



Learning
through
play, every
student,
every day!

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A Message from the Director of 4-Year-Old Kindergarten!

We have reached the final quarter of our 4K school year! I'm so excited that our district provides you and your child with opportunities for your child to become more familiar with their 5K school and meet new friends in Kindergarten Here I Come summer school. Please see more information and registration details later in this newsletter.

As we look forward to summer and fall, I'd like to offer the following suggestions to assist your child and family as you transition to Kindergarten.

- We strongly encourage you to enroll your child in Kindergarten Here I Come. This experience allows students an opportunity to practice all of the skills they have learned in 4K in our elementary school settings, while having great fun and meeting new friends. Registration information can be found on page 5.
- Attend Kindergarten welcome activities at your child's elementary school. Doing so allows you an opportunity to meet Kindergarten teachers and learn more about the Kindergarten day and curriculum at your child's school. Dates and times are included on page 4 of this newsletter.
- Schedule any 5-year-old visits with your doctor and assure your child has their required Kindergarten vaccinations. Please see page 6 of this newsletter for immunization news from our school nurse. The State of Wisconsin also recommends that children have their eyes examined by an optometrist or evaluated by a physician.
- Spend the summer playing and reading together. You will always be your child's first teacher and you have a wonderful opportunity to continue their



Did you know?

April 6th through April 12th was the NAEYC National Week of the Young Child. NAEYC stands for the National Association for the Education of Young Children; a national organization promoting excellence in early childhood education.

In the Appleton Community 4K, we are fortunate to partner with many child cares, preschools, and private schools who are dedicated to excellence in providing early care and education for our children. I hope you will join me in thanking them, and everyone in our community, for the exceptional work they do caring for and supporting our children in their early learning years!

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Upcoming Events

- Learning Through Play Playgroups sponsored by Birth to Five Outreach: join on Thursdays each month from 9:30-10:30 AM. Registration is required, see below for more information.
- Play with Purpose: join on Tuesdays each month from 9:00-10:00 AM or 10:30-11:30 AM. Registration is required, see below for more information.

For more information OR to register for any of these events, please contact:

(920)832-6470



Tucker's Corner



What behaviors lead to friendship?

- Organizing Play:** With 4K students, these are usually, "Let's" statements, such as , "Let's play trucks!"
- Listening:** The base of any good friendship is being able to listen to one another. When children are in 4K, they begin learning how to listen to teachers, parents, and peers.
- Sharing:** Children share their environment all the time! An easy way to work sharing toys into the equation is by providing an activity in which children share materials while working independently.
- Assisting Others:** Students can help each other throughout the day whether it is during clean-up or times of distress.
- Giving Compliments:** 4K students compliment one another's successes, efforts and acts of kindness.

At home, families can model positive friend behaviors. Friendships aren't always perfect! Try working out unpleasant conflicts using puppets and then model positive ways to resolve conflicts with a friend. Seeing a situation acted out and resolved makes it easier for children to decide what to do in real life, and shows them how to handle their emotions appropriately.

Resources: <https://challengingbehavior.cbcs.usf.edu/>

Share



Share your toys.

Give a Play Idea



Give your friend an idea about how you can play together.

Give a Compliment



Let your friend know that he is doing a good job.

Appleton Community 4K Literacy Corner ~ April

Nurturing the Language of Young Children

Language and play are the most important tools for early literacy learning. Research confirms that children's language and literacy skills in preschool and in kindergarten are strongly related to later academic success (Dickinson and Sprague, 2001).

When children talk with adults, they are learning about the rules of conversation—learning to listen and respond. When they listen and talk about stories, they are learning about the structure of book language. Through these types of experiences, young children are also adding to their daily oral vocabularies—words they know as they speak and listen.

Ways that families can nurture language development at home:

- Engage your child in conversation, provide the names for things, and show interest in what your child has to say
- Read and reread stories, discussing what is happening
- Encourage your child to recount experiences and describe ideas and events that are important
- Make rhymes with words
- Play with the alphabet letters and their sounds

Remember, "children who do not hear a lot of talk and who are not encouraged to talk themselves often have problems learning to read" (Armbruster, Lehr, & Osborn, 2003).

This month's book recommendations focus on Rhyming / Poetry / Mother Goose

- Jamberry by Bruce Degan
- The Magic Hat by Mem Fox
- My Truck is Stuck! By Kevin Lewis
- To Market, to Market by Anne Miranda
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
- Three Little Kittens and Other Favorite Nursery Rhymes by Tony Ross
- Animals Animals by Eric Carle
- On the Farm by David Elliot



It's time to register for the
Kindergarten Here I Come!
summer school program.

