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Appleton Elementary School

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For Your Calendar

Aug. 23 5:30-6:00 and/or 6:05-6:35 Parent Information Night

Aug. 27 No School for Students

Aug. 30 4:00pm P.T.A.

Sept. 3 Labor Day - No School for Students

Sept. 4 Pre-K Picture Day

Dear Appleton Community,

What an exciting start! The energy and enthusiasm in the Appleton Elementary community is amazing! It is going to be a great year! Plan ahead to attend the Parent Information Night on Thursday, August 23. There are two sessions: 5:30-6:00 or 6:05-6:35 to help support families with multiple children. Come learn all the important information about your child's classroom this year and get to know your child's teacher.

Every year we have an all school assembly near the beginning of the year. These events are fun and exciting and we hope they create some enthusiasm for what is ahead. Our assembly will be August 22 at 9:00am and our theme this year will be "Under Construction." Our students have seen many of the improvements our building received this summer and so we will make the connection for how we are all continually trying to improve ourselves. In essence, we are Under Construction, too.

In the end, we want our Appleton students to walk away from the assembly inspired to persevere when things get difficult and to pursue their goals with passion. We want them to always keep improving and growing. After the assembly, I hope you will have a conversation with your son or daughter about the message and share an example of how you improved yourself. Hey, did I mention, it's going to be a great year!

Best Regards,

Corey Hafey

Appleton Elementary

"Expect Excellence!"

New Staff at Appleton

Please join us in welcoming the following new staff members to Appleton:

Bretta Ray – 4th grade Teacher – Bretta joins our team after having been at Pomona Elementary for six years. She taught 3rd grade and was recognized as being a teacher leader on their Instructional Focus Team and on the Building Leadership Team.

Jonathan Trousdale – P.E. Teacher – Jonathan has taught 2nd and 5th grades but has always had a dream of teaching P.E. His ambitious goals for Appleton's P.E. program are exciting!

Kate McPhail – Counselor – Kate has been the counselor at Tope and Chatfield. She has an excellent reputation as a highly regarded counselor and will be shared with our friends at Tope.

Cory O'Dell – Severe Special Needs Teacher – Cory is taking over for Ashley Felt who is on maternity leave this year. Cory was most recently at Nisley in the same role and has also been the CEO of a Boys & Girls Club in Massachusetts.

Janel Anderson – Instructional Coach – Janel is our first ever Instructional Coach. Her experience as an outstanding classroom teacher will be a great support to our staff.

Glenn Haupt – Psychologist - Glenn has tremendous experience and has held many positions in schools and school districts as a leader in their respective psychology departments.

Chuck Nissen– Severe Special Needs Paraprofessional- Chuck has worked with youth at all levels for 30 years. He has supported Appleton's SSN program for the past two years as a substitute and that familiarity with our students and staff is greatly appreciated.

Mike Pasqueletto – Night Custodian - Mike comes to us from the Grand Junction High School custodial team where he impressed his supervisors for his flexibility and building care.

A Few Reminders

- Please do not drop off students at school before 8:30am. We have no supervision until then.
- 1st bell rings at 8:45am. Tardy bell rings at 8:50am.
- Parking: Thank you for never stopping in the NO STOPPING yellow lined area in the parking lot. Parking farther down the curb or are escorting your child from the parking spaces really helps keep kids safe. Thank you.
- At parent pickup•••Parents must
 1. Park and exit your vehicle.

2. Come to the cafeteria outside entrance (please do not wait in the office lobby).
 3. Pick up their child and escort them back to their vehicle safely.
- If you are entering our buildings, remember that you must check in at the office before going to a classroom or the playground. We' ll have you sign in and give you a Visitor sticker and you' ll be good to go.
 - Please remember that spaghetti strap tops are not allowed at Appleton. Straps, at the minimum, should be approximately two finger widths.

Gifted & Talented At Appleton

Questions about the Gifted & Talented Program at Appleton? Sue Jerome, our GT teacher, will be available in her classroom (now in room 31) to meet with anyone who has questions about Gifted and Talented on Thursday, Aug. 23rd (Parent Info Night). Stop by for just a few minutes any time between 6:05 and 6:55. If you can't make it, call her or e-mail her to set up another time that works for you!

P.T.A. Needs You!

Appleton's great reputation and student achievements are directly linked to the generous volunteers who give the gifts of time and effort. A great way to volunteer and serve our school community is to participate in PTA. Our first meeting of the school year is Thursday, August 30 at 4:00pm in the Appleton library. All grade level caregivers are welcome. If you are a parent of a kindergartner or first grader your incentive to participate is that your child's educational experience at Appleton will be directly and positively affected for years to come. Our meetings last about one hour but often finish before that. Come dedicate a little time and find out what we are all about!

City Market Value Card Supports Your Child

If you shop at City Market for your groceries, please consider signing up your City Market Value Card through the City Market Community Rewards program.

