



Sand Lake School's April Newsletter

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From the principal's desk...

Sand Lake Families:

It's hard to believe we've already reached April! March was a busy month with Parent/Teacher Conferences and some of our Spring music concerts. We hope that you had a good opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and visit Sand Lake to see our students sharing their talents and passions.

While Spring brings the end of the school year to the horizon, we still have much to accomplish over the course of the next couple of months. I'd be remiss if we didn't take the time to share a couple of those things along with reminders.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

- Students can be dropped off as soon as 8:10. Please be sure that you are dropping your child off with plenty of time to eat, if they usually eat breakfast at school.
- Students should be dropped off by 8:35. This gives them plenty of time to make it to their classrooms to be ready to learn by 8:40.
- Students arriving later than 8:40 will need to check in with their parents in the main office.
- Parents, please get out of your vehicle to pick your student up after school.
- Additionally, we have had some families utilizing the handicap-accessible parking spot. Please refrain from using this spot to pick up your students, unless you are eligible to utilize this spot.

Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week: This will take place the week of April 17th -April 21st. To ensure safety, we practice different safety drills monthly. We would like to suggest that you work out a family plan at home as well, and make sure each member of the family understands. We'll practice our tornado safety plan during the statewide tornado drill on April 20th.

National Volunteer Week: National Volunteer Week is also April 17th-April 21st. We are thankful for our Sand Lake volunteers! The end of the year brings several field trips and volunteer opportunities. If you are volunteering, please remember to complete the School District of Holmen [Volunteer Registration](#) process.

We appreciate all that you do to support your learners. If you have any questions or ever want additional information, please connect with your child's classroom teacher or myself.

Have a restful break!

Matt Meyers

2023-2024 Sixth Graders



All parents of 2023 - 2024 incoming 6th graders are invited to our 5th grade Parent/Guardian-Student Information night at Holmen Middle School in Gym B on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. This is an informational meeting that both parents and students are welcome yet not required to attend.

Please join us in the **Holmen Middle School in Gym B on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** for this informational meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Vogler, Holmen Middle School Principal, at [608-526-3391](tel:608-526-3391) ext. 5405 or vogrya@holmen.k12.wi.us

Art Room News from Mrs. Staige

Thank you for all the orders for the Original Works Fundraiser. Orders should arrive at Sand Lake at the end of April or beginning of May. Thank you for all your support!

Bus Safety Evacuations



Spring bus safety evacuations will be practiced April 11– 14 during morning bus routes. This may delay bus arrival times by a few minutes. Evacuations are required by law two times each year and are an important part of safety training for all students. Drivers are to announce, in advance, when they are completing the evacuations. We will attempt to do the evacuations on days when the weather is nice. Drivers will review with students the proper procedures for exiting the bus through the emergency door, as well as additional safety information. Please contact Transportation Services at 526-4752, if you have any questions.

Counselor Connection – Mrs. Kobs

The school year is moving along so quickly. Counseling classes throughout April and May will focus on personal safety, protective behaviors, and transitions. Students in grades K-4 will become familiar with straightforward tools for protecting themselves from dangerous situations and discuss personal growth made throughout the school year. The students in 5th grade will be talking about transitions, goals, and career choices. As always, I am available to all students and parents. If you have a concern about your child, please don't hesitate to call me at school or send me an email at kobamy@holmen.k12.wi.us.

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. Students in 5-year old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Open enrollment for pre-kindergarten, 4-year old kindergarten and early childhood education 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 2023-2024 School year is from **February 6 - April 28, 2023**. Parents must apply to the nonresident district. A nonresident district is defined as the district you do not live in, 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 28, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

If you have any questions regarding open enrollment, please contact Courtney Wilson, Open Enrollment Coordinator for the School District of Holmen and Student Services Department, at 526-1309.

Early Release Reminder



As a friendly reminder, there will be an early release day on Wednesday, April 12, in order to provide professional development opportunities for staff. School will be dismissed at 1:40 p.m.

Educational Assistants **Extra**

With the ever-changing spring weather, please be sure that your child(ren) are dressing appropriately. Be prepared for the coldest part of the day. Bringing an extra sweatshirt may be helpful.

Farm2School

The La Crosse County Farm2School program is a collaboration between public school districts in La Crosse County and the La Crosse County Health Department. The Farm2School program provides student opportunities for health and nutrition education. Each month one locally-grown produce item is selected as the Farm2School "Harvest of the Month". April's "Harvest of the Month" is lettuce. Check out the Farm2School link on our website.

