

Holmen Public Preschool

4K & Early Childhood Special Education Services
Prairie View Elementary and Viking Elementary

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Newsletter

From the principal's desk...

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy our Family Math Night in February. We hope you are continuing to have fun practicing the games at home! What a great and developmentally appropriate method for our students to learn mathematics!

Recently, our staff served a community meal through Holmen's Hope, along with Viking Elementary. We served 244 meals and enjoyed visiting with all who could attend. The Viking Express musicians were a hit! It was our pleasure to be out in the community! I would like to express a big THANK YOU to all of our staff and their children who donated their time and/or dessert to make this a successful event!

We have also been happy to see so many families attend our monthly outreach events on District Early Release - No EC/4K days. This month, we will have you rotate through a few classrooms at Viking Elementary to experience sensory activities. Hope to see many of you there!

The EC/4K staff looks forward to seeing you at our Spring Family-Teacher Conferences on March 19, 24, and 26. This is a good time to see the progress your child has made since the beginning of the school year. Be sure to ask the teacher any questions you have pertaining to your child's education, and please let us know if there's something we can do to help regarding other happenings in their lives. The collaboration between home and school leads to your children's success!

Happy Spring!
~Ms. Eitland

Dates to Remember

March 2nd: Dr. Seuss Week begins

March 8th: Daylight Savings Time
Remember to set clocks forward

March 11th: Early Release
No school for EC/4K Students

My 5 Senses (Sensory Activities)
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
4K Classrooms – 2nd floor
Viking Elementary School

March 19th: Child Find Screenings
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Family/Teacher Conferences
2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

March 24th: Family/Teacher Conferences
2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

March 26th: Family/Teacher Conferences
2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

March 30th: No School

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 five-year-old Kindergarten through grade 12 may apply to participate in Open Enrollment. Open Enrollment for four-year-old Kindergarten (4K) is limited. 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 2020-21 school year is from February 3 - April 30, 2020. 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, 2020. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

If you have any questions regarding Open Enrollment, please contact Monika Buggy, Open Enrollment Coordinator/Registrar for the School District of Holmen, Student Services Department, at (608) 526-1309



Speech and Language CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

Basic concept development is important for early school success. Concepts typically need to be taught. It is important to use concept words in everyday conversations and situations. Concepts follow a developmental timeline.

The following is a list of concepts by the age when they should be understood:

- 2-3 years old: in, on, under, off, up, down, soft, heavy, big, tall, red, and all
- 3-4 years old: up, top, in front of, in back of, next to, around, hard, light, same, little, blue, yellow, green, brown, orange, white, pink, purple, empty, full, more, and less
- 4-5 years old: beside, bottom, forward, backward, down, low, behind, between, above, below, different, short, fat, thin, small, long, high, low, each, any, every, none, enough, and wide
- 5-6 years old: ahead of, first, last, inside, over, around, through, middle, between, nearest, farthest, old, young, thick, not many, few, several, most, widest, whole, early, and late

Liz Dahlen and Jolie Steinke
Speech/Language Pathologists
Holmen Public Preschool



Wednesday, March 11th is a District
Early Release Day.

Therefore, **EC/4K students will not
have school!**

Please join us for
My 5 Senses (Sensory Activities)
At Viking Elementary School
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Health Office News

Nurses: Emily Hanes BSN, RN and Natalie Heidlage BSN, RN



Is it a sore throat or strep throat?

Many things can cause that unpleasant, scratchy, and sometimes painful condition known as a sore throat. Viruses, bacteria, allergens, environmental irritants (such as cigarette smoke), and chronic postnasal drip can all cause a sore throat. While many sore throats will get better without treatment, some throat infections—including strep throat—may need antibiotic treatment. Cough, runny nose, hoarseness (changes in your voice that makes it sound breathy, raspy, or strained), and conjunctivitis (also called pink eye) are not symptoms of strep throat and suggest that a virus is the cause of the illness.

Common strep throat signs & symptoms:



- Sore throat, usually starts quickly and can cause pain when swallowing
 - A fever
 - Red and swollen tonsils, sometimes with white patches or streaks of pus
 - Tiny, red spots (petechiae) on the roof of the mouth (the soft or hard palate)
 - Swollen lymph nodes in the front of the neck
- Other symptoms: headache, stomach pain, nausea, or vomiting. Someone with strep throat may also have a rash known as scarlet fever.

Treatment:

A strep test is needed to tell if you have strep throat; just looking at your throat is not enough to make a diagnosis. If the test is positive, your healthcare professional can prescribe antibiotics. Do not stop taking the antibiotics if you start feeling better. **It is important to finish the entire prescription of antibiotics.** Stay home from work or school until you have been on antibiotics for 24 hours and do not have a fever.

Prevention:

The best way to keep from getting strep throat is to wash your hands often and avoid sharing eating utensils, like forks or cups. Cover your cough/sneeze.

Information obtained from <https://www.cdc.gov/features/strepthroat/>



Virtual Backpack

The School District of Holmen has implemented a “green” approach for distributing flyers from community organizations. The information is divided into three sections, by grade levels, and updated on a regular basis.

Follow the path below to view community flyers:

- Go to www.holmen.k12.wi.us
- Click on Community tab
- Along left side column, click on Virtual Backpack/Online Flyers
- Select PreK & Elementary

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.

In order to have a flyer published on the district’s Virtual Backpack, it must first be approved through our District Administrator. Contact Stacy Lockington, executive assistant, with any questions.

locsta@holmen.k12.wi.us
608.526.6610

4K REGISTRATION

The School District of Holmen is accepting enrollment for the 2020-2021 Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) Program. Any child, who is four-years-old on or before September 1, 2020 and lives in the school district boundaries, is eligible to participate. We encourage early registration in order to help us plan accordingly for the 2020-2021 school year.

4K enrollment instructions were mailed out during the first full week of February. If you did not receive the mailing, are considering waiting for a year prior to sending your child to 4K, or would like additional information, please call the Holmen Public Preschool Office at 608.526.1381.

We ask that you share this news with friends, family members, or neighbors who have children eligible for Holmen’s 4K program, as well.



**There is No School on Monday,
March 30th, 2020. Enjoy the three-
day weekend!**





Creative Curriculum Interest Area: Cooking

This month's *Creative Curriculum* interest area is cooking. When children help adults with cooking, they have an opportunity to learn about nutrition, to be creative, and to prepare their own healthy snacks. Cooking teaches a lot of academic skills, as well. When children learn to follow recipe cards, they develop skills they need to read and write. They are also beginning to experience math concepts by measuring 1 cup of flour and pouring $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of lemon juice into the batter. Whipping egg whites into meringue and melting cheese are lessons in science.

When children cook, we talk a lot about what they are doing and why. They are scientists, observing what happens to flour when we add water to it, and predicting how high we should fill a muffin tin, so the batter doesn't overflow.

Cooking is one of the few activities that children get to do that is also done by adults. Children pretend to be grown-ups by making meals in their dramatic play. They can also read books and sing songs about food. But when actually preparing food, children can behave as grown-ups.

What You Can Do At Home

Since cooking is already a part of your home life, consider involving your child. Including your child may take extra time, and there may be more of a mess than if you cooked alone, but there are many rewards. Your child will be learning literacy, math, and science skills just by helping you. In addition, cooking sets the stage for lifelong healthy eating habits. When children help prepare their meals, they tend to eat better.

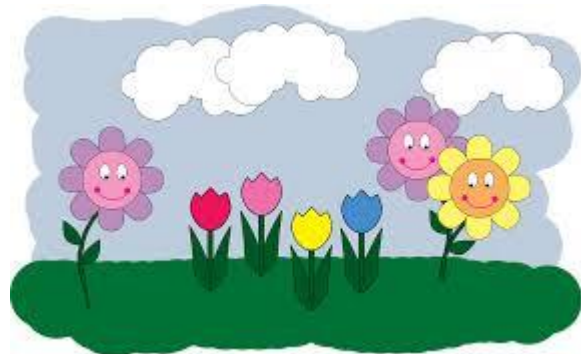
Start your child on simple tasks like stirring batter, squeezing lemons, adding spices, or shaping meatballs. Discuss what you are doing together while cooking. Ask questions like these:

- *What happened to the butter when we put it in the microwave?*
- *How should we get the flour into this cup?*
- *Did we get all of the juice out of that lemon? Let's push down on the lemon together and see what happens.*

The beauty of cooking with children is that they learn skills and have fun at the same time you are attending to a household chore. What could be better than that?!

**Welcome
Spring**

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Social-Emotional Learning: A and B choices

Many of our classrooms teach children about making A choices and B choices. A choices are green choices and B choices are red choices. Children are taught that everyone makes lots of choices throughout the day. Some of these are A choices and some are B choices. Rather than teaching these as good or bad choices, we talk to kids about A choices being the choices we make that help things go the way we want them to and B choices are choices we make that don't end the way we want.

A good strategy at home is to take some time and talk through choices and consequences with your child. For example, it is time to get ready for bed. The A choice is getting your pajamas on and brushing your teeth right away, so we have time to read a story before bed. The B choice is to cry and take a long time and then we won't have time to read a story. Helping the child decide which ending they want, helps the child to want to do the right thing to get there.

Another strategy that can be used at home is to give your child choices when you are able to give them a sense of control. Young children are so often not in control of their schedule that they may rebel by making those B choices you don't like. Sometimes you can circumvent these fights by giving small choices that you are OK with whichever choice they make. For example, rather than choosing whether or not they come to the table for dinner, they can choose whether they want their food on the blue plate or the red plate. Going to bed is not a choice, but they could choose if they want to go to bed in 4 minutes or 5 minutes and you can set a timer. They need to wear all of their warm clothes now that it is cold out, but they could choose which boot to put on first or which hat they want to wear. Giving these small choices can help prevent bigger fights later. It can be fun to be creative in figuring out what choices you can give in various situations!

If you would like additional information regarding PBIS/Pyramid Model/Courteous Critters, or if we can help with social-emotional; behavioral; or problem solving issues your children may be experiencing, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or one of our PBIS Leadership Team Members:

Melanie Brooks (bromel@holmen.k12.wi.us)
Sue Eitland (eitsue@holmen.k12.wi.us)
Jackie Guetschow (guejac@holmen.k12.wi.us)
Marilyn Webster (webmar@holmen.k12.wi.us)
Andrea Wiesner (wieand@holmen.k12.wi.us)

News from Reading Together

March is an exciting month for reading! We are kicking off the month with Read Across America March 2nd-6th. Viking Elementary paired with Holmen Public Preschool and planned daily dress up days, guest readers, games and so much more. The committee has raised over \$5,000 through pledges and community donations. They purchased over 1000 books along with other prizes, items for school, treats and more! A resounding THANK YOU goes to all of the families who supported this event through donations, kind words, encouraging your child to read at home, and/or volunteering! Thanks for investing in the success of all our students and staff!!

During our Reading Together time, we will continue our Echo Reading strategy! This is a fun way to read at home, too. Choose board books or books with short sentences. Read out loud and track the words. Let your child repeat exactly what you did! This strategy is very empowering and builds confidence by showing our students that they can "read" by themselves often by memorizing the words and using picture clues. This skill often leads toward recognizing sight words.

Here is a link to an Echo Reading Strategy video on our Reading Together page:
<https://www.holmen.k12.wi.us/families/echo-reading.cfm>

Attending story time at the Holmen and Onalaska Libraries is a great way to hear and learn about new books! Here's a bonus: our Reading Together students that attend story time and fill out a coupon, could win a FREE book from our program!! Our January winner was Trey from Prairie View! Congratulations!

As a reminder Holmen Public Library story times are Tuesdays at 6:30 pm and Wednesdays at 10:15 pm. Onalaska Public Library story times are Mondays at 6:30 pm and Fridays at 10:00 am.

We hope our students are enjoying Reading Together at school and at home. If you ever have questions, please contact us.

Mrs. Shari Ireland, iresha@holmen.k12.wi.us
Mrs. Chelsy Miller, milche@holmen.k12.wi.us



2020 Elementary Summer School

July 20 – August 6, 2020

Prairie View Elementary

8:30 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Location :

- All Ready, Set, Let's Learn for incoming Kindergarten and current Kindergarten through gr. 4 students will have summer school at Prairie View Elementary.
- *Current 5th grade students invited to attend would participate in Holmen Middle School's Summer School program. Contact Mrs. Keri Holter at 608.526.3391 with any HMS summer school questions.*

Classes: LIMITED SPACE

Ready, Set, Let's Learn (for students who will be attending K in the fall of 2020)

- We make every attempt to place students with peers who will be attending Kindergarten in the same school
- Children remain with one teacher and EA (Educational Assistant) for the entire morning.

Kindergarten – Gr. 4 (for students in K – Gr. 4 during the current 2019-20 school year)

- **Students are placed in the grade level they are in during the 2019-20 school year.**
- There will be 3 classes during the summer school morning: reading, math, and the grade level enrichment class with social-emotional skills embedded.
- There is only one enrichment class offered per grade level, so there is no need to select classes other than the current grade level in which your child is placed.
- Some students may work with an interventionist for reading and math.

Registration: Sue Eitland eitsue@holmen.k12.wi.us or Kristy McKnight mckkri@holmen.k12.wi.us or 608.526.1381.

- All Elementary Summer School registration will take place online.
- Students who are invited to attend summer school will receive a letter during the second week of March and have priority in registering.
- Invited students' families will receive an email with the link to register once registration opens later in March and must follow the deadline stated in the email in order to receive priority in registering.
- After invited students are registered during the 5-day timeframe, we will determine how much space remains and open up registration to all students on a first come, first served basis. All families will receive an email with the link to register during the week of April 13 - 17 if space allows. When classes are full, students are placed on a grade level waiting list, and we will inform those families. After April 17th, the registration window will close and you will need to call 608.526.1381 to place your child on the waiting list.
- If you need to withdraw your child from summer school after they have been registered, please call 608.526.1381 or email Kristy McKnight, administrative assistant, at mckkri@holmen.k12.wi.us by July 3rd.
- NO additions from the waiting list will be accepted for summer school after July 3rd.

Transportation-Beth Hobbs, Supervisor or Mike Raabe, Asst Supervisor - transp@holmen.k12.wi.us or 608.526.4752.

Transportation within our district's boundaries will be provided to and from Summer School following regularly established guidelines. If your child needs transportation, including if your child attends summer care through the Y at one of our district schools, make certain to complete the transportation section during online registration.

Note: Ed. Assistants do not ride on buses during summer school unless there is a specific individual student need.

Breakfast - Mike Gasper gasmic@holmen.k12.wi.us or Danielle M mardan@holmen.k12.wi.us 608.526.1324 or 1325

The Student Universal Nutrition (S.U.N.) program will be offering breakfast during summer school from 8:00 – 8:25 a.m. Breakfast consists of the entrée of the day or fruited yogurt or cereal, as well as a choice of fruit or juice, milk, and toast. Students will be able to use their family accounts to purchase breakfast. Please be sure to have funds available in your family account! The cost is \$2.00 per day for full paying students, and \$0.30 per day for reduced paying students. Free and reduced student status will remain the same as during the 2019-2020 school year. Families may apply for the Free/Reduced price meals at any time through an application found on the school district website www.holmen.k12.wi.us. A copy of the menu will be made available prior to the start of summer school. We hope your students will join us for breakfast!



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN

SUB BUS DRIVERS - \$20.98/HR
(CDL REQUIRED)

SUB VAN DRIVERS - \$14.42/HR
(CDL NOT REQUIRED)

SUB CUSTODIANS - \$14.40/HR

Apply today via the WECAN application found
at www.holmen.k12.wi.us
Click on the EMPLOYMENT tab

**FOR MORE DETAILS, REACH OUT TO
WENDY MCCOY @ 608-526-6610 OR
STOP BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE
(1019 MCHUGH RD)**

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