



Learning Through Play, Every Student, Every Day

WELCOME TO 4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN!

Welcome to all of our 4K students and families! This is the first Appleton Community 4K school newsletter for the 2026-2027 school year. We hope you will find helpful updates about events happening in your child's school, along with resources and ideas to support your child's learning and development at home.

Appleton Community 4K was designed to be a community collaboration with our childcare, preschool, and Head Start partners in the Appleton Area School District. We are currently collaborating with 10 community partner sites and 4 school host sites to provide high-quality early learning experiences for our 4K students.

In this newsletter, you will find information about how to create your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account. Your Parent Portal is an important connection between your family and the school district, allowing you to complete required forms, report absences, and stay informed about important school and district updates throughout the school year.

You'll also find information about Birth to Five program offerings, September play ideas to enjoy at home, and details about our first 4K family event of the year, Popsicles on the Playground.

As we move through the school year together, we look forward to celebrating the many new skills, experiences, and milestones your child will achieve during their 4K year.



WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE?

- 4K Office Contact Information
- Parent Portal Information
- September Activity Calendar
- Upcoming Events
- Meet and Greet

UPCOMING EVENTS: POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND

4K FAMILY EVENT

July 17 THURSDAY, SEPT. 10 | 5:00-
6:30 PM

 COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PLAYGROUND



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY PLAYGROUPS

July 17 THURSDAYS EACH MONTH |
9:30-10:30 AM

PLAY WITH PURPOSE

July 17 TUESDAYS EACH MONTH |
9:00-10:00 AM OR 10:30-11:30 AM

 SPONSORED BY BIRTH TO FIVE OUTREACH

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT: (920) 832-6470 OR
SCAN THE QR CODE.



4K MEET AND GREET

Families of incoming 4K students are invited to attend a Meet and Greet event before the start of the school year. These open-house style events provide an opportunity to visit classrooms, meet teachers, and drop off school supplies.

Because these events are designed as open houses, families may arrive and leave at any time during the scheduled event and do not need to stay for the entire duration.

School Host Sites

Horizons and Foster Elementary

Thursday, August 27, 2026
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Jefferson Elementary

Thursday August, 27, 2026
Back to School Bash: 4:00-6:00
Open House: 4:30-5:30

McKinley Elementary

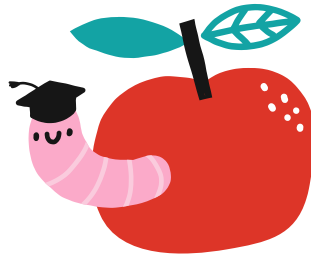
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Note: Horizons and Foster times have been updated from the welcome letter.

Community Partner Sites

(Childcare Centers and Preschool Locations)

Thursday, August 20, 2026
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.



SCHOOL FEES & PAYMENT

The school fee for Appleton Community 4K is \$15.00.

School fees can be paid at your 4K site's upcoming Meet & Greet Event!

You may also pay online via your Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

[Free and Reduced forms are also available.](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 2026

- 1 First Day of School
- 7 No School - Labor Day
- 25 No School - Professional Development



STUDENT ABSENCES/ APPOINTMENTS

If your child will be absent, arriving late, or leaving early, please call your 4K site or send an Absence Request through your Parent Portal. We appreciate your help in keeping us informed!

APPLETON COMMUNITY 4K WEBSITE

4K CALENDARS

FAMILY EDUCATION

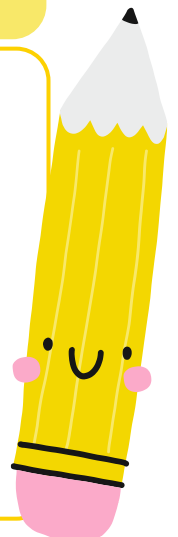
COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

4K OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Have you created your

PARENT PORTAL

account yet?



Here are some great reasons to do it now!

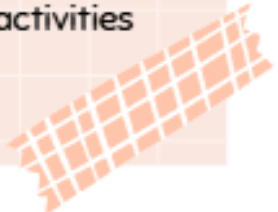


YOU CAN...

REPORT STUDENT ABSENCES 24/7! [FIND INSTRUCTIONS HERE!](#)

- Update your household information and emergency contacts as needed
- Pay school fees
- Register for summer school (Kindergarten Here I Come)
- Register! Every year after 4K, registration will be done through your Parent Portal

AS YOUR STUDENT GETS INTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOU CAN DO THE FOLLOWING THROUGH YOUR PARENT PORTAL:

- Add lunch money
 - See progress reports
 - See assignments/grades
 - Track attendance
 - Learn about school activities
 - So much more!
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NEED HELP CREATING OR ACCESSING YOUR PARENT PORTAL?

