

Happy February! This month, we're shining a spotlight on the power of a positive attitude and the value of friendship. As we move through the heart of the school year, we're proud of the hard work and determination our students continue to show every day. It is hard to believe that we are more than halfway through the 2024-25 school year!

The District will be hosting a Showcase on the evening of February 13th. There will be many exciting activities and learning opportunities. The elementary will also have K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences running from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. For families who prefer the flexibility of virtual meetings, we are offering the option to schedule a virtual conference during the weeks of February 10th – 13th. If you would like to meet virtually or arrange an alternative time, please contact your student's teacher to make arrangements. Please also note that this is a long weekend for families, as there will be no school on February 14th and 17th.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Together, we can help our students grow into confident individuals who lift each other up. Here's to a fantastic month filled with smiles, kindness, and new friendships! Make it a GREAT month!

Sheri Woodall
TES Principal



January Hatchet Hero

Congratulations to our January Hatchet Hero, Mrs. VanStyrdonk. Each month, the elementary recognizes a staff member for Excellence in the Classroom, Creativity and Imagination, Professionalism, Dedication, or Leadership. Mrs. VanStrydonk is an outstanding Dean of Students who excels at fostering meaningful relationships with students. Her genuine care, approachability, and commitment to understanding each student's unique needs make her a trusted figure in our school community, creating an environment where students feel valued and supported.



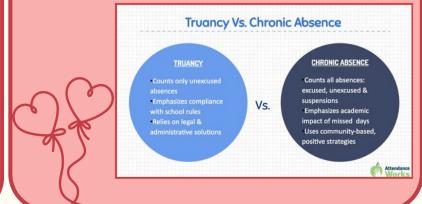
Absences Add Up

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

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

What is chronic absenteeism?

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







February 4th

PTO Meeting at 6:00pm

February 13th

Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7pm

February 13th

Regional Spelling Bee in Three Lakes

February 14th and 17th

No School









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.

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.

**Please include office staff in the message if it is regarding absences.



Showcase 2025

The Showcase is an opportunity for anyone to experience all the **great things** happening in your district! It is an opportunity to **wander the building**, visit with teachers, see what happens in areas of the building you may not normally visit, and leave knowing more about the District than when you arrived.

It is also an opportunity to learn. There are short seminars for parents/families all evening, in all parts of the building. A full list of learning opportunities will be coming shortly before the Showcase.

We look forward to seeing you there!







Office

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.



In-person Parent Teacher

Conferences are

Thursday, February 13th from 4-7pm



During conferences stop down by the Elementary Cafeteria to see the Snowmen your student's classes have been building. Classes needed to following expectations during school to earn money to purchase supplies. They were not able to earn more than \$25.00 in total. Classes then needed to write a sales pitch to sell their snowman to the people of "Snow Falls". Be sure to use the QR codes next to each snowman to read the Sales Pitches.





Congratulations to Bethany, a talented 2nd-grader in Mrs. Randall's class, for winning 1st place in the Schierl Tire and Auto Service Winter Wonders Coloring Contest! Bethany's winning artwork will be featured on Schierl Tire and Auto Service's Winter Wonders coloring contest cards, which will be mailed out to area guests in the coming weeks.

As part of this achievement, Tomahawk Elementary received a \$500 donation, and Bethany was awarded a \$100 Visa gift card. Mike from Schierl Tire presented both Bethany and the school with their prizes.

GREAT job, Bethany! TES is extremely proud of your talent and hard work!

A special thank you to Schierl Tire and Auto Service for their generosity!





for Hatchet Spirit Week



FEBRUARY 10TH -Don't Sweat the Small Stuff!!

Get comfy and wear your sweats to school today.

Acts of kindness: Make a valentine to share with our local nursing home residents. Student Council members will deliver on Tuesday.



FEBRUARY 11TH -Spread Peace and Love!

Spread love best tie dye



throughout our school by sporting your and hippie attire.

FEBRUARY 12TH - Be a Kindness HERO!!

Dress up as your favorite superhero and show your strength to be kind!

Costume Contest - Grade Level Prizes Awarded.



FEBRUARY 13TH- Red, White, and Pink

Celebrate Valentine's Day wearing some holiday colors and/or hearts to school.

*Share valentines with classmates.







Nurse Trina's Newsletter



Hello Friends.

A bulk of this month's newsletter will be a continuation of the Fluoride Four Part Series, as science is a key topic for stakeholders to understand prior to voting in April. Thank you for your understanding.

Before we begin, please note that Norovirus and Rotavirus (the cause of some "stomach flu" symptoms) are not impacted by alcohol based hand sanitizer. Please wash hands with soap and water whenever possible.

