

Holmen Public Preschool NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

April 9th: Early Release
No school for EC/4K Students

Please join us for Story Time at
the Holmen Public Library from
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

April 17th – 21st: No School
Spring Break



From the principal's desk...

Thank you

- The EC/4K staff would like to thank families for attending Conferences in March. The partnership between home and school plays a significant role in the ongoing success of your child.
- We would also like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the families who provided items for a teacher meal during our longer work days (Conferences). Your generosity and kindness is appreciated!

4K/EC Information

- This month, 4K teachers will be completing the aimswebPlus 1:1 assessment on Initial Sounds and Letter Word Sounds Fluency. As educators, we know that students are more than a test score. At the same time, we have been working on these skills throughout the year, so it will be exciting to see how much the students have learned. We also expect that they will continue to learn and grow in these areas.
- During the month of April, we will be practicing the following safety drills.

- Tornado Drill: during Severe Weather Awareness Week from April 7th – 11th, plus one additional practice drill (One drill in AM and one in PM)
- The Transportation Department will also be having evacuation drills April 7th – 11th.

The EC/4K staff do an excellent job of preparing the children for these drills and assuring them that they are not real, but we want them to know what to do if there ever IS a real emergency. Should you have questions, feel free to contact your child's teacher or me.

- With only nine weeks left of the 2024-25 school year, we will continue to focus on the social-emotional components of the school day with our EC/4K friends. We want them to go into Kindergarten with confidence, knowing school expectations (Be safe, respectful, and responsible), being able to identify their emotions, and having tools to resolve friendship issues in an empathetic, fair, and kind/respectful manner. Research has shown that having a strong foundation in social-emotional skills will also support children's academic learning as they continue on their educational journey.
- As always, please reach out if there is something we can do to support your child's school experiences!

~Ms. Eitland

School District Open Enrollment

Wisconsin's inter-district public school Open Enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to no more than three non-resident school districts.

Students in 4K through grade 12 may apply to participate in Open Enrollment. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for Open Enrollment.

The Open Enrollment application period for the 2025-26 school year is from February 3 - April 30, 2025 until 4:00 p.m. Parents must apply to the non-resident district. A non-resident district is defined as the district in which you do not live, but where you want your child to attend.

It is recommended that you apply for Open Enrollment through the on-line application process at <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>. The Open Enrollment application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

If you have any questions regarding Open Enrollment, please contact Courtney Wilson, Open Enrollment Coordinator/Registrar for the School District of Holmen, Student Services Department at [608.526.1309](tel:608.526.1309).

Don't Forget!

**Wednesday, April 9th
is a District Early Release Day.
Therefore, **EC/4K students will not have school!** Feel free to join us for Story Time
at the Holmen Public Library from
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

SPRING



**There is No School
April 17th – 21st for
Spring Break!**



From the Health Office
Emily Hanes BSN, RN

2025-2026 Kindergarten Immunization Requirements:

Students going into Kindergarten next Fall will need to have the following immunizations on file with the school or the appropriate waiver in place:

- * 5 doses of DTaP/DTP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis)
- * 4 doses of Polio
- * 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- * 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella)
- * 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox)

Your primary care provider can provide these immunizations. The La Crosse County Public Health Department also offers these immunizations. La Crosse County Public Health Department's phone number is 608-785-9723.

Bike and Wheels Safety for Kids

Top Tips

Before riding or wheeling:



- Every child (whether riding a tricycle or bike or as a passenger on an adult's bike) must wear a well-fitting helmet. The helmet should bear a sticker saying it meets standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).
- Always purchase tricycles and bicycles that are the right size for the child.
- Always take the child to the store when purchasing a helmet to ensure proper fit.

During riding or wheeling:

- Always supervise your children.
- Never allow children to ride in the street.
- Do not let children wear long or loose clothing (including dresses and wide-legged pants) that can get caught in bike chains or wheel spokes.
- Don't allow children to ride when it's dark.

Virtual Backpack

The School District of Holmen utilizes a “green” approach for distributing flyers from community organizations, and has discontinued the process of sending paper flyers in your student’s backpack unless they are school related. The information is divided into three sections, by grade levels, and updated on a regular basis.

Click on this link: <https://www.holmen.k12.wi.us/community/pre-k-elementary-school-flier.cfm> to be directed to the actual webpage which is housed in the COMMUNITY/PARTNERS tab of the homepage.

Note that most of these advertisements are not district publications (unless marked). The District enables their online distribution as a community service to inform you of educational opportunities, activities and events available in our area.

Creative Curriculum Interest Area: Music and Movement

This month’s information focuses on the Music and Movement interest area. Children do a lot of singing and creative movement while at school. Singing and moving to music provides them with an opportunity to hear and appreciate different kinds of music, express themselves through their movement, and practice new skills. The children love singing and dancing, and it helps them learn to cooperate in a group as well. Listed below are some of the things we do to encourage a love for music and movement:

- Listen to different kinds of music.
- Play instruments to make our own music.
- Use props, like scarves and streamers, to use while we move to the music.
- Use little songs and rhymes to help us get through the daily routine, like clean-up time and walking in the hall.

What Parents Can Do At Home

You don’t have to play an instrument or sing in key to enjoy music with your child. Taking a few minutes to sit together and listen to music can provide a welcome break for both of you. Also, the music you share with your child doesn’t have to be “kids’ music” only. It can be reggae, country, jazz, classical, rap, or any other music you like (keeping the lyrics in mind, of course). Listed below are some ideas for enjoying music and movement with your child.

