



Tomahawk Elementary Newsletter

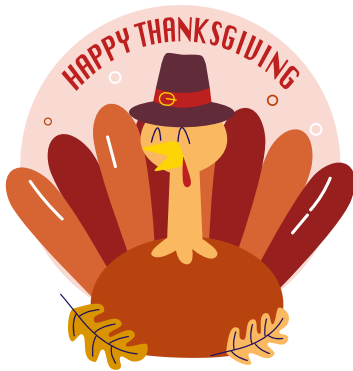


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Parents/Guardians:

As we enter November we are quickly approaching our fall parent teacher conferences. I always feel that with our current SeeSaw program there should be consistent, frequent communication happening throughout the school year, but I realize we are all busy and the year goes fast so having a time for parent teacher conferences gives us a reminder and an opportunity to take a breath and connect with each other. Please connect with whoever you need to during this month but please keep in mind that we encourage your involvement as much as possible throughout the school year so when the need arises we are always open to hearing from you. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.



Have a wonderful month of November!
Mr. Steckbauer

NOVEMBER

- November 3rd Friday – Grandparents' Day (kindergarten) 9:30 am Auditorium
- November 9th Thursday – Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 pm
- November 9th Thursday – Book fair from 4-7 pm
- November 13-17th – Book fair during library time



- November 11th Saturday - Veterans Day.
- November 13th Monday - World Kindness Day.
- November 23–27th – Thanksgiving break
- November 28–30th – Bridging Brighter Smiles



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REMINDERS

Drop off time is 7:50 am.

*4K-Kindergarten-1st grade, entrance and exit door # 10

*2nd grade enters and exits through door # 9

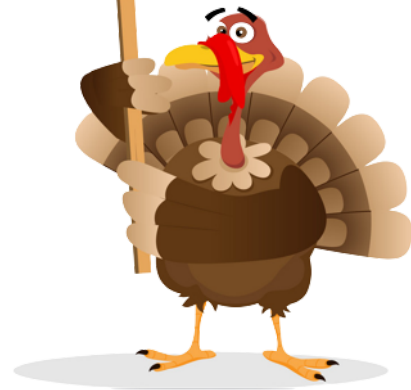
*Grades 3-4-5 enter and exit through door # 8

Kids in Motion

Starts at 7:10 am
Ends at 7:45 am

Please drop off students before 7:25 am.
After 7:25 your child will have to wait outside.

Thanksgiving
Break
November
23-27



ATTENDANCE

Please call in your child before 8:30am so your child is excused. If you are not able to call please send a note with your child when he/she returns to school.

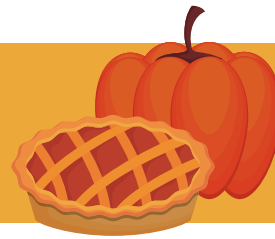
Tomahawk Elementary School is required to enforce the regular attendance of students while school is in session. T.E.S. recognizes that school attendance is vital to the educational success of your child and, as an agency of the State, is required to enforce the regular attendance of students. The responsibility for regular school attendance for a student rests upon the student's parent(s) or guardian(s)

We understand that plans change but please contact the office before 2:30 pm, our office is very busy and we may not get to your call on time.

Thank you!



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Donations for snacks are welcome.

We are looking for snacks for kids who forget or don't bring a snack to school and are hungry during the school day. If you are willing and able to donate individually packaged snacks, please send them to your child's classroom or elementary school office.

We appreciate your generosity!

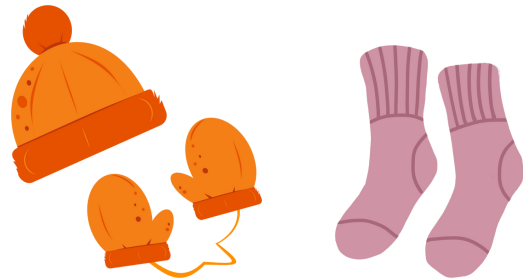


A BIG Thank You to everyone who has donated snacks, lunch bags, and any student needs. We really appreciate you! Your kindness never goes unnoticed! Thank you again for your continued support of our students at Tomahawk Elementary School!

Donations for clothing are welcome

We are looking for gently used leggings, sweatpants and underwear for boys and girls. If you would like to make a donation, please stop by the elementary school office.

We appreciate your generosity!

