

# PRINCIPAL UPDATES

February 2026

This month, we're shining a spotlight on the power of a positive attitude and the importance of friendship. As we move through the heart of the school year, we continue to be so proud of the hard work, perseverance, and kindness our students show each day. It's hard to believe we are already more than halfway through the school year!

In the coming months, we are excited to launch Hatchet Hearts, a schoolwide effort focused on building relationships and strengthening our school community. Through this work, we will foster positive connections among students and staff while reinforcing the strong sense of belonging that makes our school such a wonderful place to learn and grow. Hatchet Hearts: Building connections. Strengthening community. Supporting every student.

On Thursday, February 12, our District will host a Showcase filled with exciting activities and opportunities to celebrate student learning. That same evening, we will also hold 4K–5 Parent-Teacher Conferences from 4:00–7:00 p.m. For families who prefer added flexibility, virtual conferences will be available February 2nd –11th. Please contact your child's teacher to schedule a virtual meeting or to arrange an alternative time if needed.

Please note that February includes a long weekend, with no school on Friday, February 13, through Monday, February 16.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we can help our students grow into confident, caring individuals who lift one another up. Here's to a fantastic month filled with smiles, kindness, and meaningful connections.



Make it a GREAT month!  
Mrs. Woodall  
Principal

## Absences Add Up

Missing a day here or there may not seem like an issue, but absences add up quickly. These missed school days can greatly impact your student's education and overall health.

Missing two days a month, excused or unexcused, can lead to a student being chronically absent.

What is chronic absenteeism?

Chronic absenteeism means missing too much school—for any reason—excused or unexcused. According to [healthychildren.org](http://healthychildren.org), experts define chronic absenteeism as missing 10% (or around 18 days) during a school year.



## Hatchet Heroes

We are proud to celebrate the incredible staff members who make Tomahawk Elementary such a special place to learn and grow. Each month, we recognize individuals who go above and beyond to support our students and strengthen our school community. Please join us in celebrating our Hatchet Heroes of the Month!



Denise Peissig, one of our amazing school counselors, is being recognized for her compassion, dedication, and unwavering commitment to students. Nominated by families, staff, and students, Denise consistently goes above and beyond to support student well-being, build meaningful relationships, and ensure every child feels seen, supported, and valued.



Mandy Timm, one of our 1st grade teachers, is being recognized for her excellence in the classroom, professionalism, and dedication to students. Known for her compassionate approach and strong relationships, Mandy creates a warm, welcoming learning environment and consistently supports both the academic and social-emotional growth of every learner.





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# Tomahawk Elementary School

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## **February 3rd**

PTO meeting

## **February 6th**

Regional Spelling Bee in  
Northland Pines

## **February 12th**

Parent/Teacher  
Conferences 4-7pm

## **February 18th**

4K Field Trip to the  
Children's Museum (M/W)

## **February 19th**

4K Field Trip to the  
Children's Museum (T/TH)

Mackin/Michalski to  
Treehaven

## **February 20th**

Hansmann/Thieme to  
Treehaven

## **February 25th**

Middle School Orientation  
for 5<sup>th</sup> grade at 6pm in  
Auditorium

**No School on Friday, February 13th and  
Monday, February 16th**

**PTO Pizza Fundraiser February 23<sup>rd</sup> - March 6th  
More information to come later**

**2026 SHOWCASE**

CELEBRATE INSTRUCTION  
THROUGH ACTIVITIES

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

4K-5 PARENT-TEACHER  
CONFERENCES

**FEBRUARY  
12, 2026**

PHOTO BOOTH

STUDENT PERFORMANCES

SHORT-TERM CHILD DROP-OFF

**4K-12 TOMAHAWK  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**4-7PM**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**



# Tomahawk Elementary School



## Office

### Attendance

**School starts promptly at 8:00am**

Please call the office before 8:30 a.m. if your child will be absent due to sickness or an appointment. If your child attends an appointment please send in their medical note.



### **Kids In Motion**

Drop off for this is 7:15-7:25am

Please arrive before 7:25 a.m. or your student will have to wait outside.



Your child must be picked up promptly at their designated pick up times (see below).

**Please communicate any changes on end of day before 2:00pm to ensure message is received.**

### **Seesaw**

**Seesaw is our main communication between parents and teachers. Please utilize this app for any changes on your students end of day plans, questions and/or concerns. Include office staff if related to attendance.**

If you want to volunteer in your child's classroom or go on a field trip a Volunteer Form will need to be filled out 7 days prior to event. A new form needs to be filled out every year. Reach out to your child's teacher or the office if you need a form.

