# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## January 2026

Welcome back, everyone! I hope your winter break was restful, joyful, and filled with meaningful time with family and friends. As we begin a new calendar year, we are excited to welcome our students and families back to school and into all that 2026 has to offer.

In the coming months, our school will launch Hatchet Hearts, a school-wide effort focused on building relationships and strengthening our school community. This work will focus on fostering positive connections among students and staff, reinforcing the sense of belonging that makes our school a great place to learn and grow.

The start of a new year is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments, reset our goals, and look ahead with optimism. We encourage our students to return with curiosity, confidence, and a readiness to learn. As a school community, we will continue to prioritize kindness, empathy, and respect in all that we do.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work together to help students thrive.

Reminder: There will be no school on Monday, January 19, due to a teacher in-service day.

Warmly,
Sheri Woodall
Principal

## Upcoming Dates

1/16 - End of Semester 1
1/19 - NO SCHOOL - Staff In-service
2/12 - P/T Conferences 4 - 7 pm
2/13 & 2/16 - NO SCHOOL

# SUPPORTING STRONG ATTENDANCE THIS WINTER

Consistent attendance is an important part of student success, especially during the winter months. Weather conditions and seasonal illnesses can make mornings more challenging, but planning ahead can help students attend school safely and regularly.

**Preparing for Winter Weather**

- Allow extra time for winter travel and changing road conditions.
- Practice safe winter driving, including clearing windows and windshields, slowing down, and giving snowplows space.
- Contact the school if you have transportation challenges or safety concerns.
- Identify a backup plan if you are unable to bring your child to school.
- If your child does not typically ride the bus, be familiar with bus availability as a backup option.

**Keeping Students Healthy**

- Maintain consistent morning and evening routines.
- Encourage a healthy breakfast and hydration each day.
- Reinforce frequent handwashing, especially before eating and after using the restroom.
- If your child is feeling anxious about school, reach out to teachers, school counselors, or healthcare providers for support.

**Staying Connected When Students Are Home**

If your child is unable to attend school in person:

- Communicate with your child's teacher about learning resources.
- Identify someone who can support learning at home during the day.
- Encourage your child to check Seesaw, connect with classmates when appropriate, and communicate with teachers about missed learning.

# Tomahawk Elementary School

# JANUARY

**January 6th**
PTO Meeting at 6pm

Swimming starts in Phy. Ed. for 2nd- 5th Grades

**January 19th**
No School

**January 22nd**
Bridging Brighter Smiles

**January 23rd**
Spelling Bee at 1:00pm

4K Registration Day for the 2026-2027 School Year:
*8:30- 11:30 and 12:30-2:30*

## No School on Monday, January 19th

**4K Friday Changes**
**These changes will be the schedule for the remainder of the school year**

Monday/Wednesday groups: *Last Friday will be January 16th*
Tuesday/Thursday groups: *First Friday will be January 30th*

# 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**

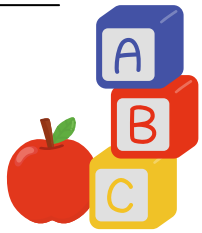
**Door #10** - Grades 4K, 5K, & 1
**Door #9** - Grade 2
**Door #8** - Grades 3, 4 & 5

**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 Elementary School

## Office




With the colder weather, please send your child to school with the appropriate clothing.

- Winter Jacket
- Snowpants
- Hat
- Mittens/Gloves
- Boots

We will have outside recess as long as the temperature is 0 or above

If you are in need of any of these items please reach out to the office and we can make sure your child has the appropriate items.

# 4K Registration

**2026-2027 School Year**

The Tomahawk Elementary School will be holding 4K registration

**Friday, January, 23rd.**

This is a great opportunity to visit our 4K teachers, and a 4K classroom. More information will be provided that day about our program.

The hours for registration are:

**8:30-11:30 & 12:30-2:30**

come anytime between those hours. This will take approximately 20 minutes. We look forward to meeting you and your child.

Please enter through Door #10 which is located at our 4K, Kindergarten wing at the end of the elementary parking lot.

