



Franklin Elementary

2212 N. Jarchow St. Appleton

Family Newsletter

2026



Dear Franklin Families,

As we near the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our students and to express my heartfelt gratitude for the strengthened partnership we have built together.

Our students have shown remarkable growth this year. From 3K through fifth grade, we've witnessed incredible development—not just academically, but in character and resilience. In our classrooms, students have engaged in meaningful learning experiences, asking thoughtful questions and supporting one another as they discover new concepts. On our playgrounds and in our hallways, we've seen kindness, inclusivity, and respect. Through our fine arts programs, students have expressed creativity and found their voices. And through community service initiatives, our children have learned the importance of giving back and making a positive impact. Franklin students have persevered through new challenges with courage, embraced mistakes as opportunities to learn, and shown genuine enthusiasm for discovery. They have celebrated each other's successes and offered encouragement during difficult moments. We are so proud of each and every one of them, and we cannot wait to see the amazing people they will continue to become.

Most importantly, this year has strengthened our home-school partnership in meaningful and visible ways. We made intentional efforts to improve communication between families and school, recognizing that when we work together with open dialogue, shared goals, and mutual respect, the children benefit tremendously. When families are engaged and informed, when we listen to each other's perspectives, and when we approach challenges as a team, magic happens. The trust and collaboration we've built this year has made Franklin a stronger, more vibrant community. Your involvement—whether through attending school events, volunteering in classrooms, communicating with teachers, asking questions, or simply showing interest in your child's day; makes a profound difference. Your insights matter. Your support matters. Your partnership matters deeply. Together, we've created a school community where students feel safe, supported, and excited to learn. That wouldn't be possible without you.

As we head into summer, I encourage you to take time to celebrate your child's accomplishments; big and small. Share stories about their growth, acknowledge their efforts, and let them know how proud you are. Enjoy time together as a family, create new memories, and recharge. Summer is a wonderful opportunity to slow down and reconnect. We look forward to welcoming you back to Franklin in the fall, ready to continue this wonderful journey together. Thank you for everything you do for our school community.

With deep gratitude and warm wishes for a restful, joyful summer,

Denise Tetzlaff
Franklin Principal



Important Dates



MAY

- 21- Family Picnic 11:30-12:30 PM Wear red, white or blue!
- 21- Girl Scout Meeting 5:30-7:00 PM

22-25- NO SCHOOL

26- School Resumes

- 26- Gr 4/5 Cheer & Dance Camp 3:30-5:00 PM
- 27- Senior Send-Off 2:00-3:00 PM
- 27- Gr 4/5 Cheer & Dance Camp 3:30-5:00 PM
- 28- Girl Scout Meeting 3:30-5:30 PM
- 28- PTO Franklin Carnival 5:30-7:00 PM
- 28- Gr 4/5 Cheer & Dance Performance 6:00 PM

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
June 9th - 30th
8:00 - 2:00 PM

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
July
Closed to the Public

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
August 1st - 29th
8:00 - 2:00 PM

JUNE

- Classroom Walking Field Trips to Erb Park
- 1- Summer School Registration Closed
- 1-3- Gr 5 Camp U’Nah Li Ya
- 3- *Report Cards in backpacks and available on infinite campus parent portal*
- 4- Gr 5 Celebration 6:00-7:00 PM
- 5- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 11:20 EARLY DISMISSAL**



AUGUST

- 4- ONSITE REGISTRATION 8:00-1:00 PM



SEPTEMBER

- 1- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

How to Contact Franklin

Franklin Elementary School: (920) 852.5475

Denise Tetzlaff, Principal / Matt Schauer, Dean of Students / Misty Dorton, Secretary