### Pick up times

- **Door #10** - Grades 4K and K @ 3:02.  
Grade 1 @ 3:08
- **Door #9** - Grade 2 @ 3:10
- **Door #8** - Grades 3, 4 & 5 @ 3:12

### Drop off Locations

**Door #10** - Grades 4K, 5K, & 1  
**Door #9** - Grade 2  
**Door #8** - Grades 3, 4 & 5

**Doors open 7:50 a.m.**

Please fill out your Skyward Online Annual Student Information. Login to your Family Access Skyward and follow these Directions



# Tomahawk School District 2025-2026



The Tomahawk School District will offer free Child Find screenings for children three through five years of age whose parent or guardian have questions or concerns about developmental milestones. The screening will consider the areas of cognition, social/emotional, communication and adaptive skills

All screenings will be at the Tomahawk Elementary School in the Early Childhood Room

## **Screening Dates**

September 5, 2025

October 2, 2025

November 7, 2025

December 5, 2025

January 9, 2026

February 6, 2026

March 6, 2026

April 10, 2026

May 1, 2026

For more information and to schedule a screening call Traci Swan,

Special Education Administrative Assistant

at 715-453-5555, ext. 5

The Tomahawk School District is required to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools in the school district, and homeless children. The process of locating, identifying, and evaluating children with disabilities is known as Child Find. The Tomahawk School District will conduct developmental screening for preschool children at least one time per academic year as scheduled above.

# Warm for Winter

Is Offering FREE: Clothing  
and footwear for all ages  
and bedding in various  
types and sizes

## Everyone is Welcome

Distributions are at:  
First Congregational UCC Church  
135 Larch St, Rhinelander, WI

9:30 am to 11:30 am on Saturdays:

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

4 pm to 6 pm on Mondays:

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

For more information visit  
Warm for Winter Facebook or  
call 608-345-7305





# Nurse Trina's Newsletter



Hello friends,

Well, flu season is officially upon us. You have probably heard predictions and data about 25/26 being a booming year for influenza... boy were experts right!

Here is a well worded article about why...

<https://yourlocalepidemiologist.substack.com/p/flu-is-up-up-and-away-snap-restrictions>

Key takeaways:

- 1. Mutations are very normal for flu;** it's notorious for throwing curveballs. But this year's changes were more substantial than usual—not enough to spark a pandemic, but enough to fuel a severe season. **The timing of this mutation was also terrible, as it occurred after the flu vaccine formula was finalized in February.** That means this year's vaccines likely recognize part—but not all—of the updated virus. This is just bad luck.
- 2. Vaccination rates, especially among children, continue to decline substantially.** Last year was the deadliest non-pandemic flu season for U.S. children on record. It also happened to have one of the lowest flu vaccination rates. This season, the vaccination rate is even lower.
- 3. Vaccination still matters.** Even a mismatched flu vaccine still provides some protection against severe illness

*Keep washing your hands and being mindful of the potential for illness spread to others. It is not too late to vaccinate, it takes approx 2wks for a body to build immunity after vaccination. Cough and sneezing etiquette is important as well (use an elbow).*



# Nurse Trina's Newsletter

## Hand washing steps



Wet your hands with clean, running water.



Apply soap and rub your hands together for at least 20 seconds.



Rinse your hands until all the soap is gone.



Turn off the faucet with a paper towel or your elbow.



Dry your hands with a clean paper towel or hand towel.

 Cleveland Clinic

Repetition is key! Please reiterate to your students the importance of scrubbing hands for 20 seconds (it is longer than you think).

Here is your mixtape playlist of 6 songs with a chorus that hits at least the 20-second mark. Choose your genre and enjoy!

“Sweet Caroline” by Neil Diamond

“Shake It Off” by Taylor Swift

“Bye Bye Bye” by NSYNC

“Thriller” by Michael Jackson

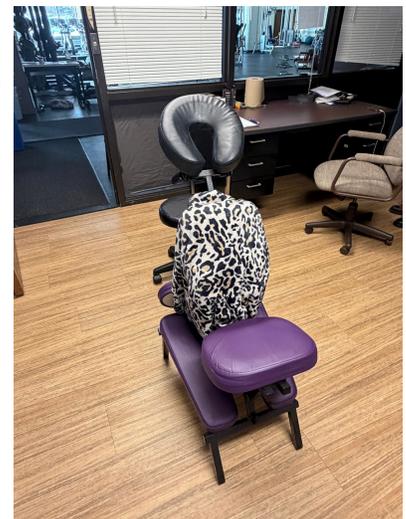
“Best Day of My Life” by American Authors