- Children love a song or chant about what they are doing at the moment, especially when it uses their name. While pushing your child on a swing, you might chant, “Swing high, swing low, this is the way that {your child’s name} goes.”
- Songs and finger plays help keep children occupied at challenging times, for instance, during long trips, while waiting in line, or when grocery shopping.
- Songs can ease your child into tasks like picking up toys, getting ready to go outside, undressing for a bath, and so on. You might try making up a chant to the tune of “Here We Go ‘round the Mulberry Bush” such as, “Water is filling up the tub, up the tub, up the tub...” or “Pick up a toy and put it away, put it away, put it away...”
- Musical instruments can be made or improvised at home easily. You and your child may have already discovered that many household items like pots, pans, and silverware make wonderful instruments.

Sharing music with your child is a wonderful way to build a warm, loving relationship. It’s a gift that will last forever.

Pyramid Model/PBIS: We Can Be Problem Solvers at Home!

The following link is a great resource for adults to help their children work through problem solving. There is a story outlining each step of the process, plus parent tips at the end, and solution cards you could cut out for you and your children to use. Give it a try and see how well it can work for your family!

https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/ProblemSolving_Story_Home_EN.pdf

SPRING BUS EVACUATIONS

Bus Evacuations will be practiced April 7-11. Great Evacuations are required two times each year and are an important item of safety training for all students. Drivers will announce in advance when they are completing evacuations and will attempt to do them on nice weather days. Drivers will review the proper procedures for exiting the bus through the emergency door, as well as additional safety information.



Please contact Transportation Services at (608) 526-4752 with questions.



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PLAN AHEAD FOR MAY 27th

Due to construction taking place at Viking Elementary, we are unable to have a Spring Fling this year. Instead.....

Join us at Deerwood Park on Tuesday, May 27th for "X" Day! 4K classrooms do an alphabet count down to the end of the year, and for the letter "X," we will be having X-tra Outside time!

Families are invited to join us at Deerwood Park where we will play with chalk and bubbles, listen to music, eat snack, and celebrate the end of the 4K school year.

AM classes: 9:30 – 10:30

PM classes: 1:00 – 2:00

Students may go home with families following the celebration or can follow their regular end of day plan (bus or pick up). We hope you can join us!

Encouraging Good Vocal Hygiene

Vocal hygiene is a term used to describe habits, which support a healthy and strong voice throughout your life. Just as good oral hygiene can help protect your teeth as you age, vocal hygiene can help you preserve a resonant voice into your 60s, 70s, and beyond. It's never too early to learn about vocal hygiene. The following are tips to keep your and your child's vocal chords healthy:



- Keep hydrated. Drinking a lot of water keeps vocal chords moist and healthy.

- If possible, keep your home properly humidified.

- Limit mucous in the throat which leads to coughing and throat clearing. Excessive coughing and throat clearing can damage vocal chords. Your child's doctor may be able to help you find ways to limit mucous.

- Model a quiet voice to try to discourage yelling or screaming which can damage the vocal chords. A general rule of thumb is to use an appropriate volume when speaking with somebody as though you were in the same room.

Caitlin Mosel and Elizabeth Dahlen
Speech/Language Pathologists
Holmen Public Preschool Program

4K REGISTRATION INFORMATION

4K Registration for the 2025-2026 school year opened on February 3, 2025!

Who can participate?

Any child, who is four-years-old on or before September 1, 2025 and lives in the school district boundaries, is eligible to participate in our 4K program.

Can my child attend Holmen's 4K program if they attend daycare in Holmen?

If an age-eligible child attends daycare within School District of Holmen boundaries, please complete the Open Enrollment process. You will hear from our Student Services Department in May regarding whether your child was accepted for Open Enrollment. Upon acceptance, you will be able to register for 4K in Holmen.

How do I enroll my child?

Go to www.holmen.k12.wi.us and click on "Enroll a Student" along the right side of the page. Starting this fall, 4K will be housed in all four elementary schools. You are encouraged to enroll as early as possible. Contact Courtney Wilson, District Registrar, at wilcour@holmen.k12.wi.us or 608.526.6610, ext. 1309, with any questions.

Program Questions?

4K Programming – Contact Sue Eitland, Administrator at 608.526.3316, Option 1



2025 Elementary Summer School April Update

“Regular” Elementary School Information

In the past, all students entering grades 1 - 5 have taken reading, math, and an enrichment class.

This year, incoming Gr. 1-5 students will have 3 “enrichment/regular” classes in which anyone could participate.

As always, summer school classes will be available contingent upon staffing and space availability.

REGISTRATION FOR “REGULAR” ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This year, registration will take place via the Parent Portal within Infinite Campus.

When we finalize class options, we will email families class information, as well as directions for registration and the date/time registration will open. It will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN?

WHO?

Students who will enter Kindergarten through 5th grade in the fall of 2025

WHAT?

Incoming Kindergarten students will have a class called, “Ready, Set, Let’s Learn,” (RSL).

Incoming students in grades 1-5 will have “regular” or “enrichment” classes in which any student can participate.

WHERE?

Prairie View Elementary 1201 Newport Ln

WHEN?

Morning Hours; July 7th – 24th, 2025

For questions pertaining to “regular/enrichment” elementary summer school, please contact Sue Eitland at eitsue@holmen.k12.wi.us or 608.526.3316, Option1.

SUMMER READING SUPPORT

Summer reading support will be offered for eligible students 3 weeks prior to “regular” Elementary Summer School and 3 weeks after “regular” Elementary Summer School through our Instructional Services Department. If your child qualifies for summer reading support based upon WI Act 20 and spring assessment scores, our Instructional Services staff will contact you. Reach out to Executive Director of Instructional Services, Kim Edwards, with questions.

edwkim@holmen.k12.wi.us or 608.526.6610, ext, 1311.

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