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Link to WSD E-Flyers: <http://www.wausauschools.org/e-flyers> Click on the E-flyers tab to see a listing of all current school flyers.
Link to District Handbook: http://www.wausauschools.org/parents/parent_student_handbook/english

Principal's Piece...

Hello Families: Is it already time for the winter break? I hope your holiday is filled with good health, laughter, loving moments and lots of excitement!

Thank you for your participation in your child's education. We all find it a true pleasure to partner with you in your child's education. When not in school, you can continue your child's learning by cuddling and reading books, saying nursery rhymes together, describing unknown or less familiar vocabulary words, expanding on known vocabulary concepts, counting plates for dinner and practicing sharing while playing games together. Remember, books make great gifts!

The 4K & Early Childhood Programs staff and I wish you and your family a very enjoyable and safe holiday break.

Be well,

Ms. Kara Rakowski

.....
this holiday season, we wish you
icy cold SNOWFLAKES
steaming hot **chocolate**
ENDLESS belly laughs
and plenty of warm **hugs**

.....
enjoy the holidays and have a wonderful new year!



Curriculum corner

Our new unit, Jingle, Poems, and Rhymes will begin on Jan. 4

'I can'Æ

I CAN: find the missing part
 can name an oval
 can name numbers to 5
 make different combinations of 3
 extend AB patterns
 can repeat the Q, G, S sounds.
 say the nursery rhymes "The Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe," "Little Jack Horner," and "One, Two, Buckle my Shoe" with my teachers help.
 I KNOW that words are made up of letters, not numbers

Targeted Vocabulary

I can use and say these words: fiddle, fleece, fowl, papoose

Social/Emotional 'I can'

I can ask someone for help when I need it.

FYI

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4K elves!

Mark your calendars

For 4K students Uhall sites`

8 YW& Ë>Ub"%- No school: winter break
 >Ub"%) -'Bc` (? 'WUggYg: Elementary Recordkeeping Day
 >Ub"%) '!Bc`gW cc`: Professional Learning Day
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We know the holidays will be different in so many ways for so many families this year. Here are some ways to support your preschool child through the holidays:

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"If your kids are having a tough time adjusting to changes in your plans, let them know you understand and that you feel disappointed, too. Encourage them to share their thoughts and feelings and help them appreciate why things have to be different."

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Whatever holidays your family celebrates, focus on the rituals you can continue to do together — rather than focusing on what you can't do this year.

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Some ideas include:

Take turns hosting mini holiday celebrations virtually. For example, one family could host a time to sing holiday songs, another could host a dance party, and another could host a time for storytelling.

Enjoy some friendly competition. Have your family or kids make holiday treats, and then vote for the best over FaceTime or Zoom.

Document what you're doing. Whether you're creating new traditions or celebrating in the ways you always have, keep a journal or take photos or videos to document this year's experience. "Though things will be different for most people this year, it could be really special to look back years from now and remember this time".

Source: [Boston Children's Hospital](#)



Star light, star bright,
 First star I see tonight.
 I wish I may,
 I wish I might,
 Have the wish I wish tonight!

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COVID QUARANTINE

If a student has one of these symptoms:



new or worsening cough

shortness of breath/trouble breathing



loss of taste or smell

Or two of these symptoms:

muscle or body aches

runny nose or nasal congestion



nausea/vomiting/diarrhea

fever over 100.4



headache



unusual fatigue

the student must stay home from school or will be sent home from school.

The student must stay home for **ten days** from the start of symptoms.

All **siblings** are required to **stay home** or will be sent home with the sick student. The siblings must stay home for the **ten days** with the sick student **PLUS 14 more days** for a total of 24 days.

The only way the sick student and the siblings are able to return earlier is if the sick person gets a negative COVID test or a different diagnosis from a doctor.

The Wausau School District, at the direction of the Marathon County Public Health Department, **does not accept a negative antigen test** (quick test). The student must have a COVID PCR test. The sick person and the siblings must all stay home until the results of the PCR test are received.

Evidence of a negative test must be presented to school. A letter from your doctor, a screenshot from your phone, or an e-mail from your doctor with the results is acceptable evidence. Please notify us as soon as you get the test results. The health department does not notify us.

Please contact your school health office to notify us if your student is a close contact to someone with COVID (parent, grandparent, babysitter, etc.) Your child will be required to quarantine. We will help you determine the quarantine dates.



CELEBRATE SAFELY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

SAFE

Celebrate at home



Prepare food with people in your house



Host a virtual dinner and share recipes with family and friends



Shop for gifts online instead of in stores



Put up decorations and share photos with friends



Watch parades, sports, and movies at home

LESS SAFE

If you gather, be wise



Keep it small, short, and local; don't share food or utensils



Stay outside if possible (maybe try a bonfire!)