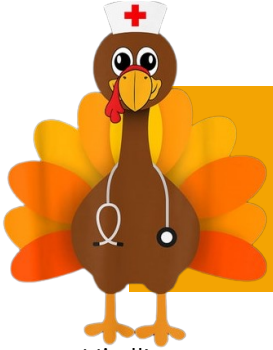


It's that time of year and the temperatures are changing quickly! It's time to prepare your jackets, boots, hats and gloves.

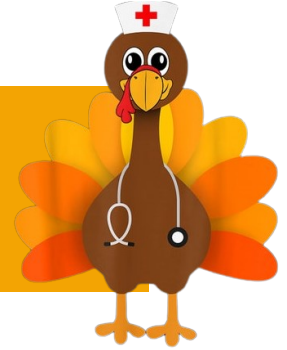
We also recommend having an extra pair of mittens and an extra pair of socks in your child's backpack!

By following these guidelines, your child will be able to happily participate in recess activities during the coming winter months.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



Nurse Trina's Newsletter



Hi all!

The health offices remain busy as we are seeing an increase in GI upset, low grade temps, Hand Foot and Mouth and sore/scratchy throats. Please continue to help school staff keep our buildings clean and safe by encouraging good hand hygiene, proper sneezing/coughing etiquette and keeping ill students home.

please be aware that we are still seeing multiple cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease throughout the district. Information is linked below. As for school, students diagnosed with HFMD must remain home until fever free for 24hrs and have no open/weeping sores. HFMD is viral and spreads quickly when in close proximity to others so it is extra important to take caution around those who may be immune compromised during your holiday travels.

If you have been notified that you are missing immunization records in the Health Office, please submit updated records ASAP.

If you live in the City of Tomahawk you may also be aware of the recent communication regarding PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) that were detected in the water sourced from well 4 & 5. The Lincoln County Health Dept and City of Tomahawk Water Dept Lead have assured the residents that while a notice has been issued to the public, water from these sites is still safe for consumption at this time. The City of Tomahawk has compiled a nice web page with FAQ and an infographic if you are looking for further information:

<https://www.cityoftomahawkwi.com/index.asp?SEC=2B3A04E9-20E8-487B-92AB-7FD34A36FD2F&DE=7EE76BB7-66C5-45D8-8B54-C6AB103474C7>

As you begin pulling out hats and scarves, please encourage your students to not share their clothing items. This will help prevent the spread of headlice. In the event that a student is found to have head lice, they are able to return to school after their first treatment has been complete and no live bugs are detected. Please be thorough and consistent in treatment if you find head lice on your student. The school nurse is always able to do a "head check" at the guardian's request. A note will be sent home with your students' classroom (in TES) if there is an active case. In TMS, students move classrooms so frequently that we ask students to notify close friends and/or teammates if there is a concern of spread.

HAND, FOOT, AND MOUTH DISEASE



Hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) is caused by enteroviruses that spread year round. Anyone can get HFMD, but most cases occur in infants and young children during the summer and fall. HFMD is usually not serious, but it can spread quickly, especially in schools and day care centers. Symptoms of HFMD include fever, mouth sores, and skin rash. On rare occasions, people infected with the virus that causes HFMD may develop swelling of brain (encephalitis) or the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord (meningitis).

What causes it?


You can get HFMD by:

- ▶ Having contact with respiratory droplets from a sick person's coughs or sneezes.
- ▶ Touching a sick person (such as kissing, hugging, or sharing cups or eating utensils).
- ▶ Touching poop from a sick person (for example, when changing diapers).
- ▶ Touching objects and surfaces that have the virus on them (such as toys, doorknobs, tabletops).

What are the signs and symptoms?

Most people with HFMD have fever, flu-like symptoms, mouth sores, and a skin rash.

- ▶ Mouth sores are usually painful and often start as small red spots on the tongue and inside of the mouth. Infants with mouth sores may stop nursing and become dehydrated.
- ▶ Skin rash usually shows up on the hands and feet. It can also appear on the buttocks, legs, and arms.
- ▶ The rash looks like flat or slightly raised red spots that can also turn into blisters. The fluid inside blisters can contain the virus that causes HFMD.



Skin rash caused by HFMD.

What are the treatment options?

- ▶ Most people get better on their own in 7 to 10 days. Taking over-the-counter medicines can relieve fever and pain caused by mouth sores. Drinking plenty of liquids can help prevent dehydration.
- ▶ Contact a doctor if your child is younger than 6 months old, they are not drinking enough to stay hydrated, their symptoms are severe (for example, fever lasting more than 3 days), or symptoms last longer than 10 days.
- ▶ Children with HFMD may continue to go to day care and school if they are fever-free, have no uncontrolled drooling with mouth sores, and feel well enough to attend. In some cases, children may need to stay home to control an outbreak of HFMD.

