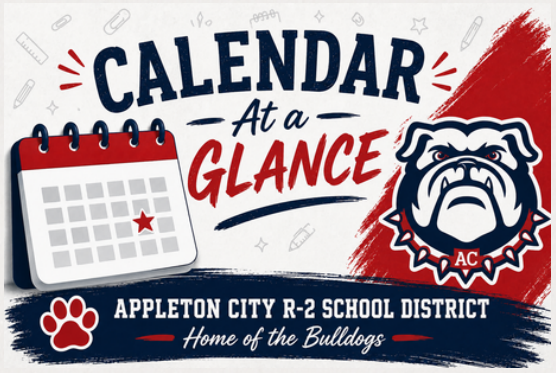
THE BULLDOG BULLETIN

APPLETON CITY R-2 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent Newsletter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Tuesday, 10/27:
- VB Districts @ Liberal 6 pm

Wednesday, 10/28:
- Board Meeting in Library 7:00 pm

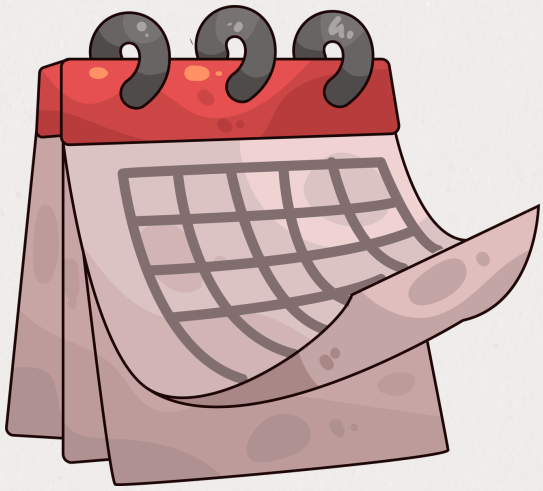
Friday, 10/30:
- FFA Food for America

Monday, 11/2:
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- JH Girls/Boys BB Butler Tournament (Away)

Tuesday, 11/3:
- JH BB Tournament @ Butler

Wednesday, 11/4:
- JH BB Tournament @ Butler

Thursday, 11/5:
- JH BB Tournament @ Butler





THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION: BUILDING STRONG SCHOOL-FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS

One of the most important ingredients in a successful school district isn't found in a textbook or classroom. It is something much simpler, yet often more challenging to achieve: effective communication.

Schools and families share a common goal: helping students succeed, feel supported, and reach their full potential. While we may approach situations from different perspectives, keeping that shared goal at the center of our conversations is essential. Today, information is shared almost instantly through email, text messages, school websites, and social media. While these tools make communication easier, they can also lead to misunderstandings, missing details, and assumptions that sometimes replace meaningful conversations.

One of the most valuable things we can do, both as educators and parents, is communicate directly, respectfully, and with a willingness to listen.
When concerns arise, starting with the people most directly involved is often the best approach. A conversation with a teacher, coach, or staff member can frequently provide clarity and resolve an issue before it becomes a larger concern. Likewise, our staff has a responsibility to listen, respond professionally, and work collaboratively with families.

It is also important to remember that students are still learning how to communicate and navigate relationships. Sometimes the first version of a situation we hear may not include every detail. Taking time to ask questions, gather information, and consider different perspectives allows us to make thoughtful decisions.
Strong communication doesn't mean we will always agree. Differences of opinion are inevitable, but respectful conversations can strengthen relationships and build trust, even when we see things differently.

Communication should also extend beyond concerns. Sharing positive news, recognizing improvement, and celebrating student accomplishments are equally important. Sometimes a simple message about something a student did well can make a lasting difference.

At Appleton City R-2, one of the greatest advantages of being a small school district is the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with our students and families. Those connections are valuable, and maintaining them requires effort from everyone. As we continue through the school year, I encourage our families and staff to approach conversations with patience, understanding, and a commitment to doing what is best for students. Ask questions rather than making assumptions, seek clarification when needed, and remember that everyone brings a different perspective.

Most importantly, we are on the same team. When schools and families communicate openly and work together, our students are the ones who benefit most.