# 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 25th, 2025**
**November 29th, 2025**
**December 27th, 2025**
**January 31st, 2026**
**February 28th, 2026**
**March 28th, 2026**

**4 pm to 6 pm on Mondays:**

**October 13th, 2025**
**November 10th, 2025**
**December 8th, 2025**
**January 12th, 2026**
**February 9th, 2026**
**March 9th, 2026**

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

# Nurse Trina's Newsletter

Welcome back!

As many of you have probably heard, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recently made a recommendation to change the Hepatitis B vaccination schedule. Here is what you need to know:

**What is Hepatitis B:**

Hepatitis B is the most common serious liver infection in the world. It is caused by the hepatitis B virus that attacks and injures the liver. Hepatitis B is transmitted through direct contact with infected blood or certain bodily fluids. The virus is most commonly transmitted from an infected pregnant person to their baby during childbirth. It can also be transmitted by sharing personal items such as razors, toothbrushes, nail clippers, body jewelry. The virus can live on contaminated surfaces for up to a week or more.

**What is the change:**

The new recommendation ~ individual-based decision-making for parents deciding whether to give the hepatitis B vaccine, including the birth dose, to infants born to women who test negative for the virus. For those infants not receiving the birth dose, ACIP suggested in its recommendation that the initial dose be administered no earlier than two months of age. The ACIP is also recommending testing children's antibody levels after each hepatitis B shot to determine whether additional shots are needed. Previously, Hepatitis B vaccine was considered standard for all infants as part of a 3 dose series.

**Why this matters:**

Even if the vaccine remains freely available, weakening the recommendation could lead to fewer babies getting the initial vaccine AND follow up doses. Immunization is the cornerstone of a decades-long strategy to eliminate hepatitis B in the U.S. Anticipate further vaccine schedule reviews to come as well.

**What can you do:**

Communicate with your primary care provider who knows your student(s) unique health situation regarding all medical interventions including vaccines. Following independent health organizations like the American Academy of Pediatrics is also a great place to find unbiased health information.

## Hepatitis B Vaccine Recommendations

# Nurse Trina's Newsletter

Lastly, the Marathon County Health Dept put together a nice infographic regarding THC use in youth. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself as many products are advertised similarly to candy and "kid" drinks. These products should remain OUT OF REACH of children yet are often at their level...be vigilant! Knowledge is power.

## THC Access and Youth

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Congrats to Kerry Zynda (one of our wonderful SLPs) on winning our Staff Wellness BINGO! Special thanks to our sponsors:

Sweet Pies of Mine
Trigs of Tomahawk
Coasters Cycle Works
Honeycomb Loft
The Cheese Shoppe
What's Brewin

Stay Well and Wash your Hands
Nurse Trina
715-224-7047
armstrongt@myhatchets.org

# Tomahawk Elementary Newsletter

## Music

### Just a Note from the Music Room

Congratulations to all Kindergarten, First, Third and Fifth Graders on their excellent programs on December 11th. Thank you to all who attended.

**Please mark your calendars for The Featuring the Fine Arts Program presented by Second and Fourth Graders on Wednesday, March 11th at 1:00 pm in the Tomahawk School District Auditorium.**

In December all students listened to and learned about the music group, The Piano Guys. More musicians will be featured as we move into 2026. Happy New Year!

## Literacy

Attention 4th and 5th Graders

### SPELLING BEE

The school spelling bee is scheduled for **1:00 in the afternoon of January 23th**. To qualify for the school spelling bee you must first excel in your classroom bee. As you begin to prepare for the bees, ask your teacher for the study list and check out the Scripps website at https://spellingbee.com/parents . There are all kinds of resources for increasing your spelling knowledge. Reading is another way to increase your word knowledge. You can download the Great Words, Great Works book list at https://spellingbee.com/book-list . Good luck to everyone!

# Tomahawk Elementary Newsletter

## Counselor Corner

This month, students are learning about **managing emotions**. According to our Second Step school counseling curriculum, managing emotions means **recognizing how we feel, understanding why we feel that way, and using safe, respectful strategies to calm our bodies and minds so we can make good choices.**

Big feelings—like anger, frustration, excitement, or worry—are a normal part of being a kid. Learning how to manage emotions helps students:

- Stay focused and ready to learn
- Solve problems peacefully
- Build healthy friendships
- Feel confident and in control of their choices

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Students are also learning about the **size of the problem**. This helps children decide how big their reaction should be.

