

# THE HORIZONS WAY

FEBRUARY 2026

## Principal/Dean News

Hello Families,

As we wrap up February, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued partnership and support. This month has been full of learning, leadership, and school spirit.

Our 25-26 Yearbooks are available to order! This year's book will capture so many special memories, classroom highlights, special events, spirit days and student achievements.

We are proud to announce that our school is hosting a Hygiene Drive to support families in need with our school and community. Donations can be sent in with students through March 15. Thank you for helping us teach our students the importance of compassion, generosity, and service.

What an incredible Attendance Spirit week we had! Our students truly showed up and showed out - not just in their creative outfits, but in their commitment to being at school every day. Most importantly, we saw a noticeable boost in daily attendance, which makes a huge difference in student success.

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](mailto:Horizonsfamilynetworkpto@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

- Happening now Yearbook Orders
- Feb 22 - 27 Attendance Week
- Feb. 23-Mar. 13 Hygiene Drive
- Feb 27 Bingo Night

## Contact Info

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## Noticias del director/decano

Hola familias,

Ahora que termina febrero, quiero dedicar un momento para agradecerles su continua colaboración y apoyo. Este mes ha estado lleno de aprendizaje, liderazgo y espíritu escolar.

¡Ya pueden encargar los anuarios del ciclo escolar 25-26! El libro de este año recopilará muchos recuerdos especiales, momentos destacados en el aula, eventos especiales, días temáticos y logros de los alumnos.

Nos enorgullece anunciar que nuestra escuela está organizando una campaña de higiene para apoyar a las familias necesitadas de nuestra escuela y de nuestra comunidad. Las donaciones pueden enviarse con los estudiantes hasta el 15 de marzo. Gracias por ayudarnos a enseñar a nuestros estudiantes la importancia de la compasión, la generosidad y el servicio.

¡Qué increíble semana de espíritu de asistencia hemos tenido! Nuestros estudiantes realmente se lucieron, no solo con sus creativos atuendos, sino también con su compromiso de asistir a la escuela todos los días. Lo más importante es que observamos un notable aumento en la asistencia diaria, lo que marcó una gran diferencia en el éxito de los 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:** 9 de marzo, 6:00

**Email:**

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## Upcoming Events

- 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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# HORIZONSELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## ORDER A YEARBOOK TODAY!

**YEARBOOKS ARE ONLY \$15.00**  
**ORDER BY MARCH 10TH TO SAVE**



1. Scan QR code or go to [www.harmann.com/ordering](http://www.harmann.com/ordering)
2. For each school, enter event password:

# HORAPPYB

3. Choose yearbook options.
4. Pay with a credit card.

If you do not have the ability to pay online, please call Harmann Studios at 1-800-236-8910 for other payment options.

## A GREAT OPTION FOR MORE MEMORIES AND PERSONALIZING YOUR YEARBOOK!

Upgrade options only available until March 10th

**PERSONALIZED COVER**  
**ONLY \$6**

Personalize with their name and school picture. Never mix yearbooks up with their sibling or lose it at school!



**DISCOUNT AND UPGRADES REMOVED AFTER MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**

*Harmann*  
STUDIOS

# HORIZONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## ¡ORDENE UN LIBRO DEL AÑO ESCOLAR HOY!

LOSLIBRO DELAÑOESCOLAR CUESTA SOLO \$15.00

ORDENE ANTES DEL 10 DE MARZO PARA AHORRAR



1. Escanee el código QR o visite [www.harman.com/ordering](http://www.harman.com/ordering)

2. Ingrese la contraseña específica de la escuela: **HORAPPYB**

3. Elija las opciones del libro del año escolar.

4. Pague con tarjeta de crédito.

Si no puede pagar en línea, llame a Harman Studios al

1-800-236-8910 para conocer otras opciones de pago

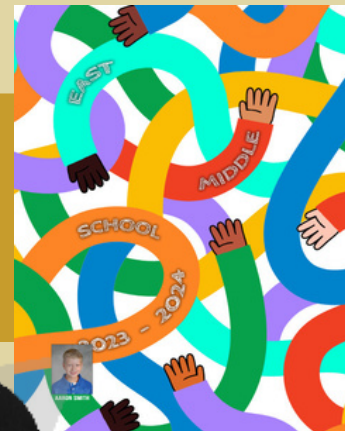
## UNA GRAN OPCIÓN PARA MÁS RECUERDOS Y PERSONALIZAR TU ANUARIO!

Opciones de actualización solo disponibles hasta el 10 de marzo

### PORTADA PERSONALIZADA

## 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

*Harman*  
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](http://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/referendum).



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



# APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM

On April 7, 2026, voters in the Appleton Area School District will see an operational referendum on the ballot. An operational referendum is a voter-approved measure that allows a school district to exceed state revenue limits.

