

Holmen Public Preschool  
4K & Early Childhood Services  
500 East Wall St.  
Holmen, WI 54636

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608.526.3316, ext. 4133



### *From the principal's desk...*

Dear Families,

Each month, we will be sharing happenings from the Holmen Public Preschool Program, which consists of our 4K program and early childhood services. This newsletter will be a helpful tool for you to keep up-to-date regarding what we have to offer and important dates, etc. Thanks for reading it and reaching out whenever you have a question or suggestion. We appreciate the collaboration with YOU!

**NOTE: If you prefer to NOT have your child's photo shared in our communications, please write an email or letter to Ms. Eitland. Thank you.**

How to contact the Principal and/or Main Office  
Telephone – 608.526.3316 Ext. 4133  
Email – [eitsue@holmen.k12.wi.us](mailto:eitsue@holmen.k12.wi.us)

**Monday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> – No School**

**Wednesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Early Release**  
**\*No School for EC/4K Students**

**Join us for our outreach event:**  
**Coffee + Create (See more details below)**

**Friday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming**  
**1:00 p.m. Parade**

#### **Family Outreach Event**

There will be a note sent home in your child's folder/backpack on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> inviting families to our first Family Outreach Event of the 2024-25 school year. On September 11<sup>th</sup> (No School Day for 4K/EC), we are hosting a Coffee + Create informal open house. We are asking for RSVPs for planning purposes, so you can either **return the paper copy in your child's folder on Monday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> OR simply RSVP online** when we send out the email about it. Although it's not a required event, we hope many families can join us! Upon arrival, please report to the Main Office to sign in and get a Visitor's sticker. Thank you!

#### **Update on Students**

4K/EC students and staff are off to a wonderful start to the 2024-25 school year! We are so proud of the students for trying their best as they continue to practice routines and expectations! They are learning quickly, making friends, and having so much fun playing in the classroom and on the playground!

#### **THANK YOU...**

We extend a big THANK YOU to families who are dropping off and picking up their children. We appreciate you parking in the lot and walking students over to Door B for a "hand to hand" transfer (from parent to staff). Our #1 priority is safety!

#### **Interested in volunteering this year?**

Anyone interested in helping out as a volunteer during the 2024-25 school year should make sure to complete the [Volunteer Registration Form](#). This does include a background check, and it takes approximately 2 weeks to ensure you are an approved volunteer.

"Like" Holmen Public Preschool; School District of Holmen; and School District of Holmen Transportation on Facebook for photos and information!

## ***“Meet the Staff”***



Hello! My name is Kylie Harrison. This is my fourth year teaching in the Holmen Public Preschool Program and my 8th year teaching overall. Previously, I taught 4K with the Head Start program in Arcadia, WI. I received my Early Childhood-Middle Childhood education degree from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. I grew up in La Crosse, WI and my husband and I currently live in Trempealeau. We have a 2.5 year old son named Ledger. At home we also have a lab mix dog named Katy and a tuxedo cat named Sox. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family. We enjoy hiking, kayaking, cooking, going for boat rides, and playing games together. I am enjoying getting to know my friends in my school family. We are going to have a great year playing, learning, and growing together.

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Hi! My name is Ms. Amy and this is my 6th year as a 4K Educational Assistant. I am married and have one child. My husband, Charlie and I met at Winona State University and have been married for 19 years. My son, Casey, is 17 years old. He is a Senior at Holmen High School. I enjoy hanging out with family, traveling and watching Casey play tennis. I have really enjoyed the first few days of school getting to know all of the students and I am excited to spend the year helping them learn and grow!



I'm Ms. Liz, one of the Speech Therapists in the Holmen Public Preschool Program. I have been practicing speech therapy for 23 years and am beginning my 11th year in the School District of Holmen. I have a husband, two children ages 18 and 16, a 6 year old labradoodle named Solar, and a 2 year old cat named Snickers. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, watching movies, and going out to dinner. I also love to travel, read, take Solar for walks, and watch baseball and football on T.V. Go Brewers and Packers!

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Hi! My name is Caitlin Mosel (Ms. Caitlin). I'm a Speech Language Pathologist in the Holmen Public Preschool Program. This is my 13th year providing speech and language therapy in the schools. I previously worked in the School District of La Crosse for 11 years, and this is my second year in the School District of Holmen. I am dedicated to helping young students build their confidence as communicators. I live in Holmen with my husband, two sons, and two dogs. Our family enjoys hiking, fishing, baking, reading and spending lots of time outside.



