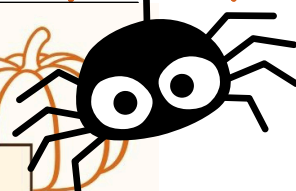




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HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL: BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE EARLY

October 2024

Did You Know?

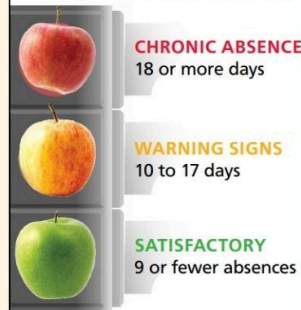
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

What You Can Do

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding attendance matters.

Hatchet Pride!
Sheri Woodall
Tomahawk Elementary Principal



Tomahawk Elementary School



October 3rd

Thursday
Bridging Brighter
Smiles

October 4th

Friday
-5th Grade to Yawkey
Historical Museum 8:20
am-2:00 pm

October 7th & 8th

Monday & Tuesday
Fire Prevention
Presentations

October 9th & 10th

Wednesday/Thursday
Popcorn Day Fundraiser

October 11th

Friday
Kdgn to Wilke's
Pumpkin Patch

October 16th

Wednesday
Tree Haven
Sennett/Thieme

October 17th

Thursday
Tree Haven
Hansmann/Mackin

October 22nd

Tuesday
-Bridging Brighter
Smiles
-Frightfully Family
Night
4-5:30 pm

October 23rd

Wednesday
-Lifetouch re-takes
9:45 am-11:30 am
-Bridging Brighter
Smiles

October 24th

Thursday
-Lifetouch re-takes
9:45 am-11:30 am

October 29th

Tuesday
Trees for Tomorrow
Roberts/Swan

October 30th

Wednesday
Trees for Tomorrow
Barker/Troutman

October 31st

Trick or Treat
Tomahawk
4-7pm





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Office

Attendance

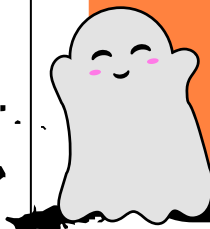
Please call the office before 8:30 a.m. if your child will be absent due to sickness or an appointment. If your child attends an appointment please send in their medical note.



Kids In Motion

Starts Monday
September 16th

@ 7:15 a.m. Please arrive before 7:25 a.m. or your student will have to wait outside.



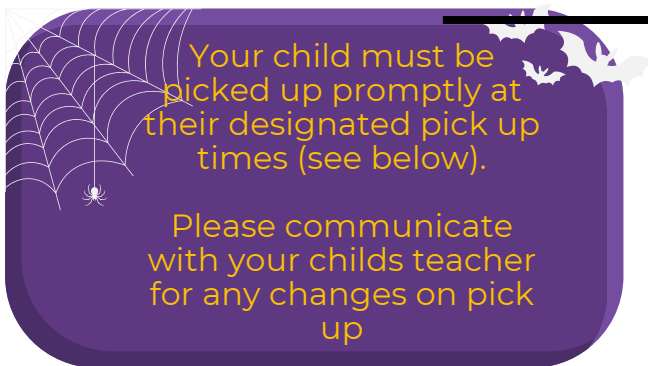
Please fill out your Skyward Online Annual Student Information. Login to your Family Access Skyward and follow Directions.

All updates are due October 11th.



Your child must be picked up promptly at their designated pick up times (see below).

Please communicate with your child's 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.



SNACKS

SNACK DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Tomahawk Elementary school is in need for snack foods for our TES kids.

If you are willing to donate individually prepackaged snacks, please send them to our front office. Thank you for all who have donated already!! We appreciate your generosity!

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.



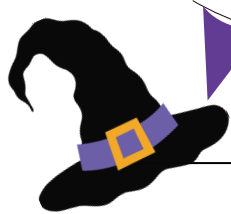
TOMAHAWK ELEMENTARY PRESENTS A

Frightfully Fun Night!

**Tuesday, October 22
4:00 - 5:30**

**Bring your family
for games, crafts,
stories & more!**

**Wear your
Halloween
Costume!**



Nurse Trina's Newsletter

Hello Friends!

As always the beginning of the school year is off to a busy start in the health office.