## THE QUESTION WILL ASK VOTERS TO CONSIDER APPROVING

### **\$15 MILLION PER YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS TO:**

- Maintain existing programs and services and address the district's ongoing budget deficit
- Provide a school counselor in every neighborhood school, every day
- Increase access to social workers by 50%, helping students receive support for mental health, family, or social challenges that can impact learning

## ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

- Approximately \$15 per year on a \$100,000 home
- Approximately \$45 per year on a \$300,000 home (average Appleton-area home)



# 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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# 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](mailto:schoolage@ymcafoxcities.org)

### Contacts

**School Site Coordinator:** Pam West • [westpamela@asds.k12.wi.us](mailto:westpamela@asds.k12.wi.us)  
**Coordination Specialist:** Karrie Kadolph • [kadolphkarrie@asds.k12.wi.us](mailto:kadolphkarrie@asds.k12.wi.us)  
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**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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>; 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](mailto: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 <sup>st</sup> 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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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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HEALTH SERVICES \* P.O. Box 2019, Appleton, WI 54911 \* 920-852-5344

### Is Your Child Well Enough to Go to School?

It is not always easy to decide if your child is sick enough to stay home or well enough to be in school. Children who come to school are expected, with few exceptions, to participate fully in school activities.

Here are some guidelines that might help in a parent's decision-making.

**Fever:** A fever of 100.4 degrees or more signals an illness that is probably going to make a student uncomfortable and unable to function well in class. Your child should stay home until his or her temperature is less than 100.4 degrees (without the use of fever reducing medication) for 24 hours and he/she is feeling better.

**Vomiting, Diarrhea or Severe Nausea:** These are symptoms that require a student to remain at home until a normal diet is tolerated for 24 hours.

**Infectious Diseases:** Diseases such as impetigo, and strep throat may require a health care visit and prescription for medication. Contacting the health care provider and using the medicine as directed for the full recommended length of time are necessary. A student may return to school 24 hours after the first dose of an antibiotic and if he/she is feeling well.

**Rashes:** Rashes or patches of broken, itchy skin need to be examined by a health care provider if they appear to be spreading or not improving.

In the AASD, we monitor illness rates within our schools and community with the collaboration of the City of Appleton Health Department, and we will continue to do so. As rates increase, our site teams, Student Services team, and Facilities team communicate and increase cleaning efforts and family communication as preventive measures. Families can help us with these preventive measures by following the guidelines above.

Here are some things you can do to help prevent illness:

- Frequent handwashing, sanitizing if soap and water are unavailable
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue or sleeve
- Drink plenty of water (send a water bottle with your child to school)
- Eat a well balanced diet (includes when sending snacks/ lunches to school)
- Clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces
- Don't share personal items
- Get enough sleep



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### ¿Está su hijo/a lo suficientemente bien para ir a la escuela?

No siempre es fácil decidir si su hijo/a está lo suficientemente enfermo/a como para quedarse en casa o lo suficientemente bien como para asistir a la escuela. Se espera que los estudiantes que asisten a la escuela, con pocas excepciones, participen plenamente en las actividades escolares.

A continuación, se presentan algunas pautas que pueden ayudar a los padres a tomar esta decisión.

**Fiebre:** Una fiebre de 100.4 °F (38 °C) o más indica una enfermedad que probablemente hará que el estudiante se sienta incómodo/a y no pueda funcionar bien en clase. Su hijo/a debe quedarse en casa hasta que su temperatura sea menor de 100.4 °F (38 °C) **sin el uso de medicamentos para reducir la fiebre** durante 24 horas y se sienta mejor.

**Vómitos, diarrea o náuseas severas:** Estos son síntomas que requieren que el estudiante permanezca en casa hasta que pueda tolerar una dieta normal durante 24 horas.

**Enfermedades infecciosas:** Enfermedades como el impétigo y la faringitis estreptocócica (estreptococo) pueden requerir una visita al proveedor de atención médica y una receta de medicamento. Es necesario comunicarse con el proveedor de atención médica y usar el medicamento según las indicaciones durante todo el tiempo recomendado. El estudiante puede regresar a la escuela 24 horas después de la primera dosis de antibiótico y si se siente bien.

**Erupciones cutáneas:** Las erupciones o áreas de piel dañada y con picazón deben ser examinadas por un proveedor de atención médica si parecen estar propagándose o no están mejorando.

En el **AASD**, monitoreamos las tasas de enfermedades dentro de nuestras escuelas y la comunidad en colaboración con el Departamento de Salud de la Ciudad de Appleton, y continuaremos haciéndolo. A medida que aumentan las tasas, nuestros equipos de cada escuela, el equipo de Servicios Estudiantiles y el equipo de Instalaciones se comunican y aumentan los esfuerzos de limpieza y la comunicación con las familias como medidas preventivas. Las familias pueden ayudarnos con estas medidas preventivas siguiendo las pautas anteriores.

### Aquí hay algunas cosas que puede hacer para ayudar a prevenir enfermedades:

- Lavarse las manos con frecuencia; usar desinfectante si no hay agua y jabón disponibles
- Cubrirse al toser o estornudar con un pañuelo o la manga
- Beber suficiente agua (enviar una botella de agua con su hijo/a a la escuela)
- Comer una dieta bien balanceada (también al enviar refrigerios o almuerzos a la escuela)
- Limpiar y desinfectar las superficies de uso común
- No compartir artículos personales
- Dormir lo suficiente

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](http://www.projectadamwi.com).

Sincerely,

AASD District Nursing Staff