## **MARCH 2024**

# Columbus Elementary & Appleton Bilingual School

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



Connect to our webpage for school news, calendars, menus, multi-page newsletters, staff email addresses, Infinite Campus parent portal access and more! Columbus webpage



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
					NO BGClub 1 Read Across America at COL: Gr K-2 10:30-11:00 Gr 3-5: 11:00-11:30	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	Tom's Drive-In 11 COL Fundraiser 4-8pm	12	13	14	COL Spring 15 Dance- COL Gym 6:00-7:30pm	16
17	COL PTO MTG 18 4-5pm /Rm 400	19	20	21	NO SCHOOL 22 Conf Comp Day	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	26 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	28 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	29 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	30
31	No School APRIL 1 Prof Dev Day	APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5 NO BGC	APRIL 6



#### 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 <u>not</u> include students bringing in snacks/treats from outside of the District for other students and will instead take place through non-food practices.

# COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ORDER A YEARBOOK TODAY!

YEARBOOKS ARE ONLY \$9.00 ORDER BY MARCH 15TH TO SAVE



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#### From the desk of Mr. Cannon.....

Happy Spring, Winter, Summer, Winter, Spring again:)? Beginning next week we will be fully immersed in March Madness with three weeks of learning before Spring Break. The curriculum stretches student learning during this time of year as some of the students for example are tackling opinion and persuasive writing, multiplying and dividing decimals, solving word problems, measuring and graphing, studying weather/climate, chemistry, matter and forces, migration & movement, civil rights & responsibilities, and colonial times. Whew... on top of being young, right? There is so much to do everyday so your continued support with daily attendance, supporting healthy habits including 20 minutes of reading daily, and talking to your child about their experiences at school is greatly appreciated.

Beginning the week prior to Spring Break and throughout the month of April, all students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking the state standardized Forward Exam. Please see informational flyers included later in this newsletter as well as flyers sent home with your child for testing specific information. Families of students in grade 3-5 will also receive a letter with specific testing dates once finalized. We will be practicing how to take the exam in the coming weeks with the students. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Student wellbeing and safety is of utmost importance to all of us. We appreciate your communication with our staff and with your children about their experiences at school. One thing we are encouraging our students to do is if they see something that is not safe or healthy, to please say something. We are proud of our school community and want to empower our students to be a part of making our school a wonderful place to be. Please talk with your student, ask who is an adult they trust at school, and let them know if they see something that's not okay, say something to that trusted adult.

We are looking forward to seeing all you at our upcoming events and hoping everyone has some plans that will bring joy, rest, and relaxation during spring break  $\bigcirc!$ 

Best,

JOEL



Tom's Drive-In Fundraiser Night
For Columbus Elementary School Programs
Monday, March 11, 2024 4-8 PM

BE SURE TO MENTION "COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY"

WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER! THANK YOU!

Location: Tom's Drive-In – 701 E. Wisconsin Ave.

(Corner of Wisconsin Ave & Meade St)/

#### JOIN US FOR THE

**COLUMBUS SPRING DANCE** 

**FRIDAY MARCH 15, 2024** 

6:00-7:30 PM - COLUMBUS GYM

Students must be accompanied by parent/guardian.





#### **Community Opportunities for Students**

The AASD shares local, community opportunities for students. These community opportunities include upcoming events and activities such as art and music camps, youth athletics, cultural events, enrichment programs, and more. We encourage AASD families to regularly review these opportunities for students of all ages. Check out the <a href="AASD COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WEBPAGE">AASD COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WEBPAGE</a> for a current list of opportunities for students.



