



THE HORIZONS WAY



March 2026

Principal/Dean News

Hello Families,

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Leap into Kindergarten event and for attending our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd Grade Concert. It was wonderful to see so many of you in our school supporting our students. Your presence means a great deal and helps make these experiences even more special for our children. We appreciate your continued partnership and involvement in our school community.

We are also excited about our upcoming Culture Day. On this special day, students will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of cultures from around the world. Activities will help them explore traditions, foods, music, clothing, and celebrations that make each culture unique. Events like this help build understanding, respect, and appreciation for the diverse world around us.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and for being such an important part of our community.

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: April 13, 6:00 p.m.

Email:

Horizonsfamilynetworkpto@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

- Mar 25 Culture Day
- Mar 27-Apr 6 Spring Break

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Noticias del director/decano

Hola familias,

Gracias a todas las familias que se sumaron a nuestro evento "Leap into Kindergarten" (Salto a preescolar) y que asistieron al concierto de preescolar, 1.º y 2.º grado. Fue maravilloso ver a tantos de ustedes en la escuela apoyando a nuestros alumnos. Su presencia significa mucho y ayuda a que estas experiencias sean aún más especiales para nuestros niños. Agradecemos su continua colaboración y participación en nuestra comunidad escolar.

También estamos muy emocionados por nuestra próxima Feria Cultural. En este día tan especial, los alumnos tendrán la oportunidad de aprender sobre una gran variedad de culturas de todo el mundo. Las actividades les ayudarán a explorar las tradiciones, la comida, la música, la vestimenta y las celebraciones que hacen que cada cultura sea única. Eventos como este ayudan a fomentar la comprensión, el respeto y el aprecio por el mundo tan diverso que nos rodea.

Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra escuela y por ser una parte tan importante de nuestra comunidad.

Sr. Ohlson, director
Sr. Puls, Decano

Recordatorios

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: 13 de abril, 6:00

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Próximos eventos

- 25 de marzo Día de la Cultura
- 27 de marzo - 6 de abril Vacaciones de primavera

Información de contacto

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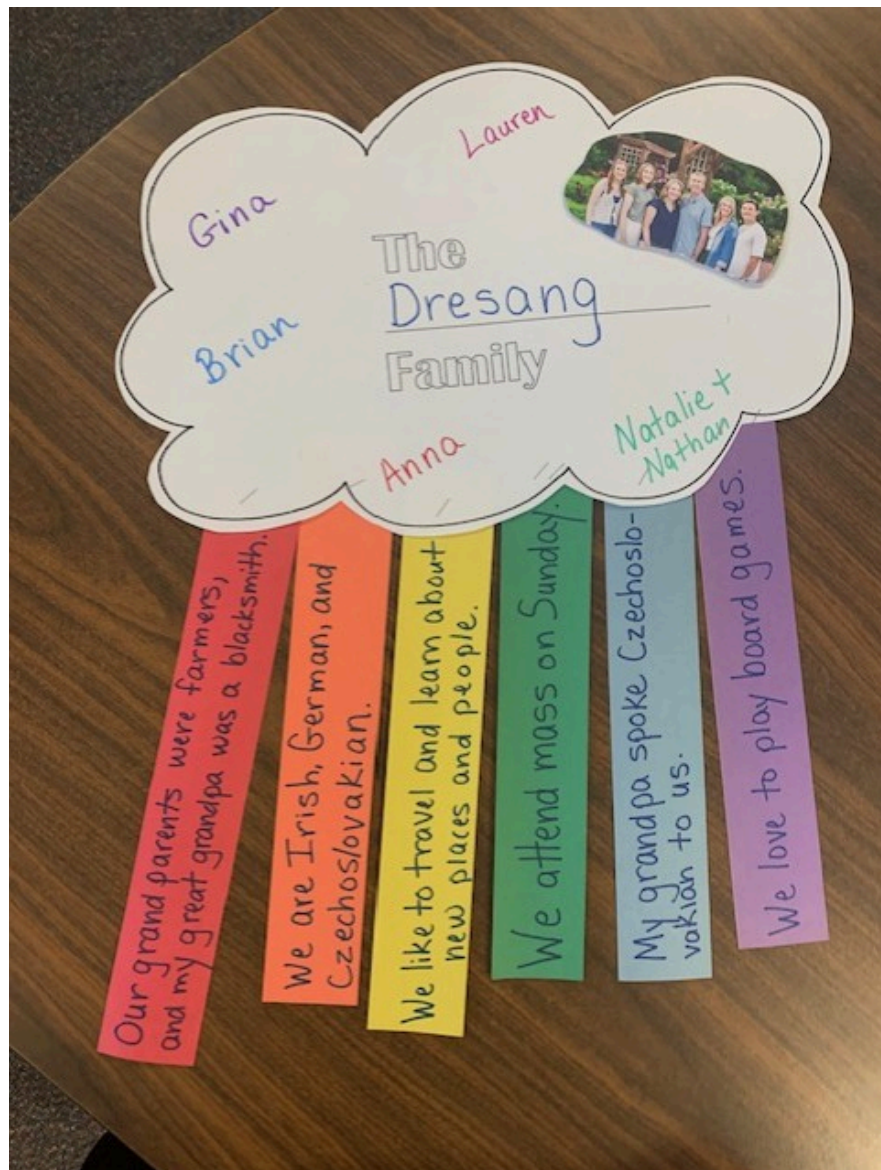
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Culture Fair Family Project