See page 5 of this
newsletter for
more information!



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Kindergarten Welcome Activities in the Appleton Area School District

Please contact the Elementary School for more information.

<i>Appleton Bilingual School</i> 852-5535	<i>To Be Determined</i>
<i>Appleton Public Montessori</i> 852-5515	<i>To Be Determined</i>
<i>Badger Elementary</i> 852-5440	<i>To Be Determined</i>
<i>Berry Elementary</i> 852-5445	<i>To Be Determined</i>
Classical School 852-5525	Kindergarten Orientation May 9th, 2024 1:00-2:00 PM
<i>Columbus Elementary</i> 852-5450	<i>To Be Determined</i>
<i>Edison Elementary</i> 852-5460	<i>To Be Determined</i>
Ferber Elementary 852-5465	Kindergarten Sneak-A-Peek May 7th, 2024 6:00 PM
Foster Elementary 852-5470	May 16th, 2024
Fox River Academy 852-5500	<i>To Be Determined</i>
<i>Franklin Elementary</i> 852-5475	<i>To Be Determined</i>
Highlands Elementary 852-5480	Kindergarten Sneak-a-Peek August 27th, 2024 4:00-5:00 PM
<i>Horizons Elementary</i> 852-5485	<i>To Be Determined</i>

Houdini Elementary 852-5490	Kindergarten Preview May 14th, 2024 6:00-7:00 PM
Huntley Elementary 852-5495	Kindergarten Round Up April 16th, 2024 6:00-7:15 PM
<i>Jefferson Elementary</i> 852-5500	<i>To Be Determined</i>
Johnston Elementary 852-5505	Kindergarten Orientation August 20th, 2024 9-11 AM or 2-4 PM
<i>Dunlap Elementary</i> 852-5455	<i>To Be Determined</i>
McKinley Elementary 852-5510	Kinder Orientation May, 20th, 2024 4:00 PM or 5:30 PM
Richmond Elementary 852-5520	Kindergarten Kickoff August 21st, 2024 5:30-6:30 PM
<i>Wisconsin Connections Academy</i>	<i>To Be Determined</i>

Please continue to watch upcoming newsletters- we will update these dates as more information becomes available.

411.2 Student Nondiscrimination

The Appleton Area School District does not discriminate against students on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or physical, cognitive, emotional or learning disability in its education programs or activities.

El Distrito Escolar del Área de Appleton no discrimina a los estudiantes por sexo, raza, color, religión, edad, origen nacional, ascendencia, credo, embarazo, estado civil o parental, orientación sexual, identidad de género, expresión de género o físico, cognitivo, discapacidad emocional o de aprendizaje en sus programas o actividades educativas.

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Amend Dates: 6/23/2014 and 04/22/2019



AASD Summer School 2024

Kindergarten Here I Come!

For students entering 5 year old Kindergarten in the Fall

Class Dates: June 10 – July 3, 2024 (No School 6/19)

Class time: 8:30-11:30am

\$15 fee due at registration. Checks can be payable to: AASD

Appleton Area School District is offering a summer school class for students entering 5 year old Kindergarten in the fall of 2024. This course is designed to introduce and/or reinforce basic skills for kindergarten. Students have a lot of fun and meet new friends while becoming familiar with the school setting.

Kindergarten Here I Come classes will be offered at the following Summer School Sites:

Appleton Bilingual School	Edison	Houdini
Badger	Ferber	Huntley
Berry	Foster	Jefferson
Classical	Franklin	Johnston
Columbus	Highlands	McKinley
Dunlap	Horizons	Richmond

Clase para la preparación de Kinder

El propósito de esta clase de Prestancia es el ayudar a preparar a su hijo(a) a tener un buen comienzo en el Jardín de Niños el próximo otoño. Su hijo conocerá otros niños, tendrá varias actividades divertidas, conocerá a su maestro y se familiarizará con la escuela. Favor de llenar la solicitud de registro que se adjunta, y llevarla a la escuela en la que se desea inscribir al niño, durante la noche de inauguración de las inscripciones. Las fechas se anotan a continuación

Hoob Kindergarten Readiness

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Registration will be conducted online this year!

Please see the following website for more information. www.aasd.k12.wi.us/families/summer_school_information

Current AASD students and private school students that attended last summer: Parents/ guardians will receive an email or message on the parent portal on April 8th to view what school site that the student will have enrollment access to for summer school. Enrollment will be open to the school the student will attend the next school year. Private school students will have access to the site that they attended last summer. If the student would like to attend a different school for summer school, please contact kadolphtarrie@asd.k12.wi.us or 852-5332 ext. 60350.