A percentage of your purchases are then donated back to the Appleton PTA by City Market. It costs you nothing and can be a great fundraiser for the PTA. In the past, the Appleton PTA was able to register your card for you.

Due to a change in policy, you will need to register your card (even if your card supported Appleton in the past) every year. Please go on-line to www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com to register your card (or get a new card), and select Appleton Elementary PTA as your organization to support.

Box Tops for Education

Please save Box Tops for Education. Last year the Appleton PTA received over \$1,000 from students collecting and turning in these little labels. They can be found on thousands of products and classes can earn ice cream parties for making goals.

Crosswalk Safety

Please stop for Appleton students and families who use the crosswalk in front of the building. If you see a child or family ready to enter the crosswalk, please stop and give them the right of way. It is the law to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Appleton PTA – Together We Make A Difference!

Last year our Appleton community was stronger than ever! We raised over \$40,000 to help enrich the learning environment of our school, and had multiple community building events. It takes every teacher, parent, family member, staff, and student to make Appleton what we are. Please consider a few of the following, to help us reach our full potential, as a community.

City Market Community Rewards: Our goal is \$2,000 (easy money)

Register your City Market card for their community rewards, and they donate a percentage of your purchases to our school.

<https://www.citymarket.com/topic/city-market-community-rewards>

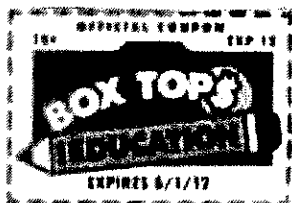
The screenshot shows the City Market website interface. A 'Sign In' dialog box is open, with a 'Sign In' button highlighted by a red circle labeled '2.'. Below the dialog, a 'Find your Organization' search box contains the text 'appleton' and a 'Search' button, with a red circle labeled '3.' next to it. A dropdown menu titled 'Select your Organization' is open, showing a table with the following data:

Organization Name	Address	Number
Appleton Elementary Parent-Teacher Association # 10087	2358 H Road, Grand Junction CO, 81505	10087

The dropdown menu also includes 'Enroll' and 'Cancel' buttons. A red circle labeled '4.' is positioned next to the dropdown menu.

Box Tops: Our goal is \$2,000 (easy money)

Who knew that 10 cents could add-up to so much money?! Cut those box tops off, and send them in! The class who raises the most wins an ice cream party at the end of the year.



After-School Spanish Program

IMPROVES FUNDAMENTAL SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS

Bilingual children as young as age 3 have demonstrated a head start on tests of perspective-taking and theory of mind.

IMPROVE MEMORY AND ATTENTION BY UP TO 20%

STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD!

Only **25%** of Americans speak two or more languages.

We are excited to announce that Appleton will have an after-school Spanish program for this school year! If you are interested in this opportunity for your child(ren), please keep reading.

What day/time will the program run?

Spanish class will be on early-release Wednesdays from September 5 through April 24 in the cafeteria.

- Kindergarten through 2nd graders enrolled in the program will attend from 2pm to 2:45pm.
- Third through 5th graders enrolled will attend from 2:45pm – 3:30pm.

What are the costs and benefits of the program?

The fee for all 30 classes is \$50 per student. Classes will be 45 minutes each week. Fee must be paid in-full prior to the start of the first class (no refunds).

For less than \$2 per week, your child will be introduced to conversational Spanish through games, songs and crafts. Our native-speaking instructor has 12 years of experience teaching Spanish and German as a second language. Although fluency is not a likely outcome, we hope to instill a love of language.

Do I also need to have my child enrolled in Extended Hours?

No, but it is highly encouraged. We will work closely with the Extended Hours program to ensure those enrolled in both Spanish and Extended Hours are in the right place at the right time. Normal Extended Hour fees apply.

- If your K-2nd grader is not enrolled in Extended Hours, you will need to pick up promptly at 2:45pm. Your child will be supervised in the North Gym from 1:50pm to 2pm as everyone is cleared out of the cafeteria.
- If your 3rd – 5th grader is not enrolled in Extended Hours, you will need to pick up after school release at 1:50pm, return them for the program at 2:45pm and pick-up promptly at 3:30pm.

Please note if you have a morning Kindergartener, you would also need to provide transportation back to Appleton for a 2pm start time regardless of enrollment in Extended Hours.

What do I need to do to enroll?

Enrollment is open to the first 30 kids in each class to return a completed application. A completed application consists of a completed enrollment form and \$50 check or cash. You can get an enrollment form from the front office. We will start accepting enrollment forms at 8am on Tuesday, August 28 at the Appleton front office.

Will you have a waitlist if more than 60 kids apply for the program?

Yes. If demand is high enough, we may have an option to add an additional class. We will notify all families that have completed an enrollment form if we open a third class. If you are on the waitlist, a \$50 fee is not due at the time you turn in your application.

What if I have additional questions about this program?

Come visit our booth and meet the teacher at the Parent Information Night on Thursday, August 23, from 5:30pm to 7pm. Or, contact Candice Walton at 970.243.9696 or candicerwalton@yahoo.com.