We want to know more about our school families and celebrate the many cultures that make Horizons Elementary amazing. In conjunction with our Culture Fair, we would like to invite you to make a “poster” to display showing the uniqueness of your family. This is a great opportunity for your family to talk about what makes your family special. Please see the letter and packet that was sent home on Monday, March 2. Please return by March 13th. Thank you!





Help Shape Opportunities for Students with Disabilities



Join Our Parent Advisory Council

The Appleton Area School District Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a group of parents, caregivers, and community members who support and advocate for students with disabilities who work together with district staff to strengthen opportunities for students across our schools.

The purpose of the council is to expand opportunities for students with disabilities, promote inclusion, and serve as a forum for families and supporters to share ideas and perspectives. The group also works to connect families with learning opportunities and resources that support students and their families.

We are currently welcoming new members who are interested in helping shape programs, events, and supports for students with disabilities in AASD. The council meets once per month for about one hour.

Through the work of this group, families and staff have collaborated to:

- Develop parent education sessions
- Host our annual Food Truck Rally
- Raise funds to bring the Arts for All League to AASD
- Begin efforts to expand communication boards and adaptive playground equipment at schools across the district



If you are interested in helping support and improve opportunities for students with disabilities in AASD, we would love to have you join us.

Please reach out to Amy Steiner, Executive Director of Special Education, at steineramy@aasd.k12.wi.us for more information.





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.

On April 7, our community will vote on an operational referendum seeking \$15 million per year for four years. The estimated tax impact is \$15 per year for a \$100,000 home, or \$45 per year for the average Appleton-area home valued at \$300,000.

[In this video, Superintendent Hartjes shares how the district has worked to control rising expenses while continuing to support students.](#) He explains that because education is a people-focused service, most costs are tied to staffing—and outlines the careful steps taken over the past several years to reduce positions, restructure roles, and prioritize resources closest to classrooms. The video also highlights efforts to manage pay and benefits during periods of high inflation, as well as strategic savings achieved through facility changes and operational decisions.

Ways to Learn About the April 7 Operational Referendum

- [Join us at a Referendum Information Session:](#) Open to all community members, our next in-person session is Thursday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. at Wilson Middle School in the Multipurpose Room
- [Visit the Referendum Webpage:](#) Access more videos, FAQs, and submit your questions. We're here to help and want to make sure you have the information you need.

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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