DECEMBER 2025

Principal's Update

It'shard to believe we're already approaching winter break and the halfway point of the school year! The weeks between Thanksgiving and the holiday season always seem to fly by, especially with all the activity happening at the elementary school throughout December. It's truly a bustling and exciting time of year! Our first quarter progress reporting period ended on 10/30/25, and I am so proud of all our students, staff, and families for the effort and dedication they've shown so far this year. We also had an outstanding 97% attendance rate for our fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. Thank you for being such an integral part of our school community. It is a privilege to partner with families who are supportive, involved, and deeply committed to their children's success and well-being.

Our holiday programs will take place on Thursday, December 11th.

- Kindergarten & 5th Grade Moments of Wonder at 9:00 a.m.
- 1st & 3rd Grade Cozy Place at 1:00 p.m.

Please enter through Door #6. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

As we roll into December, so has the colder weather. Please make sure your student has warm gear for recess. If your child is in need of winter clothing, please contact our office—we are here to help.

Congratulations to our December Hatchet Hero, Mr. Blomquist! Mr. Blomquist is recognized for his warm, upbeat connection with students and his ability to make every child feel valued and included. He engages learners creatively, communicates well with families, and builds strong, positive relationships both in the classroom and on the playground.

As we approach Winter Break, I hope this season brings you time to relax and enjoy moments with family and friends. This will be our final newsletter of 2025, and on behalf of everyone at TES, I want to wish you Happy Holidays and an amazing start to 2026!



Warmly, Mrs. Woodall TES Principal









December 2025

As we prepare for Winter Break, we continue to be grateful for everyone who helps support strong attendance and consistent routines for our students. Regular attendance truly matters—every day of school is an opportunity for children to learn, grow, and connect with their peers and teachers.

Please help your student/s stay on track by keeping them healthy and sending them to school unless they are truly ill. Strong attendance builds positive habits, strengthens academic progress, and supports social and emotional development. We want to recognize and thank:

- Our students and families, who work hard to attend regularly even when challenges arise.
- Our teachers and staff, who go above and beyond to make school a warm, welcoming, and engaging place to learn.
- Our incredible support staff and community helpers, whose dedication ensures students receive the extra care and attention they need.

May your Holiday Break be restful and restorative.

- If your family or child needs support, please reach out to our office.
- School will resume for students on January 6th, as January 5th is an inservice day for elementary staff only.

Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's success!





December 2nd

PTO Meeting at 6pm

5th grade Orff Ensemble at 7:25am

December 9th

5th grade Orff Ensemble at 7:25am

December 10th

4K Family Night 4pm-6pm

December 11th

Kindergarten and 5th grade Holiday Program at 9am

1st and 3rd grade Holiday Program at 1pm

No School – Winter Break December 24th– January 2nd

No School on January 5th for Elementary Students only





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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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



Office

With the colder weather approaching, 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.





Please make sure your child has an extra pair of clothes at school.

Accidents can happen at any age and can be as simple as falling in a puddle at recess.





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



Hello Friends,

Hope you are all finding ways to enjoy our shorter days and chilly weather. This month I want to focus on a couple key topics:

Holiday Stress & Community Resources

With holiday stress and shorter days it is even more important to find small ways to care for ourselves. Setting boundaries (on gift giving, familial obligations, events etc), finding ways to get outside and getting adequate rest can help you and your students prevent burnout during this time of year. We have many community resources available as well; Tomahawk Food Pantry, VFW Blessing Boxes (food boxes and delivery), St. Mary's Catholic Church Community Meals, Tomahawk Community Thrift Store and St. Mary's Thrift Cellar are just a few. Please see the posters attached for additional information/resources.

If you are interested in receiving a VFW blessing box, please contact Cheyeann directly at 715-554-7365.

Blessing Box Information



Measles

For those who have not yet heard,
Tomahawk School District had its first
Measles test run in November. Fortunately,
the test results were negative. That being
said, if your student is under vaccinated or
unvaccinated for Measles please know it is
not too late to start/catch up on the 2 dose
series. If you are unsure of your students
status a titer can be drawn. Please contact
your students primary care provider with
any questions and to discuss which option is
most appropriate for you.

Note: Those who are exposed to Measles and are not fully vaccinated could potentially be excluded from school for up to 21d.

Lincoln County Diaper Banks

Lincoln County Food Resources

May you find some time to reflect on all that you are grateful for. Please reach out if we can assist your family in any way. Stay warm and well!

> Nurse Trina 715-224-7047 armstrongt@myhatchets.org

607 N. Sales Street, Suite 101, Merrill, WI 54452 Phone: 715-536-0307 | Fax: 715-536-2011 lincolncountyhealthdepartment.com

Health Department 2025 Immunization Clinics

Adult Clinic Schedule Clinics are held twice a month at the Health Department. No appointments are needed. Wednesdays from 12-1 pm											
Jan 8	Feb 12	Mar 12	Apr 9	May 14	June 11	July 9	Aug 13	Sept 10	Oct 8	Nov 12	Dec 10
Tuesdays from 9-10 am											
Jan 28	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 22	May 27	June 24	July 22	Aug 26	Sept 23	Oct 28	Nov 25	Dec 23

Youth Clinic Schedule

Contact us at 715-536-0307 or email <u>LChealth@co.lincoln.wi.us</u> to schedule an appointment that is convenient for you.

