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Appleton Elementary School

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Nov. 28, 2017 Appleton Elementary Principal Update

For Your Calendar

- Thur. Nov. 30 Deadline for Spell-A-Thon pledges returned to school
- Thur. Nov. 30 Barnes & Noble Music Fundraiser
- Sat. Dec. 2 - 9:00-2:00 Holiday Craft Fair and Bazaar
- Mon. Dec. 11 4:00 School Accountability Committee in the library
- Thur. Dec. 14 - 6:30pm 1st Grade Musical-Moving Through the Christmas Holiday
- Thur. Dec. 21 4:00 PTA in the library
- Fri. Dec. 22 - 2:30-3:30 Appleton Christmas Sing-a-long
- Dec. 23-Jan. 7 Christmas Break
- Jan. 8 - No School - Teacher Workday
- Thur. Jan. 18 - Papa John's Pizza Night

Dear Appleton Families,

Appleton Holiday Bazaar and Craft Fair

Don't Miss the Appleton Holiday Bazaar this Saturday, December 2 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. More than 40 vendors and craft experts will be displaying their products. A great time to shop for that hard to find Christmas present. **FREE ADMISSION!**

*It's not too late to reserve a table, please contact the Chad Horton at 970-243-6604 for more information

Support for Appleton Families

Dear Appleton Families,

Christmas time can be a hard time for many families in our school. Students who normally get lunch and breakfast at school are now home for the holidays and it can be a stretch for families to provide food for their children. Would you like to donate a gift card to a grocery store? We will give gift cards to our families in need.

Thank you for your generosity!

Jill Lloyd-Appleton Counselor

Spell-A-Thon is Vital to Appleton Programs – Deadline Nov. 30

Time to collect and return those pledges. The deadline for returning pledges is Nov. 30.

Supporting the PTA through our Spell-A-Thon fundraiser is a great way to support your child's

educational experience. We have enhanced experiences in art, additional reading supports for struggling students, and technology tools that are possible due to this fundraiser.

Thank you for supporting Appleton!

Canned Food Drive

Burton Orthodontics will give \$1,000 to the school that collects the most food items for the Salvation Army Food Drive. \$300 goes to 2nd and 3rd place schools. The school collecting the most food items wins (not by weight this year)! Our food drive has started and goes through December 13, so help us get the kids excited! Class that collects the most items wins cookies and hot cocoa date with the office ladies!

Thank You For Your Support!

RBW. Inc - For donating 25 Thanksgiving Meals to Appleton families!

Coldstone's Creamery - For supporting the Appleton Carnival silent auction!

The Rotary Club - For donating free dictionaries to all of our 3rd graders!

Amazon Gives 5% of Purchases Back to PTA

Doing on-line shopping this Holiday season? Try this link to Amazon and the Appleton PTA will get 5% of purchases.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-1177643>

City Market Card Sign up Directions Attached to Notes at Bottom of Tuesday

Email

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

The Gifted and Talented Department is seeking your information:

Sometimes you are asked how you are, but the asker really isn't ready to hear anything beyond "OK" or "Fine." Well, we are asking and want your honest opinion. How are you doing in relation to D51 gifted? Are we meeting your/your students' needs? Where can we improve? Are issues district-wide or only in a certain level? Where are we doing really well?

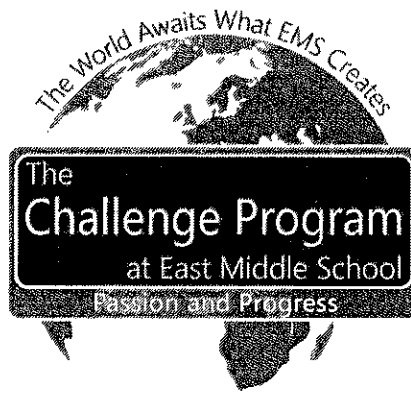
Last year we asked students, parents, teachers, and administrators in D51 to give us feedback, through a survey, on how we are doing. The surveys were open for a little over two weeks, starting Jan 26th and ending on Feb 10th. The questions came directly from the Colorado Department of Education Office of Gifted Education, as part of their resources for a district self-assessing. Here are just a few stats from last time... 421 Parent responses and 698 student responses 330 Teacher and Administrator responses Our parent responses represent 93% of the schools in D51. We have used this data to identify strengths and put action steps in place to improve. It is time again to ask, "How are we doing?" Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey for your group:

Parent: <https://tinyurl.com/D51Parent> ***The survey closes this Thursday, Nov. 30th.***

Thanks!