## ***“Meet the Staff”***



My name is Jennifer Luloff and I teach 4K for the Holmen Public Preschool at Viking Elementary. I was born and raised in La Crosse, and am the oldest of four girls. After graduating from Logan High School, I attended Winona State University where I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. I graduated from Winona State in 2005 and later received my Master Degree from UWL. I began teaching 4K in Holmen in 2010. Prior to joining this 4K team, I taught Kindergarten as well as a K-6th grade healthy lifestyles class in Fountain City, Wisconsin. Working with young children and advocating for their success is my passion. Supporting students as they grow their own passions is what makes this an amazing job! I currently live in Holmen with my husband, two daughters, and black lab. Our family loves to be outside together. We enjoy fishing, hunting, going to the park, going for bike rides, campfires, and visiting my cousin's ice cream shop in West Salem.

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Hi, my name is Leslie Marconi. I have been working in the Holmen School District since the 2020-2021 school year with Mrs. Luloff, as her EA. I live outside of Holmen with my husband, our 2 kids and our Golden Retriever. I graduated from Holmen in 2002. I love living in such a great community, spending time with my husband and children, traveling, camping, being outside at our house, and learning new things. I am very excited to get to know the children, and watch them grow over the next year. I can't wait to see what this school year brings.



### **School Day Schedule**



The student day for Early Childhood and 4K classes at Viking Elementary is 8:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. for the AM session and 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the PM session. Please note that students should not arrive at school more than five minutes prior to the start of class and if being picked up, should be picked up no later than five minutes after the session ends.

## Attendance

The School District of Holmen has a student management software program for tracking attendance, as well as other pertinent information regarding our students. It is imperative for **all Early Childhood and 4K student absences to be reported to the Holmen Public Preschool Office at 608.526.3316**. There is a voice mailbox available for you to leave a message with your child's name, teacher's name, and reason for the absence. Thank you.

## **Picture Retake Date**

**Thursday, October  
10<sup>th</sup> 2024 at  
Viking Elementary**



**Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> is a District Early Release Day.  
Therefore, EC/4K students will not have school!**

Join us from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in your child's classroom at Viking Elementary for Coffee + Create. This is similar to an informal Open House in which you come and go when it works best for your family between those hours. You can chat with the teacher while sipping some coffee, see the classroom, and work with your child to create a piece of artwork! Your child will get to take home this creation! For this special Family Outreach Event, we do ask that you go to the Main Office to sign in and get a visitor badge. We hope you can make it!

## Health Office News

**Nurse: Emily Hanes, RN**

**Prescription and Over-the Counter Medications:** Medicines such as cough drops, pain relievers, and other over-the-counter remedies to be administered at school require the completion of a School Medication/Treatment Form by a parent/guardian before the medications can be administered. A parent must sign the form, and if it is a prescription, the doctor must sign it, as well. Forms may be obtained from the health office, the district webpage, or from your healthcare provider. All medications must be in the original container and labeled with the child's name. **ALL** medications must be brought to the health office by an adult, they cannot be transported with students.

**Vision Screenings:** Vision screenings will be done for 4K, kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We hope to have the Lion's Club return again this year to help complete the vision screenings. Vision and/or hearing problems can affect a student's educational success and their ability to learn. Parents/guardians or teachers may request screenings for any student at any time during the school year if concerns arise. If you have questions please contact the health office.

# PYRAMID MODEL NEWS



## **CHILD FIND – Holmen’s Early Childhood Developmental Screening**

***Do you have a child who is 2 ½ -5 years old and lives in the Holmen School District?***

The School District of Holmen offers Child Find, which is a free, universal development screening for all children between the ages of 2 ½ -5 years old. All information shared is confidential and only viewed by professional educators in our district.

### **Purpose of the Early Childhood Screening:**

Specialists in the early childhood field will review information regarding:

- Typical development
- Child’s level of development (based on questionnaires completed by guardians)
- Services and resources available in the community for families and young children
- Any questions or concerns parents may have pertaining to their child

### **When does the screening take place?**

Screenings will be completed on an individual basis through developmental questionnaires. Early Childhood specialists will review your responses, as well as provide support and complete screenings when applicable (virtually or in-person).