Fluoride: The Misunderstood Mineral (continued from Jan 2024 Newsletter)

The Good:

More than 75 years of research shows optimally fluoridated water is safe, effective and supports good oral health. The fluoride level of 0.7 mg/L used in community water fluoridation maximizes benefits for preventing tooth decay, while minimizing risks to human health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to recommend water fluoridation at a level of 0.7 mg/L as a cornerstone of cavity prevention in the U.S...reducing cavities by up to 25%!

https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/oral-health/fluoridecommunity-water-fluoridation.htm? utm_source=Children%27s+Wisconsin+-+Master+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=0cab437c52-CHAW+Oral+Healthy+eBytes%3A+January+2018_CO PY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fda96f321 8-0cab437c52-236909749

The Bad:

Too much of a good thing can be bad, true for most things! Fluoride can be toxic when ingested at excessive levels. Children younger than 6yo account for more than 80% of reports of suspected over ingestion of fluoride (mostly from toothpaste and mouthwash), emphasizing why it is important to use fluoridated products tailored to the individual. Ie: Dental professionals recommend limiting fluoride before a youth can rinse and/or spit appropriately & kids toothpaste contains less fluoride than adult toothpaste. Safe storage is also necessary (think...similar to storing medications).

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/16451540/

The Ugly:

You may have heard talk recently of how harmful fluoride in drinking water can be. Most recently, a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency has made headlines. Key takeaways from this lawsuit include (provided by WI Oral Health Coalition):

The lawsuit did not rule in opposition to community water fluoridation or deem community water fluoridation to be unsafe or less effective than the numerous studies over the past 75 years have demonstrated.

The basis of the suit involved the use of a study released by the National Toxicology Program, which was not a report on the fluoridation of water, but rather a report on exposure to fluoride at levels greater than 1.5 mg/L – which is more than double the level of fluoride in drinking water. None of the studies used in this report were from the U.S., and it is noted in the report itself that the report does not address the impact of fluoride at 0.7mg/L on a measurable change in intelligence quotient. This report has been rejected twice by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

As the American Dental Association said, "the main takeaway is that [the study] did not find any connection between lower IQ and fluoride intake at the level recommended for community water fluoridation."

There are a variety of tools and statements that are available from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Dental Association, the American Dental Hygienists' Association and the American Fluoridation Society. A great resource on the science behind fluoride is ILikeMyTeeth.org.

Another great resource for podcast listeners can be found here (via NPR Short Wave):

https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1223466595

Stay warm and well, Nurse Trina







Second and Fourth grade students will present

"We Rock"

Featuring the Fine Arts Program 2025

Wednesday March 12 at 1pm in the Auditorium

The programs are, yes, all about rocks, and a little bit of rock music too.

The books being used,

Rock What Ya Got by Samantha Berger and A Rock is Lively by Dianna Hutts

Aston, focus on the many kinds of rocks, sizes, shapes, minerals, etc and "rocking" what makes each of us unique.

Be sure to mark your calendars and join us on March 12th

Please use door 6

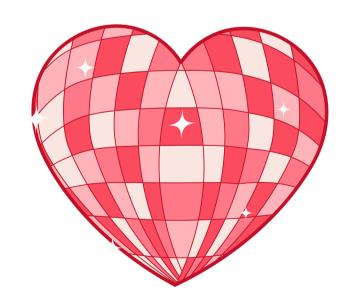


Please join our Facebook page:

Tomahawk Elementary PTO

We also have a Gmail account Reach out with any questions.

tomahawkelementaryschoolpto@gmail.com









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Counselors Corner

As we move into February, a time traditionally focused on friendship and kindness, we are excited to highlight a special initiative—"No One Eats Alone." This national event, held each year on the third Friday of February, promotes inclusion by encouraging students to sit with and befriend those who may be eating lunch alone. While we won't be in school on that specific Friday, we are thrilled to celebrate "No One Eats Alone" during the entire week of February 10-13. Throughout this week, we hope to inspire our students to reach out and connect with their peers so no one has to eat





A Beyond Differences Initiative

We encourage you to talk with your child(ren) about the importance of inclusion and friendship, not just during this week but every day. Together, we can create an environment where every student feels valued, respected, and part of our school community.

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

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Hatchet Pride

Our school will be focusing on
Positive Attitude & Friendship in
February. Take a look at the pictures
on the page to help with reinforcing
this at home. Please take time to
discuss with your students that the
school rules are different from home
rules as this comes up in
conversations this time of year.
Students are required to Be
Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be
Safe at school. 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

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PBIS

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Mrs. Linda VanStrydonk
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LOVING KINDNESS MEDITATION

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Practicing Positive Affirmations

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Literacy

Students at TES have been busy going above and beyond the usual academic challenges in the last few weeks. All students in grades 4-5 have competed in classroom spelling bees. The top 3 spellers in each classroom went on to compete in the school bee on January 28th in the auditorium. The students exhibited impressive spelling skills! The bee went on for 19 rounds. In the end the elementary school finalists were revealed. Fourth Grade Students reigned supreme! Leah Davids was named the Champion speller, followed by Lily Young in 2nd place, and William Wendorf in 3rd. All three of these talented kids will compete in Three Lakes on February 13th at the regional spelling bee.





