

September 2023

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Columbus Elementary & Appleton Bilingual School

Columbus 920- 852-5450
 Appleton Bilingual School 920 - 852-5535



Like our Columbus Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/columbusABS/>
 We will be posting exciting news about upcoming events and things happening in our classrooms!

Bell Times:

Columbus & ABS Grades K-5: 8:22am-3:20pm
 Early Childhood/Title 1 Preschool (Mon-Thurs):
 AM: 8:27-11:04am PM: 12:39-3:16pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Full-Length Newsletter available on our webpage				August 31 Columbus Meet & Greet classrooms open from 4:30-5:30	Sept 1	2
3	4	5 1st Day of School 1st Day of BG Club	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 COL PTO Mtg 4-5pm LMC	19	20	21 Columbus Back to School Orientation Night 6-7pm COL Tom's Drive-In Fundraiser 4-8pm	22	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL	26	27	28	29	30
Oct 1	2	Picture day 3	4	5	6 NO BG Club (BGC Inservice)	7

Reminder: All visitors must check in at the office to sign in and obtain a visitor name badge. Thank you!

If you have not completed the application for free/reduced meals and fees, please complete as soon as possible. It is available through your parent portal on Infinite Campus. Paper copies are available in the office. You can also print a copy from the foodservice website: [Application for Free/Reduced Meals and Fees](#). The upcoming Dental Screening also requests completion of this application.

MEET AND GREET EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Appleton Bilingual School

Wednesday August 30 from 4:30 to 5:30pm

Bring School Supplies
Meet Teachers & Other Staff

Columbus Elementary School

Thursday, August 31 from 4:30 to 5:30pm

Meet Teachers and Other Staff

*School supplies - PTO Shredded the Supply List! No need to directly purchase your child's school supplies at the store. Please pay what you can by using QR code or link below:



or

https://cffvr.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=4564&org_id=1001

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ADDITIONAL BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

In September both Columbus and ABS will hold a **Back To School Orientation Night** where families can learn more about their school. These Back to School Orientation Events will be held **September 21st**:

ABS Back to School Orientation Night will be held Sept 21 from 5 to 6pm.

Columbus Back to School Orientation Night will be held Sept 21 from 6 to 7pm.

Please join us for three 15-minute presentations with transition time between sessions. We encourage attendance at all three sessions if possible. Learn about what to expect for your child's learning this year from your student's homeroom teacher as well as attend sessions with information about school-wide goals, practices, and how you can support your child's learning and school. There will also be an opportunity for you to provide input on decisions that impact your child's education.

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Columbus Elementary School Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	5 Lunch • Cheese Pizza • Turkey & Cheese Sub	6 Lunch • Mini Turkey Corn Dogs • Crispy Fish Sandwich with Cheese	7 Lunch • Classic American Cheeseburger • Cheese Quesadilla	8 Lunch • Cheesy Italian Pull Apart • Marinara Sauce • Sunbutter & Crackers Fun Lunch
11 Lunch • Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich • Ham and Cheese Wrap	12 Lunch • Whole Grain Waffles • Breakfast Syrup • Turkey Hot Dog	13 Lunch • Toasty Cheese Sandwich • Sweet & Sour Chicken	14 Lunch • Twisted Mozzarella Stuffed Breadstick • Marinara Sauce • BBQ Rib-B-Q Sandwich	15 Lunch • Chicken Corn Dog • Potato Breaded Fish Sticks
18 Lunch • Classic American Cheeseburger • Personal Galaxy Cheese Pizza	19 Lunch • Boneless Chicken Wings • Hot Smoky Ham & Cheese Sandwich	20 Lunch • Beef Walking Tacos • Cheese Quesadilla	21 Lunch • Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich • Macaroni and Cheese	22 Lunch • Whole Grain Apple Cinnamon Muffin • Strawberry Banana Bash Yogurt • Low Fat Mozzarella String Cheese • Chicken Caesar Salad
25	26 Lunch • Classic Pepperoni Pizza • Italian Meatball Sub • Fresh Carrot Sticks	27 Lunch • Jumbo Crispy Chicken Tenders • Teriyaki Glazed Chicken	28 Lunch • WG Cinnamon Glazed French Toast Sticks • Chicken Nuggets	29 Lunch • Popcorn Chicken • Turkey & Cheese Sub

Menus Subject to Change We try our best to serve our menus as posted; however, sometimes last minute changes occur. Please check with the cafe manager prior to the meal if you have any concerns.

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Important message about birthdays and other celebrations:

Please do not bring in snacks/treats for birthdays or other celebrations. The AASD Board Policy (458) regarding Student Wellness was updated in 2018 in order to align our school wellness procedures with best practices. This change is to focus on honoring students through more inclusive practices that are not only more aligned to the updated policy, but are practices identified as being best for overall student health and wellness. Policy 458 reads:

D. Recognition for special occasion without treats

Recognitions for special occasions (birthdays, holidays, etc.) during the school day (starting at midnight the day before through a half hour after students are dismissed for the day) will not include students bringing in snacks/treats from outside of the District for other students and will instead take place through non-food practices.



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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

Provided here is a variety of information to help your kids get to and from elementary school safely. The information discusses safe walking route maps, along with safety tips for walkers, bicyclist, and motorists. These materials are provided in effort help all enjoy a safe and accident-free school year.