***\*\* Please note, this is not mandatory for 4K or 5K enrollment, but is highly encouraged for children over 2 ½ years, whether or not you have concerns regarding your child’s development.***

### **Contact Information for Questions or to Schedule an Appointment:**

Call: 608.526.3316  
E-mail: [ecinfo@holmen.k12.wi.us](mailto:ecinfo@holmen.k12.wi.us)

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~ School District of Holmen

Your child is growing and learning at an amazing pace! They have been working hard to learn the routine and expectations of their classroom, learn, play and build friendships. In the Holmen Public Preschool program, we teach our students positive expectations for all parts of their day while at school to help them be safe, respectful and responsible. This is all part of our Pyramid Model approach, which is a framework we use to ensure multi-level systems of behavioral support. We also put into place support for students who are still learning how to be safe, respectful and responsible.

Below are a couple of examples of how we recognize individuals and the whole group when we see them being safe, respectful and responsible.

- **Individual Celebration - Bucket Filler Stickers:** These stickers highlight your child being safe, responsible or respectful while at school. Enjoy celebrating with your child when they get a bucket filler!
- **Whole Class/Group Celebration:** When your child’s entire class demonstrates safe, respectful or responsible behaviors they may earn a token to place in the class bucket! When the bucket/jar is filled, the class gets to have a celebration of their positive behaviors!

While Pyramid Model is one of the ways in which we support this development, the teachers will also introduce puppets to the children as a component of our social-emotional curriculum called, Second Step. The puppets help teach the students about emotions, behaviors, and solutions to problems they may encounter. Then, the children are tasked with using the strategy introduced during their play and interactions with classmates and staff.

In addition, the Holmen Public Preschool staff will introduce The Zones of Regulation to students later this year. Watch for more information about The Zones of Regulation to come.

Throughout the school year, we will be providing updates regarding the WI Pyramid Model framework and what we are working on with students.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our Pyramid Model coach – Mrs. Kylie Harrison. She can be reached at 608.526.3316 or via email at [harkyl@holmen.k12.wi.us](mailto:harkyl@holmen.k12.wi.us).



## **School Cancellations:** **Please Be Prepared for Emergencies**

In case of snow, ice, cold or other inclement weather or emergencies, the following public media will be notified of school cancellations. Notifications will also be displayed on the District's website ([www.holmen.k12.wi.us](http://www.holmen.k12.wi.us)) and Facebook page ([@holmenschools](https://www.facebook.com/holmenschools)), as appropriate.

### **Radio Stations**

<u>Call Letters</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
KQYB	KQ98	98.3 FM
KCLH	Classic Hits	94.7 FM
WIZM-FM/AM	Z-93	93.3 FM/1410 AM
WRQT	The Rock	95.7 FM
WQCC-FM	Kicks 106.3	106.3 FM
WLXR-FM	Magic 105	104.9 FM
WKBH-FM	Classic Rock	100.1 FM
KQEG-FM	The Eagle	102.7 FM
WKTY	Sports Radio	580 AM
WLFN-AM	Today's Talk	1490 AM
WCOW-FM	Cow 97	97.1 FM
WWIB	WOGO	103.7 FM

### **Television Stations**

Channel 8 WKBTV	Channel 19 WXOW
Channel 13 WEAU	Channel 25/48 Fox

### **Text Message Notification System**

The School District of Holmen also utilizes a text message notification system to provide notifications to families and staff regarding delays and closings due to inclement weather, as well as other emergencies. If you have a student enrolled in the School District of Holmen and would like to receive these text messages, **text "YES" to 87569.**

### **Important Reminders**

If school is delayed for two hours or more, there will be NO morning Early Childhood/4K. If school is dismissed two hours or more early, there will be NO afternoon Early Childhood/4K.

Some circumstances require driver discretion, even though schools may be running. A parent needs to exercise their parental responsibilities and not allow their children to ride if indeed they believe the conditions are too treacherous.

## **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.





## Activities to Encourage Speech and Language Development

### 2 to 4 years

- Speak clearly to your child. Model good speech.
- Repeat what your child says to show that you understand. Add on to what they say. Use words like, "Want juice? I have juice. I have apple juice. Do you want apple juice?"
- It's okay to use baby talk sometimes. Be sure to use the adult word too. For example, "It is time for din-din. We will have dinner now."
- Cut out pictures of favorite or familiar things. Put them into categories, like things to ride on, things to eat, and things to play with. Make silly pictures by mixing and matching pictures. Glue a picture of a dog behind the wheel of a car. Talk about what is wrong with the picture and ways to "fix" it.
- Help your child understand and ask questions. Play the yes-no game. Ask questions such as, "Are you Marty?" and "Can a pig fly?" Have your child make up questions and try to fool you.
- Ask questions that include a choice. "Do you want an apple or an orange?" "Do you want to wear your red shirt or your blue shirt?"
- Help your child learn new words. Name body parts, and talk about what you do with them. "This is my nose. I can smell flowers, brownies, and soap."
- Sing simple songs, and say nursery rhymes. This helps your child learn the rhythm of speech.
- Place familiar objects in a box. Have your child take one out and tell you its name and how to use it. "This is my ball. I bounce it. I play with it."
- Show pictures of familiar people and places. Talk about who they are and what happened. Try making up new stories.