“I’m Still Standing” by Elton John

**Lastly, a big Hatchet thank you to Stephanie King of Intuitive Renewal and Dr. Kelley and Becky from Hometown Chiropractic for making our Staff Inservice Day a bit more... relaxing. Stephanie provided massages and Becky treated the staff to tasty drinks! A well deserved pick me up for a tough, illness ridden couple of weeks.**

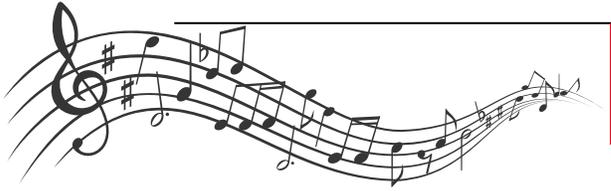


**Stay well and wash your hands!  
Nurse Trina**





# Tomahawk Elementary Newsletter



## Music



### Just a Note from the Music Room

#### Mark Your Calendars for March 11th!

Join us for the Fine Arts Program showcasing the incredible talents of our 2nd and 4th graders at Tomahawk Elementary School. Our students will be exploring the powerful ways in which emotions and feelings can be expressed through music and art.

#### Event Details:

**Program Title:** "How Do You Feel Today?"

**Inspired by the Book:** I Feel Silly and Other Moods That Make My Day by Jamie Lee Curtis, illustrated by Laura Cornell

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, March 11th, at 1:00 PM

**Location:** Tomahawk School District Auditorium

**Entry Information:** Please enter through Door 6. Doors will open for seating 30 minutes before the program starts.



Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to experience the creativity and emotion of our students' performances. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### Musician of the Month

In January we learned about Pamyua, a music performing group from Alaska. The students liked their song "Bubble Gum"



### Other BIG News

Tomahawk Elementary has been awarded the prestigious **Diane Garton Edie Legacy Fund Award for the 2025-2026 School Tour of Opera for the Young!** This prestigious award, combined with a generous grant from the **Star Foundation**, will bring the magical world of opera to our school.



**OPERA**  
**FOR THE YOUNG**  
*ignite enthusiasm for opera*

Opera for the Young will perform the opera, ***The Elixir of Love***, here at TES. This unique event will not only include a live performance but also special sessions where students can learn about the performing arts and how opera is brought to life. This provides a rare opportunity for our students to experience professional opera in a format that is both engaging and educational.

Some of our very own 4th Grade TES students will have the chance to join the on-stage chorus and take on cameo roles, performing alongside Opera for the Young professional artists. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore their talents and creativity in a supportive and professional setting. The productions are fully staged, sung in English, and tailored especially for young audiences.

### Event Details

- Date of Visit: April 29th, 2026
- Performance Time: 1:30 PM

We are incredibly excited to provide this opportunity for our students! It's events like these that enrich our school community and inspire our students to continue in the arts.





# Tomahawk Elementary Newsletter



Literacy



On January 30th Tomahawk Elementary School held their Scripps National Spelling Bee. The participants were the top three spellers from each classroom in grades 4 and 5. It was wonderful to watch these kids encourage each other and step outside their comfort zones. After several intense rounds of spelling 3 students qualified for Regionals. **Lily Young, Ashtyn Brunner, and Iona Oates** will be traveling to Northland Pines on Friday February 6th to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee. Lily was named the Champion Speller. Congratulations Lily!



# Tomahawk Elementary Newsletter

## Counselor Corner

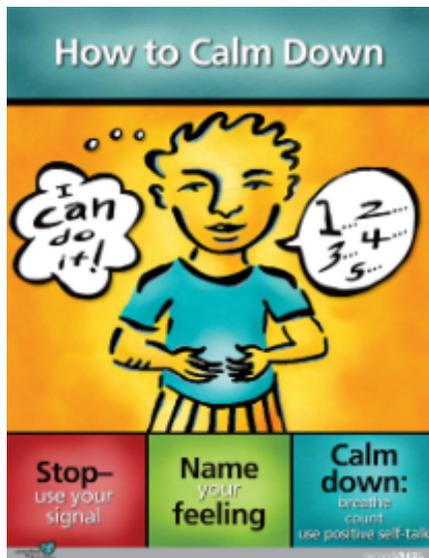
### 4K – Grade 2

Our younger students are learning “How to Calm Down.” We are practicing how to recognize uncomfortable feelings in our bodies and learning strategies to help calm those feelings. By stopping when they notice uncomfortable feelings, naming how they feel, and using calming strategies, students are building important self-regulation skills.