Dean's Desk

Mr. Schauer

schauermatthew@aasd.k12.wi.us



Summer School

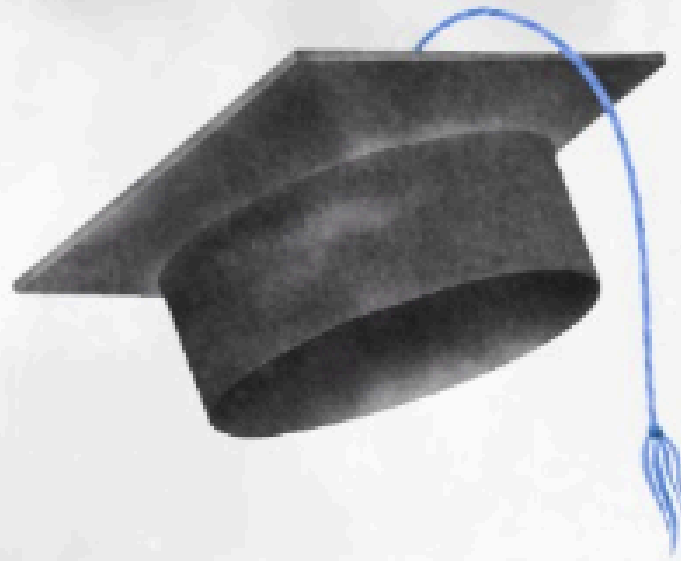
- Please consider signing your child up for summer school here at Franklin!
- We offer many classes that are both educational and interactive!

With summer just around the corner, please take time to talk with your child(ren) about summer safety.

This could include wearing a bike helmet, coming home by a certain time, etc. We want to ensure that our students have a safe, yet enjoyable summer!

We look forward to seeing everyone this fall for another fantastic school year! school year!





KINDERGARTEN

PROMOTION

Class of

2038

06.03.2026

9:00 AM

**Franklin Elementary School
Auditorium**

- Short reception to follow in the Multipurpose Room -



Class of 2026

Franklin Elementary

5th Grade
Graduation
Ceremony

Join Us

Thursday, June 4th

6:00-7:00pm

Location: Franklin Gym

Scan the QR code or email
fischersamanth@aasd.12.wi.us
to RSVP by May 22nd.



**FROM THE LMC: THE SCHOOL YEAR IS SETTING, BUT THAT SHOULDN'T BE THE
END OF READING FOR 3 MONTHS.**

**TRY THESE LOCATIONS ON YOUR PHONE, TABLETS, OR CHROMEBOOKS FOR
BOOKS YOU CAN TAKE ANYWHERE!**



Sora App

Use the Sora App all summer long with no restrictions! Includes ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines! Sign in using your school username and password. The Public library has a similar app called Libby that can be used with your library card.



Appleton Public Library

The APL Summer Reading program is free and has fabulous prizes! We've been talking about it in Library and many kids are excited for the activities and prizes. It is all free at the Appleton Public Library



Battle of the Books Classlink Launchpad

4th and 5th grade students (as well as older students) wishing to start in on the Battle titles for next school year can find them here starting June 1st!



Novel Effect

This is a great app the students love, it adds in sound effects as you read along with the book. Download this app. Click on **login with code** and use the login code **PCu9** It should allow you access to the Appleton Area School District account. Once in, click on the magnifying glass and click on ebooks, you don't need any physical book to add sound effects to these! The kids love it!



Log in with student username and password found in Infinite Campus and type Appleton in the Code line. Go into the

Library Reading Resources.

Here you'll find:

- Comics Plus
- Tumblebooks
- Lightbox Books
- Novel Effect

As well as Pebble Go and Nat Geo in the **Research folder**

READING

Summer reading shouldn't feel like a chore. Encourage your child to read for just 15 minutes a day—whether it's a graphic novel, a sports magazine, or a favorite series. Family read-alouds are also a fantastic way to bond and build listening skills, regardless of your child's age!

WRITING

Keep It Low-Stakes

You don't need formal essays to keep your child's writing skills sharp over the break. The goal is simply to keep the pencil moving. Encourage them to keep a messy summer journal, write postcards to relatives, or take charge of drafting the weekly grocery list. If they are avid gamers, challenge them to write a persuasive review of their favorite video game to share with you!

