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It's hard to believe we're already approaching winter break and the halfway point of the school year! The weeks between Thanksgiving and the holiday season fly by, especially with all the activities happening at the elementary school throughout December. It's truly a bustling and exciting time of year!

Our first trimester has come to an end and report cards will be coming home in Monday folders on 12/9/24. Everyone has worked incredibly hard and I am so proud of all of the students, staff, and our families for the efforts they have put into having such a successful start to our school year. Our fall Parent/Teacher conferences held in November had a 97% attendance rate. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for being an integral part of our school community. It is a privilege to work alongside families who are so supportive, involved, and committed to their children's education and well-being.

Speaking of the Holidays and excitement, our holiday program, Light of Hope, will take place on Wednesday, December 11th. Our Kindergarteners and 5th graders will perform at 9:00 a.m. and 1st and 3rd graders will perform at 1:00 p.m. Please enter through Door #6.

As we roll into December, so has the colder weather. Please be sure that your students have warm gear for recess. If your student needs winter clothing, please contact our office.

Congratulations to our December Hatchet Hero, Mrs. Roberts. Each month, the elementary recognizes a staff member for Excellence in the Classroom, Creativity and Imagination, Professionalism, Dedication, or Leadership. Mrs. Roberts works hard to include all students in her classroom. She is creative with modifications and lessons. It is a pleasure to hear her students enjoying the learning experience and talking about how much fun the lessons were.

As we approach Winter Break, I hope this season brings you the chance to enjoy quality time with family and friends. This will be our final newsletter of 2024, and on behalf of everyone at TMS, I want to wish you a Happy Holidays and an amazing start to 2025!



Sheri Woodall TES Principal





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Keeping Your Child On Track: Pay Attention to Attendance

As we prepare to take time off from school from December 21st, 2024 through January 1st, 2025 for Winter Break, we are grateful for everyone who has helped and will continue to help restore a routine for showing up to school.

Please take steps to keep your child healthy and send them to school unless they are truly sick.

Every day of school is an opportunity for students to connect to peers and their teachers, and to develop personally, socially, and academically.

We thank:

- Our students and their families who do their best to show up to school regularly even when it isn't easy.
- Our administrative and teaching staff who have gone above and beyond to help make school a welcoming learning environment.
- Our many, many healers and helpers the support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need.

May your Holiday Break be restful.

- If your family or your child needs support, please reach out to our office.
- We look forward to seeing you again when school resumes on January 2, 2025.

Thank you for partnering with us!













December 3rd

PTO Meeting at 6:00pm

December 6th

Bridging Brighter Smiles

December 9th

Bridging Brighter Smiles

December 10th

Bridging Brighter Smiles

Dress Rehearsal for Holiday Concerts

December 11

Holiday Concerts K and 5th at 9:00am 1st and 3rd at 1:00pm

4K Family Night 4:00-6:00pm

December 19th

Bridging Brighter Smiles

December 23-January 1st

No School- Winter Break



Office

Attendance

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 with your childs teacher for any changes on pick up

Pick up times

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

Drop off times

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

Doors open 7:50 a.m.

Kids In Motion

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

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

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 concerns.





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. We are running low on extra pants, socks, and underwear in the office.

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





Nurse Trina's Newsletter

Hello Friends.

Hoping this email finds you well and ready for a much needed Holiday Vacation. I will return from break on January 6th; I am extending it by a couple of days to use up some FML and enjoy baby snuggles.

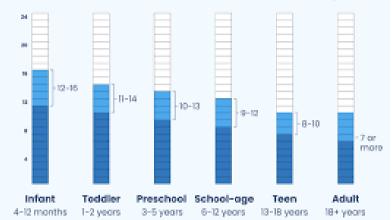
Respiratory virus season is underway in Wisconsin, and it's common this time of year for people to seek antibiotics when sick. When used correctly, antibiotics can help you feel better and save lives. However, when taken unnecessarily, they can cause harmful side effects and contribute to antibiotic resistance. "When you are sick, it's tempting to want to try anything to feel better," says State Health Officer and Division of Public Health Administrator Paula Tran. "But it's essential to know that antibiotics do not treat the viral illnesses common this time of year, such as cold, flu, or COVID-19, and taking them can potentially cause side effects." Please be mindful of this when feeling under the weather this winter.

Vaccines are a safe and effective way to help minimize illness this season. Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) data show only 22% of Wisconsinites have received a flu shot this season, and just 11% have received an updated COVID-19 vaccine. With flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and COVID-19 cases starting to rise, now is the time to get a vaccine. "Any time is a good time to get vaccinated, but if you haven't yet, at least two weeks ahead of holiday gatherings is really the best time to get vaccinated," said DHS Immunization Program Manager Dr. Stephanie Schauer. "It takes a couple of weeks after getting a vaccine for your body to build protection against these viruses, which can protect you from getting really sick and can help prevent you from spreading illness to others." You can reach out to primary care providers, trusted pharmacies and/or your local health department to get caught up on vaccines.