How can it be prevented?

- ▶ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Be sure to wash hands after changing diapers, using the toilet, blowing your nose, and before and after caring for someone who is sick.
- ▶ Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and items, including toys and doorknobs.
- ▶ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ▶ Avoid close contact with sick people, such as hugging or kissing them.

BUREAU OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
Wisconsin Department of Health Services | Division of Public Health
www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/bcd.htm | DSD@DHSCDHHS.wis.gov

HEAD LICE INFESTATION

(*Pediculus humanus capitis*)

They live on your scalp and thrive on human blood. It is a common problem affecting children, but not related to poor hygiene.



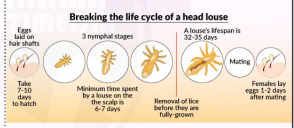
Tiny and wingless Parasitic insect

Head lice transmission

Head lice cannot jump, but you can become infected when they crawl onto your head through direct contact, such as:

- ▶ Touching your head to an infected person's head
- ▶ Sharing personal items like a brush, comb or hair accessories
- ▶ Coming into contact with a pillow, towel, upholstery or clothing where lice might be lurking

Breaking the life cycle of a head louse



Symptoms:

- ▶ Extremely itchy scalp
- ▶ A crawling sensation in your hair/on your scalp
- ▶ Sores and scabs

Treatment includes:

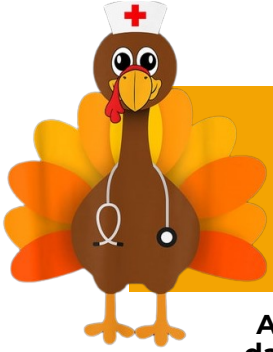
- 1 Over-the-counter medication like pyrethrin or permethrin
- 2 Using a fine-toothed lice comb and running it through your hair from the scalp to ensure insect and eggs are ejected

Lice are transferred through:

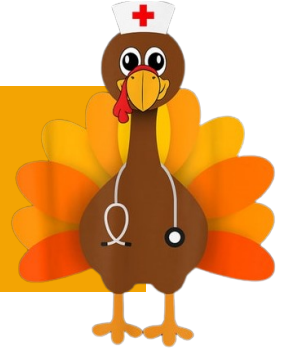
Brushes	Combs	Head clips
Headbands	Headphones	Caps/hats

You can reduce your chances of getting head lice by not sharing personal hygiene items.

Source: www.healthline.com | Bernama Infographics



Nurse Trina's Newsletter



As we roll into the official "Holiday Season" there are a lot of awareness days and community events that we can celebrate/participate in as well!



Did you know November claims the following:

~**Diabetes Awareness Month** (including Juvenile Diabetes): consider wearing **blue on Nov 14th** to show your support

~**Stress Awareness Week Nov 13-17th**: plan something **just for fun** (*movie, special treat, game night etc*)

~**Antibullying Week Nov 13-17th**: try saying "hello" to somebody you don't know this week

Free Tomahawk Holiday Meal & Events:

Community Thanksgiving Dinner
St. Mary's Church, Corpus Christi Center
320 East Washington Avenue
Tomahawk, WI 54487
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
715-453-2878

All orders and requests for meals must be placed before Noon on Wednesday, November 23rd. Please call the parish during normal business hours to donate food items for the dinner and to arrange for take-out or delivery for those who cannot attend. Dine-in seating is limited.



Small Business Saturday/Santa Meet and Greet **November 25th, 2023**

A day to shop downtown and browse sales specials.

The day will end with the annual Christmas tree lighting in the boulevard at the east end of Main Street. Come down and help Santa kick off our holiday season!

Lastly, a giant **THANK YOU to the Tomahawk Pharmacy** for assisting with our staff Flu Clinic and the Tomahawk School District Vaccine Catch Up Clinic!

The Tomahawk Pharmacy offers a variety of rapid lab test offerings:

- ~Strep
- ~Flu
- ~RSV
- ~Mono
- ~Rapid COVID

AND Vaccine Offerings:

Shingles, Pneumonia, Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis, and Flu are all available as a walk-in basis. Just stop in during regular business hours! RSV and COVID-19 are available with an appointment.