Safe Walking Route Maps

The *Safe Walking Route Maps* are produced by the City of Appleton Department of Public Works and are available on the City's website. Go to:

<http://www.appleton.org/government/public-works/traffic-engineering/safe-routes-to-school-srts>

These maps are intended to help figure out the best route for kids to get to and from school safely. The maps display streets with and without sidewalks, crossing guard locations, intersection control, traffic signals, school crosswalks and school locations. *Keep in mind the safest route may not be the most convenient.* Key features to look for when identifying routes are adequate sidewalks or paths, favorable intersection control (i.e. yields, stops, and traffic signals) and crossing guard locations. Try to find routes that stay away from busy main streets if possible.

We encourage parents and guardians to review their school's map with their kids and talk about acceptable routes to use. If a certain crossing seems too challenging, or conflict with the mapped routes, we ask you physically assist the kids at that crossing or provide education on how to cross that location successfully.



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VEHICLE TRAFFIC AND PARKING RULES

Traffic and parking rules around schools are created and enforced for the safety of the students. Each year, the Appleton Police Department and Traffic Section receive calls related to unsafe driving in school zones. Unfortunately, the majority of violators are parents who are picking up or dropping off their kids at the school. Some of the issues include:

- Speeding in the school zone
- Failure to obey the Crossing Guard
- Failure to yield to kids in the crosswalk
- Illegal parking or stopping

The following is a listing of the types of parking restrictions drivers are likely to encounter in school areas, a brief description of their meanings, and associated fine for violations.

- **No Stopping, Standing or Parking:** These areas may not be used as drop off zones. Vehicles cannot stop in this area -- even momentarily -- to drop off or pick up passengers. This area is off limits to vehicles during the posted times. This is the most frequently violated sign; please obey this sign. Violators are subject to a \$40 parking citation (subject to change) or, in some cases, a traffic citation.
- **No Parking 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on School Days:** These designated areas may be used to drop off or pick up students *if the driver does not leave the vehicle*. If the operator occupies the vehicle you may stop and wait for your kids to be picked up. Vehicles parked without a driver are subject to a \$20 parking fine (subject to change).
- **Loading Zone (or other time parameter):** In these designated areas, you can leave your vehicle unoccupied in this area for the designated time. This area is intended for the loading and unloading of persons and/or property. Violators are subject to a \$20 fine (subject to change).



- **Statutory Parking Restrictions:** Vehicles parked within
 - 4 feet of a driveway, or
 - 10 feet of a fire hydrant, or
 - 15 feet of a marked or unmarked crosswalk,are all subject to a \$20 fine (subject to change). Since these types of restrictions are statutory and considered “Rules of the Road”, all licensed drivers are obligated to abide by them, whether marked or unmarked by signage or curb markings.



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- **Unrestricted Parking:** May be used for dropping off & picking up students or for parking.

Additional issues to be aware of:

Stopping in an intersection is not legal (this includes the “top” of “T” intersections). This area is off-limits to stopped vehicles. This violation can result in a traffic citation.

Double-parking (or stopping) of vehicles is not legal. You may not stop your vehicle on the roadway side of any parked vehicle. This violation can also result in a traffic citation.

Additional Information

Laws for pedestrians and vehicles are detailed in the Wisconsin State Statutes, Chapter 346, Rules of the Road. Go to:

<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/stat0346.pdf>

For additional information on how to create safe, convenient and fun opportunities for kids to bicycle and walk to and from schools, contact our local Regional Planning Commission. Go to:

<http://eastcentralsrts.org/>

Let's work together and keep our school zones a safe place. Please do your part by driving safely, with courtesy and respect for everyone in the school zones.

We hope you find the above information and links helpful.

Yours in Safety,

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Appleton Area School District Parents/Guardians: Learn More About Your Child's Development

Birth to Five Developmental Screenings

Appleton Area School District is proud to offer free monthly developmental screenings for children between the ages of Birth-Five prior to Kindergarten. Children must live in the Appleton Area School District. Parents/guardians do not need to have concerns to schedule a screening. We encourage all families to come to a screening, preferably before attending 4K.



The Screening looks at all areas of child development including:

- *How your child talks*
- *How your child listens*
- *How your child thinks*
- *How your child moves*
- *How your child uses their hands*

The Developmental Screening is designed to:

- Educate families about typical child development and growth
- Develop/Expand awareness of community resources
- Identify young children in need of further assessment

**Free
Vision and Hearing
Screenings!**

If you have any additional questions and want to talk to our Birth-Five Outreach Team, please call 832-6470



HEALTH SERVICES * P.O. Box 2019, Appleton, WI 54911 *

From the school nurse: Beginning of Year Reminders

Hello and welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are excited to see your students back and we look forward to working with them. In order to help ensure we have the most up to date information for those students with health conditions, please remember to fill out an updated health condition plan which can be found [here](#). Please return these to your student's school office once completed.

Any medication that will be kept at school must have a new [medication administration form](#) completed each school year.

Please note, if your student has a health plan that lists their medication and dosing, you do not need to also complete a medication administration form. All medications must come in their original packaging or pharmacy bottle with the student's name and dosing information. If your student is in middle or high school and you would like them to receive the stock medication, you will need to give permission for them to receive these medications. Please reach out to your student's school to get more information.

Per Wisconsin law, students are required to be fully immunized or have a signed [waiver](#) on file. To see the current state requirements please see this [letter](#) from the Department of Health Services. If your child has not yet received the appropriate immunizations, please schedule an appointment with your health care provider or the City of Appleton Health Department/Outagamie County Health Department. Additional information about vaccination requirements can be found [here](#). If you have any questions please reach out to your school nurse.

Lastly, every day your student attends school matters! 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. If you have concerns about getting your student to school or have questions about when to keep your student home, please reach out to their school to discuss.

Thank you and make it a great year!
AASD Nurses

