



COMMUNITY ED LQPV

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Winter newsletter



Winter Break — Dec. 24-Jan. 2
School Resumes — Jan. 5, 2026

DISTRICT 2853 BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Paul Raymo, Rachel Schlieff, Val Halvorson, Andrea Young, and Zach Stelter.



A-M Elementary News

By Robyn Rademacher, Appleton-Milan Elementary TOSA

We're off to a great start this school year! Students are settling in, showing responsibility, kindness, and enthusiasm. Thank you for your support.

At school, we focus on positive behavior, effort, and respect to foster a productive environment. Communication is key—please contact us with questions or celebrations.

Attendance is vital for success, so please ensure your child arrives on time unless they're ill.

Thank you for your partnership!

- November 11: Appleton-Milan students will be going to MMN to take part in their Veterans Day program that starts at 10:30 a.m. Fourth graders from each building will sing during the program.
- November 20 & 25: Parent teacher conferences.
- November 26: 3hr. Early Out.
- November 27-28: Thanksgiving break
- December 24 - January 5: Winter Break
- January 15: End of Quarter 2
- Winter Recess: Unless the Feels Like Temperature is -10 or colder students go outside. Dress children to be outside during these colder months. If your child needs cold weather gear, contact the school.
- Labels: We are "accumulating" lots of extra sweatshirts, sweatpants, hats, and gloves. PLEASE Label your child's winter clothing and check that they bring them home.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at school at 289-1114.



Activity Notes

By Zach Stelter, LqPV Activities Director

The start to our 2025-2026 school year has been fantastic! I want to thank everyone who has come out to LQPV to support our students in their various activities. Another huge thank you to all of our event workers that help make our events possible. As we close up the fall season and move towards winter, I want to highlight some of our program's successes at the state level. Our LQPV/DB Girls Cross Country team placed 2nd at the Section 3A Cross Country Meet held in Madison on October 23. By finishing as section runner ups, they punched their ticket to the MSHSL State Cross Country Meet held on November 1 at the University of Minnesota! Congratulations to Coach Shurb and all the girls on our Cross Country team. Good luck at state!

As a reminder, please visit our activities website to register for winter activities. If you have any questions, please reach out to our office and we'd be happy to help!

Go Eagles!

Upcoming Events

- October 20: Dance Team Begins.
- October 27: Girls Hockey Begins.
- November 10: 9-12 Girls Basketball, 7-8 Girls and Boys Basketball, and Boys Hockey Begins.
- November 17: Boys Basketball and Wrestling Begins



High School Notes

By Scott Sawatzky, 5-12 Principal

LQPV Middle School/High School Events for Nov.-Jan.:

- Monday, Nov. 3: Faculty Workshop Day
- Thursday, Nov. 6: 6th Grade Capitol Trip and History Museum
- Friday, Nov. 7: Fiddler Artist in Residence for Grades 5-6
- Tuesday, Nov. 11: Veteran's Day Program @ 2:00 p.m., LQPV High School Gym
- Tuesday, Nov. 25: Student Forum with LQPV School Board Members
- Wednesday, Nov. 26: 3-Hour Early Out (Staff Development in p.m.)
- Thursday, Nov. 27: Thanksgiving
- Monday, Dec. 8: Grades 6-12 Band Concert
- Monday, Dec. 15: Grades 5-8 Choir Concert @ 6:30 p.m.; Grades 9-12 Choir Concert @ 7:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 22: 5th Grade Ski Trip @ Andes Tower
- Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Monday, Jan. 4th: Winter Break
- Thursday, Jan. 15: Last day of Quarter 2/Semester 1
- Friday, Jan. 16: Faculty Workday
- Monday, Jan. 19: No School (MLK Day)



MMN Elementary News

By Tony Smith, MMN TOSA

We're off to a great start to the school year. Attendance has been really good, continue to get your child to school.

Students will be going outside for recess during the winter months. There will be some weather conditions that will move recess inside. PLEASE have your child dressed to be outside during these colder months. If you need cold weather gear, contact the school and we can help get you set-up with the appropriate clothing.

