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December 19, 2018

Happy Holidays!

December 22 - January 1 is winter break - SCHOOL RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2ND!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE NEW YEAR!

New Year = New Email addresses for Howard-Suamico School District Staff






Starting December 26, 2018 all HSSD email addresses will end a new extension: @hssdschools.org and our website address will also become www.hssdschools.org. During the transition, former email addresses (ending in @hssd.k12.wi.us) will work for a limited time to receive email. We will be testing the new addresses in early January to double check that emails aren't caught up in recipients' spam filters. Stay tuned for updates after the holidays.

NEWSLETTER UPDATES:

If you are looking for community events, or other information on what is going on in the community, you can click on the "Community Corner" tab above. This information will no longer be on Suamico's main newsletter page. You can also click on the below link for easy access:

[COMMUNITY CORNER](#)

SUAMICO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DROP OFF PROCEDURES

-  Drop your child off along the coned area and have them exit the car closest to the building (not where cars can pass you on the left)
-  Pull up as far as you can
-  Have your child walk inside the coned area to the front door
-  For the safety of the children, do NOT drop off anywhere but along the coned area
-  Please do NOT park along the coned area. If you need to park, please use the east parking lot.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Week of December 31, 2018 Menu

Monday = NO SCHOOL

Tuesday = NO SCHOOL

Wednesday = Soft Pretzel, Yogurt, String Cheese, Applesauce

Thursday = Diced Chicken in Gravy

Friday = Birthday Confetti Pancakes

 Lunch Menu Link Below:

https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/Suamico_Elementary

CALLING FOR PARENT PICK-UP

When calling to add your child to the pick-up list, please try to do so **BEFORE 2:00 PM.** You may also send a note to your child's teacher or email the office at:

cyntscho@hssd.k12.wi.us

PLEASE NOTE: If your child knows he is a pick-up, you do not need to notify the office.

Thank you for your cooperation!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

UGLY SWEATER OR FESTIVE DAY!

DECEMBER 21ST

Be sure to wear an ugly sweater or anything that is festive for the holidays!



1ST GRADE FIELD TRIP:

Where: The Building for Kids, Appleton

When: Tuesday, February 5, 2019

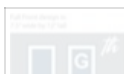
What to bring: Bag lunch in disposable container or bag (option to purchase school lunch available)

Time: 8:45 - 3:15

Cost: \$11 for admission and discovery classes - **DUE BY JANUARY 22nd, 2019.** Click on the link below to

sign your child up and pay!

[BUILDING FOR KIDS](#)



4th GRADE T-SHIRTS:

4TH Grade Class T-shirts are

INTEREST FAIR 2019

LET'S LEARN SOMETHING NEW!

SAVE THE DATE

The 2019 Suamico Interest Fair will be held

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 6-7pm

All students in grades k-4 are encouraged to begin thinking about an area of interest or hobby they would like to explore more deeply in order to prepare for their 2019 Interest Fair project. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to learn something new together. More details coming in January.



SEND IN YOUR BOX TOPS:

Please keep cutting, checking the expiration date and sending in your Box Tops! Thank you!



PTO Meeting 2018/2019 Dates and Times:

Please consider joining our PTO meetings on the following dates and times (all meetings take place in the Suamico library and babysitting is provided).

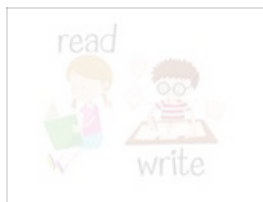
- January 8, 2019- 6:30
- February 5, 2019- 6:30
- March 5, 2019- 6:30
- April 2, 2019- 6:30
- May 7, 2019- 6:30

Agendas will be sent ahead of each meeting!

DECEMBER PTO MINUTES- [CLICK HERE](#)

PTO BY-LAWS- [CLICK HERE](#)

DECEMBER- SUAMICO LITERACY NEWS:



OVERVIEW OF UNITS OF

STUDY: At Suamico Elementary we utilize Reader's and Writer's Workshop for our literacy instruction. The first 10-15 minutes of Reader's/Writer's Workshop is an engaging mini-lesson, or direct teacher instruction focusing on a specific teaching point.