With holiday travel upon us, please keep the basics in mind to prevent the spread of illness.

- **-Wash hands** with soap and water frequently. If this is not feasible, travel sized hand sanitizers will work in a pinch.
- Cough and sneeze into elbows, not hands.
- **~Say "no" to events if you are ill,** especially if you anticipate being around the young, elderly and/or immunocompromised.
- A good night's rest, hydration and a well rounded diet can help keep your immune system working its best.





Fluoridation of Tomahawk City Water is still on hold. Conversations are continuing amongst the Council, stakeholders and Lincoln County Health Dept before any next steps are taken. Again, please stay tuned as this unfolds. It may be worthwhile to talk with your students' pediatrician and/or dental office if you have questions or concerns regarding supplementation for the time being. You can also sign up for the Bridging Brighter Smiles program here:

https://enrollment.bbsmiles.org/

Remember, if your student must bring medication to school (and a parent/guardian is unable to drop them off) we have lock boxes for transport! Give me a call and we can arrange safe medication transportation for your student.

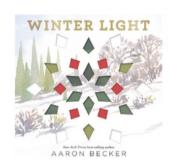
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Lastly, the holidays can be stressful. Take care of yourself, whatever that looks like for you and your family. Say "no" to events that seem draining and not fulfilling. Ask for help setting up gatherings if you are in charge. Set limits on gift giving. TAKE A NAP! This is a time to recharge and reset. Can't wait to see everyone back in 2025.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if your student has any needs or if questions arise.

Stay warm and well, Nurse Trina









Students in Kindergarten, First Grade, Third Grade and Fifth Grade will present this year's Holiday Program.

"Light of Hope"

Wednesday, December 11th In the Tomahawk Auditorium

9:00am Kindergarten and Fifth grade performance and art show 1:00pm First and Third Grade performance and art show



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



We have read books by Aaron Becker to discuss light and the light that each of us has inside.

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 12th





Counselors Corner

Our elementary school is excited to be using The Zones of Regulation as a framework designed to help students develop self-regulation and emotional control. This program teaches students to identify their emotions and levels of alertness, providing them with tools to manage their feelings, impulses, and sensory needs. Additionally, it equips them with strategies to problem-solve and handle conflicts more effectively.

By learning about the Zones, students can gain a deeper understanding of their emotions and develop practical strategies to move between zones effectively, with the ultimate goal of achieving the Green Zone for optimal learning and interaction.

Thank you for supporting your child as they learn these important skills. If you have any questions about The Zones of Regulation or how it's implemented at our school, please don't hesitate to reach out to our School Counselors.

Mrs. Denise Peissig (Grades 1, 2, 4) (715) 224-7130 peissigd@myhatchets.org The Zones of Regulation categorizes our emotions and states of alertness into four

zones:

- Blue Zone: This zone represents a low state of alertness, such as when someone feels sad, tired, sick, or bored.
- Green Zone: This is a calm and focused state.
 Students in the Green Zone may feel happy,
 content, ready to learn, or able to focus. Being in this zone supports classroom success.
- Yellow Zone: This zone indicates a heightened state of alertness and emotions where some control is still maintained. Feelings like stress, frustration, nervousness, excitement, or silliness belong here.
- Red Zone: This zone represents an extremely heightened state of alertness and intense emotions. Students may feel out of control, experiencing anger, rage, devastation, or even extreme excitement.



Ms. Samantha Perkins (Grades 4K, K, 3, 5) (715) 224-7131

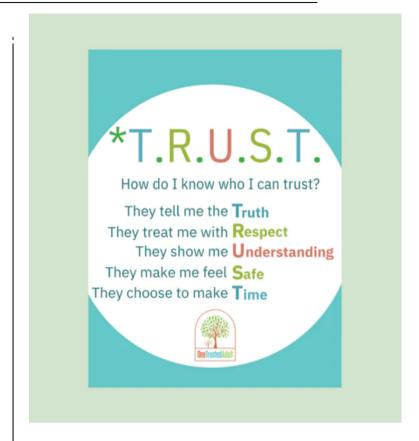
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Hatchet Pride

Our school will be focusing on
Honesty and Trust in December.
Please see the pictures for tips on
how to reinforce using these skills
at home as well as at school. At
school we are working on extra
calming strategies for when
people are upset in hopes to help
this behavior at school.Please
take time to discuss with your
students that the school rules are
different from home rules. Thank
you for all your help!





Please consider emailing Mrs. Sennett at sennettc@myhatchets.org with any insights. Thank you for all your help!

Hatchet Pride Coaches

Mrs. Courtney Sennett PBIS

sennettc@myhatchets.org

Mrs. Linda VanStrydonk PBIS

vanstrydonkl@myhatchets.org

WINTER SPIRIT WEEK

DECEMBER 16-20

CANDY CANE LANE MONDAY

Dress in Red and White



TWINKLE TUESDAY

Wear Your Most Festive Outfit



POLAR EXPRESS WEDNESDAY

Wear Your PJs and Flannels



GRINCH THURSDAY

Dress in Your Most Grinchy Look



UGLY SWEATER FRIDAY

Wear Your Best Holiday Ugly Sweater



HAVE FUN, STUDENTS!









