

NEWSLETTER



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

What a GREAT week we have had at school! It is always wonderful to see our students learning, growing, and making special memories together.

Next week will be a busy and exciting one as we welcome families for parent-teacher conferences and our Book Fair! We look forward to connecting with you to celebrate your child's progress and share in the joy of reading.

Please continue sending back your Pumpkin Run sign-up forms. We are looking forward to this fun event and appreciate your participation! Finally, keep an eye out for more information coming soon about our upcoming Boo Bash and Trunk or Treat!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr. Ohlson, Principal

Reminders

With the cold weather approaching, please send your child to school with warm outside attire. Our school no longer supplies winter coats, snow boots, and snow pants.

Upcoming Events

- Oct 20/22 – Conferences
- Oct 20/22 – Bookfair
- Oct 26 – Pumpkin Run
- Oct 29 – Boo Bash
- Oct 30 – No School

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: November 9th 4–6 pm
Email:

Horizonsfamilynetworkpto@gmail.com

Parents' Right to Inquire and Know about Professional and Teacher Qualifications

School districts and schools receiving Title I funds are mandated by the ESEA to notify parents about their right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals. This includes details on whether teachers meet state qualifications, are teaching under emergency provisions, and the qualifications of any paraprofessionals providing services. Schools must also inform parents promptly if their child is assigned to a teacher who does not meet certification requirements for four or more consecutive weeks, as stipulated by the ESEA. You can find more information about the qualifications of teachers working toward licensure by visiting the AASD Title 1 website:

<https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/district/district-information/notices/essa-teacher-quality-notification>

Assessment Policy Notification

You have the right to know about the mandated assessments your child participates in. The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that any school district receiving Title I funds must notify parents that they may request, and the district will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner), information regarding any State or local educational agency policy regarding student participation in any assessment mandated by ESSA, the State or district.

The AASD is committed to administering a variety of different assessments to students that will accurately measure student learning, so that high quality, developmentally appropriate learning experiences will be created for each student. Wisconsin's accountability reforms are focused upon helping every child graduate ready for college and careers. The various assessments are to measure each child's progress toward this goal. This year, your student will take the iReady Inform Assessment (Grades K-8) in the fall, winter, and spring, as well as the Wisconsin Forward Exam (Grades 3-8). For more information on required assessments in the AASD, including testing schedules, elementary screeners, and opt-out information, please visit our website:

<https://www.aasd.k12.wi.us/academics/grading-assessment/assessment>



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Does Good Attendance Matter?



Success Starts with Attendance

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.

We try to impress upon students that there is a difference between “not feeling well” and being truly sick. We all know there are times when we do not feel 100%, but still try to make it through the day. Students understand that parents do this in order to keep their jobs. This is a real “life skill” that employers look for when hiring. They want employees they can count on to come to work. For students, school is their job._____

Common sense can guide parents in deciding when a child is sick enough to be at home. If you are uncertain about sending your child to school, please reference [Is Your Child Well Enough to Go to School](#) from our district website or please call us. Sometimes a second opinion can be of help! Not only is school attendance a legal requirement, it encourages behavior that will help your child be successful in life. So while the goal of “perfect attendance” may not be realistic for all, great school attendance is something to work towards!

Here are some helpful tips:

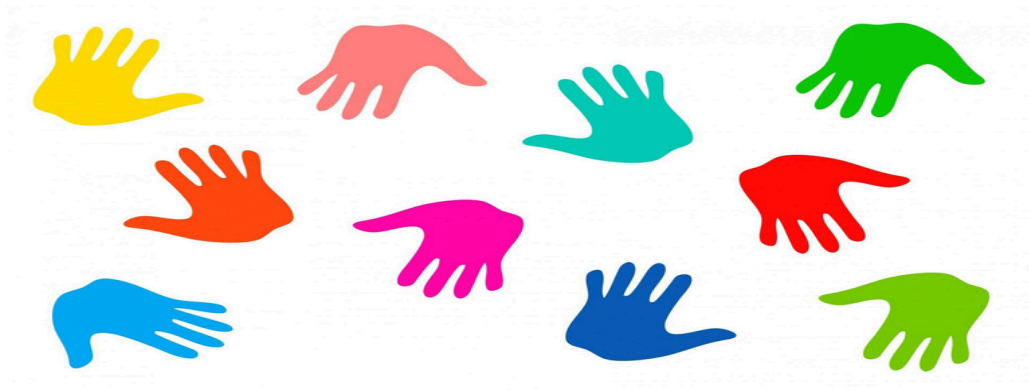
- Schedule appointments outside of school hours
- Request beginning or end of day appointments
- If appropriate, consider having child return for ½ day if feeling better.
- Ask your provider to write a letter for the time they missed from school

3 or 4 YEAR OLDS



Do you have a 3- or 4-year-old in your home and looking for something to do? We have a Parent-Child Playgroup at McKinley Elementary that is still looking for participants!

What: Meet My Milestones 3-4-Year-Old Parent-Child Playgroup
When: Mondays and Wednesdays
Times: 8:45-10 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM
Where: McKinley Elementary
Cost: Free! Must live in AASD



Interested? Call 920-832-6109 for questions and to register