



# Appleton Elementary School



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## November 14, 2023

For Your Calendar

Nov. 14 - Graded Tests go home for students to collect pledges  
Nov. 20-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break  
Nov. 29 - Deadline to return collected donations  
Dec. 5 - 5-7pm Ornament Night  
Dec. 13 - 6:00 5th Grade Music Program  
Dec. 14 - 4:10 PTA in the Library  
Dec. 18 - 4:10 School Accountability Meeting  
Dec. 22-Jan. 7 No School - Christmas Break  
Jan. 8-9 No School - Teacher Workday & In-Service Day

Dear Appleton Community,

As we come up to Thanksgiving break, I want you to know that I am so thankful for the students, staff, and families of Appleton. I am most certainly biased, but I think we are an amazing school community! I love being associated with this school! I think we are unique in the sense that so many people have bought into supporting the kids and the staff so that we can create a one of a kind school. Thank you so much and Happy Thanksgiving!

### Appleton Parent and Lieutenant Colonel to Speak for Veterans Day

U.S. Marine Corp Reserve Lieutenant Colonel, Leigh Ross, will be speaking to Appleton students on November 8th or 15th in honor of Veterans Day. We truly are grateful for her service to our country and her willingness to help our students learn about and appreciate our military members on this special day. Thank you to all our Appleton service member families both past and present.

As we look to honor our Veterans, here are some interesting facts from Appleton's history that come from World War II. During the war, Appleton students were allowed a half day off during the week to go around the community and collect scrap metal to support the U.S. war effort. In addition, the following message was in the 1942 Appleton School Yearbook.

*Edward "Eddie" Davis joined the school faculty last fall as head of the music department and as high school principal... "Uncle Sam" called him into service in*

*December. We are sorry that he had to leave us, but are proud to have such a fine representative from our school in the U.S. Army for the great cause. On behalf of the students and teachers of Appleton, we say these simple, but sincere words: (BEST OF LUCK "EDDIE")*

### **Ornament Night - Tuesday, December 5 5pm-7pm**

Want a fun night with your kids to get in the festive mood? Then come to Appleton's Ornament Night. Angelo's will be at Appleton in the old auditorium from 5-7pm on Tuesday, Dec. 5. Each ornament costs \$10 and will be fired and returned to you before the holidays. Look for information in Tuesday folders coming soon.

### **Grocery Cards for Needy 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 just drop them by the Appleton office.*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Kate McPhail-Appleton Counselor*

### **Salvation Army Canned Food Drive has started.**

**Remember, Burton Orthodontics will reward the school with the most weight collected with \$1,000. \$300 will go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place schools. The food drive ends December 12.**

### **Toy Run - Sponsored by Harley Owners**

**Our local Harley Davidson owners are doing a toy run for needy kids. Bring new toys to the Appleton office by Dec. 1 and we will collect for our Harley friends.**

### **Spell-A-Thon dates to remember:**

**Nov. 14 - Graded tests go home - Collect Those Pledges!**

**Nov. 29 - Deadline to return collected donations**

***Spell-A-Thon!!!***

Have you heard about the incentives students can earn by participating in the Spell-A-Thon?

- 1. All participating students will receive a special treat from the PTA for a great community effort!**
- 2. Students who spell their words 100% correctly will have their name displayed on the Top 100% chart and receive a recognition incentive from the PTA!**
- 3. Classrooms with at least 75% of students earning \$5 or more will receive an ice cream party!**
- 4. Students who earn \$100 or more will get to choose one of three different toys!**
- 5. Students who earn \$250 or more will receive a pizza party with Mr. Hafey!**
- 6. The class with the highest earnings will receive a special party!**
- 7. The student with the highest earnings will receive a trophy and school recognition from Mr. Hafey!**

#### **PTA Date Changed for December**

PTA will now meet on Dec. 14 at 4:10 in the library

Go Bookworms!

Corey Hafey - Principal