- **Small problems** (e.g., pencil breaks, not first in line) → small feelings, calm solutions
- **Medium problems (**e.g., argument with a friend) → need help or problem-solving
- **Big problems** (e.g., someone is hurt or unsafe) → adult help right away

Matching our reaction to the size of the problem helps everyone stay safe and respectful.

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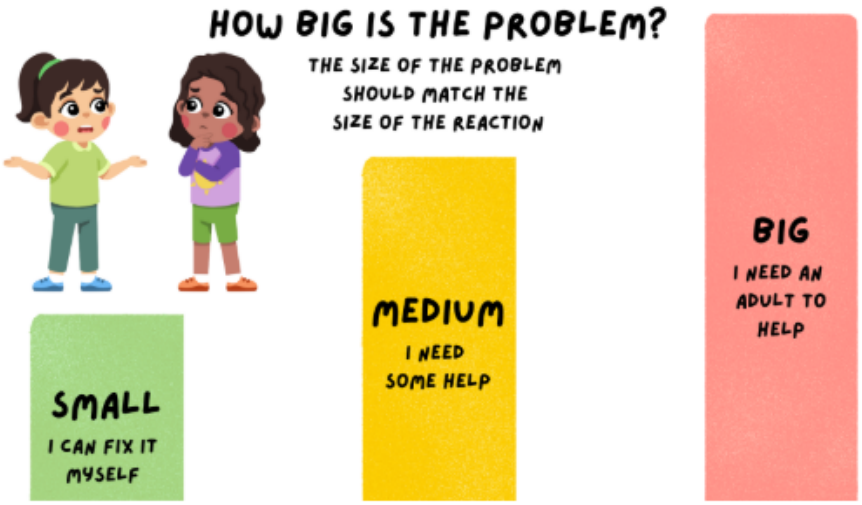
# Tomahawk Elementary Newsletter

## Counselor Corner




Here are some simple ways parents and caregivers can support this learning:

- **Name the feeling**: Ask, “How are you feeling right now?” Help your child label emotions (happy, frustrated, nervous, excited).
- **Pause and breathe**: Practice slow breathing together—smell the flower, blow out the candle.
- **Talk about problem size**: Ask, “Is this a small, medium, or big problem? What’s a good-sized reaction?”
- **Model calm behavior**: Let children see how you manage your own emotions and talk through your strategies.
- **Practice problem-solving:** After calm moments, discuss what worked and what could help next time.

When school and home work together, students build lifelong skills for understanding themselves and getting along with others!

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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,and1st
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 weeklycommunication.
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

| Name | Position |
|---|---|
| Mrs. CarrieCalhoun | 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 the best version of yourself!

- Createand maintainpositive relationships with your teachers and peers

### Take control of your learning!

- Focuson 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 Breakfast Menu

**January 2026**

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

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **5**<br>NO SCHOOL | **6**<br>Brekkie, WG<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice of Milk | **7**<br>Apple Cinnamon Muffin<br>Cheese Stick<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice Of Milk | **8**<br>Mini Eggo Waffles<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice Of Milk | **9**<br>Chocolate Frosted Long John<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice Of Milk |
| **12**<br>Cheese Omelet<br>Pork Sausage Link<br>Whole Grain Toast<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice Of Milk | **13**<br>Bacon, Egg & Cheese on Biscuit<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice Of Milk | **14**<br>Brekkie, WG<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice of Milk | **15**<br>Breakfast BananaSplit Yogurt Parfait<br>Graham Crackers<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice Of Milk | **16**<br>Bacon BreakfastPizza<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice of Milk |
| **19**<br>NO SCHOOL | **20**<br>Sausage Breakfast Pizza<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice of Milk | **21**<br>Banana Chocolate Chip Snack Bread,WG<br>Cheese Stick<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice of Milk | **22**<br>Cinnamon Roll<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice of Milk | **23**<br>Chocolate Frosted Long John<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice of Milk |
| **26**<br>Breakfast Banana Split Yogurt Parfait<br>Graham Crackers<br>PB & J Sandwich<br>Brekkie, WG<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection | **27**<br>Mini Eggo Waffles<br>PB & J Sandwich<br>Brekkie, WG<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice of Milk<br>Mini Eggo Waffles | **28**<br>Bacon Breakfast Pizza<br>PB & J Sandwich<br>Brekkie, WG<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice of Milk | **29**<br>Breakfast Burrito<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice of Milk | **30**<br>Cinnamon Cream Cheese Filled Bagel<br>Choice of Cereal<br>Graham Crackers<br>Fruit Selection<br>Juice Selection<br>Choice of Milk |
| | | | | This is for Food 4 Thought |