Dates to remember:

- November 3: No School (Teacher Workshop)
- November 11: Madison Veterans Day Program at 10:30
- November 20/25: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 27/28: Thanksgiving Break
- December 19: 3-Hour early dismissal
- December 24-January 2: Winter Break
- January 5: School Resumes
- January 16: No School (Teacher Workshop)
- January 19: No School (Staff Development)
- January 30: 2-Hr Last Start

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at school. Thank you to everyone that makes this a great place to learn. GO EAGLES!



GO FAN[®] Ticketing!

Cashless event entry for all events at LQPVHS!





School and Community News

Lac qui Parle School District presents

The WIZARD of
OZ
musical

SAVE
t h e
DATE

March 20-22nd, 2026
LqPV Newly Renovated Theater

Community Ed Weather Information

If school is
cancelled,
Community Ed
classes are also
cancelled

LQPV School District Phone Numbers

LQPV DISTRICT OFFICE & LQPV HIGH SCHOOL

752-4800
698-3738 - ext #5
(Toll Free from Madison),
734-4825
(Toll Free from Milan, Holloway & Appleton)

MADISON-MARIETTA-NASSAU
ELEMENTARY
598-7528

APPLETON-MILAN ELEMENTARY 289-1114

LQPV COMMUNITY EDUCATION
320-752-4844 or 320-752-4818





Community Education Pre-School

Prairie Five & LQPV PRESCHOOL

Prairie Five Head Start & LQPV Community Preschool
Prairie Five & LQPV Community Preschool collaborate
to offer high-quality programming in Madison and
Appleton. The program focuses on the growth and age-
appropriate development of preschool aged children.

Full Day Programs in both Appleton & Madison

7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
Serving ages 3 through 6
with three classrooms in each town.

DID YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD MAY ATTEND PRESCHOOL:

- as soon as s/he has a 3rd birthday.
- if s/he isn't potty trained.
- on a varied schedule that works for your child and your family.

For more information call Prairie Five at 320-598-3118 or LQPV Community Education at 320-752-4844.
Head Start and Community applications online at
prairiefive.org/programs/head-start/ and www.lqpv.org/community-education.



Pre-registration required
for these FREE classes!

Email: ayoung@lqpv.org

*All families with young children,
infant up to kindergarten, are
encouraged to select the location &
time that works best for them.*

*No fee for the sessions.
Free will donations accepted.*

Join the fun!

Winter Class Sessions ♦ FREE

Madison-Marietta- Nassau Elementary

Mrs. Arend's
Kindergarten Classroom
Mondays 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.:

- November 10 (library)
- November 13
- December 1
- December 8 (library)
- January 5
- January 12 (library)
- February 2
- February 9 (library)

Appleton-Milan Elementary

*Enter through Prairie
Playhouse doors.*

Mondays 5:30-7:00 p.m.;
light supper around 6:00 p.m.

- Monday, Nov. 10
- Monday, Dec. 1

Please RSVP on either the
Facebook Page (LqPV ECFE-
Appleton) or by emailing
awente@lqpv.org

**Call LQPV Community Education
320-752-4844 for more information**



Community Education Youth Activities



ICE SKATING for Beginners

K-2nd Grade
Madison Skating Rink
— Tuesdays —
Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

Afterschool to
4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5
Rental skates included!

**BE SURE TO
WEAR TALL SOCKS
& SNOW GEAR!**



UNITED Youth Wrestling

LqPV High School

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. • Mezzanine
• November- 18, 25
• December- Tuesdays
• January - Tuesdays AND
Thursdays
• February - Tuesdays AND Thursdays

*Wear a T-Shirt, shorts, and wrestling shoes
or clean tennis shoes to practice.*

Coaches:

Brock Kanstrup
320-297-0537

Jared Roiland
320-297-0724



Youth Basketball Opportunities!

TRAVELING BASKETBALL

For 3rd-6th grade girls and boys

Fee: \$50. Additional
fees for tournaments
and cost of uniforms
will be the responsibility
of the participants.