SUMMER LEARNING

We often see a dip in student learning in the fall and YOU can help over the summer to keep our students growing and thriving!

MATH

Math is everywhere outside the classroom, and summer is the perfect time to show kids its real-world value. Have your child help measure ingredients for a summer baking project, calculate the tip at a restaurant, or manage a small budget for a trip to the pool or movies. Even family game night counts—board games like Monopoly or Yahtzee are fantastic, stealthy ways to practice math facts.

SOCIAL STUDIES

History and geography are happening all around us. Hand your child a physical map and ask them to help navigate. Stay local by visiting historical sites, museums, or cultural festivals in our community. Even a rainy afternoon spent interviewing a grandparent about what life was like when they were young is a wonderful way to bring history to life.

SCIENCE

Summer is the perfect season for messy, hands-on exploration. Turn an ordinary walk in the park into a nature scavenger hunt, plant some seeds in the yard and track their growth, or embrace the chaos of simple kitchen experiments (you can't go wrong with the classic baking soda and vinegar volcano). When they ask a question about how the world works, resist giving the answer right away and instead say, "Let's find out together."



COMING TOGETHER TO
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN

JUNE 2026

PTO NEWSLETTER



FRANKLIN FAMILY CARNIVAL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We need volunteers to help with games, food and "fun"draisers (Pie a Teacher, Tattoo A Teacher and Sweet Stroll)

To sign up scan this code.
Or use this
signup.com/go/ZypCmUF



THANK YOU

For supporting our events and fundraisers this year! Please consider joining us for meetings next year, parent support is needed!!

If you have any questions contact us at: FranklinFoxesPTO@gmail.com



Franklin Family CARNIVAL

Join us for this fun free family event!
Behind Franklin on Blacktop
Free: Admission, Games, Prizes, Balloon
Animals, Temporary Tattoos

Thursday, May 28 2026 5:30–7 PM

\$3 Meal Deal: Pizza, Chips, Water & Cookie

\$1 Popcorn

\$5 Pie-A-Teacher \$2 Tattoo-A Teacher

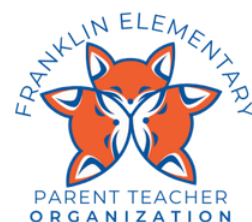
\$1 Sweet Stroll Entry

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! SCAN CODE TO SIGN UP

ALSO: Food Trucks!!
A percentage of purchases
donated back to Franklin.



Hosted by:





**Please check our
Lost & Found
as all remaining items will be
donated on the last day of school.
There are also many miscellaneous
items located in the main office:
*eyeglasses, *keys, *etc.**

Franklin Elementary has taken the challenge!

Register today for this year's weekend of events!



Enter today and help our school

WIN \$750!

Plus, every kid gets a goodie bag and shirt

Kids Fun Run & Diaper Dash/Toddler Trot
5K Run/Walk

For More
Info Contact:

Select 'Franklin Elementary-
Appleton' when you register!

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**SCHOOL
CHALLENGE**



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Join us at this year's Community First Fox Cities Marathon and your school could win in the School Challenge.

FRIDAY: SEPT. 18



Kids Fun Run

FoxCities Stadium 2400N. Casaloma Dr., Appleton, WI

- Games, activities and FREE food for participants
- Registration begins at 4:00 p.m.
- Mini-Dash run around the bases begins at 5:45 p.m.
- ¼ Mile Race around the warning track (1-lap) begins at 6:30 p.m.
- ½ Mile Race around the warning track (2-laps) begins at 7:00 p.m.

Plus: Every child receives a medal & t-shirt & goodie bag

Friday Participant food from:



We got you, baby™

Diaper Dash & Toddler Trot

- Fun for our youngest participants with games, activities and FREE food
- Registration begins at 3:00 pm
- Diaper Dash 4:00-6:00pm
- Toddler Trot 5:00-5:30pm
- Kids win Huggies prizes
- Win prizes from Huggies®

Plus: Every child receives a t-shirt & race bib & goodie bag



SATURDAY: SEPT. 19



5K Run/Walk

Start&finish atRiversidePark, W.Wisconsin Ave.,Neenah

Run or walk the 3.1 mile course featuring waterfront and scenic neighborhoods and feel the thrill of crossing the same finish line as the Sunday marathoners.