Four-Year Old Kindergarten (4K) Registration

The School District of Holmen will begin accepting enrollments for the 2023-24 Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) Program soon. Any child, who is four-years-old on or before September 1, 2023 and lives in the school district boundaries, is eligible to participate. We encourage early registration in order to help us plan accordingly for the 2023-24 school year. **Note: All enrollment is done online.** www.holmen.k12.wi.us

Important 4K Information:

- All 4K classes are held at Viking Elementary School
- AM Session: 8:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- PM Session: 11:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Placement in AM or PM session is based upon transportation needs. We notify families of class placements during the first week of August.

If you have any questions, please call our Public Preschool Office at 608.526.1381.

Health Office News

Nurse Emily Hanes, BSN, RN
Health Aide, Annette Hundt

Change to Vaccine Requirement for Students Entering 6th grade in 2023-2024

Tdap

The Wisconsin Student Immunization Law now requires students to receive the Tdap vaccine before beginning 7th grade. This is a change from previous years. Prior to March 2023, it was required before entering 6th grade. This change will allow it to line up with the recommendation for students to receive the vaccine at age 11. For 7th grade, parents will be required to have their children vaccinated or claim a waiver.

Tdap is the adolescent combination vaccine that protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis

(whooping cough). Only one dose is required.
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/tdap.html>

Recommended but not required vaccines:
Meningococcal (bacterial meningitis) vaccine

This vaccine is available for students over 11 years of age. Two doses are recommended, with the second dose administered at 16 years of age. This is not a required vaccination at this time, but may be in the future. More information can be obtained from the health office, your clinic, or the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/mening/>

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine

This vaccine is now available for both male and female students starting at age 11. It was recently changed from a three dose vaccine to a two dose vaccine. The second dose is needed 6 to 12 months after the initial vaccine. At this time it is not a required vaccination. For more information, contact the health office, your clinic, or follow the link: <https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/parents/vaccine-for-hpv.html>

Your primary care provider can provide these immunizations or from The La Crosse County Public Health Department (608-785-9723). Please feel free to call your school's health office with any questions. Please inform the health office when immunizations are received so records can be updated.

Kidz Klozet

The Kidz Klozet is **in need of tennis shoes or crocs. We could also use boxes of markers.** We appreciate any donations! Thank you for your support.

We do have spring clothes, so please contact us to stop by and take a look!!

Any questions, please contact us at:

timmeg@holmen.k12.wi.us yassar@holmen.k12.wi.us

Musical Notes from Mrs. Heerts

Happy Spring!

This **April** in music classes the students will be singing many seasonal songs and performing movement activities. There are also learning targets specific to each grade level:

Kindergarten: will focus on internalizing the steady beat, body movement with scarves, ribbons, and other materials, and creating rhythm patterns with the quarter note (tah) and eighth notes (ti-ti)

First Grade: will focus on steady beat vs. rhythm and creation of rhythm patterns for the rhythm instruments. We will also conclude our study of the instrument families of the orchestra.

Second Grade: will focus on steady beat vs. rhythm and creation of rhythm patterns for the rhythm instruments. We will also conclude our study of the instrument families of the orchestra.

Third Grade: will focus on the staff and note naming utilizing the recorder. They will also focus on note reading and counting.

Fourth Grade: will review the rhythms and utilize the percussion instrumentation. They will begin to analyze form in music and add ostinato patterns to songs.

Fifth Grade: will review the rhythms and utilize the percussion instrumentation. They will begin to analyze form in music and add ostinato patterns and harmony melodies to songs.

Thank you for supporting music education!

Parent Teacher Group (PTG) News

The PTG will be holding our April meeting on the 13th at 6:00 pm. We would love to have you join us in person at Sand Lake or virtually. We are always looking for new faces and voices in our group as we strive to support the students and staff at Sand Lake.

Physical Education - Sneaker News from Mr. Fredrick

During the month of April, students will have a lot to look forward to. Hopefully students will get time outside for their striking and/or fielding games units. Be sure to ask your child about Cosmic bowling. They are very excited about trying this new activity that involves bowling during a light show in a dark gym.

Keep an eye out for future communication on our upcoming field day on May 25th. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to me (frejoe@holmen.k12.wi.us) as we will need many volunteers to make it a success for our students. Lots of exciting things as the weather turns! Make sure to encourage your children to get outside and just play when they are able to now that it is nice out!

SLP NEWS

We had our Quarter Three SLP Assembly on Friday, March 24th to celebrate students' being safe, respectful, and responsible. It was a great time to celebrate and acknowledge students. We ended the assembly with a fun game of Family Feud (Sand Lake style).