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



## 2024-2025 School Calendar-Holmen Public Preschool

### School District of Holmen

July 2024

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December 2024

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#### START & END

August 26	Orientation
August 27	First Day of School
May 29	Last Day of School

#### NO SCHOOL

August 30	No School
September 2	Labor Day - No School
September 11	No School for 4K/EC Students
October 9	No School for 4K/EC Students
October 28	Staff Development - No School
November 13	No School for 4K/EC Students
November 27-29	Fall Break - No School
December 11	No School for 4K/EC Students
December 23-Jan 1	Winter Break - No School
January 17	Staff Development - No School
January 20	MLK Jr. Day - No School
February 12	No School for 4K/EC Students
February 28	No School
March 12	No School for 4K/EC Students
March 24	Staff Development - No School
April 9	No School for 4K/EC Students
April 17-21	Spring Break - No School
May 14	No School for 4K/EC Students
May 26	Memorial Day - No School

#### QUARTERS

Quarter 1: August 27 - October 25
Quarter 2: October 29 - January 16
Quarter 3: January 21 - March 21
Quarter 4: March 25 - May 29

January 2025

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April 2025

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May 2025

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June 2025

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#### CALENDAR KEY

	First and Last Days
	End of Quarter
	Staff Dev. (No Students)
	Non-School Day (No Students/Staff)

Approved 11/27/2023





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## Family Outreach Events

Viking Elementary School  
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Date	Activity	Location	Time	Details
September 11th	Coffee + Create	Viking Elementary 4K Classrooms	8:00 - 9:30	Take advantage of this opportunity for you and your child to stop by their classroom for a casual visit. There will be coffee, juice and time for kids to create a piece of art!
October 9th	<a href="#">Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife &amp; Fish Refuge</a>	N5727 County Rd Z, Onalaska 608-779-2399	10:00-11:00	Delight in a beautiful fall day out on the prairie! Explore the beautiful visitor center and participate in a self-led scavenger hunt and nature walk.
November 13th	<a href="#">Palm &amp; Pine Yoga</a>	Holmen Square 500 N. Holmen Drive, Holmen 608-519-5553	10:30-11:15	Bond, play, and practice yoga with your child! Support your child's development through breathing, movement, relaxation, song, dance, and learning about yoga in a fun, interactive way.
December 11th	<a href="#">Children's Museum</a>	Children's Museum 207 5th Ave. S., La Crosse 608-784-2652	10:00-11:30	Explore the Children's Museum with your family and friends! Engage your senses as you discover all that this interactive museum has to offer.
February 12th	Vikings in Motion: Indoor Activities for Kids	<a href="#">Skogen Boys and Girls Club</a> 600 N Holmen Dr, Holmen 608-399-1850	10:00-11:00	Tour the BGC and hear all that this amazing facility has to offer! Next, enjoy some free time in the gym. There will be balls, parachutes, obstacle courses, and more!
March 12th	<a href="#">Burn Boot Camp</a>	500 N. Holmen Dr., Holmen 608-797-6924	11:00-11:45	Participate in fun family fitness geared towards children. Enjoy a story and a healthy snack too!
April 9th	Library Story Time	<a href="#">Holmen Public Library</a> 121 Legion St W, Holmen 608-526-4198	11:00-11:45	Enjoy a fun-filled story time at the library, get your very own library card (if you don't already have one) and check out some books! There will even be a craft!
May 14th	Kindergarten Transition Tours	<a href="#">All Holmen Elementary Schools</a>	TBA	Tour your Kindergarten school!

\*These events are held on district early release days as 4K and Early Childhood do not hold regularly scheduled classes on these days. While we know it may be difficult to get off of work, children may attend with other caregivers, as well.

\*Evening events are also held throughout the year and will be communicated regularly through email, as well as in your child's folder & on our Holmen Public Preschool Facebook page.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN  
WANTS YOU TO

**JOIN OUR RANKS  
AS A SUPERHERO**

**SUB DRIVERS**

**SUB COOKS**

**SUB CUSTODIANS**

**APPLY VIA THE EMPLOYMENT TAB  
ON OUR WEBSITE OR  
STOP BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE  
TO LEARN MORE TODAY!**

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