- Custom shirt, finisher medal
- Pet & stroller friendly
- Awards for Overall and Age Group post-race refreshments

PLUS!

REGISTER TODAY!

www.foxcitiesmarathon.org





Dear Parent/Guardian,

School may be out, but school meals are still in! We'll be serving Breakfast & Lunch to anyone 18 years or younger in the community.

We want to make sure that everyone knows that Badger, Dunlap, Edison, Foster, Franklin, Highlands, Horizons, Huntley, Jefferson, Johnston, McKinley & Richmond Elementary School's, Kaleidoscope, Madison and Wilson Middle Schools, along with Appleton East & West High Schools summer meal program does not require registration or identification – all children need to do is come to the cafeteria to receive a happy and healthy meal. Some favorite items on the menu that we'll be featuring this summer include:

- ☐ Mini Corn Dogs
- ☐ Mixed Berry Parfait with Granola
- ☐ Cheeseburgers

From June 8th – July 3rd (Not serving meals on 6/19) students and families can visit 17 AASD schools to enjoy meals including:

- ☐ Badger, Dunlap, Edison, Foster, Franklin, Highlands, Horizons, Huntley, Jefferson, Johnston, McKinley & Richmond Elementary Schools on 6/9-7/3, Monday – Friday (except 6/19), 8-8:30am Breakfast & 11:30-noon Lunch
- ☐ Kaleidoscope, Madison and Wilson Middle Schools on 6/9-7/3, Monday – Friday (except 6/19), 8:15-8:45am Breakfast & 11:45-12:15pm Lunch
- ☐ Appleton East High Schools on 6/8-6/26, Monday – Friday (except 6/19), 11:45-12:15pm Lunch
- ☐ Appleton West High Schools on 6/8-6/26, Monday – Friday (except 6/19), 11:30-noon Lunch

If you aren't already using Nutrislice, I encourage you to download the app or visit AASD's Nutrislice site. Through Nutrislice, you can view what's on our summer menus, including nutrition information, allergens, and photos. The app is free and available from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android), and you can search for your menus or find them on the web at <https://aasd.nutrislice.com/menu>.

We're committed to making sure that meals aren't something that any child or family should be concerned about this summer and can't wait to feed the kids in the Appleton community! This summer, we're able to serve any residents 18 years old and younger, and not just those who attend AASD. Please feel free to pass the information on to others.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you,
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920-852-5314 x62060



APPLETON
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**AASD Summer Food Service Program
Free Breakfast 2026**

June				
8	9	10	11	12
	Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Benefit Bar Applesauce Cup 100% Fruit Juice	Nature Valley Round - Banana Chocolate Chip Fresh Apple Slices 100% Fruit Juice	Bug Bites with String Cheese Fresh Mandarin Oranges 100% Fruit Juice	Soft Bagel stuffed with Strawberry Cream Cheese (Pillsbury) Bananas 100% Fruit Juice
15	16	17	18	19
Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms Cereal Bowl Fresh Whole Apple 100% Fruit Juice	Banana Chocolate Chunk Benefit Bar Applesauce Cup 100% Fruit Juice	Mini Cinnis Fresh Apple Slices 100% Fruit Juice	UBR Breakfast Round- Chocolate Chip Fresh Mandarin Oranges 100% Fruit Juice	Not serving meals No School
22	23	24	25	26
Reduced Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Fresh Whole Apple 100% Fruit Juice	Nature Valley Round - Banana Chocolate Chip Applesauce Cup 100% Fruit Juice	Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Benefit Bar Fresh Apple Slices 100% Fruit Juice	Soft Filled Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar Fresh Mandarin Oranges 100% Fruit Juice	Soft Bagel stuffed with Strawberry Cream Cheese (Pillsbury) Bananas 100% Fruit Juice
29	30			
Reduced Sugar Lucky Charms Cereal Bowl Fresh Whole Apple 100% Fruit Juice	Banana Chocolate Chunk Benefit Bar Fresh Mandarin Oranges 100% Fruit Juice			

All meals served with choice of milk.