Eligibility & Vaccines Available

Vaccines for Adults	Vaccines for Children
We provide free or low-cost vaccines to eligible adults aged 19 and older who	We provide free or low cost vaccines to eligible children ages 18 years and younger.
are uninsured and underinsured.	Children are eligible if one of the following
We also offer the following vaccines for those	applies:
with insurance.	 Are enrolled or eligible for Medicaid/Badger Care/Forward Health; or Don't have health insurance; or Are American Indian or Alaska Native, as defined by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C 1603).

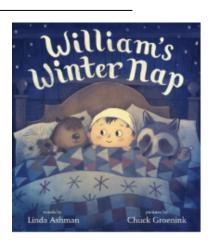
Contact us to see if you are eligible and for a complete list of vaccines. We are happy to schedule an appointment on a different day if these clinic dates do not work for you. Contact us at 715-536 0307 or LCHealth@co.lincoln.wi.us.





Music

Students in Kindergarten, First,
Third, and Fifth Grades will
present this year's Winter
Holiday Program Showcase on
Thursday December 11th in the
Tomahawk School Auditorium



Students in Kindergarten and Fifth Grade present

"Moments of Wonder"

Music Performance and Art Show December 11th at 9am

Based on the book <u>A Like Magic</u> by Sarah Karpiel

Students in First and Third Grade present

"A Cozy Place"

Music Performance and Art Show December 11th at 1pm

Based on the book <u>William's Winter Nap</u> by Linda Ashman pictures by Chuck Groenink

Doors open 30 minutes before show time Enter through district office door 6 Students will return to class after program

Be sure to mark your calendar and come support your child in their performance!

Programs will be video recorded and later posted on the district You Tube page for your convenience.

Please note that Second and Fourth Grade
Students will be presenting the
"Featuring the Fine Arts" Program on
March 11th



Growing Kindness • Building Empathy • Celebrating the Season

Hello Families!

December is a wonderful time to pause, reflect, and help our students grow into caring and confident individuals. As we move into the holiday season, our counseling focus this month is on **kindness and empathy**.

Kindness

Through our Second Step lessons, students learn that kindness is a choice we make every day. Students will explore how small actions—helping a classmate, sharing supplies, offering a compliment—can make a big difference.

Second Step Kindness Objectives:

- Recognize kind acts they see around them
- Describe what kindness looks and sounds like in school
- Practice specific ways to be kind, such as giving encouragement, including others, and offering help
- Understand how kindness creates a positive classroom community

In our lessons, we will practice:

- Identifying kind choices
- Understanding how kindness spreads
- · Recognizing how kindness feels from both giving and receiving

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Grades 4K, 1, 2, & 4
(715) 453-2126
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receiving

Ms. Samantha Perkins

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Grades 4K, K, 3, &5
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Empathy

Second Step's empathy lessons guide students in understanding others' feelings and responding in helpful ways.

Second Step Empathy Objectives:

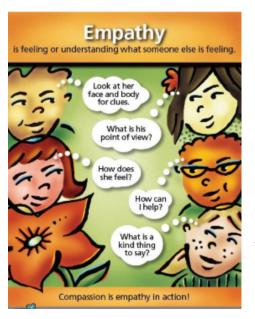
- Identify their own feelings and read others' feelings using facial expressions and body language
- **Use perspective-taking** to understand how someone else may be feeling
- Show care through words and actions, even when someone feels differently than they do
- **Practice compassionate problem-solving** in real-life school situations

Students will learn to:

- Notice how others may be feeling
- Show care through both words and actions

Here are a few simple ways to support what students are learning in Second Step this month:

- Model caring behavior—children learn most from what they see.
- Try a family kindness challenge (leave a thank-you note, donate a toy, help a neighbor).
- Talk about feelings—use questions such as: "How do you think they felt?" or "What could we do to help?"
- Create opportunities to practice gratitude at dinner or bedtime.



We wish your family a safe, restful, and joyful winter break!

> Mrs. Denise Peissig Grades 4K, 1, 2, & 4 (715) 453-2126

Grades 4K, K, 3, &5 (715) 453-2126

Ms. Samantha Perkins









Attention 4th and 5th Graders

Looking for an Academic Challenge? Here are a couple of great opportunities to check out:

Scripps National Spelling Bee

A good place to start preparing for the spelling bee is to go to http://spellingbee.com/parents-and-students and sign up for the Word Club. Maybe you signed up already and just haven't thought about it in a while. Today is a good day to check it out. Study lists will be given to all interested 4th and 5th graders in the coming weeks. Another good way to prepare yourself is to check out The Bee's Bookshelf. The Bee's Bookshelf is a place to explore the connection between stories and spelling, and to celebrate your favorite books with friends. Good luck preparing for the bees! Classroom bees will be held in December and January. The school spelling bee for qualifying students will be later in January.