## PRICES

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|---|---|
| Regular | $1.55 |
| Reduced | $0.00 |
| Adult | $4.65 |
| 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

*Your MENUS plus more Information on our app Taher Food4Life®*

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# Tomahawk Elementary School Lunch Menu

**January 2026**

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

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **5**<br>NO SCHOOL | **6**<br>Homemade PepperoniPizza<br>Crispy Chicken Patty<br>Kettle Potato Chips<br>Black Beans<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice Of Milk | **7**<br>Hot Dog Bun<br>Classic Cheeseburger<br>Kung Fu Carrots<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice of Milk | **8**<br>Beefy Nachos w/Cheese Sauce<br>Crispy Chicken Sandwich<br>Sweet Potato Fries<br>Refried Beans<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice Of Milk | **9**<br>Italian Meatball Sub<br>Cheese Pizza<br>Steamed Green Beans<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice Of Milk |
| **12**<br>Roasted Beef Hot Dog on a Bun<br>Cheeseburger<br>Baked Beans, Vegetarian<br>French Fries<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice of Milk | **13**<br>BBQ Chicken Legs<br>Cheesy Mashed Potatoes<br>Pepperoni Pizza<br>Roasted Broccoli<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice Of Milk | **14**<br>Hot Turkey & Cheese Sandwich<br>Kettle Potato Chips<br>Crispy Chicken Nuggets<br>Dinner Roll<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Kung Fu Carrots<br>Choice of Milk | **15**<br>Cheese Bosco Sticks<br>Meatballs<br>Spaghetti Noodles<br>Garlic Breadstick<br>Corn<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice Of Milk | **16**<br>Cheese Pizza<br>Max Stix<br>Marinara Sauce<br>Steamed Green Beans<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice Of Milk |
| **19**<br>No School | **20**<br>Cheeseburger<br>Crispy Chicken Sandwich<br>Kettle Potato Chips<br>Green Peas<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice Of Milk | **21**<br>Turkey & Cheese Sandwich<br>Pizza Bake<br>Dinner Roll<br>California Blend Vegetable<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice Of Milk | **22**<br>Cheese Bosco Sticks<br>Hot Dog Bun<br>Creamy Macaroni & Cheese<br>California Blend Vegetable<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice Of Milk | **23**<br>Cheese Pizza<br>Chicken & Gravy<br>Garlic Mashed Potato<br>Whole Grain Dinner Roll<br>Steamed Corn<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice Of Milk |
| **26**<br>Crispy Chicken Tenders<br>Dinner Roll<br>Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla<br>Corn & Black Bean Salsa<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice Of Milk | **27**<br>Chicken Nachos& Canned Cheese Sauce<br>Crispy ChickenSandwich<br>Refried Beans<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice Of Milk | **28**<br>PepperoniPizza<br>Chicken Fajita Strips - 1250/ MD010-1.8662<br>Taco Filling<br>Corn<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice of Milk | **29**<br>Popcorn Chicken<br>BBQ Chicken Sandwich<br>Kettle Potato Chips<br>Baked Beans, Vegetarian<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice of Milk | **30**<br>Cheeseburger<br>Italian MeatballSub<br>French Fries<br>Glazed Carrots<br>Fruit and Vegetable Bar<br>Choice of Milk |
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**PRICES**

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|---|---|
| Regular | $2.75 |
| Reduced | $0.40 |
| Adult | $4.65 |
| Milk Break | $0.40 |

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