		March 2024		
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				Chicken Tenders with a
				Breadstick or
				Cheese Pizza Bagels
				oncese i indu bugers
				Seasoned Corn
				Fresh Cauliflower
				Fresh Local Apple
				Chilled Mandarin Oranges
	Nation	al School Breakfas	t Week!	
4	5	6	7	8
Tony's Cheese Pizza	Cheeseburger	Waffles with Yogurt and Syrup	Pancake & Sausage on a Stick with String Cheese	French Toast Sticks with a Sausage Patty & Syrup
or	or	or	or	or
Pulled Pork Sandwich	Cheesy Bread Twists with Marinara Sauce	Ham and Cheese Wrap	Toasted Cheese Sandwich with Tomato Soup	Hot Dog on a Bun
Steamed Carrots	Baked Beans	Tater Tots	Seasoned Corn	Steamed Mixed Vegetables
Red and Green Bell Pepper Slices	Fresh Baby Carrots	Cucumber Slices	Fresh Broccoli	Grape Tomatoes
Fresh Local Apple	Fresh Whole Pear	Fresh Apple Slices	Banana	Fresh Orange Wedges
Chilled Pears	Chilled Mixed Fruit	Chilled Peaches	Rosy Applesauce	Strawberry Cup
11	12	13	14	15
Mac N Doritos	Galaxy Cheese Pizza	Crispy Chicken Sandwich	Popcorn Chicken with a Breadstick	Walking Tacos
or	or	or	or	or
Turkey & Cheese Sub	Sunbutter Fun Lunch with Apple Slices and Graham Crackers	Cheesy Italian Pull Apart with Marinara Sauce	Italian Meatball Sub	Cheese Quesadilla
Baked Beans	Seasoned Green Peas	Seasoned Green Beans	Steamed Carrots	Steamed Corn
Fresh Celery Sticks	Fresh Broccoli	Fresh Cucumber Slices	Grape Tomatoes	Fresh Baby Carrots
Fresh Local Apple	Fresh Apple Slices	Fresh Red Grapes	Blueberries	Banana
Chilled Mandarin Oranges	Chilled Peaches	Chilled Mixed Fruit	Chilled Pears	Chilled Applesauce Cup
St. Patrick's Day (Sunday) 18	National Corn Dog Day! 19	Earth Day! 20	21	22
Boneless Chicken Wings with Garlic Bread	Mini Corn Dogs	Tony's Pepperoni Pizza	Cheeseburger	No School
or	or	or	or	
BBQ Rib Sandwich	Sloppy Joe	Teriyaki Chicken with Brown Rice and Dinner Roll	Crispy Fish and Cheese Sandwich	
Seasoned Green Beans	Seasoned Corn	Seasoned Broccoli	Steamed Carrots	
Fresh Broccoli	Side Salad	Fresh Grape Tomatoes	Fresh Cucumber Slices	
Fresh Pear	Fresh Apple Slices	Fresh Local Apple	Strawberry Mango Sidekicks	
Lime Applesauce	Cherry Craisins	Chilled Pears	Mixed Fruit	
25	26	27	28	29
No School	No School	No School	No School	No School

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## Forward Exam

#### 2023-24 Information for Families

#### What is the Wisconsin Forward Exam?

The Wisconsin Forward Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready. The Forward Exam is administered online in the spring of each school year for students in:

- grades 3-8 in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics,
- grades 4 and 8 in science, and grades 4, 8, and 10 in social studies. Accommodations and supports for students

with disabilities and English learners are built into the system so that the progress of students can be accurately measured.



#### What does this mean for my child?

that gauges your child's achievement in the content areas tested in relation to grade-level standards. It provides a broad measure of

The Forward Exam is a summative assessment achievement that should be used along with local measures such as report cards, school wide assessments, and other information about your child's progress in school.

#### When does the Forward Exam take place?

The Forward Exam will be given in schools between March 18 and April 26, 2024, Schools are permitted to select their own testing dates within this window.



The estimated time for test administration in each grade is approximately:

- 115 minutes for ELA.
- · 90-115 minutes for mathematics, · 105 minutes for science, and
- 70 minutes for social studies.

These estimated times are for the purpose of scheduling, as the Forward Exam is not a timed test. It is important to note that students may take more time or less time to complete the test based on effort and ability levels.

#### What type of scores will be provided?

The Forward Exam is a summative assessment that provides information about what students know and can do in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. Students receive a score for each content area in which they are tested. These scores will be associated with one of four performance levels that defines the student's understanding and ability to apply grade-level knowledge and skills.



#### Where can I find sample or practice test questions?

The Forward Exam Practice Test provides student, families, and educators, with a sample of the type of content and questions students will encounter on the Forward Exam. It also allows students to familiarize themselves with the question formats and online testing platform including the tools available to them



during testing. The Practice Test is not scored and does not cover the full range of content on the exam. The Practice Test is approximately two-thirds the length of the actual Forward Exam and is intended to provide all students with the opportunity to become comfortable with the Forward Exam platform prior to testing.

