical providers if we notice a pattern at school, and then advocating with teachers how we can best serve our students."

And, when she's not working or spending time with her family, she said she enjoys playing pickleball, gardening and raising her four chickens.

Here's what else she told us.

What happens in your typical day?

Sometimes it's difficult to describe our job because we are flipping between so many things at once. So many things can change so quickly. But overall, my job is to ensure the safety and the well-being of all students. So, that could be students with complex medical needs or students who come in with illness or injuries, as well as focusing on students' mental health.



Working at the elementary level, some students aren't able to say, "I'm anxious." They'll come to the health room and say, my stomach hurts, or I have a headache, or all these physical symptoms that are symptoms of anxiety. And so we work through ruling out illness or things that they're sick with and figuring out ways that we can help them get through that anxious feeling. And [we help them] develop coping skills so that they can manage that in class, or [work] with their family to get them outside resources if it's a pattern that we see.

What's the most common reason you see students?

[At Janet Berry Elementary], we do have a lot of students with complex medical needs. We're kind of a unique building for that. So a lot of my day is spent assessing and monitoring those students. So they could have seizure disorders, G-tube feedings, injuries like severe concussions, or genetic disorders that affect how they live and learn. So we assess them. We make sure that their basic needs are being met so they're able to work with their teachers to learn.

How is working in a school different from being in a clinical setting?

Because I'm not in every building, we have to be really good at planning and preparing for emergencies or unknowns. So I have staff that I train to handle, to identify an emergency, to handle an emergency, to potentially give emergency medications if I'm not in the building. It's a unique position to be the only medical provider in a building and not be connected with anyone. I'm not attached to a hospital. I'm not attached to a clinic. We just have to figure it out in the moment and how we can best help that student.

That's definitely a huge difference, but I think it's also the many roles that we play. So yes, I'm assessing students, but we're also doing almost social work, social worker-type stuff, like scheduling appointments, picking up medications. Whatever we can do to support that family is going to be helpful for that student at school as well, right? A stable start to your day is going to travel well into the school day.

How'd you get into pickleball?

I played tennis for Appleton West High School. And as you get older, tennis is kind of a tough sport to continue sometimes. And pickleball's a really easy transition. It's fun that you can play with all ages. I mean, I play with 80-year-olds or teenagers, and we can all play equally, which is amazing.

I am a pickleball addict. We had a staffwide wellness fair at Appleton North High School, so I got to teach staff how to play pickleball, which was really fun.

Tell me about your chickens.

I have four backyard chickens. I really like the idea of trying to grow and/or produce my own food. They're very sweet. I love them. We're hoping to get some more over spring break.

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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.

Sincerely,

AASD District Nursing Staff