*Sue Jerome
Gifted and Talented Teacher*

Best Regards,
Corey Hafey
Appleton Elementary
"Expect Excellence!"



Information Meetings

2018-2019 School Year

The Challenge Program at East Middle School is a district wide program for academically gifted middle school students. We will be hosting **FOUR** information meetings for the 2018-2019 school year. Please choose a day and time that works best for you. We highly recommend parents and students attend a meeting. Questions will be answered and applications will be distributed at the meetings.

Where: East Middle School cafeteria, 830 Gunnison Avenue

When: Monday, January 29th

- **4:30 – 5:30 PM**
- **6:00 – 7:00 PM**

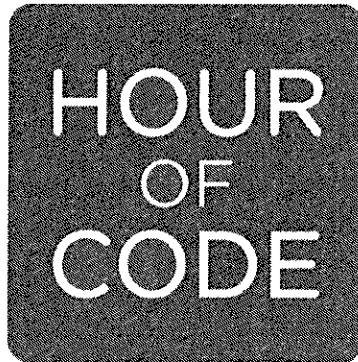
Tuesday, January 30th

- **4:30 – 5:30 PM**
- **6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Who: Students interested in applying and parents

There is plenty of space and no need to RSVP. If you can't attend a meeting, you may pick up an application at East or from your school's Gifted/Talented teacher. **We will accept applications until 2:45 on March 2, 2018.**

Tina Sleigh
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Our students are changing the future with an Hour of Code
You are invited to come see what your students are up to!

Dear Parents,

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works.

But only a tiny fraction of us are learning how technology works. Fewer than half of all schools teach computer science.

For the 3rd year, our school will be joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (December 4-10). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code.

Our Hour of Code is making a statement that Appleton Elementary School is ready to teach these foundational 21st-century skills. To continue bringing programming activities to your students, we want to make our Hour of Code event huge. I encourage you to volunteer or just come see what our students are up to during our Hour of Code events.

See <http://hourofcode.com/us> for details, and help spread the word.

Sincerely,

Karen Mahoney

Appleton Elementary School

CONCERTS & EVENTS 2017-2018



August 23 - All School Assembly

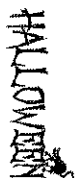
September 28 -Second Grade

- Music Tales



October 19 - Fourth Grade

-A Spooktacular Event



November 30- Barnes & Noble

Music Fundraiser



December 14 - First Grade

Moving Through the Christmas Holiday



December 22 - All School

Sing-a-Long



February 1 - Third Grade



March 2 & 3 -

5th Grade Honor's Choir

March 1 - Fifth Grade - Trolls Plus



May 10 - Kindergarten

- Singing Through the Curriculum



May 22 - 5th Grade Graduation



MUSIC MATTERS!



Concert Attire:

5th Grade: They will be writing this concert. I'll try to get most of the costumes. In class we talked about everyone getting a wig for Trolls.



4th Grade: They should wear their Halloween costumes unless a specific part is being played.

3rd Grade: They need to dress in nice school clothes. I have all of the costumes needed.

2nd Grade: I have all of the costumes needed. They will need to dress in nice school clothes underneath the costumes.

1st Grade: Please have the girls wear holiday dresses and boys wear nice clothes.

Kindergarten: They need to dress in nice school clothes.

Barnes & Noble, School Sing-a-long & Graduation: They need to dress in nice clothing. Holiday styles fit the theme.