The Forward Exam Practice Test is available for student use online, in the classroom or at home at

http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/sample -items.

For more information about the Forward Exam contact the Office of Educational Accountability at <u>osamail@dpi.wi.gov</u> or visit https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward.



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

#### Is Your Child Well Enough to Go to School? What about COVID?

It is not always easy to decide if your child is sick enough to stay home or well enough to be in school. Children who come to school are expected, with few exceptions, to participate fully in school activities.

Here are some guidelines that might help in a parent's decision-making.

<u>Fever</u>: A fever of 100.0 degrees <u>or more</u> signals an illness that is probably going to make a student uncomfortable and unable to function well in class. Your child should stay home until his or her temperature is less than 100 degrees (without the use of fever reducing medication) for 24 hours and he/she is feeling better.

<u>Vomiting, Diarrhea or Severe Nausea</u>: These are symptoms that require a student to remain at home until a normal diet is tolerated for 24 hours.

<u>Infectious Diseases</u>: Diseases such as impetigo, and strep throat may require a health care visit and prescription for medication. Contacting the health care provider and using the medicine as directed for the full recommended length of time are necessary. A student may return to school 24 hours after the first dose of an antibiotic and if he/she is feeling well.

<u>Rashes</u>: Rashes or patches of broken, itchy skin need to be examined by a health care provider if they appear to be spreading or not improving.

The symptoms of COVID-19 fall within the same guidelines for staying home and returning to school.

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Vomiting, Diarrhea or Severe Nausea: These are symptoms that require a student to remain at home until symptoms have resolved for 24 hours.

Masking will continue to be a personal decision, not a requirement.

In the AASD, we monitor illness rates within our schools and community with the collaboration of the City of Appleton Health Department, and we will continue to do so. As rates increase, our site teams, Student Services team, and Facilities team communicate and increase cleaning efforts and family communication as preventive measures. Families can help us with these preventive measures by following the guidelines above.

Here are some things you can do to help prevent illness:

- Frequent handwashing
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue or sleeve
- Drink plenty of water

- Eat a well balanced diet
- Clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces
- Don't share personal items



# Columbus PTO NEEDS YOU!

We have many events at Columbus sponsored by the PTO! See the backside of this sheet for remaining events this year and next year's events.



SCAN ME

★ We need your help to make the events successful. Please let us know if you can help us with this year's and next year's events by visiting the Sign Up Genius link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FADAB2DA5FFC07-47475
946-columbus, scan the QR code or by letting us know below.

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# Please return this sheet with your responses or check out the link above. Thank you!!

A i can help with events. See the backside of this sheet.	
Name	
Phone Number	
What events interest you?	

# 2024 PTO Events

PTO Meeting 4pm
Tom's Drive-In Fundraiser (4-8pm)
Spring Dance (6:00-7:30pm)
PTO Meeting 4pm
PTO Meeting 4pm
Black Bear Fundraiser Night
Staff Appreciation Week
PTO Meeting 4pm
End of Year Carnival 3:30-5pm

# 2024-2025 Events

Thurs Aug 29	Open House/Back to School Night (4:30-5:30)
Sept 6	Back to School Night
Thurs Oct 24	Trunk or Treat (5:30-6:00pm)
Thurs Oct 24	Fall Dance (6:00-7:30pm)
March 14	Spring Dance (6:00-7:30pm)
April 15	Black Bear Restaurant Fundraiser
May 5-9	Staff Appreciation Week
Thurs June 5	End of Year Carnival (3:30-5:00pm)
Fall and spring	Scholastic Book Fair during Conference Dates
Fall and Spring	Tom's Drive-In Fundraiser (sept 6 and mar 10)
Jan 1 start date	T Rats Reading Program and Game (ongoing duties)
All year	Box Tops (ongoing duties)



## **STUDENT ATTENDANCE**





#### **EMBRACE THE EVERY DAY!**



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**



Students who are chronically absent in preschool through 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.



. By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk of dropping out of school.



Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is:

- · Losing interest in school
  - · Struggling with school-work
  - · Dealing with a bully
  - Facing some other difficulty

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO?



Make school attendance a priority. Help your child to be on time to school.



Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's



Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

#### **HOW DOES LATE ARRIVAL** AFFECT STUDENTS?

Minutes late per day	Equal days work of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 Mins	6.9 days
15 Mins	10.3 days
20 Mins	13.8 days
30 Mins	20.7 days



#### **HOW TO CREATE A GOOD ROUTINE:**



Set a daily schedule with the same wake-up times and bedtimes for each school day -- and stick to them.



Prepare morning routines the night before. Each night, have your student pick out their outfit, and have school supplies ready by the door. Being prepared the night before makes the morning routines simpler.

Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half of students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

## PARENT CONNECTION PROGRAMS

Visit <a href="https://www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection">www.familyservicesnew.org/parent-connection</a> to learn more about our programs Call to speak with a Parent Connection team member:

Fox Cities (920) 739-4226, Oshkosh (920) 233-6630, Shawano (715) 853-0923

"What I enjoyed most about the workshop was the conversation along with the learning material.

Thank you for all the information and support."





#### Parents as Teachers.

#### Parents as Teachers Home Visitation

This free early learning program is designed for parents-to-be, parents, and their babies to learn, grow and reach development goals together.

Family Support Specialists trained in early childhood & brain development can conduct home visits from before the child's birth to the age of three.

#### Visits include:

Parenting information
Child development information
Constructive play ideas
Developmental screenings
Connection to community resources

Fox Cities serves: Outagamie County & Calumet County with an Appleton or Menasha address; eligible first-time parents & parents-to-be

Oshkosh serves: Winnebago County; all eligible parents & parents-to-be

Shawano serves: Shawano & Menominee areas; eligible first-time parents & parents-to-be

#### Call for more information

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#### Parent Education Workshops

Parent Education is for anyone living or working with children and families.

Parent Connection offers a variety of Parent Education topics through our Family Wellness Program, offering research and evidencebased curriculum that is relevant to the needs of the community.

We offer scholarships to families in our service areas (Outagamie, Winnebago, Shawano, Menominee & parts of Calumet Counties).

> Free childcare is available at most In-Person workshops. Limited spots, register early.

We reserve the right to cancel workshops with low enrollment. Fees will be refunded for any cancelled workshops.

Visit our website & Facebook page for the most current Workshops & Events:

https://www.familvservicesnew.org/ parenting-classes

www.facebook.com/ParentConnectionWI

Or Contact the Workshop Team: workshops@familvservicesnew.org (920) 739-4226 ext. 127

"Words cannot express the gratitude and appreciation I have for this program [Parents as Teachers]. Thank you for the opportunity to participate. I recommend this program for every momma & papa bear out there."

#### Support Group

NAMI Parent & Caregiver Support Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Every Month In-Person | 6:00-7:30 pm Cost: FREE

January 8 | February 12 March 11 | April 8 | May 13

This Support Group is for parents & caregivers of school-aged children with behavioral & mental health challenges. Our support groups provide participants with a relaxed, trusting & safe environment to share with & support others who can empathize with their experiences. Participants share strategies & coping skills, discover community resources & experience the benefits of mutual compassion.

Registering ahead helps us plan for you. Walk-ins are welcomed.

#### **Community Events**

35th Annual Parent Resource Fair Formerly known as the Young Parent Conference

Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4

This FREE event is for any parent or parentsto-be. Take some time to learn from experts in our communities about your children, parenting, health, safety & more - Just for You!

> Teen & young adult parents are encouraged to attend.

Listen to our speakers, Check out our Community Resource Fair, Stay for any part of this event you choose.

Go to our Website and Facebook pages to learn more.

Registration will open early 2024!

### PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Clicking the <u>Class Date</u> on our digital newsletter links you to the Online Registration.

Scholarships available, Contact the Workshop Team at <u>workshops@familyservicesnew.org</u> or Call (920) 739-4226 ext. 127

In-Person workshops are in Appleton. Cancellation Line: Call (920) 739-4226 ext. 154 to check on any workshop cancellations

#### Workshops

#### Baby Basics for New & Expectant Dads

In-Person - Mon, Feb 26 & Mon, May 20 6:00-9:00 pm | Cost: \$10 Sign-up for one session

This program designed Just for Dads discusses & demonstrates basic newborn care (handling, feeding, burping, changing, cleaning & calming), what to expect in the coming months & how to enhance your baby's development.

