

THE HORIZONS WAY

Horizons Elementary 2024

Horizon's New Phone Number 920-852-5485

April 5	Hawaiian Day
April 8	HFN Meeting 6:00-7:30 pm
April 18	Cultural Event for Students
April 25	Fine Arts Night (Band, Strings, Choir) 6:00 pm

HFN Meeting

Monday, April 8, is the next HFN meeting. All families are invited to participate in the Horizon Family Network Meeting. We plan events for our students and families like Boo Bash, The Winter Formal, and many more.

WHEN: April 8

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Horizons Elementary



If you have not paid your children's school fees, please go on your Parent Portal or come into the office to pay with cash or check. Thank you.



Community Opportunities for Students

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Nuevo número de teléfono de Horizons 920-852-5485

Fechas siguientes:

5 de abril Día hawaiano

8 de abril Reunion de HFN 6:00-7:00

18 de abril Evento Cultural para Estudiantes

25 de abril Noche de Bellas Artes (Banda, Orquesta, Coro) 6:00 pm

REUNIÓN DE HFN

8 de abril reunión de HFN. (Red Familiar de Horizons) Todas las familias están invitadas a participar en esta reunión. Nosotros planeamos eventos para nuestros estudiantes y familias como: "Boo Bash", "The Winter Formal" y muchos más.

CUÁNDO: 8 de abril

HORA: 6:00 p.m.

DÓNDE: Primaria Horizons



Si no ha pagado las cuotas escolares de sus hijos, vaya a su Portal para padres o venga a la oficina para pagar en efectivo o con cheque. Gracias.



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Subject: Important Notice: Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024

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Horizons Families,

We're writing to inform you of an exciting celestial event coming up on Monday, April 8, 2024 – a total solar eclipse. This rare phenomenon, where the moon blocks the sun from view, will be visible across North America, including Mexico, the United States, and Canada. In Appleton, we will see a Partial Solar Eclipse that will begin on April 8, 2024, at 12:53 pm and end at 3:21 pm. [Families can learn more about the eclipse here](#), or check out [Eclipse Resources from NASA](#).

While this presents a fantastic learning opportunity, we want to ensure the safety of our students during this event, even though the weather forecast for that day predicts an overcast day with a chance of rain.

Our school will be adjusting the afternoon recess schedule for the day to prevent students from having outdoor recess during the eclipse. Instead, students will have indoor recess.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

familias de horizontes,

Le escribimos para informarle sobre un emocionante evento celestial que se producirá el lunes 8 de abril de 2024: un eclipse solar total. Este raro fenómeno, en el que la luna bloquea la vista del sol, será visible en toda América del Norte, incluidos México, Estados Unidos y Canadá. En Appleton veremos un eclipse solar parcial que comenzará el 8 de abril de 2024 a las 12:53 p.m. y finalizará a las 3:21 p.m. Las familias pueden obtener más información sobre el eclipse aquí o consultar los recursos sobre eclipses de la NASA.

Si bien esto presenta una fantástica oportunidad de aprendizaje, queremos garantizar la seguridad de nuestros estudiantes durante este evento, a pesar de que el pronóstico del tiempo para ese día predice un día nublado con posibilidad de lluvia.

Nuestra escuela ajustará el horario de recreo de la tarde para evitar que los estudiantes tengan recreo al aire libre durante el eclipse. En cambio, los estudiantes tendrán recreo interior.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en comunicarse con nosotros.

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Every Student,
Every Day



Project ADAM
SAVES LIVES

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



35th Annual
Parent Resource Fair

"Empowering Your Parent Journey"

FREE event for parents and parents-to-be, including information and resources from community partners. Join us for all of this event or any part you can. Pre-register to use **FREE** drop-in childcare and request transportation assistance.

May 3-4, 2024, Noon to 3:00 pm

Visit with representatives from community agencies and listen to guest speakers on topics **JUST FOR YOU**, including:

Parenting, Child Safety & Development, Family Legal Information, Community Assistance, Education & Employment, Advancement, and So Much More!

**ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE.
GRAB A BITE TO EAT - OUR TREAT!**

Registration Preferred, Walk-Ins Welcome

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

Location: Fox Valley Technical College
1825 N. Bluemound Dr, Appleton
Use North Parking Lot, Entrance 16

Contact For Questions: (920) 739-4226
ext. 127 or workshops@familyservicesnew.org



Thank You Sponsors!