Mrs. Angela McPherson
Reading Specialist & School Bee Coordintor
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Math

The Four C's of Math Conversation - Count - Compare - Categorize

You do not need notebooks, activity sheets, flashcards, special computer programs or smartphone apps to talk to your children about math. You can use your daily activities and the world around you to promote math. Research has shown that early development of mathematics skills and knowledge is a strong predictor of later mathematics achievement. For example, Nguyen and colleagues (2016) found that certain advanced counting skills, such as counting on or counting forward from any number, are better predictors of later achievement than are the basic counting skills - (counting to 10, etc.)

Converse - get the conversation started. Promote, prompt & probe your child's thinking

Count - How many do you have? How many do I have? If we add some more, how many will we have? How many would you like to have? How many do you think there are? How can we find out how many there are? Can we start at 20 (or another number) and count forward? Can we start at 10 (or another number) and count backwards?

Compare - How are these (two different objects) the same? How are they different? Who has more? Who has less? Which one is (taller, shorter, bigger, smaller, smother, rougher, faster, slower? How do you know it is? How can we find out if it is longer, bigger.....?

Categorize - Which group does this object belong to?
Why? Can you tell me how to group these objects? Can you tell me more about why you put these objects together? Why are these all part of the same group?
Why do these objects not go together? Can you tell me more about what makes these groups different from

Betts, A. and Son, J., 2020. Fostering Parent-Child Math Talk with the 4C's. Mathematics Teacher Learning Teaching PK-12, 113(10), pp.791-799.

each other?

Mrs. Laurie Tracey
Math Specialist
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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 Crade	
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.



February 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
Cinnamon Cream Cheese Filled Bagel Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Breakfast Toaster 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	Easy Egg Bake Whole Grain Toast Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Choice of Cerealrms Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk
10	11	12	13	14 NO SCHOOL
Fluffy Pancakes 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	Chocolate Chip Muffin Cheese Stick Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Cinnamon Roll Choice of Cereal Choice of Cereal Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	
17 NO SCHOOL	18	19	20	21
	Sausage Breakfast Pizza Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Banana Chocolate Loaf Cheese Stick Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Pancakes & Sausage Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Long John Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk
24	25	26	27	28
Cream Cheese Frosted Long John Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Breakfast Toaster 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	French Toast & Sausage Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk	Strawberry Bagel Choice of Cereal Fun with D&J Crackers Fruit Selection Juice Selection Choice of Milk

Regular \$1.55 Reduced Free Adult \$2.50 Extra Milk \$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 Taher Food4Life®



www.taher.com

Tomahawk Elementary School Lunch Menu

Fresh fruit and vegetable bar served with all lunches on our Fruit And Vegetable Bar February 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5 HOM - Beet	6	7
Hawaiian Ham Sliders Crispy Chicken Nuggets Whole Grain Dinner Roll	Corn Dog Tacos	Meatballs & Gravy Whole Grain Dinner Roll Crispy Chicken Sandwich	French Toast & Sausage Classic Cheeseburger	Homemade Cheese Pizza Turkey Sandwich
Sweet Potato Tots Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Spiced Pinto Beans Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection	Mashed Potatoes Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Kung Fu Carrots Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Roasted Broccoli Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk
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10	11	12	13	14 NO SCHOOL
Creamy Macaroni & Cheese Crispy Chicken Nuggets Whole Grain Dinner Roll Green Beans Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Beefy Nachos Ham Sandwich Black Beans Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection 1% Unflavored Milk	Grilled Cheese Choice of Soup Crispy Chicken Sandwich Baby Carrots Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection	Popcom Chicken Bowl Whole Grain Dinner Roll Classic Cheeseburger Mashed Potatoes Steamed Corn Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection	
17 NO SCHOOL	18	19	20	21
	Fluffy Pancakes Tutkey 8g teese Flatbread Munchable Sweet Potato Tots Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection	Orange Chicken Seasoned Brown Rice Crispy Chicken Sandwich Steamed Carrots Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Corn Dog Classic Cheeseburger Baked Beans, Vegetarian Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Chicken Tenders Macaroni & Cheese WG Homemade Cornbread Homemade Cheese Pizza Roasted Broccoli Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection
24 HOM - Oregano	25	26	27	28
Roasted Beef Hot Dog on a Bun Crispy Chicken Nuggets Whole Grain Dinner Roll Greek Oven Roasted Potatoes Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection	Spaghetti & Meatballs Garlic Toast Turkey Deli Sandwich Roasted Broccoli Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Italian Chicken Combo Crispy Chicken Sandwich Kung Fu Carrots Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Beefy Taco Lettuce, Tomato and Cheese Classic Cheeseburger Spiced Pinto Beans Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection Choice of Milk	Toasted Cheese Sandwich Goldfish Crackers Choice of Soup Turkey Deli Sandwich California Blend Vegetable Vegetable Selection Fruit Selection

 Regular
 \$2.75

 Reduced
 \$0.40

 Adult
 \$4.65

 Extra Milk
 \$0.40

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