#### NEW! Back to Baby Basics: Dads Discussion Group

In-Person - Mon. Jan 22 & Mon. April 15 6:00-7:30 pm | Cost: FREE

This discussion group is Just for Dads of infants in their first year. After having your new baby home for a while, you may have new questions or concerns about the day-to-day responsibilities of caring for your infant, being a good co-parent, and balancing it all with the rest of your life. Back to Baby Basics is a discussion group for dads to share how everything has been going, questions and concerns, and what's been going well.

#### Love & Logic: Early Childhood Parenting

n-Person - Tuesdays, <u>Jan 30-Feb 1</u>: 6:00-8:00 pm | Cost: \$15

Plan to attend all 3 sessions
This 3-session workshop offers practical techniques for raising responsible kids.
Learn discipline with your children without losing their love & respect (or your sanity).
Effective communication, choices and consequences are the foundation of this program for positive learning & growth of your children.

#### Love and Logic: Adults Supporting Youth with Challenging Pasts

In-Person - Tuesdays, April 23-May 7
6:00-8:00 pm | Cost \$15
Plan to attend all 3 sessions
This workshop is for any adult serving or
living with children & teens who have
experienced loss, hardship or trauma.
Cut through the complexity of working with
youth with challenging pasts & provide real
solutions that can be applied immediately.

We will discuss the steps to build relationships, deal with defiance, show empathy, minimize power struggles & support opportunities for success.



#### Anger & Emotion Management for Parents

Choose one option below
Online - Thurs, Feb 22 | 12:00-2:00 pm
In-Person - Tue, March 19 | 6:00-8:00 pm
Online - Thurs, May 23 | 12:00-2:00 pm
Cost: \$10

Our children bring us incredible joy.
Yet there are times we find ourselves crabby,
frustrated or angry with the people we
love. Learn how to manage anger to
improve your relationships. Learn the five
stages of anger & the top ten anger
producers. Get to know your own anger,
anger style & how to manage it to create
a more harmonious home.

#### Positive Discipline Parenting

Choose one option below

Online - Thurs, Feb 29 | 12:00-2:00 pm In-Person - Tue, March 26 | 6:00-8:00 pm Online - Thurs, May 30 | 12:00-2:00 pm Cost: \$10

This course will talk about discipline as structure, routine, communication & being our children's role models. Build up your children's positive behaviors & sense of self-esteem. Let's talk about how we can start Positive Discipline in our homes today.



#### Active Parenting of Preteens & Teens

In-Person - Mondays, March 18-April 1
6:00-8:00 pm | Cost: \$15

Plan to attend all 3 sessions

This workshop is for parents who want to prepare for or are experiencing the changes of teenage development & want to help prepare their preteens & teens to survive & thrive in society.

Topics will include:

Active Parenting, Winning Cooperation,

Active Parenting, Winning Cooperation, Responsibility & Discipline, Building Courage & Redirecting Misbehavior, Drugs & Sexuality, Violence & Reducing Risks.



#### Special Presentation: Parents Rights & Role in the IEP Process

Mon, Jan 29 | 6:00-8:00 pm Cost: FREE

The IEP process can be scary and intimidating. The better prepared parents are for their child's IEP, whether its an initial evaluation, annual IEP or re-evaluation, the more empowered you will be. This presentation will provide a brief review of the IEP and evaluation timeline. There will be a discussion of the new DPI rules for seclusion and restraint, and the notification process. Parents will also learn about their role in the process and be given strategies and checklists in order to take the frustration and anxiety out of the IEP. Parents will also learn outside district resources they can call on for support.



#### On Demand

#### Potty Training

Previously recorded video Cost: FREE

Potty training can test your patience & expectations, it can be repetitive, messy & frustrating. But caregivers can help children do this when they are ready! This video from a prior class helps you look for & prepare for "readiness" & talks about ways you can help & support a child during this important milestone in their development.





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