Students learn skills and strategies that are transferable.

After each mini-lesson students will have independent reading/writing time where they will choose their own books or writing topic and have an opportunity to practice skills and strategies taught in the mini lesson. By giving the students choices, the reading and writing becomes authentic, engaging, and meaningful. During this independent time the teacher will meet with small groups and/or individuals to conference and encourage each child's individual growth.

At the end of our workshop times, students are able to share out their learning with a partner or the whole group. We spend lots of time reading and writing, sharing books, listening to read-alouds, and doing word work to help us read words and write words. Most importantly, we experience the joy of writing and



available to purchase now through **December 20th!** Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to order. Students names will be printed on the back of the shirt and will be worn on the 4th Grade Field Trip to Madison this spring!



4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO

MADISON: Although it is quite a ways away, the 4th grade Field Trip to Madison is scheduled for Monday, June 3rd, 2019. Please mark your calendars! If you plan on attending the field trip with your child, you must complete a background check. Please [CLICK HERE](#) and you will be brought to the HSSD webpage where you can complete your on-line application. Please don't wait until the last minute as it takes a

while for your background check to be reviewed.

THANK YOU!



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR VOLUNTEER PAGE:

Please update your volunteer page! If your child has changed school buildings, you wish to volunteer at more schools, or you need to remove yourself from a school please update your

volunteer status. Log in at www.myvolunteerpage.com to ensure your profile is accurate and find new volunteering opportunities.



HYDRANT HELPERS

NEEDED!: The Suamico Fire Department is in need of Hydrant Helpers! This program is designed to involve your child with helping the

see how much fun reading can be as we grow to be lifelong readers and writers.

We appreciate all your support at home with building a nightly habit of reading and focusing on the joy of learning to read or reading to learn, as well as, writing for a variety of purposes.

Meet our Literacy Staff at Suamico:



Mrs. Susan Tegen, Literacy Coach
Email: susatege@hssd.k12.wi.us



Mrs. Kathy Pludeman, Literacy Interventionist
Email: kathplud@hssd.k12.wi.us

Please feel free to contact either Susan or Kathy with any literacy related questions or comments.

TIME OUT WITH MR. MURPHY:

Hello families! Suamico is proud to partner with the American Heart Association with Kids Heart Challenge. Over the next few weeks, our students will be having fun learning about their heart with the Heart Heroes while raising money to help fund lifesaving research. Our school goal is to raise \$7,500 and in addition to helping the American Heart Association, our school can earn free PE equipment. Students can earn their own Heart Hero Characters this year by using the new mobile app (download the KHC app) or by visiting heart.org/khc to sign up and raise money online! Just for signing up to save lives, your students will earn a glow in the dark wristband! PLUS this year, the mobile app unlocks even more fun and the Heart Heroes and wristband come to life! All donations are due on February 6th and our event day(s) are February 4th - 6th. Thank you for helping a great cause!



fire department, their community, and their neighbors. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information! You can print the form out at home, or we do have some in the office.

Thanks!



FAMILY FRIENDLY NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS:

Free, Fun, Family celebrations sponsored by U.S. Bank! Celebrations have been held in Brown County for the past 28 years. Free events are held at multiple venues throughout the county such as, the three YMCA's, the Kroc Center, the Community Ice Center, the Neville Museum, and many other locations. This is a great way for families to celebrate the New Year in a safe and positive setting! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information!



THE GIFT OF GIRL SCOUTING:

The Gift of Girl Scouting - Troops are available throughout the Howard-Suamico area. You can also experience Girl Scouts with your girl. Let us know if you wish to volunteer. If you would like to learn more about Girl Scouting, have any questions, or are interested in volunteering, please contact:

Dawn Krull, Membership Engagement Coordinator, 888-747-6945 or dkrull@gsnwgl.org

NOTES FROM SCHOOL COUNSELOR ALI FOLEY:

Greetings Suamico Families,

I will be running a small group on Changing Families starting the last week in November and running until Christmas Break.

