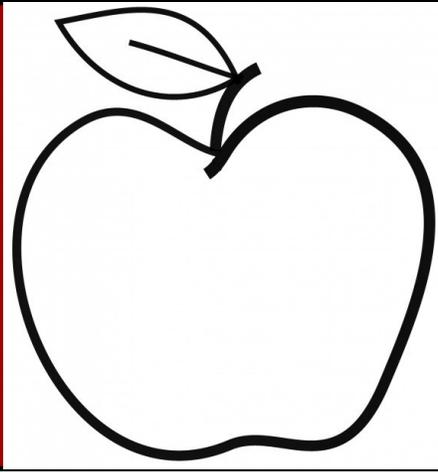


Appleton

Elementary



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Important Dates

- End of 3rd Quarter**
March 9
- No School— Teacher Work Day**
March 9
- Kindergarten Round-up - paperwork Session**
March 9, 9am-noon
- No School—Spring Break**
March 12–16
- Report Cards Go Out**
March 17
- Kindergarten Open House**
March 22, 11-11:45am & 1-1:45pm
- PTA Meeting**
March 22, 4pm, Library
- Papa John's Pizza Night**
March 27
- School of Choice Closes**
March 30

Letter from the Principal:

Safety at Appleton

Nothing is more precious to us than our children. That's why, when we hear about a terrible event in a school somewhere in the world it is natural to wonder if our child is safe at school, too. Obviously we cannot control every situation but I want to reassure you that Appleton has the safety of your child as our first and foremost responsibility.

Let me share some interesting information about safety at Appleton that you might not know:

We actively participate in 14 drills each year including: lockdowns, shelter-in-place, reunification, fire and evacuation drills. Local law enforcement and the D51 Safety and Security staff participate. These organizations consistently give our school high marks for safety and security. They have told me that Appleton has been used on multiple occasions at other D51 schools as the example to strive for. After every drill, our safety response is debriefed and evaluated for potential areas of improvement.

A former teacher at Appleton and Army Captain, Kevin Rahmann, designed our Campus Security and Crisis Response Handbook and a child friendly version called, *Appleton - Safe School Safe Students!* Both books have been endorsed by law enforcement and D51 Safety and Security and have been used as guides in the development of other schools' processes and procedures.

Appleton has a Crisis Team that meets regularly to examine how we can make our school safer and they discuss and plan for multiple safety scenarios that we could encounter.

Our teachers are not passive when it comes to protecting students. Without giving away trade secrets, I can tell you that rookie law enforcement officers are warned
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Letter from the Principal (continued)

by their superiors to follow protocol precisely, for their safety, when conducting an unannounced drill at Appleton.

Perhaps one of the most telling tributes to our focus on student safety are the high number of: Mesa County Sheriff's Department Officers, Grand Junction Police Officers, Fruita Police Officers, and Colorado State Patrol Officers that select Appleton Elementary for their child to attend.

There is so much more that goes into our endeavor to keep your child safe at Appleton. I can't put it all in the space provided, but I do hope these facts help reassure you. I'm no different than you, I want a safe school for my child, too. You can trust that I'll do everything I can to make Appleton a safe school because my child attends here, too.

Go Bookworms!

Corey Hafey

Are you Moving?

The School of Choice window has opened (March 5th). It will be very helpful if you would let the Appleton office (254-6400) know if you are planning on moving and if your child will not be attending Appleton next year. This will help us better predict the number of School of Choice applications we can approve. Thank you.

Appleton Kindergarten Registration Round-up

March 9, 2018

9:00am-12:00am

Appleton Kindergarten Open House

March 22, 2018

11:00am – 11:45am

1:00-1:45pm

Missing a Coat?

Appleton's Lost & Found is overflowing with student coats, sweat tops, jackets, and lots of other items. If your child is missing one of these items, please encourage them to check out the Lost & Found carefully.

Boxtops for Education Fundraiser

Please continue to send in box tops for education with your kiddos. Please look for box top items when doing your shopping. We collect those from the classrooms monthly to send in for reimbursement. Over the last 10 years Appleton has earned over \$20,000 by collecting Box Tops for Education.

School of Choice is Coming

The School of Choice window will open Monday, March 5th at 10:00a.m. and close Friday, March 30th at 4:00p.m. Appleton is currently very full and there will be limited new School of Choice applications accepted. School of Choice acceptance is based on: 1. Space available 2. Time the request is completed 3. If we have the specific programs that your child may require and if space is available in those programs.

- Students who are currently attending a school under the School of Choice policy do not need to re-apply for the coming year. Once a student is accepted to a school under SOC, they will attend that school as long as space is available.
- Students shifting from Elementary to Middle School, or Middle School to High School, will need to apply for School of Choice as they shift from 5th to 6th grade, or 8th to 9th grade. (Fruita 8/9 school is an exception)
- School Of Choice applications will be submitted through an online application process. **All parents/guardians who wish to fill out a SOC application will need to have a current ParentVUE account.** This procedure will eliminate the challenge of physically passing applications from one school to next during the application and approval/denial process, as well as provide parents the convenience to complete their application without coming into a school office or building. The electronic tracking of approved or denied applications will also produce an accurate data base for student enrollment.
- For parents who do not have access to internet via their own computer, each school will provide computer access for parents to apply online as well. Additional computer access will also be provided at designated district buildings.

School of Choice Questions? Call the Appleton office at 254-6400.

Appleton Calendar—Spring Break is Coming!

Please mark your calendars.

There is no school the following days in March:

9th – Teacher Workday

12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th – Spring Break

Appleton Appreciates our PTA Business Partnerships

Business Members:

Camp 7 (Scott Carlson)

H & H Lining (Heather Kendall)

Madsen Group at Merrill Lynch (Kendra Swanson)

MCC Drug & Alcohol Screening

Caldwell Banker Distinctive Properties (Jen Pederson)

If you have a business and would like to partner with the PTA, please contact Corey Hafey 254-6400.

Papa John's Fundraiser Nights

Order your pizza from Papa John's on the following nights and tell them you are ordering on Appleton's Pizza Night and we get a percentage of sales.

March 27

May 8

Talking to Your Kids About Their School Day

Have you ever asked your child, “How was school?” only to get an answer like, “Fine.” Or “Good.” Would you like to get more out of them and even instill a positive outlook about school? Then maybe try some of the following questions...

What did you like about the day?

If you were your teacher, what would you say (insert child’s name) did best today?

Where in your day did you show grit or kindness?

When did you feel successful because of your effort?

Cold and Flu Season

Hopefully we are moving out of the cold and flu season. As you may know, illness can be easily spread from person to person. We are taking steps to reduce the spread of illness in our school.

But, we need your help to do this.

The Mesa County Health Department recommends:

Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.

Teach your children not to share personal items like drinks, food or unwashed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. Covering up their coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.

Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms of the flu include fever, cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.

Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours *after* they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.

Do not send children to school if they are sick. Any children who are determined to be sick while at school *will be sent home.*

At school we are:

- Monitoring for students who become sick while at school, and asking parents to pick them up.
- Cleaning of surfaces, especially shared equipment like keyboards.

Encouraging hand washing.

Thank You