Course registration opens April 15th. Parents/guardians will register for summer school courses via the Infinite Campus Portal. Student's finalized schedules and fees will also be available for viewing in the Portal within one week after registering the student. Fees may be paid online, also through the portal. Online registration will close on June 3rd; however, registration forms may be dropped off at the school site after that time. If assistance is needed logging on to Infinite Campus, please contact the Helpdesk at helpdesk@asd.k12.wi.us or 920-852-5555 ext. 63159.

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

****New out of district or private school students:** Please complete and return the form for the specific school to the school your child wishes to attend for summer school.

If you do not wish to use the online registration process, please complete and return the registration form to the school your child wishes to attend for summer school.



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

TO: Parents of 4K students; Incoming Kindergarteners

RE: Required Immunizations

DATE: April 2024

We encourage you to schedule your child's Kindergarten Well-Child visit soon. Medical provider's office summer appointments fill up fast. Incoming kindergarten students are required to be up-to-date with immunizations upon entrance to kindergarten, including completion of the "kindergarten series" vaccines.

Please check with your healthcare provider to verify that your child has received ALL of the following vaccine doses.

Vaccine	Dose
DTaP	At least 4 doses (unless the 3 rd dose was received after the 4 th birthday)
Polio	At least 4 doses (unless the 3 rd dose was received after the 4 th birthday)
Hepatitis B	3 doses
MMR	2 doses
Varicella (chicken pox)	2 doses

Area resources:

Appleton Health Department (for children living in the city of Appleton) 920-832-6429

Outagamie County Health Department (for children living outside the city limits of Appleton)
920-832-5100

If you do not wish to have your child immunized, you are required to sign a waiver. The waiver option is located on the bottom half of the immunization form. These forms are available from the district website (aasd.k12.wi.us), <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/f0/f04020l.pdf>, or from the elementary school office. If you already completed a waiver for your child in 4K, you will need to complete a new waiver as these immunizations represent a new requirement.

Please contact Vicki Fors RN, School Nurse (forsvictoria@aasd.k12.wi.us) for further information.
Thank you!

Success for
Every Student,
Every Day



Project ADAM
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Heart Safe School Designation Letter to our Welcome Center and Appleton Community 4K School Community

Dear Community,

AASD's Welcome Center/ Appleton Community 4K School Office 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 the **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.

The Welcome Center currently has 1 AED in the building. The AED is stored in a wall cabinet near the women's restroom. When the cabinet doors are 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 AED is designed to work effectively unless it is tampered with. Additionally, the AED will not shock a person unless it detects a shockable rhythm (ventricular fibrillation).

Volunteer staff have 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."




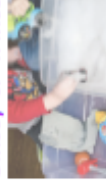



Many thanks for your participation in this important Heart Safe initiative in our school.


Sincerely,

AASD District Nursing Staff

May Play Ideas Calendar Preschool



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p></p> <p>Scan here for more information about Birth-Five Outreach</p> <p>5</p> <p>Play Outside! Draw with sidewalk chalk, blow bubbles, or visit a local park to play</p>	<p>Have you called to register for our May Carnival Event?</p>  <p>6</p> <p>Visit the library, or go online, and reserve some of your favorite books for pick up</p>	<p>Are you registered for our playgroups on Thursdays? Call TODAY!! 920-832-6470</p> <p>7</p>  <p>Spray Bottle Painting - water down washable paint in a spray bottle</p>	<p>1</p> <p>National May Day! Make flowers with your child's hand or plant bulbs or seeds with your child</p> <p>8</p> <p>Sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes;" touch each part as you sing together</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Learning Through Play at CELC from 9-10 & 10:30-11:30: <i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> (Registration required)</p> <p>9</p> <p>Learning Through Play at CELC from 9-10 & 10:30-11:30: <i>Hooray for Birds!</i> (Registration required)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>National Space Day! Read/watch: Mae Among the... and stargaze together in the evening!</p> <p>10</p> <p>National Clean Up Your Room Day! Encourage your child to pick up toys and put them away</p>	<p>4</p> <p>National Bird Day! Make binoculars from empty toilet paper rolls and go on a bird watching walk- point and listen. Can you make a bird sound?</p> <p>11</p> <p>National Train Day! Read a book about trains or use chairs lined up to create a pretend train, all aboard!</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Happy Mother's Day! Enjoy extra cuddle time with parent or caregiver</p>	<p>13</p> <p>National Frog Jumping Day! Jump like a frog or take a stuffed animal and make it jump like a frog. Do you know what a frog sounds like?</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Play "car wash" and wash your toy cars, bikes, or trikes</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Make an obstacle course with boxes, pillows or rolled up blankets and encourage your child to crawl or climb</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Learning Through Play at CELC from 9-10 & 10:30-11:30: <i>Summer Here We Come Celebration</i> (Registration required)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Go for a walk with your child; stop and have a picnic!</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Make a sticky wall with contact paper</p> 
<p>19</p> <p>Paint with water using a roller or a paintbrush.</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>National Pick Strawberries Day! Visit a local U-pick field or make a strawberry and yogurt parfait as a tasty treat</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Give your child some sponges and a shallow container of water. Soak and squeeze the sponges. Add some soap for extra bubble fun!</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Use cotton swabs and washable paint to paint on paper.</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Freeze Dancing! Start and stop music and encourage your child to stop dancing when the music stops</p>	<p>24</p> <p>National Scavenger Hunt Day! Go on an indoor or outdoor scavenger hunt. Use this: Spring Scavenger Hunt or create your own!</p>	<p>25</p> <p>National Sing Out Day! Put on a concert with your family singing to your favorite songs!</p>
<p>26</p> <p>National Paper Airplane Day! Make an airplane and fly it across the room, encourage child to go get it and fly it back</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Happy Memorial Day! Watch a parade or create your own</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Read a book with your child; point to pictures as you read, encourage child to point and repeat; see activities back side</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Flashlight Play! In a dark room experiment with a flashlight. Make shadow puppets or use the flashlight to read a book in a dark room or fort!</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Practice rolling, throwing or catching a ball inside or outside</p>	<p>31</p> <p>National Smile Day! Tell jokes or make silly faces with your child to make them smile Read/watch: I Love it when ...</p>	