1.) **Immunization Collection:**

As you know, the annual immunization report that is collected by the state is due by the 30th day of school (Oct 14th). In order to avoid future exclusions, our DISTRICT must meet 99% compliance with the state required vaccinations. This means 99% of our students must either be: up to date with required vaccines, have a waiver on file for the required vaccines or be "in process" with the 24/25 school year being their first year in a WI school. It's a tall order but the Tomahawk Pharmacy is helping us out by giving parents the opportunity to get caught up right here at school (THANK YOU!) You will have received correspondence from the health office if this applies to your student.

Note: The following changes were implemented by the WI DHS

- Adding meningococcal ([MenACWY-containing](#)) vaccine to the requirements for students entering seventh grade, and a booster dose for eligible students entering 12th grade.
- Parent report of chickenpox disease is no longer acceptable for exemption from the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine requirement. Children must have a diagnosis of chickenpox from a qualified health care provider (M.D., D.O., N.P., or P.A.) to be exempt from this requirement, however existing exemption options still apply.

COUGH & SNEEZE ETIQUETTE



COVER WITH
TISSUE

WEARING
A MASK

COVER WITH
YOUR ELBOW

2.) **Flu clinic:**

The Lincoln County Health Dept is again hosting a district wide flu clinic here at school! This year it will take place on Halloween morning. Permission forms can be found attached to this newsletter if you have not received one (see the QR code on the flyer).

3.) **Tooth fairy:**

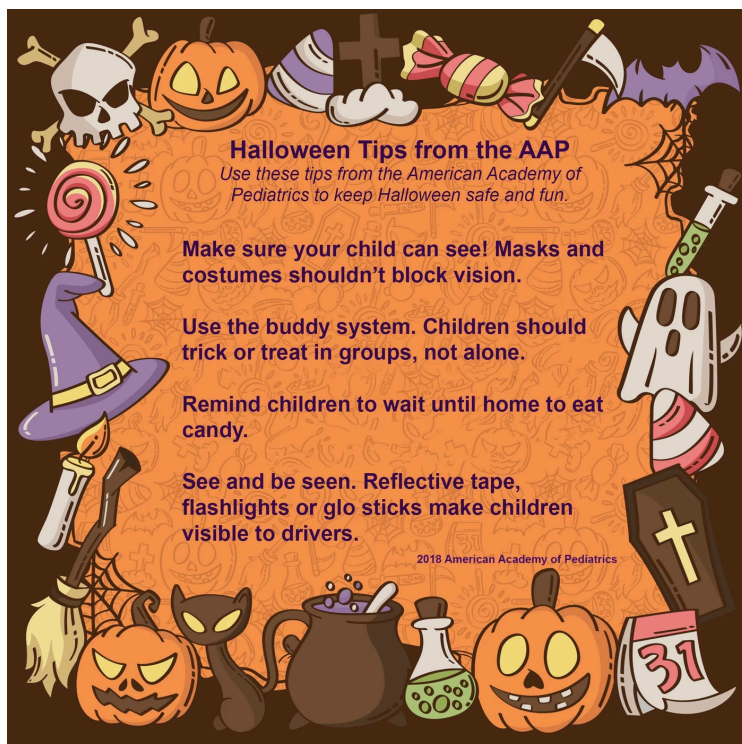
A generous donation of dental supplies was given to the Tomahawk Elementary School! Therefore, your student may have brought a goodie bag home from the "tooth fairy".

4.) **Vision Screening 4k, K and 1:**

I anticipate we will do our annual vision screening for the above listed grades in early Nov with the help of the Tomahawk Lions Club. More info to come!

5.) **Health and Wellness:**

Mid September saw a large increase in viral-like symptoms. Please reiterate to your student good hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette. It is of most importance when we are all back in shared spaces in order to keep our students well.



TOMAHAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT VACCINE CLINIC

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
8:30–11:00 AM**

NO COST VACCINES FOR STUDENTS!

CLINIC DETAILS

Lincoln County Health Department will be providing flu and Tdap vaccines at no cost to Tomahawk School District students on October 31.

Pre-registration is required.

No walk ins. Deadline to register is Thursday, October 24.

Please have your child dress appropriately so their upper arm is easily accessible.