Please contact the AASD Helpdesk at:
helpdesk@aasd.k12.wi.us
OR (920)852-5555

TO-DO

Infinite Campus

Campus Portal Login



<https://appletonwi.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/appleton.jsp>

Appleton Community 4K School Supply List

Appleton Community 4K
Appleton Area School District
P.O. Box 2019
Appleton, WI 54912-9012



Dear Families,

Your child will need to have the following items at school. Please bring these items to your 4K Meet and Greet session.

***Large backpack** – large enough to fit a pocket folder. No wheels, please.

***Complete change of clothes** – pants, shirt, underwear, socks.

These will be kept at school for accidents and bad weather days. Please label each item with your child's name and place clothing in a large, labeled zip-lock bag.

School supplies are combined into one supply for all the children in the classroom to use; please do not put your child's name on these items.

- One box, 24 count, crayons (not the large or jumbo crayons)
- One box, 10 count, washable markers (standard sized)
- Four 3 oz tubs of play dough
- One 8-color watercolor paint set
- Four large glue sticks
- One bottle of washable white school glue
- One 4 count package of black dry erase markers
- One box of tissues
- LAST NAME A-H: one box gallon size Ziploc bags
- LAST NAME I-P: one box of sandwich/quart size Ziploc bags
- LAST NAME Q-Z: one box of tissues
- LAST NAME A-M: one roll of paper towel
- LAST NAME N-Z: one pack of 5 oz. paper cups

Would you like to help a student in need? We welcome additional donations of any of the above items.

September Play Ideas Calendar

Preschool



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BACK TO SCHOOL! 	Save empty food boxes. Tape them closed and build a tower of boxes*. 	First Day of School Not starting school yet? Play pretend school! Read a book, have a snack, play outside, and talk about what school will be like.	National Blueberry Popsicle Day! Mix yogurt and blueberries. Put a spoon inside the cup and freeze for a yummy treat!	Write down your child's name on paper. Have them trace it with their finger. Find the same letters around the house.	National Wildlife Day! Go for a walk on a trail and see how many animals you can find.	National Play Outside Day! Bring your toys outside or visit a new playground.
National Read a Book Day! Start reading to children at birth. It develops language, accelerates brain development and builds connection.	Save empty food boxes. Tape them closed and build a tower of boxes*. 	Play With Purpose at CELC from 9-10 & 10:30-11:30 All About Me (Registration required)	Sing "If you're happy and you know it!" Happy = clap hands Sad = give a hug Mad = breathe in and out	Learning Through Play at Pierce Park from 9:30 - 10:30 am Shape Seekers (Registration required)	Go for a walk and find a special rock. Paint it and keep it or share it with a friend*.	National Hug & High 5 Day! Praise good behavior by using encouraging words, giving high 5s and hugs.
National Kids in the Kitchen Day! Let your child be a helper. Give them a spoon to mix ingredients together*.	Before you wash the dishes, scoop out some of the soapy suds. Give your child a sponge and let them help wash*.	Play With Purpose at CELC from 9-10 & 10:30-11:30 Table Talk (Registration required)	National Playdough Day! Practice rolling playdough worms or balls.* No playdough? Try this easy recipe: The Best No Cook...	Learning Through Play at Pierce Park from 9:30 - 10:30 am A is for Apple (Registration required)	Put some grass clippings in a bucket and add a couple toys for a nature sensory bin*.	National Talk like a Pirate Day! Make a pirate hat or eye patch*. Talk like pirates.
Kick or roll a ball back and forth outside*.	Let your child 'paint' with yogurt. Add a raspberry or blackberry to squish and change the color of the yogurt.	Play With Purpose at CELC from 9-10 & 10:30-11:30 Emotion Commotion (Registration required)	Using chalk, draw lines on the sidewalk. Help your child balance while walking on the line.*	Learning Through Play at Pierce Park from 9:30 - 10:30 am Leaf Hunt (Registration required)	Practice drawing circles. Turn the circles into apples, a sun, a watermelon, a beach ball, etc.	National Pancake Day! Make pancakes for breakfast, lunch or dinner!
Turn on some music and have a dance party.	National Family Day! Spend time with your family by eating or going for a walk.	Practice using scissors by cutting the grass outside*.	Explore an apple. Smell, eat and cut it in half.* Autumn Adventures! at Pierce Park 4:00 - 6:00 PM	Scan here for more information about Birth-Five Outreach		*See back side for website & activity details  All blue & underlined words are website links