



THE HORIZONS WAY NEWSLETTER

August 2026

Principal News

Dear Horizons Families,

Welcome back! I am so excited to begin another school year and look forward to seeing our students, families, and staff again. We have a wonderful year ahead, and I am grateful to be part of the Horizons community.

This year, one of our school-wide areas of focus will be Reading Fluency. We want every student to become a confident, accurate, and expressive reader. Throughout the year, we will provide families with opportunities and resources to support reading at home. Your partnership in reading with your child—even for a few minutes each day—can make a tremendous difference!

I also want to remind families about the new state law regulating electronic devices in schools, including smart watches. During the school day, these devices will need to remain in a student's backpack or locker. We appreciate your support as we work to minimize distractions and create an environment where students can focus on learning and connecting with one another.

Finally, I look forward to seeing everyone at our Open House on Thursday, August 27, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, visit the classroom, and reconnect with the Horizons community.

Thank you for your continued partnership. I am excited for another great year at Horizons Elementary!

Sincerely,
John Ohlson, Principal

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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: September 14 6-8 pm

Email:

Horizonsfamilynetworkpto@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

- Aug 27 - Meet & Greet 4-6 pm
- Sept 7 - No School
- Sept 8 - Tom's Fundraiser 4-8 pm
- Sept 16 - Picture Day
- Sept 25 - No School

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Noticias del director

Estimadas familias de Horizons:

¡Bienvenidos de nuevo! Estoy muy emocionado de comenzar otro año escolar y espero con entusiasmo volver a ver a nuestros estudiantes, familias y personal. Tenemos un año maravilloso por delante y estoy muy agradecido de ser parte de la comunidad de Horizons.

Este año, uno de nuestros principales objetivos como escuela será mejorar la fluidez en la lectura. Queremos que cada estudiante se convierta en un lector seguro, preciso y expresivo. A lo largo del año, brindaremos a las familias oportunidades y recursos para apoyar la lectura en casa. Su participación leyendo con su hijo, aunque sea por unos pocos minutos cada día, puede marcar una gran diferencia.

También quiero recordarles a las familias sobre la nueva ley estatal que regula el uso de dispositivos electrónicos en las escuelas, incluyendo los relojes inteligentes. Durante el día escolar, estos dispositivos deberán permanecer dentro de la mochila o el casillero del estudiante. Agradecemos su apoyo mientras trabajamos para reducir las distracciones y crear un ambiente en el que los estudiantes puedan concentrarse en el aprendizaje y en relacionarse con los demás.

Finalmente, espero verlos a todos en nuestra Noche de Puertas Abiertas (Open House) el jueves 27 de agosto, de 4:00 a 6:00 p. m. Esta será una excelente oportunidad para conocer al maestro de su hijo, visitar el salón de clases y volver a conectarnos como comunidad de Horizons.

Gracias por su continua colaboración y apoyo. ¡Estoy muy emocionado por comenzar otro gran año en Horizons Elementary!

Atentamente,
John Ohlson, Director

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Next Meeting: 14 de septiembre 6-8 p

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Próximos eventos

- 27 de agosto - Encuentro y saludo 4-6 p
- 7 de septiembre - No hay clases
- 8 de septiembre - Recaudación de fondos de Tom 4-8 pm
- 16 de septiembre - Día de la foto
- 25 de septiembre - No hay clases

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Meet & Greet



August 27th

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Come meet your teachers and staff. Bring your school supplies, tour the school and check out what Horizons has to offer our families. We will have winter boots, coats, snow pants, gloves, and hats to offer you for free. This year students need to bring their own boots, coats, snow pants, gloves and hats as we will not have any to share.

Food Trucks

There will be food trucks for you to purchase a snack or dinner for your family to enjoy!



Hello Families,

The Appleton Parking Enforcement reached out to Horizons and asked that we share the following information with families. Attached is a copy of the Horizons parking plan.

We appreciate your help keeping our children safe.

John Ohlson, Principal

Dear Principals,

As we prepare to begin the new school year, the Park Appleton, City of Appleton Parking Utility, would like to emphasize the importance of educating school families about safe and legal parking practices during student drop-off and pick-up times.