Free meals available at the following Appleton Area School District schools for any child 0-18 years of age in the school's cafeteria.

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June 9th - July 3rd (not serving meals 6/19)
Breakfast 8-8:30am & Lunch 11:30-noon

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Lunch available from 11:15-11:45

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Lunch available from 11:30-noon

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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**AASD Summer Food Service Program
Free Lunch 2026**

June				
8	9	10	11	12
Chicken Nuggets Seasoned Carrots Chilled Mixed Fruit	Ham & Cheese Sub Fresh Grape Tomatoes Whole Apple	Cheeseburger Fresh Cucumber Slices Applesauce Cup	Hot Dog on a Bun Side Salad Banana	Tony's Cheese Pizza Seasoned Corn Fresh Strawberries
15	16	17	18	19
Mini Turkey Corn Dogs Seasoned Carrots Chilled Mixed Fruit	Mixed Berry Parfait with Granola Fresh Grape Tomatoes Whole Apple	Pancakes with Sausage Patties and Syrup Fresh Cucumber Slices Applesauce Cup	Pepperoni Pizza Sandwich Side Salad Banana	Not Serving Meals No School
22	23	24	25	26
Hot Dog on a Bun Seasoned Carrots Chilled Mixed Fruit	Turkey & Cheese Sub Fresh Grape Tomatoes Whole Apple	Tony's Cheese Pizza Fresh Cucumber Slices Applesauce Cup	Chicken Nuggets Side Salad Banana	Crispy Chicken Sandwich Seasoned Corn Fresh Strawberries
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Cheeseburger Seasoned Carrots Chilled Mixed Fruit	Ham & Cheese Sub Fresh Grape Tomatoes Whole Apple			

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COMMUNITY CLOTHESCLOSET

1465B Opportunity Way
Menasha, WI 54952



COOL FOR SCHOOL

Friday, August 21, 2026
Saturday, August 22, 2026

Scan to register



Event registration is open July 6 through August 7

- Serving students ages 4 to 18 as of August 31, 2026
- Pre-registration is required
- Each registered student receives:
 - a new back-to-school outfit
 - socks and underwear
 - a pair of gym shoes
- Attendees must be current clients of Community Clothes Closet

For questions, 920.731.7834 or info@communityclothescloset.org.



FUN
in the
SUN!
2026



Families with children ages birth to 5 are invited to join the Birth-Five Outreach team for FREE playgroups at our local parks from 9:00 - 10:00 AM

- June 11 - Derks Park (3220 Guyette Dr): Hello, Summer!
- June 18 - City Park (500 E Franklin St): Chalk, Paint, Create!
- June 25 - Pierce Park (1035 W Prospect Ave): Garden Wiggles
- July 9 - Memorial Park (1620 E Witzke Blvd): Tiny Pirates Ahoy!
- July 16 - Plamann Park Children's Farm (1375 E Broadway Dr): Barnyard Bash
- July 23 - Lundgaard Park (4900 N Lightning Dr): Helper Heroes
- July 30 - Telulah Park (1300 E Newberry St): Little Hands, Big Mess
- August 6 - Schaefer Park (610 S Buchanan St): Outback Adventure
- August 13 - Pierce Park (1035 W Prospect Ave): Sunshine & Rainbows (S.T.E.A.M.)
- August 20 - Telulah Park (1300 E Newberry St): Ocean Explorers

***Parents are required to stay with their children and encouraged to play along with them.**

We will post on Facebook if we are canceling due to weather.

No registration is required. Please check in with a Birth-Five team member upon arrival each week. Find us on Facebook for more information on these and other great events.

Questions contact Danielle at tzakaisdaniell@asd.k12.wi.us or (920) 832-6470.