Horizons Elementary School

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February 23, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Wisconsin students in Grades 3-6 will be participating in the Wisconsin Forward Exam this Spring. Our school is scheduled to take the Forward assessment between March 18, 2023 and April 26, 2024. Students will not be testing on all days during this testing window. There are designated days for each grade level to take specific portions of the overall state assessment.

The Forward assessment tests students in the areas of Math, Reading, Language Arts and Writing. Students in grade 4 will also be tested in the area of Social Studies and Science. It is very important that your son or daughter be in school during this time. Students not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for a makeup test prior to the close of the testing window. Please make every effort to avoid scheduling appointments for your child(ren) during this time.

Please encourage your son or daughter to take the test seriously and to do their best. The results of these tests help us make decisions on how we can continue to offer strong educational programming for our students.

Enclosed is an [Informational Brochure for Families](#) (English) [Informational Brochure for Families](#) (Spanish) which gives more information about the assessment including its purpose, what scores will be provided, and how the scores will be used.

Their performance on the Wisconsin Forward Exam will not affect any of their current grades.

If you have any questions, please contact John Ohlson at (920) 852 5485 or email at ohlsonjohn@asds.k12.wi.us.

Thank you,

John Ohlson

Horizons Elementary Principal

Escuela Primaria Horizons

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23 de Febrero de 2024

Estimado Padre/Tutor:

Los estudiantes de Wisconsin en los grados de 3ro-6to participarán en el examen de avance (forward test) de Wisconsin esta primavera. Nuestra escuela está programada para tomar la evaluación entre el 18 de marzo de 2024 y el 26 de abril de 2024. Los estudiantes no tomarán la prueba todos los días durante este periodo. Hay días designados para cada grado para tomar partes específicas de la evaluación general del estado.

La prueba de avance evalúa a los estudiantes en las áreas de matemáticas, lectura, artes del lenguaje y escritura. Los estudiantes en el grado 4 también serán evaluados en el área de Estudios Sociales y Ciencias. Es muy importante que su hijo o hija se encuentren en la escuela durante este tiempo. Los estudiantes que no estén en la escuela en los días de prueba programados, serán programados para una prueba de recuperación antes del cierre del periodo. Por favor, haga todo lo posible para evitar programar citas para su(s) hijo(s) durante este tiempo.

Anime a su hijo o hija a que se tomen el examen en serio y hagan lo mejor que puedan. Los resultados de estas pruebas nos ayudan a tomar decisiones sobre cómo podemos continuar ofreciendo una sólida programación educativa para nuestros estudiantes.

Se mandará un [Folleto informativo para familias en \(Inglés\)](#) y otro [Folleto informativo para familias \(español\)](#)

que brindará más información sobre la evaluación, incluido su propósito, qué puntajes se proporcionarán y como se utilizarán los puntajes. Su rendimiento en el examen de avance (Forward test) de Wisconsin no afectará ninguna de sus calificaciones actuales.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con John Ohlson al (920) 852 5485 o envíe un correo electrónico a ohlsonjohn@asd.k12.wi.us.

Gracias,

John Ohlson

Director de la Escuela de Horizons



Do Something Big!! Join Band this spring! **AASD Beginning Elementary Band**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

You will soon have a 5th grader in your midst. When students enter the 5th grade, they can begin instruction on a band instrument. There is no guarantee your child will have this opportunity again so **NOW** as an upcoming 5th grader is the time to join the band. This spring, band recruitment will begin. Your child will hear a full band demonstration of all the different band instruments and then will be able to sign up for a band instrument fitting. This is an incredibly fun and exciting experience! **Current 4th graders are invited to join elementary band THIS SPRING and start in the fall.** So, start thinking about it now! No previous instrument experience is required. As children grow, they need ways to express themselves individually as well as in a group. Playing in the band will provide the challenge to do both. Also, a child who learns to play an instrument learns discipline and cooperation with others. Band is something that your child can be a part of from the fall of 5th grade through high school.

Like any other endeavor, being a successful band member requires hard work, dedication and parental support, but the payoff lasts a lifetime. Band participation strengthens confidence and pride, generates happiness, positively affects other academics, develops small and large motor skills, and provides space for creativity and imagination. Students become part of a "band team," meet new friends and have fun learning and playing music together.