As always, please let me know if there is anything I can do to help as we roll into the Holiday Season.

Stay warm and well!

Trina Armstrong RN BSN





Counselor News



This month in Guidance classes we will be focusing on a Growth Mindset and Goal Setting.

Goals for grades 4K, K and 1 will be using the Listening Rules to help us learn.

- Eyes are Watching
- Ears are Listening
- Voices Quiet
- Body Still

Grade 2 will be learning how to get good at something.

Grade 3 will learn about the network changes our brains go through when we learn something new.

Grade 4 will practice setting a specific, challenging and doable class goal.

Grade 5 students will identify a personal goal, explain why it is right for them and make a plan to reach the goal.

Let's work hard to keep learning, growing and setting goals!



Denise Peissig
School Counselor

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Hatchet Pride News



Welcome back to school Hatchets! Our new focus for October is Fairness, Kindness, and Diversity. Please continue to practice conflict resolution skills with your child at home as it is very important for students to know how to use these skills. Please see the picture for tips on how to reinforce this month's theme at home as well as at school.



At school we are working very hard on teaching regulation strategies for when people are upset in hopes to help this behavior at school, but as we are finding it's not enough. If you have any suggestions that might help your students at school please reach out to their teacher. Please consider emailing Mrs. Sennett at sennettc@myhatchets.org with any other questions or insights. Thank you for all your help!

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WAYS TO TEACH YOUNG CHILDREN

FAIRNESS



1. PRACTICE TURN-TAKING.

This is a good starting point for the especially young. Through playing games like peek-a-boo and building with blocks (you lay one, I lay one), parents are able to provide a basic understanding of taking turns which is an element of fairness.



2. MODEL THE RULES.

For older children, use games as an opportunity to model and explain why we play by a given set of rules, how we take turns, and how we encourage one another even when we are unhappy with an outcome.



3. NOTICE FAIR AND UNFAIR.

Draw attention to behaviors in books, movies, and in life when others are acting in a fair or unfair manner. Ask your child questions like "What is another way he could have acted to make things fair?" or "How did she show fairness to the other person?"



4. PRAISE FAIRNESS.

Take a moment to recognize and verbalize when your child is acting out of fairness. Helping him to notice fairness in his own behaviors will help him to grow in his understanding of the concept.



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Music Room News



“...One thing is for sure... you are here. And because you are here...anything is possible.”
Kobi Yamada, in the book *Maybe*



**Oh the Possibilities each of our
students hold**

Be sure to mark your calendars for

“Oh the Possibilities”

Wednesday December 13, 2023

Kindergarten & Fifth Grade perform at 9am

First and Third Grade perform at 1pm

Programs will take place in the school auditorium

Please arrive through door # 6

Doors will open 30 minutes before show begins



Music Room News



**Oh the Possibilities each of our students hold.
Be sure to mark your calendars for
"Oh the Possibilities."**

December Programs 2023

Programs will occur on Wednesday December 13th.

Kindergarten, Fifth Grade will perform at 9am

First Grade and Third Grade, will perform at 1:00pm

Programs will take place in the school auditorium

**Come and see all the great potential your child possesses this December 13th
and see the "POSSIBILITIES"**

**Students began this school year with the book Maybe
by Kobi Yamada and illustrated by Gabriella Barouch.**

The Inside cover states:

**This is a story for everything you will do and everything you could be. It's for who
you are right now, and it's for all the magical, unbounded potential you hold inside."**

**Of course we want all children looking their best that day, but please consider these
reminders. Wear comfortable shoes and don't dress too warmly as the stage gets
very warm. In addition to the sharing of students' musical work, student artwork
will also be on display. I encourage you to mark your calendar, attend your child's
program and come to see all the great potential your child possesses this December
13th .**

**Viva la musica,
Mrs. Anderson**



**Just a reminder
Fourth and Second
grades will
participate in their
program sharing in
March at the
Featuring the Fine
Arts Program**





SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR!

Can't wait to see you!