SIIGN UP TODAY

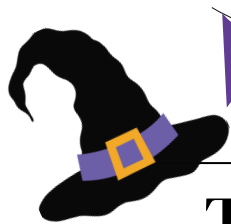
bit.ly/LincolnStudentVaccineClinics



VACCINES

- **FLU SHOTS**
- **FLU NASAL MIST**
- **TDAP SHOTS**

**Contact Lincoln County Health
Department at 715-536-0307
or LCHHealth@co.lincoln.wi.us**



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Music



Just a Note from the Music Room

Fourth Grade recorders will be passed out to students by Oct. 1st.
Thank you for your help in getting the recorders into student hands.

This year's Holiday Programs will showcase the music and art of students in Kindergarten, First, Third and Fifth Grades. The theme this year is **"Light of Hope."**

**Plan to join us in the TES Auditorium on
Wednesday, December 11th
9:00 am - 5th Grade & Kindergarten
1:00 pm - 1st & 3rd Grades**



Counselor Corner

September was a busy month for the school counselors. The school counseling program began bi-weekly guidance classes where the classes started with understanding the role of the school counselor (students played game shows, bingo, and scoot games) and the class then concluded with an interactive lesson for Zones of Regulation.

The school counseling program also began their weekly small group curriculum for social emotional learning with students. Tomahawk is excited to be able to grow and provide more resources to the students in PreK to 5th grade this school year.

BOO!

October will be the start of our lessons about Bullying Prevention. With October being National Bullying Prevention Month, the school counseling program has provided some safety resources below for parents directly from the PACER website. Unity Day is October 16th and Tomahawk Elementary will be showing their support to refuse bullying by wearing Orange on that day.

[What Parents Need to Know](#)
[Internet Safety](#)



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LITERACY

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to inform you about an important update to our pk-4 literacy instruction! This year, our school has transitioned from using Fountas and Pinnell Classroom in grades pk-3 to the Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) curriculum in grades pk-4. We wanted to take a moment to explain what this change means for your student and what you might notice at home.

CKLA is a comprehensive, research-based program that supports students' reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. CKLA takes a structured approach to phonics and builds students' knowledge in history, science, and literature as they read texts.

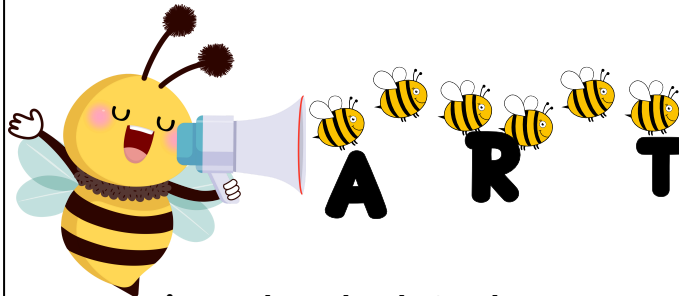
You may notice a few changes in your child's reading routine:

- **Phonics and Foundational Skills:** CKLA places a strong emphasis on explicit phonics instruction. Your child will spend more time learning how to decode words, which is key to becoming a confident reader.
- **Content-Rich Lessons:** CKLA is designed to build your child's knowledge about the world. The texts they read will often be connected to topics like history, science, or classic literature, helping them develop both their reading skills and content knowledge.
- **Whole-Class Instruction:** Unlike leveled reading groups in the past, CKLA emphasizes whole-class instruction, which means all students are exposed to the same rich, complex texts, regardless of their reading level. Teachers will still differentiate to meet each child's needs.

As we transition to this new program, you can support your child by:

- **Engaging in Discussions:** Ask your child about what they're reading at school. Since CKLA covers a wide variety of interesting topics, this can lead to rich discussions at home.
- **Supporting Phonics Practice:** Your child may bring home materials that focus on phonics and decoding skills. Practicing these foundational skills will be essential for their growth.
- **Encouraging a Love of Reading:** CKLA includes many interesting stories and informational texts. Encourage your child to talk about what they're learning and explore similar topics at home.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child grow as a reader!



Attention 4th and 5th Graders

Looking for an Academic Challenge? It's never too early to start thinking about the Spelling Bee. Classroom bees will be held in December and January, but you can start preparing now! Here are a couple of great resources to check out: [How to Study for a Spelling Bee.pdf](#) and <http://spellingbee.com/study-list> sign up for the word club and get started! Teacher will have word lists to share in October.