Literacy



Attention 4th and 5th Graders SPELLING BEE

The school spelling bee is scheduled for **January 28th at 1:00pm.**

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!



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/bat tle/elementary?authuser=0

Or check out the great display in the library to see which books made this year's list. And YES you can start reading!





Mrs. Angela McPherson Reading Specialist & School Bee Coordintor (715) 453-2126

mcphersona@myhatchets.org

This sheet has been compiled with answers to frequently asked questions about TES, along with helpful links, as the 2024-25 school year begins.

TES Parent/Student Handbook

Answers to many common questions can be found in the handbook



Link is found on the TSD Website under the "Families" tab

Important Procedures/Policies/Info.



ABSENCES/APPTS

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



DROP OFF

Door #10 - Grades 4K and 5K Door #8 - Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 **Doors open at 7:50**



PICK UP

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



SKYWARD ACCESS

Check your Sk<u>yward Family Access</u> 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 Annette Steltenpohl in the elementary office



SCHOOL LUNCHES

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

Important Procedures/Policies/Info.



TOMAHAWK BUS SERVICE

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



KIDS IN MOTION

Kids In Motion will begin Monday September 16 @ 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.





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New TES Staff 2024-25

Name	Position	
Mrs. Gina LeTempt	1st Grade	
Ms. Morgan Ernst	2nd Grade	
Ms. Hannah Fisher	2nd Grade	
Mr. Jeff LeTempt	2nd Grade	
Ms. Emily Bublitz	3rd Grade	
Mrs. Renee Heinrich	3rd Grade	
Mr. Matt Schmidt	4th Grade Special Ed.	
Mrs. Katie Mackin	4th Grade	
Ms. Ava Magee	5th Grade Special Ed.	
Ms. Richelle Swan	5th Grade	
Ms. Sam Perkins	School Counselor	





SURPRISE YOUR CHILD WITH A BIRTHDAY TREAT IN THEIR CLASSROOM! TREATS ARE DELIVERED TO THE CLASS.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AVAILABLE:

COOKIES \$8 DOZEN.
RICE KRISPY BAR \$13 DOZEN
BROWNIES \$12 DOZEN
CUPCAKES \$12 DOZEN
BAGGED SLICED APPLES & CARAMEL \$15
DOZEN

PLEASE CALL AT 715-224-7046 OR ANDERSONS@MYHATCHETS.ORG

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED 5 DAYS IN ADVANCE.



December 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5	6
Strawberry Cream Cheese Filled Bagel	Strawberry Banana Yogurt Muffin	Yogurt Parfait	Mini Eggo Waffles	Frosted Long John
Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk
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Bagel Cream Cheese, plain Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Breakfast Sandwich Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Coffee Cake Cheese Stick Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Chocolate Chip Brekkie Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Cinnamon Roll Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk
16	17	18	19	20
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Regular Reduced Adult Extra Milk

Wilk Skim or cor

Free

\$2.50

\$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: Andersons@myhatchets.org or call ext. 310



Your MENUS plus more Information on our app Taker Food4Life®



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Tomahawk Elementary School Lunch Menu

Fresh fruit and vegetable bar served with all lunches on our Fruit And Vegetable Bar December 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
eef Hot Dog on a Bun beeseburger on WG Bun French Fries /egetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	3 Beefy Nachos Turkey Cheese Munchable Roasted Broccoli Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	4 Chicken Potstickers Chicken Fried Rice Kung Fu Carrots Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	5 Pasta with Meat Sauce Yogurt Pak with Bagel Spiced Pinto Bearls Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	6 HOM - Brussel Sprouts Cheese Pizza PB&J Sandwich Roasted Brussels Sprouts Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk
oppy Joe on a Bun rispy Chicken Wrap Potato Wedges Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Italian Stromboli Hard Shell Beef Tacos with Spanish Rice Roasted Broccoli Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	11 HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!! Crispy Chicken Nuggets Whole Grain Dinner Roll Turkey Deli Sub Sandwich Sweet Potato Tots Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Birthday Cake	French Toast & Sausage Cheeseburger on WG Bun Roasted Carrots Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Chicken Taquito Brown Rice Turkey Munchable Black Beans Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk
6 HOM - Sorrel sco Stix & Sauce icken Patty Sandwich rrel Soup teamed Green Beans egetable Selection ruit Selection hoice of Milk	Walking Taco Mini Corn Dogs Roasted Corn Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Chicken Patty Sandwich Ham Sandwich French Fries Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Chicken Noodle Soup Roasted Broccoli Vegetable Selection Cranberry Pear Salad Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Country Chicken Patty Cheese Pizza Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk
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Regular \$2.7
Reduced 5
Adult \$0.4
Extra Milk 0
\$4.6
5
\$0.4

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