COME AND JOIN
AASD BIRTH-FIVE
OUTREACH AND APPLETON
COMMUNITY 4K
FOR OUR FREE



FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH
6:00PM - 7:00PM

COMMUNITY EARLY LEARNING CENTER
313 S. STATE ST.
APPLETON



Join us for art, games, prizes, and
more for children ages birth to five
and their families

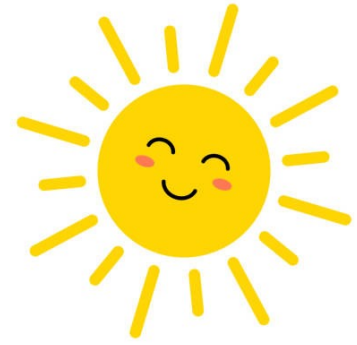
Registration Required
by May 6th

AASD
Birth-Five
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Contact Danielle Tzakais at
(920) 832-6470 #1 or
tzakaisdaniell@aasd.k12.wi.us



Appleton
COMMUNITY 4K



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 6 - Memorial Park (1620 E Witzke Blvd): **Treasure Hunt**

June 13 - Pierce Park (1035 W Prospect Ave.): **Full S.TEAM Ahead**

June 20 - Telulah Park (1300 E Newberry St): **Messy Play**

June 27 - Schaefer Park (610 S. Buchanan St): **Here We Grow**

July 11 - City Park (500 E Franklin St): **Art Zone**

July 18 - Telulah Park (1300 E Newberry St): **Splish Splash Water Play**

July 25 - Plamann Park (1375 E Broadway Dr): **Fun on the Farm**

August 1 - Pierce Park (1035 W Prospect Ave.): **Bears, Bears, Bears**

August 8 - City Park (500 E Franklin St): **Here Comes Pete**

August 15 - Derks Park (3220 Guyette Dr): **Trucks, Trains and Transportation**

August 22 - Memorial Park (1620 E Witzke Blvd): **Summer Send Off**

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

Learn More:

Fun In The Sun! Summer Birth-Five Programming



35th Annual

Parent Resource Fair

Empowering Your Parent Journey

May 3 & 4, Noon to 3:00 pm



Registration Preferred
Walk-Ins Welcomed

Register Online:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentResourceFair2024

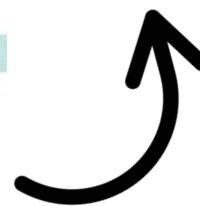


Free event for parents & parents-to-be.
Information & resources from community partners.
Join us for all of this event or any part you can.
Register to use Free Drop-In Child Care & transportation assistance.
Listen to guest speakers on topics Just For You.
Connect with resources at the Community Resource Fair.

- Parenting
- Child Safety & Development
- Family Legal Information
- Community Assistance
- Education & Employment Advancement
- And so much more!

See more information in the registration

Grab a bite to eat - Our Treat
Enter to win a prize



Location:

Fox Valley Technical College
825 N. Bluemound Dr. Appleton
North Parking Lot | Entrance 16

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