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**BATTLE
of the
BOOKS**

Battle of the Books

Hey 4th and 5th Graders! Battle of the Books is a fun reading competition where students read a list of books and then answer questions about them. Teams compete to see who knows the most about the stories, characters, and details from the books they've read. It's like a big quiz game for book lovers! Get ready to compete in this year's Battle of the Books! The book lists are out and you can begin reading TODAY! More information regarding sign up and forming teams will be coming to your classroom in the next few weeks! I look forward to reading and discussing some great books with you!

**2025 WEMTA Battle of the Books
Elementary Division (grades 4-6)**
(Title Order)

Absolutely Nat by Maria Scrivan
The Big Cheese by Jory John
Big Tree by Brian Selznick
The Challenger Disaster: Tragedy in the Skies by Pranas T. Naujokaitis
City Spies by James Ponti
Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World Series by Traci Sorell
Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome
Invisible by Christina Diaz Gonzalez
Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider by Jessica Lanan
Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year by Andrea Beaty
The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass
Midnight at the Barclay Hotel by Fleur Bradley
The One and Only Ruby by Katherine Applegate
Ostriches Eat Sausage: An Alphabet Book by Robin R. Kelley
Red, White and Whole by Rajani LaRocca
Roll With It by Jamie Sumner
Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr
A Very Cranky Book by Angela DiTerlizzi
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

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Math



$$2+2=4$$

Growth Praise Matters

We now know that our brain doesn't stop growing and actually grows more through the mistakes we make. Therefore, there really isn't a math brain or a smart brain. Everyone can learn math and if there is something that we don't understand, it's that we don't understand it YET!

We need to change what we say from, "Great job, you must be smart!" TO "Great job, you must have worked really hard."

Don't say, "You got it, you are a good student." instead try, "I like the strategies you tried." In one we are praising the person, in the other we are praising the process. People who hear the person praise, may internalize the praise and not try to challenge themselves in the future - they may be afraid of showing everyone that they are not smart or may not earn that A; they may not grow. People who hear the process being praised learn to realize that it's okay to make mistakes and will allow themselves to be challenged. Google 'growth mindset praise' for more ideas on how you can change what you say - growth praise matters.



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Hatchet Pride

We will have a focus each month this school year. In October we will focus on Conflict Resolution skills. Please see the pictures below for tips on how to reinforce using Conflict Resolution skills at home as well as at school. At school we are working very hard on teaching regulation strategies with the Zones of Regulation for students to be able to group their emotions so they can use strategies to help. Ask your students about the Zones of Regulation and if possible use them at home as well to reinforce this work. Please consider emailing sennettc@myhatchets.org with any insights.

Thank you for all your help!

The ZONES of Regulation

BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control (Time to use caution)	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

Sayings we use in the classroom:

- What zone are you in?
- Is your zone affecting others?
- What tools do you need to use right now?

STEPS TO HELP KIDS RESOLVE CONFLICT

1. GET Calm FIRST

Some Ways to Get Calm:

- ☐ Do A Breathing Exercise Like Hot Cocoa
- ☐ Get a Drink of Water
- ☐ Count to 20
- ☒ Place Hands Over Your Heart & Belly and Breathe

2. FIGURE OUT IF THIS IS A small problem OR BIG PROBLEM

Small problems are things you might feel disappointed, annoyed or frustrated with. You can usually handle a small problem on your own.

Big problems are when things are unsafe or dangerous and you or someone else feels scared. Ask an adult for help for big problems.

Do you feel scared, in danger, or unsafe?

If **NO**, then **YES** (if yes, then Ask for HELP)

3. TRY A peaceful PROBLEM SOLVING TRICK like the ones listed below.....

- ☒ Find a **WIN-WIN SOLUTION**
- ☐ Flip a Coin or Do **ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS**
- ☐ Ignore what's Annoying You
- ☐ TALK IT OUT and Use **I-MESSAGES**
I felt _____ when _____ I would like _____
- ☐ DO SOMETHING ELSE
- ☐ Say Words that Mean **NO**
- ☐ Also Make Sure To:
☐ Listen to each other. ☐ Put yourself in the other person's shoes.
- ☐ Share or Take Turns
- ☐ APOLOGIZE
I was wrong when I _____ I am really sorry. I will try to make it better by _____ I hope you can forgive me.

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PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

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



TES 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
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SKYWARD ACCESS

Check your Skyward Family Access
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
715-453-5371 ext. 310
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.



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



Happy Birthday



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TREATS!

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.

