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APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



LEAP

Learning, Enrichment, and Athletic Programs



This is a monthly publication to inform families of community activities for children.

Environmental Learning Day

WHO: Students in grades K-8

WHEN: Friday, February 17
9:30 am - 2:30 pm

WHERE: Fox River Academy's Green Teaching Building
1205 W Prospect Avenue, Appleton

COST: Free! Space is limited and advance registration is required.



All participants must bring a waste-free lunch.

Participants will join Fox River Academy students to learn about sustainability topics through hands-on nature explorations, activities and games:



So Many Options for Eating Healthfully



Energy Conservation with High Impact



Invaders of the Deep: Aquatic Invasive Species



Ecology through Heart, Hands, and Head - Physical Learning Challenges!



Contact Sandy Vander Velden at vanderveldensa@asds.k12.wi.us with questions or to pre-register.

Riding Lessons at Meadowood

The focus of our lesson program is to teach the student horse care and the skill of riding in a safe, positive environment.

Each private lesson includes:

- U Feeding & grooming a horse
- U Preparing a horse for riding
- U 35 minutes of individualized riding or driving instruction in an all season indoor riding arena



7 years and under: \$20 for a 30 minute private lesson



7 years-- adult: 1 hour lesson \$35 (package deals also available)



Meadowood Farm
N9250 Boettcher Road, Brillonn

Each lesson is tailored to the individual's goals and abilities. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced rider who wants to improve your riding skills, Meadowood will work with you! Students develop a greater sense of responsibility, self-esteem, and confidence. Riding is also a great workout!

Meadowood is offering a free lesson to anyone who buys one lesson @ \$35.

For information, a tour of the facilities, or to schedule a lesson call **920-251-9154**

Appleton YMCA Youth Nights

Students in Grades 3-8 are invited to the Appleton YMCA Youth Nights from **6:00-9:00 pm** on the following dates:

- ⇒ February 24th
- ⇒ March 9th
- ⇒ April 20th
- ⇒ May 4th

Cost: \$3.00 per person

Join us for:

- *Basketball
- *Movies
- *Dance
- *Arts & Crafts
- *Swimming
- *Inflatables
- *Snacks
- *Dodgeball tournaments

Call Erica at 954-7618 for more information.



Miracle League of the Fox Valley



The Miracle League of the Fox Valley is now accepting registration for players and community volunteers for the 2012 summer baseball season. **Registration closes on March 23, 2012.**

For more information and registration forms visit www.foxvalleymiracleleague.com

- ◆ The Miracle League is an organized, non-competitive baseball league for kids ages 4-19 with mental and/or physical disabilities.
- ◆ Games are played on weeknights in Appleton's Memorial Park at the fully accessible John Wollner Fox Cities Miracle League field.



Appleton Parks & Rec.

Warming Shelter hours through February 12:

Erb and Appleton Memorial Park

Saturday and Sunday 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Jones Park

Monday-Friday 5:00 - 8:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday 12:00 - 8:00 pm

Reid Golf Course

Monday-Friday 5:00-8:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday 12:00-6:00 pm



Shelters may close early due to lack of attendance, weather conditions, and/or poor rink/sledding hill conditions.

*Please Note: For the safety of all, hockey is only permitted on the Jones Park Hockey Rink. All other ice rinks are for recreational skating only.

Youth Open Gym - Basketball and other supervised activities for children in grades K-8 held Saturdays, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Ferber School gym now through March 10. Basketball is the main activity but other games are organized by the supervisor as the kids arrive. Admission is free and parents are welcome!

Youth Baseball, T-Ball, and Softball - Leagues are offered for t-ball, modified pitch (coach or umpire pitched) baseball, girl's softball and boy's baseball for children currently in grades K-8. Games scheduled weekdays June 11-August 2. Fee is \$20/resident player, \$45/non-resident player. Players may sign up with a team coordinator if available at their school or at the APRD by April 11, 2012. Individual Player Registration Forms are available starting February 1 at the school office, the 1st Floor Customer Service Center, Parks & Recreation in City Hall or website www.appleton.org where online registration is also accepted or call 920-832-5905.