*This group is designed to support students dealing with changes at home, such as **divorce and***

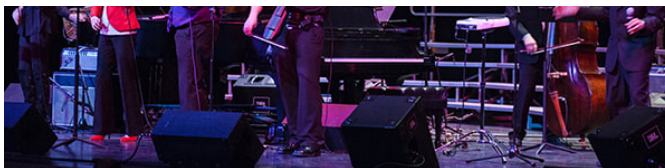
separation. Students will discuss changes at home, responsibilities of kids and adults, reaffirm their own identity, and evaluate scenarios. Please email or call me to recommend your son/daughter for this group. I will also be asking the teachers to recommend students and notify you if your child is recommended.

Bests,

A "NOTE" TO SUAMICO FAMILIES:

Would you like to see what is happening in the music room? Search for **Suamico Music Room** on FaceBook for pictures and videos. Also, you can check out @lueckmusic on Twitter for more of Mrs. Lueck's highlights from the music room.





DOCTORS IN RECITAL AT THE WEIDNER TO SUPPORT HSSD UKELELE CLUB:

Our music teacher, Mrs. Lueck won a grant for a classroom set of ukuleles from Doctors in Recital! This set of ukuleles will benefit all of the elementary school students in our district. Please consider supporting our music students at Suamico Elementary by purchasing tickets for their amazing concert January 19th at the Weidner Center at 7:00pm. Tickets are available at the Suamico office and also at the Holiday Concerts December 19th. This 13th annual fundraising musical variety show features area physicians and friends performing everything from rock and jazz to the classics! You won't need a code called to enjoy this fantastic show that continues to "make a difference by making music!"

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...						
I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever. Have been evaluated by doctor if needed	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided by the county health office	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school

DECEMBER 2018 - FROM YOUR SCHOOL BOARD:

Tax Levy – A Long Term Investment

At this time of year our property tax bills begin to arrive. During the budget process each year, there are things the School Board can control, and things the Board cannot control.

The Howard-Suamico School District is driven to *work with families and the community to ensure that our students have the knowledge and skills to succeed in a changing world*. This objective is something we can control, and our budgets are created not only for the needs of today but also for future use. There is a continuous focus on making sure that the long-term per pupil expenditure is fiscally responsible (ex., limited open enrollment, adjustments to benefits, and increasing partnerships with members of the business community). Another factor in our control is the levy rate. Since the 2011-12 school year, this rate has decreased from 9.73 to the 9.19 rate that we have maintained for 4 years.

The information on our tax bills that the District does not control is the total property value within our area, as well as the increase or decrease to individual parcels of

property. When the stable tax rate of 9.19 is applied to changing valuation amounts, the result changes from **year to year**. As taxpayers in our District, the Board of Education focuses on ensuring effective stewardship of the tax revenue we receive, not only for today but for the long term. If you have questions for the Board of Education, please reach out to your Board member below.



Rachelle Paulsen
rachpaul@hssd.k12.wi.us



Keeping you informed of Suamico Elementary Events.....

December	19 Winter Concert A-L 9:30 M-Z 1:30 21 Ugly Sweater OR Festive Day 24-31 NO SCHOOL- Winter Recess	March	08 Early Release at 1:25 12 Interest Fair 21 School Store 22 3RD QUARTER ENDS 25-29 NO SCHOOL- Spring Recess
January	01 NO SCHOOL- NEW YEAR'S DAY 02 School Resumes 17 School Store 17 2nd Quarter Ends 18 NO SCHOOL 24 Read-A-Thon 31 Pajama Day	April	19 NO SCHOOL 22 NO SCHOOL
February	01 NO SCHOOL 01 Sweetheart Auction 05 First Grade Field Trip 19 Parent Teacher Conference (4-7:30) 21 Parent Teacher Conference (4-7:30) 22 Half Day- NO LUNCH 11:45	May	16 School Store 17 Early Release at 1:25 27 NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day
		June	03 4th Grade Field Trip 06 Last Day of School

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PTO Website: <http://suamicopto.weebly.com>