Please help ensure that families and guests are aware of designated loading zones, no-parking areas, and other posted parking regulations around your school. These regulations are in place to help maintain safety, reduce congestion, and ensure a smooth flow of traffic for students, staff, and the community.

The Park Appleton and Appleton Police Department actively enforces these regulations, and violations may result in citations. Clear, proactive communication from schools can play an important role in reducing parking and traffic issues and keeping students safe during these busy times.

The City of Appleton Traffic Division has information available on its website regarding safe routes to school :and traffic safety

https://appletonwi.gov/government/departments/public_works/traffic/safe_routes_to_school_srts.php

Additionally, the information available on the Appleton Area School District (AASD) website is well organized and serves as a valuable resource for families. We encourage schools to direct families to the AASD page for guidance and clarification regarding transportation, traffic, and parking procedures around schools:

<https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/families/family-resources/school-safety-preparedness/traffic-parking-around-our-schools>

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in creating a safe and orderly environment for students, staff, and the community.

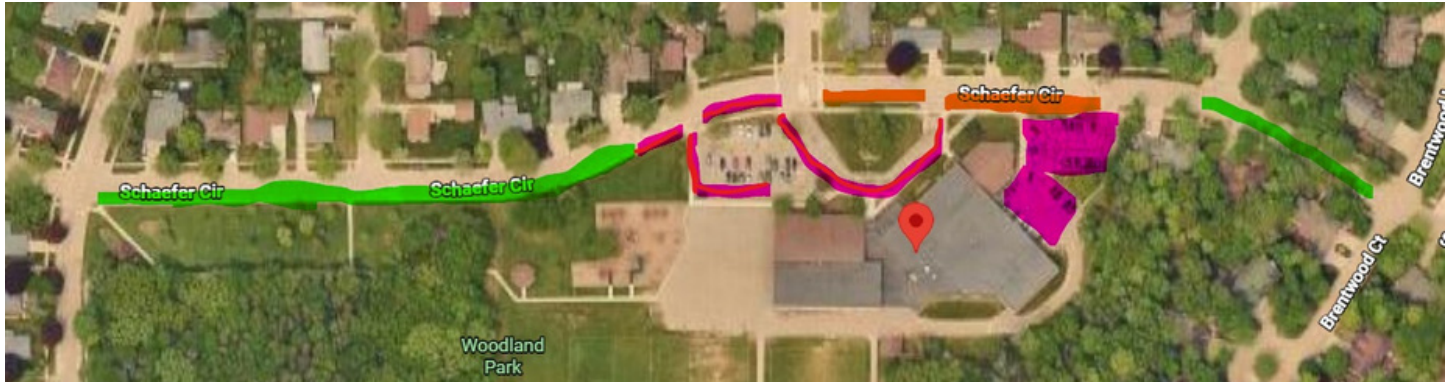
If you are aware of any principals who may have been unintentionally omitted from this email, please forward this message to them.

Sincerely,



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THE HORIZONS WAY



Please use the color coded chart to know where to park when picking up or dropping off your child.

	PARKING ALLOWED at ALL TIMES
	NO PARKING ALLOWED • Safety first. ○ There is active BUS or CAR traffic ○ The circle drive is needed for BUS pick-up and drop-off ○ Parking lots have lots of hidden corners
	5K DROP-OFF and PICK-UP ONLY Adults must stay in the vehicle. The City of Appleton <u>WILL</u> ticket cars if they are left unattended. This is a City rule. Families that want to walk their child to the door must park in a GREEN zone. Teachers and staff will be available in the orange zone to assist. MORNING DROP OFF • 8:15-8:20: 5K Dropoff ○ Families must stay in the car ○ Teachers and staff will assist students out of the car MID DAY DROP OFF/PICK UP • 3K/4K ○ Families can park in the circle drive for the mid-day pick up and drop off ○ The bus will park out front AFTERNOON PICK UP • 3:20-3:25: 5K Pick up ○ Families must stay in the car ○ Teachers and staff will assist students out of the car OFFICE VISITS • Parking is allowed in the parking lot for before, during, and after school meetings. • Please watch your child in the parking lot as there can be a lot of traffic • You may be asked why you need to use the parking lot. Please just let the staff member know you have a meeting.