### Grades 3 – 5

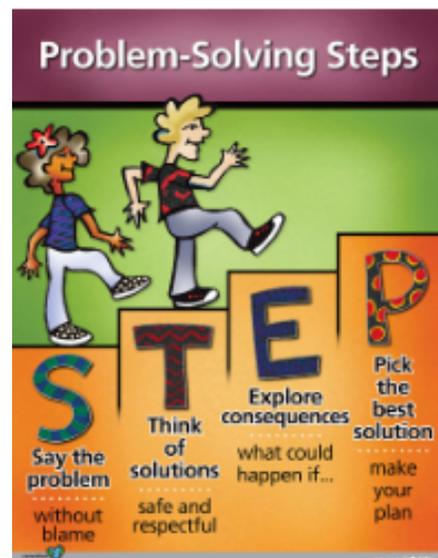
Our older students are learning how to “STEP” to solve problems. We are focusing on the importance of calming down first and then using the Problem-Solving Steps to work through interpersonal challenges in a thoughtful and respectful way.

*We encourage you to ask your child(ren) about the calming strategies and problem-solving skills they are learning at school.*



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# Tomahawk Elementary School

## PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

This sheet has been compiled with answers to frequently asked questions about TES, along with helpful links, as the 2025-26 school year begins.

### TES Parent/Student Handbook

Answers to many common questions can be found in the handbook



TES Handbook



### Important Procedures/Policies/Info.



#### ABSENCES/APPTS

Please call the Elementary Office at 715-453-2126 to report any absences or appointments for your student



#### START OF DAY/DROP OFF

**SCHOOL STARTS @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Doors open at 7:50**

Door #10 - 4K, Kindergarten, and 1st  
Door #9 - 2nd  
Door #8 - 3rd, 4th & 5th



#### PICK UP

Door #10 - 4K & 5K @ 3:03  
Grade 1 @ 3:05  
Door #9 - Grade 2 @ 3:10  
Door #8 - Grades 3, 4, & 5 @ 3:12



#### SKYWARD ACCESS

Check your SkywardFamily Access your account to make sure it is updated for the school year



#### SEESAW

Used for weekly communication. Check to see that you are connected with your student's current teacher. For help, please contact Jamie Calhoun in the elementary office.



#### SCHOOL LUNCHES

Lunch pin # is needed for purchases Contact Nodia Ifill at 715-224-7046 TSD Food Service

## Important Procedures/Policies/Info.



### TOMAHAWK BUS SERVICE

For pickup and drop off times please contact the bus company  
(715) 453-3000



### KIDS IN MOTION

Kids In Motion will begin Monday, September 15th @ 7:15 a.m. Your student must arrive before 7:25 a.m. to attend Kids In Motion



### WATER BOTTLES

We encourage you to send a water bottle with your student to school. (no glass please)



### DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Please keep the weather in mind and dress your student appropriately.

### PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES



All personal communication devices must be kept in the students backpack/bag at all times between 7:50 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.



### LOGGING INTO NEXTPATH

Click [HERE](#) to log in to NextPath. NextPath is an online tool that we use to collect, store, organize, and analyze data to support student success and inform decision-making.

## New TES Staff 2025-26

<b>Name</b> <sup>ABC</sup>	<b>Position</b> <sup>123</sup>
Mrs. Carrie Calhoun	Kindergarten
Ms. Margaret Sager	Kindergarten
Mr. Jake Blomquist	Kindergarten
Ms. Mariah Angove	3rd Grade
Ms. Brianna Gullikson	3rd Grade
Ms. Sara Swearingen	3rd Grade
Mr. Billy Jelinek	Special Ed.

# HATCHET PRIDE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE SAFE



## Be Kind

- Take care of each other
- Take care of our school
- Represent yourself and our school in a positive manner

Be Kind.

## Be the best version of yourself!

- Create and maintain positive relationships with your teachers and peers

you are THE BEST

## Take control of your learning!

- Focus on growing, staying involved, and taking responsibility



## Hatchet Pride School Store

- Students can earn points for showing their Hatchet Pride - Respect, Responsibility, and Safety. They can spend these points in our school store!