Palisades Athletics

2012 Palisades Athletics Registration

WHEN: Thursday, February 9; 6:00-7:30 pm
Saturday, February 11; 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Thursday, February 16; 6:00-7:30 pm

WHERE: Goodwill NCW (Door 2)
1800 Appleton Road in Menasha

Leagues Available:

Monday & Wednesday: Boys (ages 9-12); \$45
Tuesday: Girls/Boys/Coed Instructional (ages 7-8); \$40
Thursday: Coed T-Ball League (ages 5-6); \$40
Tuesday & Thursday: Girls U-10; \$45
Mon, Tues, Wed, or Thurs: Girls U-12 & U-14 Traveling Teams; \$55

Forms available at registration or online at www.palisadesathletics.org

For additional information contact Stacy Berman at 734-4854 or Jeff Zaves at 716-3709





Special Olympics
Wisconsin



2012
**POLAR
PLUNGE**

The **PEE WEE** PLUNGE®

Saturday, February 18th

Now winter's most popular festival, the Polar Plunge benefiting Special Olympics, has something just for the kids! Don't miss the **Pee Wee Plunge** which will take place on **Saturday, February 18th** at Menominee Park in Oshkosh. The Pee Wee Plunge will take place in the warm comfort of the **heated** Pee Wee Plunge Tent at **11:00 am!** Kids will take the Plunge into a 25" deep kiddie pool that is lightly sprinkled with ice cubes and rubber ducks. Parents can assist their children and be a part of the fun!

Pee Wee Plungers should raise \$75 in pledges and in exchange will take home the official Pee Wee Plunge t-shirt, Pee Wee Plunge Certificate, and a goodie bag. After the Plunge, enjoy tons of kids' games, crafts, build your own Polar Bear, face painting and inflatables!

Register at www.sowi.kintera.org/foxvalleypolarplunge.

For more information contact Nicci Sprangers at
nsprangers@specialolympicswisconsin.org or 920-731-1614

Freezin' For A Reason

Heart of the Valley YMCA Father/Daughter Dance

When: Friday, February 10; 6:00-9:00 pm

Where: YMCA - Heart of the Valley

Cost: \$20/couple (if registered by Feb 1st)
\$5 any additional child

Register: Heart of the Valley front desk

♥ Live DJ

♥ Refreshments

♥ Every "couple" will go home with
a picture



Dress up and spend the night with your Dad, Grandma, Uncle,
or someone special in your life!

Event will benefit the "Strong Kids Campaign"

Summer Softball U12 Tournament Team

WHO: 5th and 6th grade girls that will be attending Appleton West or lives in the Appleton West attendance area (must be no older than 12 years old as of Jan 1, 2012)

WHEN: Summer - tournaments on weekends nearby. The team will be participating in 4-7 tournaments over the summer and practicing 1-2 times per week.

If you are interested in becoming a better player, want to get to know future teammates, and want to make the Appleton West softball program stronger, this is the team to be on!



Contact Coach Scott Gehl at 920-716-2028 or
sgehl44@gmail.com with questions
or to get a registration form.

Registration forms can also be picked up at
West attendance area schools.

KEYBOARDING LESSONS

Neenah Music Parents is sponsoring after school keyboard lessons.

- ◆ The program is for area students in grades 1 through 6.
- ◆ Ten week program starts on February 1st and consists of ½ hour group lessons once each week after school; average class size is six students.
- ◆ Lessons held at Horace Mann Middle School.
- ◆ Cost of the program is \$40.00 plus a book (less than \$10.00).

If you have any questions or would like to register,
please contact Jill Drake at 729-4736.

Registration forms can be downloaded at
www.neenahmusicparentskeyboard.com.



Appleton Area School District

Developmental Screenings

"The Other Checkup"

The Appleton Area School District is encouraging all families to participate in screenings for all children ages 3 to 5 that are not enrolled in kindergarten. The purpose of the developmental screenings is to check on the child's overall development and to determine if the child may need further testing or services prior to kindergarten. The district offers many programs and services for children who may need support before kindergarten to achieve school success.

The developmental screening looks at all areas of child development including: fine motor skills, gross motor skills, speech and language skills, thinking and learning skills. This is your child's "other check-up" to make sure your child's development is on track; so when the time comes, your child will be ready for kindergarten.

All children ages 3, 4 and 5 that are not already enrolled in kindergarten are eligible to participate in the Appleton Area School District's developmental screenings. Students already enrolled in kindergarten are not eligible to participate in the developmental screenings.

- ◆ If you are interested in having your child participate in the developmental screenings, please call Connie Krueger to schedule an appointment, 997-1399 ext. 2112.
- ◆ If you have questions about the 3-5 year old developmental screenings, please contact Kimberly Quinn, Screening Coordinator, at 997-1399 ext. 2121 or quinnkimberly@asd.k12.wi.us.

February 2012					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Highlands (9:00-1:30)	4
6	7	8	9	10 Foster (9:00-1:30)	11 Appleton Public Library (9:30-2:00)
13 McKinley (12:00-2:00)	14	15 McKinley (12:00-2:00)	16	17	18
20	21	22	23	24 Berry (9:00-2:00)	25
27 Appleton Public Library (3:30-6:00)	28	29 Franklin (9:00-1:00)			