Elementary Band Facts and Questions:

-Does a student need to choose between band or strings? *No. Your student does not have to choose between strings and band in elementary school. A motivated student can do well in both classes!*

-What is the time commitment for practicing? *20 minutes of practice per day or 100 minutes per week is strongly recommended to ensure steady progress on an instrument.*

-Expense? *Most families choose to rent an instrument at first. Rental costs range from \$20 to \$75 per month depending on the instrument selected. Large instruments such as tubas, baritones, and French horns are rented through the AASD. The district also maintains an inventory of other instruments for students with financial need. NO ONE is turned away from band because of family finances!*

If your child is interested in being a member of the beginning band program, please look for more elementary band information coming soon. **I would love to have a huge band next year! Please encourage your child to join the band.** Instrument fittings/tryouts will take place in May.

If you have any questions prior to that time, please feel welcome to email Mrs. Carpenter at carpenterkelle@aad.k12.wi.us





!!Haz algo grande!! !Únete a Banda esta primavera! Banda de primaria inicial de AASD



Estimados padres/tutores,

Pronto tendrás un estudiante de quinto grado entre ti. Cuando los estudiantes ingresan al quinto grado, pueden comenzar la instrucción con un instrumento de banda. No hay garantía de que su hijo vuelva a tener esta oportunidad, por lo que **AHORA**, como estudiante de quinto grado, es el momento de unirse a la banda. Esta primavera comenzará el reclutamiento de la banda. Su hijo/a escuchará una demostración de la banda completa de todos los diferentes instrumentos de la banda y luego podrá inscribirse para una prueba de instrumentos de la banda.

¡Esta es una experiencia increíblemente divertida y emocionante! **Los estudiantes actuales de 4 grado están invitados a unirse a la banda de primaria ESTA PRIMAVERA y comenzar en el otoño.**

Entonces, empieza a pensar en ello ahora! No se requiere experiencia previa en instrumentos. A medida que los niños crecen, necesitan formas de expresarse tanto individualmente como en grupo. Tocar en la banda supondrá el desafío de hacer ambas cosas. Además, un niño que aprende a tocar un instrumento aprende disciplina y cooperación con los demás. La banda es algo de lo que su hijo puede formar parte desde el otoño del quinto grado hasta la escuela secundaria.

Como cualquier otro esfuerzo, ser un miembro exitoso de una banda requiere trabajo duro, dedicación y apoyo de los padres, pero la recompensa dura toda la vida. La participación en la banda fortalece la confianza y el orgullo, genera felicidad, afecta positivamente a otras academias, desarrolla habilidades motoras pequeñas y grandes y brinda espacio para la creatividad y la imaginación. Los estudiantes forman parte de un "equipo de banda", conocen nuevos amigos y se divierten aprendiendo y tocando música juntos.

Datos y preguntas de la banda de Primaria:

-**Un estudiante necesita elegir entre banda o orquesta?** No. Su estudiante no tiene que elegir entre orquesta y banda en la escuela primaria. Un estudiante motivado puede obtener buenos resultados en ambas clases!

-**Cual es el compromiso de tiempo para practicar?** Se recomienda encarecidamente 20 minutos de práctica por día o 100 minutos por semana para garantizar un progreso constante en un instrumento.

-**¿Gastos?** La mayoría de las familias optan por alquilar un instrumento al principio. Los costos de alquiler oscilan entre \$20 y \$75 por mes, dependiendo del instrumento seleccionado. A través de la AASD se alquilan instrumentos grandes como tubas, barítonos y trompas. El distrito también mantiene un inventario de otros instrumentos para estudiantes con necesidades financieras. NADIE es rechazado de la banda por cuestiones económicas familiares!

Si su hijo/a está interesado en ser miembro del programa de banda principalmente, busque más información sobre la banda de primaria próximamente. **¡Me encantaría tener una gran banda el año que viene! Por favor animen a su hijo/a a unirse a la banda.** Las pruebas/adaptaciones de instrumentos se llevarán a cabo en mayo.

Si tiene alguna pregunta antes de esa hora, no dude en enviar un correo electrónico a la Sra. Carpenter a carpenterkelle@aasd.k12.wi.us