--Sarah Miller, Superintendent

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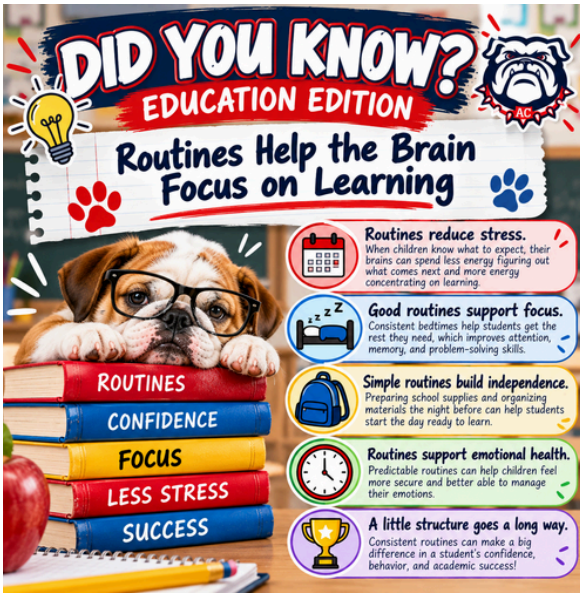
LUNCH MENU

Lunch Menu Week of 10/27			
Tuesday, 10/27	Wednesday, 10/28	Thursday, 10/29	Friday, 10/30
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
French Toast Sticks Cereal with Toast Fruit Juice Milk	Yogurt Parfait Cereal with Toast Fruit Juice Milk	Bacon, Egg, Cheese Croissant Cereal with Toast Fruit Juice Milk	Biscuits and Gravy Cereal with Toast Fruit Juice Milk
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Corn Dog Smiley Tots Broccoli Fruit Milk	Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Peaches Roll Milk	Pizza Salad Baked Beans Fruit Cookie Milk	Uncrustable Chips Carrots Fruit Milk Cookie

Lunch Menu Week of 11/2			
Tuesday, 11/3	Wednesday, 11/4	Thursday, 11/5	Friday, 11/6
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Pancake Sausage on Stick Cereal with Toast Fruit Juice Milk	Sausage Cheese Biscuit Cereal with Toast Fruit Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Cereal with Toast Fruit Juice Milk	Biscuits and Gravy Cereal with Toast Fruit Juice Milk
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Chicken & Waffles Cooked Broccoli Fruit Milk	Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Peaches Roll Milk	Beef Nachos Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Crispitos Spanish Rice Salad Fruit Cookie Milk

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on 11/2 from 11 am-7 pm. Elementary appointments are scheduled in advance. Junior High and High School conferences are drop-in format. Please contact your building office to make an appointment.





DID YOU KNOW? EDUCATION EDITION: WHY STUDENTS FORGET WHAT THEY LEARN

Did you know that forgetting is actually a normal part of the learning process?

When students learn something new, their brains don't automatically store that information permanently. Without opportunities to revisit and use what they've learned, details can become harder to remember over time.

This is why teachers often return to concepts that have already been taught. It isn't necessarily because students didn't learn the material the first time. It's because learning something once and remembering it long-term are two different things.

Educational research has shown that a strategy called spaced practice can improve long-term retention. Instead of reviewing information repeatedly in one sitting, students benefit from revisiting it over several days or weeks.

Another effective strategy is retrieval practice, which simply means trying to recall information without immediately looking at the answer. Flashcards, practice questions, short quizzes, and explaining a concept to someone else can all help strengthen memory.
These strategies also explain why studying a little at a time is generally more effective than cramming the night before a test.

The Takeaway
Learning isn't just about understanding something today. It's about being able to remember and apply it tomorrow, next month, and even years later.
Sometimes the best way to help students learn more isn't to study longer—it's to study smarter!

Helping our Bulldogs turn today's lessons into tomorrow's knowledge!

SPORTS RECAP



CONGRATS TO OUR FOOTBALL TEAM!
UNDEFEATED WEMO CONFERENCE CHAMPS!















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VOLLEYBALL PLAYS FOR A DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP TONIGHT @ LIBERAL @ 6:00 PM!



















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FIRE SAFETY WEEK

THANK you!



TO: MR. PAYTON AND THE AC FIRE DEPT.



YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT











