

# HAWKS TALE

February 2024

## Conference Sign up

Parent teacher conferences will be held Feb 22 & 27. Please sign up using link below:

[https://ptcfast.com/schools/Houdini\\_Elementary\\_1](https://ptcfast.com/schools/Houdini_Elementary_1)

## Attendance

A student may be excused by a parent or guardian for not more than 10 days in the school year (the 10 days includes absences due to intermittent illness). All absences past these 10 days must be accompanied by a medical note to be excused.

## Valentines Day

Houdini classrooms will celebrate Valentines Day with an exchange of cards and non-edible treats. At Houdini, we follow the "If you give to one person in class, you need to give to every person in the class" culture. Students will receive a list of FIRST names of students in their class (last initial if there are duplicate first names).

## Dates to Remember

### February 2

4:00 Progress Reports posted on parent portal  
- Winter I Ready scores will be sent home with students

### February 8

6:00 PTO meeting

### February 9

6:00 PTO Bingo Night

### February 15

5:00-8:00 Ice Skating  
Globe Plaza Neenah

### Feb 16

Open Gym Night

### Feb 22 & 27

Conferences

### Feb 23

Open Gym Night



# School Hours

Students may not be dropped off prior to 8:10 as there is no supervision on the playground until that time.

**8:10 a.m. Supervision begins on playground**

**8:27 a.m. Classes begin**

**Running Late?** Students who arrive after the 8:27 am bell must to come to the office to check-in and for a pass to class. Students are marked **UNEXCUSED** unless they are accompanied at the door by a parent/guardian or a phone call is received by the office.

**3:20 p.m. School Dismissal**

**3:30 p.m. Students should be picked up/walk home.**

All students not picked up by 3:30 will be brought to the office to call home.

Please make after school plans with your children in the morning before school. This helps avoid interruptions to classrooms while students are learning.

## ❄️ COLD WEATHER CLOTHING ❄️

Please make sure to send your child to school with winter clothing. Students without appropriate winter clothing (snow pants, boots, etc) will have to stay on the black top areas during recess.

Please contact the school office if your child is in need of a winter coat, snow pants or boots.

Wisconsin weather often is unpredictable. One day we could have a field of snow, the next day that field could be full of mud. Please pack your child extra socks and pants in their backpacks.





# APPLETON AREA

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

### FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE: Screen Time and Your Child

"Screen Time" refers to activities that are done in front of a digital screen, such as watching television, playing a video game or using an iPad or smartphone. Most American children spend between 5-7 hours a day on screens, with 3 of those being watching television. **Experts recommend that screen time be limited to 1-2 hours per day.** We understand that playing outside in cold temperatures can be more work, but with the proper clothing/attire, student's health can be improved by playing outside in the winter months. The fresh air, full body movements, and sunshine help to boost immunity during cold/flu season.

Too much screen time has been linked to many negative health outcomes, including:

- Difficulty sleeping
- Poor attention span, anxiety and depression
- Behavioral problems and aggression
- Obesity and cardiovascular problems



The widespread prevalence of screens and our increasingly digital culture makes it difficult for parents to control the amount of screen time their children have. Here are a few tips for reducing screen time:

- **Limit your own screen time. Children learn by observation. Model this behavior yourself!**
- Prioritize homework, chores, (non-digital) socialization and free play.
- Set limited viewing times and remove devices and TV's from bedrooms.
- Turn off screens during dinner, bedtime and homework.
- Don't leave the TV on in the background.
- Give consequences for violating rules.



**Teaching Appropriate Behavior and Online Literacy:** Eliminating all digital media may not be possible, but you can talk with your child about appropriate online behavior. Explain what's allowed and what's not, such as cyberbullying, sending/receiving inappropriate photos and sharing personal information online. Teach your child not to send or share anything online that he or she would not want everyone to see. Be sure that you are monitoring everything your child is doing online. Teach your child that not everything they see on the internet is accurate. Show them how to tell which websites are credible and while are not.

Managing screen time will be a constant challenge, but setting limits while children are young can help them learn a healthy balance as they grow.



# 2024 BIPOC Black History Month Celebration

**Saturday, February 3**  
**1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Appleton West Auditorium**

- **Opening Speeches**
- **BIPOC/BSU Presidents Introductions**
- **Keynote Speaker**
- **Student Performances**
- **"Taste of the Culture" in Appleton West Commons**

**RSVP**



**Hosted by the Appleton West BIPOC Club**



The mission of Appleton Community 4K is to maximize the learning of 4 year olds!

Appleton Community 4K builds a lifelong love of learning through creativity, curiosity, problem solving, and exploration.

Why 4K? Because their learning journey starts now!

The AASD prides itself on providing our youngest learners with the opportunity to participate in a quality early learning program in a play-based model. Appleton's 4K develops the whole child by balancing critical early reading, writing, and math skills, with the social and emotional skills necessary to be successful in school and throughout their lives.

Who can enroll?

Appleton Community 4K is open to any student who will turn 4 years old on or before September 1st.

How do we enroll?

Online enrollment begins Monday, February 12th, 2024. Watch the AASD and 4K website for more details as they become available:

[4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/our\\_school/enrollment](https://4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/our_school/enrollment)

How can I learn more about Appleton Community 4K?

- Check out our 4K Partner Sites: [https://4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/community\\_4k\\_sites](https://4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/community_4k_sites)
- Review our Frequently Asked Questions: [https://4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/our\\_school/faqs](https://4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/our_school/faqs)
- Watch our 4K Informational Videos: [https://4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/our\\_school/enrollment](https://4k.aasd.k12.wi.us/our_school/enrollment)
- During the month of January, we welcome you to reach out to the 4K sites you are interested in learning more about. They'd love to talk to you and offer you a visit!
- Call the Appleton Community 4K office at (920)852-5600!

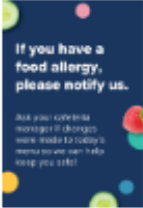


Find more information here!  
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# January 2024

## Houdini Elementary School Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Lunch • <b>Personal Galaxy Cheese Pizza</b> • <b>Sunbutter &amp; Crackers Fun Lunch</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>3</b> Lunch • <b>Macaroni and Cheese</b> • <b>Crispy Fish Sticks</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>4</b> Lunch • <b>Spaghetti with Meatballs</b> • <b>Hot Smokey Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>5</b> Lunch • <b>WG Cinnamon Glazed French Toast Sticks</b> • Breakfast Syrup • <b>Pork Sausage Patty</b> • <b>Turkey Hot Dog</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments
<b>8</b> Lunch • <b>Boneless Chicken Wings</b> • <b>Italian Meatball Sub</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Lunch • <b>Classic American Cheeseburger</b> • <b>Chicken Caesar Salad</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>11</b> Lunch • <b>Classic Pepperoni Pizza</b> • <b>Teriyaki Chicken</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>12</b> Lunch • <b>Mini Turkey Corn Dogs</b> • <b>Turkey &amp; Cheese Sub</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Lunch • <b>Mini Turkey Corn Dogs</b> • <b>Turkey &amp; Cheese Sub</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>17</b> Lunch • <b>Whole Grain Apple Cinnamon Muffin</b> • <b>Strawberry Banana Yogurt</b> • <b>Low Fat Mozzarella String Cheese</b> • <b>The Perfect Sloppy Joe</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>18</b> Lunch • <b>Jumbo Crispy Chicken Tenders</b> • <b>Homemade Cheese Pizza Bagels</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>19</b> Lunch • <b>Whole Grain Waffles</b> • Breakfast Syrup • <b>Strawberry Banana Yogurt</b> • <b>Homemade Hummus</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Lunch • <b>Classic American Cheeseburger</b> • <b>Cheese Quesadilla</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>24</b> Lunch • <b>Mini Turkey Corn Dogs</b> • <b>Teriyaki Chicken</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>25</b> Lunch • <b>Personal Galaxy Cheese Pizza</b> • <b>Meatballs in Zesty Marinara</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>26</b> Lunch • <b>Muffin, Goldfish &amp; Yogurt Fun Lunch</b> • <b>The Perfect Sloppy Joe</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments
<b>29</b> Lunch • <b>Cheese Pizza</b> • <b>BBQ Pork Sandwich</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>30</b> Lunch • <b>Chicken Nuggets</b> • <b>Ham and Cheese Wrap</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	<b>31</b> Lunch • <b>Classic American Cheeseburger</b> • <b>Twisted Mozzarella Stuffed Breadstick</b> Sides for All Meals Milk & Condiments	 <p>If you have a food allergy, please notify us.</p> <p>Ask your supervising manager if changes were made to catering menus in case you're not sure you safe!</p>	