Spring Break

There will be no school for students in the School District of Holmen from Thursday, April 6 through Monday, April 10 for Spring Break. School resumes on Tuesday, April 11.



2023 Summer School for Students in Kindergarten - Gr. 4



Register in April for Elementary Summer School 2023

During Spring Parent-Teacher Conference time, your children's teachers should have notified you if your children are being recommended for summer school. Please double check with that teacher if it wasn't discussed or if you are unsure if your child is recommended to attend.

April 11th – 14th, 2023: Students in K – Gr. 4, whose teachers recommended them for summer school, will enroll online prior to opening registration up to all K – Gr. 4 students.

- We ask parents to please refrain from registering siblings of the students who were recommended during this week (April 11-14) unless they, too, have been recommended to participate.

April 19th: Registration begins for all current K – Gr. 4 students, including any recommended students who did not get enrolled between April 11th and 14th.

- A summer school enrollment link will be emailed to families and also placed on the district website.
- All students are enrolled on a first come – first served basis.
 - **NOTE: Please register early as we have limited spots available in each grade level and spaces fill up very quickly.**
- Once spaces in the grade level are filled, we will place students on a waiting list.
- By May 19th, we will notify all families whose children are placed on the waiting list. If spaces become available before the start of summer school, we will contact the first person on a waiting list for that particular grade level to see if they are still interested in attending.

Summer School Contacts:

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- Transportation: Dan Garrett, Director, Andrea Gaulke, Supervisor & Nicole Plomedahl, Admin Asst
608.526.4752 transp@holmen.k12.wi.us
- Kim Edwards, Executive Director of Instructional Services 608.526.6610, ext. 1311
edwkim@holmen.k12.wi.us
- Jill Mason, Executive Director of Student Services (oversees Extended School Year) 608.526.6610, ext. 1308
masjil@holmen.k12.wi.us
- Matt Meyers, Director of Student Services (oversees ML/ESL Summer School) 608.781.0974
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Tornado & Severe Weather Awareness Week



As Wisconsin looks ahead to spring weather, Wisconsin Emergency Management and its partners at the National Weather Service want people to be ready for the possibility of tornadoes and severe storms. As part of those preparations, everyone in the state is encouraged to participate in statewide tornado drills scheduled for April 20 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. The annual drills will take place during

Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week, which is April 17-21.

During the drill times, Wisconsin's National Weather Service offices will conduct NOAA Weather Radio tests that can be heard only if you are actively listening to those devices or have one programmed to activate on test alerts. Many communities may choose to test their outdoor warning sirens during the drill times and local media may also put out messages to encourage people to participate.

Schools, businesses, and homes are encouraged to practice going to their nearest tornado shelter during the drills, as if there were an actual tornado warning in effect. Ideal shelter locations include a basement or ground floor interior room or hallway, located away from windows and exterior doors.

For more tips on tornado safety, visit [ReadyWisconsin](https://www.readywisconsin.com). If there is severe weather expected anywhere in the state on April 20, the drills would be postponed to April 21. If you are unable to participate at those times, ReadyWisconsin encourages everyone to pick another time on the date of the drill to practice your plan.

Virtual Backpack

The School District of Holmen has implemented 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/virtual-backpack.cfm> to be directed to the actual webpage which is housed in the COMMUNITY 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.

Volunteers: Celebrating People in Action

Sand Lake volunteers play a vital role in the success of our school. Each day, parents, extended family, community members and high school students use their skills, time, and energy to assist Sand Lake students. Their efforts are appreciated more than words can say. During the week of April 16 – 22, 2023, we will once again recognize our many wonderful volunteers, who are dedicated to serving our learning community in this capacity.

Deb Sinclair
Jean Nash
Paul and Peggy Needham



Substitute Opportunities



Brighten someone's day
Become a substitute
paraeducator.



Brighten someone's day
Become a
substitute teacher.

Spring is a wonderful time to become a substitute in the School District of Holmen. Why? Because it's the time of year where we have the most opportunities for you to try different schools and grade levels, to see what you like best. We invite you to apply today: <https://www.teachersoncall.com/talent/apply-now>. Whether you're wanting to work a little or a lot, we have lots of bright smiles ready to greet you!

DON'T LET APRIL SHOWERS
KEEP YOU AWAY...
THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
HOLMEN IS HIRING TODAY!

\$15.00 SUB COOK	\$16.00 SUB VAN DRIVER	\$21.00 SUB BUS DRIVER	\$15.50 SUB CUSTODIAN
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DISTRICT OFFICE FOR A PAPER APPLICATION



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