APPLETON AREA
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AGES
5-13

\$20

AFTER 9/25
\$25

FOX VALLEY TOUGH KID Challenge

Brought to you by

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OCTOBER 3RD

9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

REGISTER ONLINE:

EVENTBRITE.COM

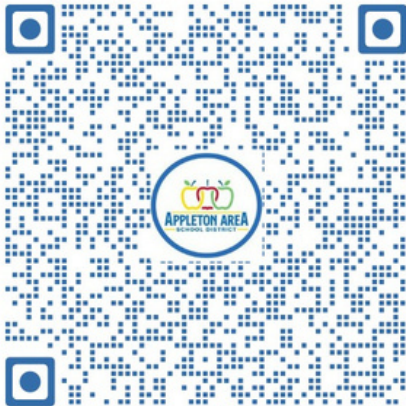
HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY
2037 N ELINOR ST.

AN OBSTACLE COURSE EVENT FEATURING KID-FRIENDLY, YET CHALLENGING OBSTACLES THAT BENEFITS THE APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE 1.55-MILE COURSE AND 30 OBSTACLES CHALLENGE THE AGILITY AND STRENGTH OF OUR PARTICIPANTS.

RUN. JUMP. CLIMB. CRAWL. HAVE FUN.

WANT TO
VOLUNTEER?



Girls Belong Outdoors!

Start your adventure at Camp Birch Trails!

Camp Birch Trails (CBT) is our beautiful 240-acre resident camp in Northern Wisconsin. CBT surrounds private Lake Olivotti with a sandy beach, a swim and boating dock, and a Mermaid bridge connecting the main camp area to our low ropes course. We have a floating bog and island for primitive camping, too!

Check out these adventures this summer:

- Starlight Explorers: Grades 2-3, July 12-16, 2026
- Get Wild: Grades 2-5, August 11-13, 2026
- Outdoor Explorers: Grades 4-5, June 28-July 2, 2026
- What-Chu-Wanna-Du: Grades 4-5, June 28-July 2, 2026, and July 19-23, 2026
- Galactic Builders: Grades 6-8, July 12-16, 2026
- Shipwrecked: Grades 6-8, July 19-23, 2026
- Wilderness Trips: Grades 6-12
- And more! Check out our camp guide to see more sessions!



Grow with Girl Scouts Series



Try Girl Scouts this summer!

Join us for Grow with Girl Scouts, a fun, hands-on experience where girls and caregivers explore creativity, friendship, and adventure together.

Love it? Keep the fun going with our Grow with Girl Scouts Summer Series when you join with an Extended Year Membership, giving you access all summer and through next year.

Grow with Girl Scouts Summer Series Experience

- Grow with Girl Scouts - A free event open to all girls and caregivers. You'll find fun and connection, and you'll learn more about Girl Scouts. (no membership required)
- Girls who register for Extended Year Membership continue with:
 - Nature Explorers – outdoor play, scavenger hunts, nature crafts
 - Daytime Dreamers – cozy, creative “sleepover-style” daytime fun
 - Mermaid Adventure – creative, ocean-themed STEM + art

Sign up to find a session near you or join us for this free Grow with Girl Scouts event to learn more!



Thursday, May 21, Franklin Elementary Art Room 2212 N. Jarchow, Appleton 5:30 pm

Or

Tuesday, May 26, Johnston Elementary at 2725 E. Forest Street in Appleton 5:30 pm

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Extended Year Membership through September 30, 2027. For a limited time, families who are new to Girl Scouts can join for \$96 for girls and \$42 for adults. This option lets you start early this spring and includes the entire next Girl Scout year.

Check out this extra offer for new Girl Scouts going into kindergarten and 1st grade this fall! Kick off your journey with Get Ready with Girl Scouts, a special summer program designed just for new Girl Scouts—perfect for making friends and beginning your Girl Scout adventure! When girls join by July 31, 2026, they'll enjoy fun activity books, a special gift, an email series throughout the summer with additional activities, and access to everything Girl Scouts offers, all while becoming part of an amazing community of friends.