# Tomahawk Elementary School Breakfast Menu

February  
2026

Fresh fruit and vegetable bar served with all lunches on our Fruit And Vegetable Bar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Cinnamon Cream Cheese Filled Bagel Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Egg &amp; Cheese on a Biscuit Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Brekkie, WG Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice Of Milk</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Easy Egg Bake Whole Grain Toast Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice Of Milk</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Chocolate Frosted Long John Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice Of Milk</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Fluffy Pancakes Cheese Omelet Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice Of Milk</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Brekkie, WG Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice Of Milk</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Blueberry Muffin, WG Cheese Stick Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Cinnamon Roll Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice Of Milk</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Sausage Breakfast Pizza Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Fluffy Pancakes Sausage Patty Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Cheese Omelet Whole Grain Toast Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Chocolate Frosted Long John Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Breakfast Banana Split Yogurt Parfait Graham Crackers Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Mini Pancakes Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Bacon, Egg &amp; Cheese on Bagel Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Mini Eggo Waffles Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Cream Cheese Frosted Long John Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk</p>
				<p>This is for Food 4 Thought</p>

PRICES

Regular	\$2.75
Reduced	\$0.40
Adult	\$4.10
Milk Break	\$0.40

EXTRA INFO

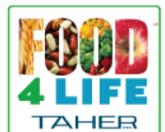
Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with all Lunch. For questions or comments contact the Food Service Director at: Tessmerd@tomahawk.k12.wi.us or call ext. 310

HARVEST OF



THE MONTH

Menus and nutrition our app  
TaHer Food4Life®



www.taHer.com



# Tomahawk Elementary School Lunch Menu

February  
2026

Fresh fruit and vegetable bar served with all lunches on our Fruit And Vegetable Bar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Pretzel Bites &amp; Cheese Munchable Crispy Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll French Fries Steamed Peas Fruit and Vegetable Bar</p> <p>1% Unflavored White Milk</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Chicken Nachos Cheese Breaded Chicken Sandwich Spiced Pinto Beans</p> <p>Fruit and Vegetable Bar 1% Unflavored White Milk</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Bowl Meatball Mashed Potatoes Gravy Steamed Corn Fruit and Vegetable Bar</p> <p>1% Unflavored White Milk</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Cheese Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Walking Taco Refried Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar</p> <p>1% Unflavored White Milk</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>BBQ Chicken Sandwich Hot Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich Kettle Potato Chips California Blend Vegetable Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice Of Milk</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Sloppy Joe on a Bun Corn Dog French Fries Baby Carrots Fruit and Vegetable Bar 1% Unflavored White Milk</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Hot Dog Bun Soft Beef Tacos Mexican Brown Rice Steamed Corn Fruit and Vegetable Bar 1% Unflavored White Milk</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Cheese Pizza Italian Toasted Cheese Sandwich with Marinara Tomato Soup Steamed Green Beans Basic Tuna Salad 1% Unflavored White Milk Fruit and Vegetable Bar</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Cheese Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Tater Tot Casserole Whole Grain Dinner Roll Steamed Green Beans 1% Unflavored White Milk Fruit and Vegetable Bar</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Breaded Chicken Sandwich Chicken Nachos Cheese Sauce Refried Beans French Fries Fruit and Vegetable Bar 1% Unflavored White Milk</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Bowl Crispy Chicken Nuggets Dinner Roll Roasted Carrots Fruit and Vegetable Bar 1% Unflavored White Milk</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Homemade Pepperoni Pizza Classic Cheeseburger French Fries Steamed Corn Fruit and Vegetable Bar 1% Unflavored White Milk</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Cheeseburger Oven Roasted Chicken Macaroni &amp; Cheese WG Homemade Cornbread Steamed Green Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar 1% Unflavored White Milk</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Corn Dog Roasted Beef Hot Dog on a Bun Kettle Potato Chips Peas &amp; Carrots Fruit and Vegetable Bar 1% Unflavored White Milk</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Cheese Pizza Chicken Tacos and Rice Lettuce, Tomato and Cheese Black Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar 1% Unflavored White Milk</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>BBQ Rib Sandwich Cheeseburger French Fries Glazed Carrots Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice of Milk</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Ham Wrap Munchable Orange Maple and Clove Glazed Chicken Leg Scalloped Potatoes Broccoli Florets Chef Salad Fruit and Vegetable Bar 1% Unflavored White Milk</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>BBQ Chicken Sandwich Walking Taco Refried Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar 1% Unflavored White Milk</p>
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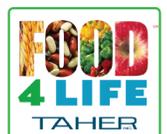
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