November 9th Thursday

4-7 pm

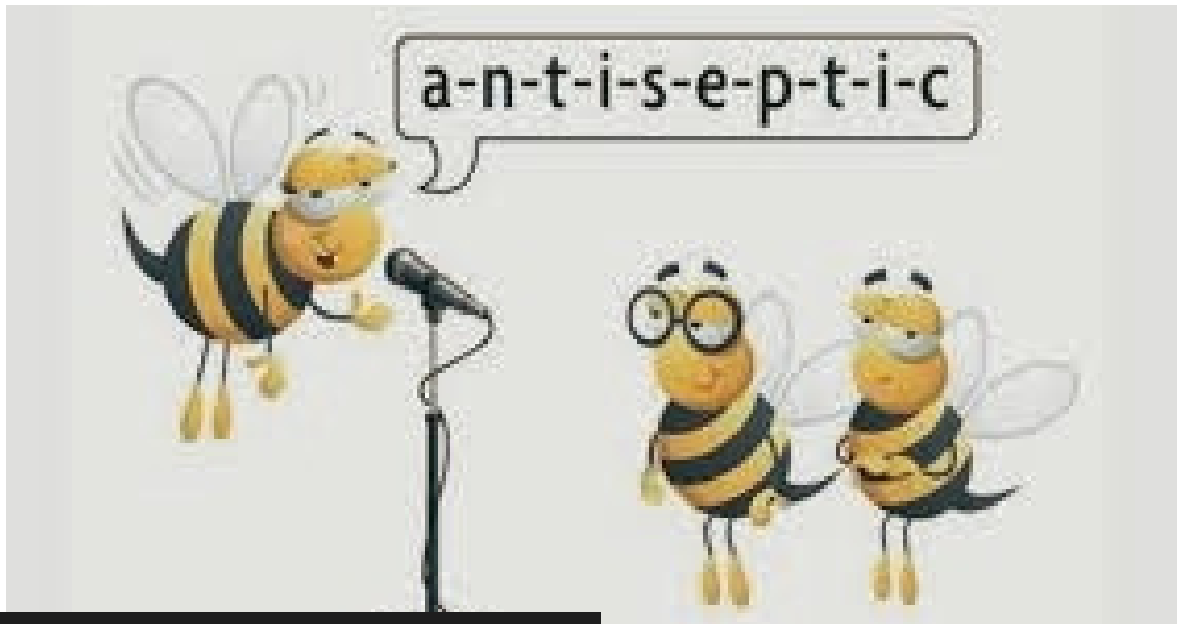
During parent-teacher
conferences

November 13-17

During your student's
library visit



SPELLING BEE



**ATTENTION 4TH AND 5TH
GRADE STUDENTS**

**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 Scripps National Spelling Bee. A good way to start preparing for the spelling bee is to go to <http://spellingbee.com/parents-and-students> and sign up for a word club. Perhaps you have already registered and just haven't thought about it for a long time. Today is a good day to check it out. Activity lists will be distributed to all interested Year 4 and 5 students in the coming weeks. Another good way to prepare is to check out The Bee's Bookshelf. The Bee Bookshelf is a place to explore the connection between stories and spelling and celebrate favorite books with friends. Have fun getting ready for the bees! Bee classes will be held in December and January. The school spelling bee for eligible students will be held later in January. The district spelling bee will be held at Tomahawk Elementary School this February, 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. The district spelling bee will be here at Tomahawk Elementary School this year in February.



**Angie Mcpherson
School Spelling Bee Coordinator**



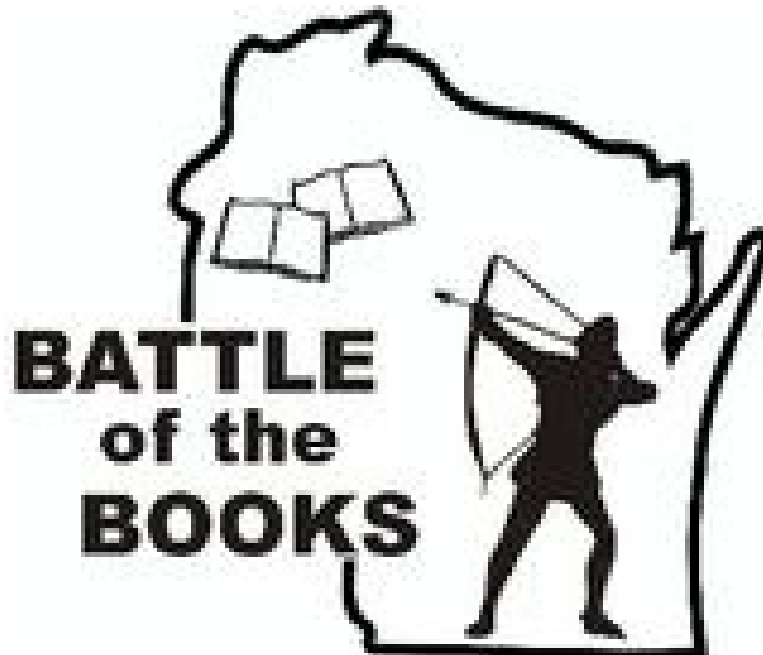
Battle of the Books

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?authuser=0>

Or check out the great display in the library to see which books made this year's list.



Angie Mcpherson

Battle of the Books (BoB) Coach





Tomahawk Elementary School Breakfast Menu

November 2023

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Homemade Coffee Cake Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	2 Pancakes Sausage Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	3 Brekki Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk
	This is for Food 4 Thought			
6 Bagels w/Cream Cheese Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	7 Grandma's Apple Smoothie Muffin Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	8 Breakfast Pizza Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	9 Egg Patty Mini Waffles Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	10 Long John Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk
13 Pancakes Sausage Patty Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	14 Mini Donut Yogurt Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	15 Apple Muffin Cheese Stick Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	16 Cinnamon Roll Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	17 Breakfast Banana Split Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk
20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24 NO SCHOOL
27 Brekki Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	28 Long John Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	29 Homemade Coffee Cake Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	30 Banana Bread Cheese Stick Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Juice Selection Fruit Selection Milk	1

PRICES

Regular	\$1.5
Reduced	5
Adult	Free
Extra Milk	\$2.5
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	\$0.4
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EXTRA INFO

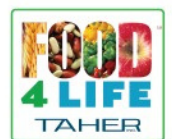
Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with all Lunch. For questions or comments contact the Food Service Director at: Andersons@myhatchets.org or call 715-453-2106 ext. 310

HARVEST OF



THE MONTH

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Tomahawk Elementary School Lunch Menu

November
2023

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Or Ham Deli Sub Sandwich Steamed Carrots Vegetable Selection Pineapple Tidbits Milk Choice	2 Cheeseburger on a Bun Or Ham Deli Sandwich Broccoli Florets, Vegetable Selection Applesauce Milk Choice	3 Crispy Chicken Nuggets Or Ham Deli Sandwich Mashed Potato/Gravy Steamed Green Beans Vegetable Selection Diced Pears Milk Choice
	This is for Food 4 Thought			
6 Cheese Bosco Stick Marinara Sauce Or Turkey Deli Sandwich Steamed Green Beans Vegetable Selection Peaches, Diced Milk Choice	7 Pancakes Easy Egg Bake Or Turkey Deli Sandwich Potato Wedges Vegetable Selection Mixed Canned Fruit Milk Choice	8 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Or Crispy Chicken Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Steamed Corn Vegetable Selection Pineapple Tidbits Milk Choice	9 Corn Dog Or Turkey Deli Sandwich Baked Beans Vegetable Selection Applesauce Fresh Grapes Milk Choice	10 Tater Tot Casserole Garlic Toast Or Pizza Munchable Roasted Broccoli Vegetable Selection Diced Pears Milk Choice
13 Beef Hot Dog on a Bun Or Crispy Chicken Nuggets Whole Grain Dinner Roll Golden French Fries Vegetable Selection Peaches, Diced Milk Choice	14 Homemade Lasagna Garlic Toast Or Ham Sandwich Roasted Broccoli Vegetable Selection Mixed Canned Fruit Milk Choice	15 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Or Ham Sandwich Steamed Peas Vegetable Selection Pineapple Tidbits Milk Choice	16 Roast Turkey Or Ham Deli Sub Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Cranberry Sauce Pumpkin Bar Milk Choice	17 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Choice of Soup Or Ham Deli Sandwich California Blend Vegetable Vegetable Selection Diced Pears Milk Choice
20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24 NO SCHOOL
27 Cheese Bosco Stick Or Crispy Chicken Smackers Whole Grain Dinner Roll Steamed Green Beans Vegetable Selection Peaches, Diced Milk Choice	28 Beef Hot Dog on a Bun Or Pizza Munchable Roasted Corn Vegetable Selection Mixed Canned Fruit Milk Choice	29 Pizza Or Ham Deli Sandwich Refried Beans Vegetable Selection Pineapple Tidbits Milk Choice	30 Beef Tacos Or Roasted Corn Or Ham Deli Sandwich Roasted Broccoli Vegetable Selection Applesauce Fresh Grapes	1

PRICES	Regular	\$2.7
	Reduced	5
	Adult	\$0.4
	Extra Milk	0
		\$4.1
		0
		\$0.4

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