Battle of the Books!

Do you love to read and talk about great stories? If so, Battle of the Books or BoB may be just the thing for you! Battle of the Books is a fun reading competition where students read from a list of books and answer trivia questions. In the next few weeks students will have the opportunity to sign up and form teams. In the meantime, book lists can be found at: https://sites.google.com/wemta.org/battle/elementary Or check out the great display in the library to see which books made this year's list.



Volunteer with

GirlsontheRun

BUILD CONFIDENCE



Girls on the Run is an after-school program led by trained, caring coaches who empower girls to activate their limitless potential.

Teams meet twice weekly for 10 weeks, culminating in a celebratory 5K with friends and family.







Coach a team!

- GOTR provides all the tools, training, and support you need.
- You don't have to be a runner!
- No coaching experience is required.
- Coach full or part-time

Register by December 31

Learn more about being a GOTR coach!









Sign up a GOTR girl!

Register by February 10!

Visit www.gotrncwisconsin.org for more information!



questions?

Daniela Flanders

Program Director

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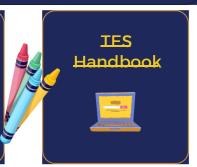
www.girlsontherun.org

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



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 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 cress 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 <u>HERE</u> 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 Name	Position 13
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 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!



December 2025

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1	2	3	4	5	
Cream Cheese Frosted Long John Choice of Cereal	Brekkie, WG Choice of Cereal	Apple Cinnamon Muffin Cheese Stick Choice of Cereal	Mini Eggo Waffles Choice of Cereal	Sausage Breakfast Pizza Choice of Cereal	
Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice Of Milk	Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice Of Milk	Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice Of Milk	
8	9	10	11	12	
Cinnamon Cream Cheese Filled Bagel Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice Of Milk	Bacon, Egg & Cheese on Biscuit Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice Of Milk	Brekkie, WG Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Cheese Omelet Whole Grain Toast Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice Of Milk	Chocolate Frosted Long John Choice of Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	
15	16	17	18	19	
Fluffy Pancakes	Sausage Breakfast Pizza	Blueberry Muffin, WG	Cinnamon Roll	Brekkie, WG	
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22	23	24	25	26	
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PRICES

Regular \$1.55 Reduced \$0.00 Adult \$2.50

Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim Is included with lunch. Entrée Salads are served with a Dinner Roll. For questions or comments, contact ifilln@myhatchets.org or EX 310



Your MENUS plus more Information on our app Taker Food4Life®



Tomahawk Elementary School Lunch Menu

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

Vegetable Bar

December 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4	5
Roasted Beef Hot Dog on a Bun French Fries Cheeseburger Baked Beans, Vegetarian Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice of Milk	Max Stix Marinara Sauce Kettle Potato Chips Fiesta Munchable Steamed Green Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice Of Milk	Crispy ChickenSandwich Cheese Boscosticks Glazed Carrots Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice of Milk	Beefy Nachosw/Cheese Sauce Cheese Pizza Refried Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice Of Milk	Toasted Cheese Sandwich Goldfish Crackers Popcorn Chicken Fruitrand Wegetable Bar Choice Of Milk
8	9	10	11	12
Sloppy Joeon a Bun Tator Tots Turkey Hamand Cheese Sandwich Dinner Roll Baby Carrots Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice of Milk	Crispy Chicken Sandwich Max Stix Kettle Potato Chips California Blend Vegetable Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice Of Milk	Popcorn Chicken Bowl Cheesy Mashed Potatoes Whole Grain Dinner Roll Turkey Munchable Steamed Corn Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice of Milk	French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Strawberry Topping Cheeseburger Breakfast Potatoes Fruit and VegetableBar Choice Of Milk	Crispy Chicken Nuggets Corn Dog Whole Grain Dinner Roll Broccoli Florets Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice Of Milk
15	16	17	18	19
Hot Dog Bun Cheeseburger French Fries Baked Beans, Vegetarian Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice Of Milk	Beefy Nachos w/Cheese Sauce Max Stix Dinner Roll Refried Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice Of Milk	Popcorn Chicken French Fries Cheese BoscoSticks Dinner Roll California Blend Vegetable Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice Of Milk	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza Yogurt Pak with Bagel Steamed Green Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice Of Milk	BBQ Pulled PorkSandwich French Fries Italian MeatballSub Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice Of Milk
22	23	24	25	26
French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Max Stix Sweet Potato Tots Fruit and VegetableBar Choice Of Milk	Cheeseburger Popcom Chicken Kettle Potato Chips Glazed Carrots Fruit and Vegetable Bar Choice Of Milk	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
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Regular \$2.75
Reduced \$0.40
Adult \$4.65
Milk Break \$0.40

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



Your MENUS plus more Information on our app Taher Food4Life*