Ensure proper ventilation if indoors



Wear masks and social distance



Wash or sanitize hands regularly



Quarantine for 14 days before and after gathering

UNSAFE

Avoid...



Avoid large gatherings, especially indoors



Avoid potlucks, buffets, or sharing food and utensils



Avoid places with crowds, such as stores, parades, running events, and sports



Avoid contact with anyone who is sick or may have been exposed to COVID-19



**Wausau School District &
Marathon County Birth-to-Three
2020-2021 Child Development Information**

Child Development screenings will be held on the following dates:

- September 16
- October 7
- November 4
- December 2
- January 6
- February 3
- March 3
- April 7
- May 5



PRESCHOOL CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCREENING will provide families with the opportunity to learn about:

- The level of their child's development through participation in an educational screening
- Available services in the community for families and young children
- Normal child growth and development of children ages birth to five years

WHO: All children 0-5 years old living within the Wausau School District

WHEN: Above dates from 9:00am-4:00pm

WHERE: G.D. Jones, 1018 S. 12th Ave., Wausau, WI 54401

HOW TO REQUEST A SCREENING:

- 1) Go to wausauschools.org/
- 2) Click on the Schools & Facilities tab
- 3) Click on the 4K & Early Childhood Program tab
- 4) Click on the "Child Development Screening" tab
- 5) Click on the "[Request for Child Development Screening](#)" & Complete Screening Request Form
- 6) Once the screening request form is submitted, you will be contacted by the Early Childhood staff regarding the time and details of the screening.



CONTACT INFORMATION:

(For children ages Birth-3 years)

- Call Marathon County Birth-to-Three at 715-261-6580, Maria Richardson

(For Children ages 3 years and older)

- Call Patty Lammers at 715-261-0265 or 715-261-0055

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2020-2021 Wausau School District Calendar

Board approved: 1-14-2019 / Revised: 6-8-2020 / Revised: 9-3-2020 / Revised: 11-23-2020

July 2020						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2020						
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	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	
	31					

September 2020						
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	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30			

Aug 4-7: Rescheduled High School Graduation
 Aug 25-27: Professional Learning
 Aug 28 & 31: No Classes - Non-Contract Days

Sept 7: No Classes - Labor Day
 Sept 8: First Day of School

October 2020						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	
	5	6	7	8	9	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	

November 2020						
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	16	17	18	19	20	
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December 2020						
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	7	8	9	10	11	
	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30	31		

Oct 28: No Elementary Classes
 No AM/PM Pre-K Classes
 No PM Secondary Classes
 Oct 28: 1st Quarter Ends (41)
 Oct 29-30: No Classes - PL

Nov 25: No Classes - Non-Contract Day
 Nov 26-27: No Classes-Thanksgiving Break

Dec 23-Jan 1: No Classes - Winter Break

January 2021						
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March 2021						
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	29	30	31			

Jan 1: No Classes - Winter Break
 Jan 15: No Pre-K or Elementary Classes - Recordkeeping
 Jan 15: 2nd Quarter Ends (44)
 Jan 18: No Classes - PL

Feb 19: No Classes - PL

March 19: No Pre-K or Elementary Classes - Recordkeeping
 March 19: 3rd Quarter Ends (43)
 March 29-April 2: No Classes - Spring Break

April 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	19	20	21	22	23	
	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	17	18	19	20	21	
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June 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30			

April 1-2: No Classes - Spring Break

May 28: No Classes - PL
 May 31: No Classes - Memorial Day

June 3: No PM Classes - All Elementary Recordkeeping
 No AM/PM Pre-K Classes
 June 3: Students' Last Day
 June 3: 4th Quarter Ends (47)
 June 4: Teachers' Last Day

- No Classes
- Elementary; Non-instructional (subject to change)
- Quarter Ends (1st - 41) (2nd - 44) (3rd - 43) (4th - 47) - 175
- Students' first and last days of school
- Teachers' last day of school
- No Classes - Professional Learning (PL)
- No PM Elem Classes-Recordkeeping. No AM/PM Pre-K Classes
- No Pre-K or Elementary Classes / No PM Secondary Classes / Recordkeeping AM (Elem) and Parent/Teacher Conferences PM
- Rescheduled 2020 High School Graduation: Aug 4 - East; Aug 5 - WAVE; Aug 6 - West; Aug 7 - EEA
- 2021 High School Graduation: May 20 - EEA; May 24 - East; May 25 - WAVE; May 26 - West