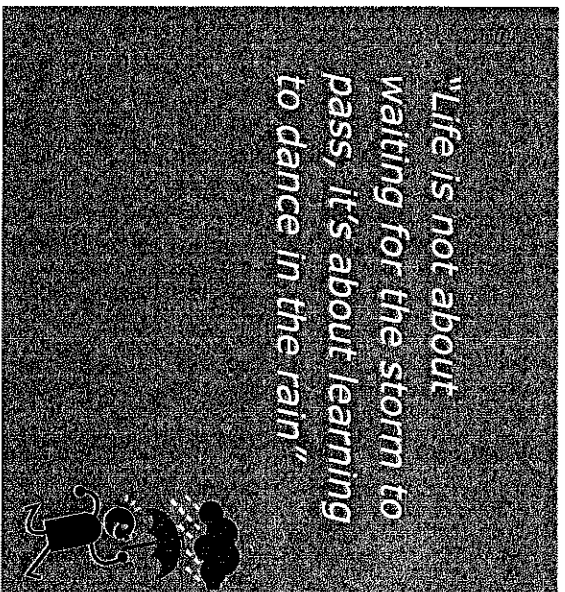
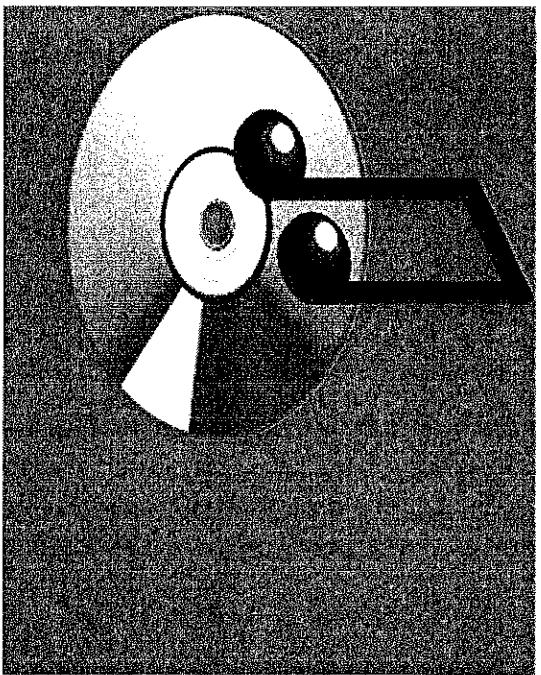
All Concerts will be in the South Gym (Auditorium). The 1st-5th grade concerts will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Kindergarten concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. The All School Sing-a-Long will be in the South gym at 2:30. The 5th grade graduation ceremony will be in the North gym at 10:00 a.m. Honors choir is TBA.

Appleton Elementary Music Program



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Yearly Focus:

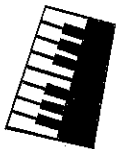
1st Quarter: Drum Lab, Dancing, Singing & Concert Preparation



2nd Quarter: Theory
Off Instruments,
Ukuleles, Dancing,
Singing & Concert Preparation



3rd Quarter: Piano Lab,
Concert Preparation & Singing



4th Quarter:
(3-5) Guitar Lab,
(K-2) Recorders & Hand
Instruments



All: Singing, Dancing,
Ukuleles & Concert Preparation

Concert Etiquette

- Remain seated
- Parents keep small children with you at all times
- Refrain from talking during selections
- Gentlemen, please remove hats in the gym
- Turn off sound on cell phones
- Applause is appreciated when appropriate
- Support the entire program
- Please visit the restroom in between songs if possible when necessary

Music is important to life and learning

Music is one of humanity's deepest rivers of continuity. It connects each new generation to those which have gone before. Students need music to make these connections and to express the otherwise inexpressible.

Students benefit from music education because it develops the whole person, gradually building music literacy while cultivating intuition, reasoning, imagination and dexterity into unique forms of expression and communication.

Music allows a human being to take dry techniques and add emotion, feeling and humanism.