HEALTH SERVICES * P.O. Box 2019, Appleton, WI 54911 * 920-852-5344

From the school nurse: Beginning of Year Reminders



Hello and welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We are excited to see your students back and we look forward to working with them.

In order to help ensure we have the most up to date information for those students with health conditions, please remember to fill out an updated health condition plan which can be found [here](#). Please return these to your student's school office once completed.

Any medication that will be kept at school must have a new [medication administration form](#) completed each school year. Please note, if your student has a health plan that lists their medication and dosing, you do not need to also complete a medication administration form. All medications must come in their original

packaging or pharmacy bottle with the student's name and dosing information. If your student is in middle or high school and you would like them to receive the stock medication (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Benadryl, and TUMS) you will need to give [permission for them to receive these medications](#).

Per Wisconsin law, students are required to be fully immunized or have a signed [waiver](#) on file. To see the current state requirements please see this [letter](#) from the Department of Health Services. If your child has not yet received the appropriate immunizations, please schedule an appointment with your health care provider or the City of Appleton Health Department/Outagamie County Health Department. Additional information about vaccination requirements can be found [here](#). If you have any questions please reach out to your school nurse.

Lastly, every day your student attends school matters! If a student misses 10 days per year for the lifetime of their school career, that adds up to 140 days... almost a full school year. Research and experience teach us that students with poor attendance are at greater risk for school difficulty. Making up missed schoolwork is very helpful, but missed classroom instruction cannot be made up. If you have concerns about getting your student to school or have questions about when to keep your student home, **please** reach out to their school to discuss.

Thank you and make it a great year!

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De parte de la enfermera de la escuela: Recordatorios para el inicio del año escolar



¡Hola y bienvenidos al año escolar 2026-2027! Estamos emocionados de ver a sus estudiantes de regreso y esperamos trabajar con ellos. Para ayudar a asegurar que tenemos la información más actualizada para aquellos estudiantes con condiciones de salud, por favor recuerden llenar un plan de condiciones de salud actualizado, que se puede encontrar [aquí](#). Devuelvan estos formularios a la oficina de la escuela de su estudiante una vez completados.

Cualquier medicamento que se mantenga en la escuela debe tener un nuevo [formulario de administración de medicamentos](#) completado cada año escolar. Tomen nota de que, si su estudiante tiene un plan de salud que enumera sus medicamentos y dosis, no es necesario que completen también

un formulario de administración de medicamentos. Todos los medicamentos deben venir en su empaque original o en el frasco de la farmacia con el nombre del estudiante y la información de la dosis. Si su estudiante está en la escuela secundaria o preparatoria y desea que reciba los medicamentos de reserva, deberá dar permiso para que los reciba. Comuníquese con la escuela de su estudiante para obtener más información.

Según la ley de Wisconsin, los estudiantes deben estar completamente vacunados o tener una [exención](#) firmada en el expediente. Para ver los requisitos actuales del estado, consulte [esta carta](#) del Departamento de Servicios de Salud. Si su hijo aún no ha recibido las vacunas correspondientes, por favor programe una cita con su proveedor de atención médica o con el Departamento de Salud de la Ciudad de Appleton/Departamento de Salud del Condado de Outagamie. Información adicional sobre los requisitos de vacunación se puede encontrar [aquí](#). Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor comuníquese con la enfermera de su escuela.

Por último, ¡cada día que su estudiante asiste a la escuela importa! Si un estudiante falta 10 días por año durante toda su carrera escolar, eso suma 140 días... casi un año escolar completo. La investigación y la experiencia nos enseñan que los estudiantes con mala asistencia tienen un mayor riesgo de tener dificultades escolares. Recuperar el trabajo escolar perdido es muy útil, pero la instrucción en el aula que se pierde no se puede recuperar. Si tiene preocupaciones sobre cómo llevar a su estudiante a la escuela o tiene preguntas sobre cuándo mantener a su estudiante en casa, **por favor** comuníquese con su escuela para discutirlo.

¡Gracias y que tengan un gran año!

Enfermeras de AASD

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Every Student,
Every Day



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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