Practice times, dates,
and locations are TBD.

Youth Basketball

FOR K-6TH GRADE

Come and learn basketball skills & drills
with head varsity coaches. Fee: \$30.
(Dates subject to change due to Varsity
Basketball scheduled games.)

GIRLS

LQPV High School Gyms.
Mondays, Nov. 17, Nov. 24,
Dec. 8, and Dec. 15
5:30-6:30 p.m.



BOYS

LQPV High School Gyms.
Mondays, Nov. 17, Nov. 24,
Dec. 8, and Dec. 15
5:30-6:30 p.m.



LIMITED TO
450
WRESTLERS

DATE November 22, 2025

LOCATION Lac qui Parle High School
2860 291st Ave. • Madison, MN

CHECK IN

Session 1: PreK - 2nd Grade — 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Session 2: 3rd - 6th Grade — 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Wrestling Starts at 10:30 a.m.

[Session 2 to follow after completion of Session 1]

Pre-Registration on Trackwrestling Required -
NO WALK IN REGISTRATIONS

Deadline to register is Friday, November 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

DIVISIONS

• PreK - K • 1st - 2nd
• 3rd - 4th • 5th - 6th

ADMISSIONS

\$20 per Wrestler
\$7 Adults
Under 18 FREE

Concessions Available All Day

Pick 10 Award for Top Team [All wrestlers must attend same school]

SESSION 1

Grades: PreK - 2nd Grade
Format: 4 Man Round Robin
(3) 1 Minute Periods
Awards: Medals to All Wrestlers

SESSION 2

Grades: 3rd - 6th Grade
Format: 8 Man Brackets
(3) 1:30 Minute Periods
Awards: Medals to Top 6
T-Shirt to Champion



For questions contact: Brett Jacobs • 619-992-6636
jacobsunitedwrestling@gmail.com
Wrestlers MUST Pre-Register No Later Than 7:00 p.m., Friday 11/21/25
Register: trackwrestling.com/registration

Taekwondo Classes



by Strongheart Martial Arts Academy

Classes are held at the elementary
schools in Appleton on Tuesdays
and Madison on Thursdays.

**For students kindergarten & above
& adults of all ages!**

Contact: Master Nathan — 320-287-3731
or strongheartmartialarts@hotmail.com

For session times and fees see page 6



Community Education All Ages

LQPV High School Indoor Pool



DEEP WATER AQUACISE

Both Aquasize times can be for deep and shallow to accommodate everyone

WEDNESDAYS - 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

February 4, 11, 18, 25 • March 4, 18, 25 • April 1

LAP SWIMMING

Tuesday-Friday 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. on school days

There is no lap swim on days when there is no school

Fee: \$30 for 10 session punch card or \$4 per session

SWIMMING LESSONS

November 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, & 13

Level 1: 4:00 - 4:50 p.m.

Level 2: 4:50 - 5:40 p.m.

Level 3: 5:40 - 6:30 p.m.

Level 4-6: 6:30 - 7:20 p.m.

November 17, 18, 20, & 21

Shortys: 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Parent/Child: 5:15 - 5:50 p.m.

Adult Swim Lessons

Nov. 1, 8, 15 • 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

February 23, 24, 26, 27

March 2, 3, 5

Shortys: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Level 1: 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Level 2: 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

Level 3: 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Please only sign your child up if they are in these levels

For individual lessons, Contact MaryAnn Anderson 320-568-2532

NOW HIRING LIFEGUARDS!

for the 2025-26 school year. Contact zsteller@lqpv.org

Looking for Instructors!

Community Education

would like to develop
new classes!

*If you have ideas and
would like to teach them,
please contact the
Community Ed office.*

LQPV COMMUNITY ED GIFT CERTIFICATES

Use towards classes or activities!

To purchase, contact Community Ed
at 1-877-889-4153.

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TAEKWONDO CLASSES



by
**Strongheart
Martial Arts
Academy**

LAC QUI PARLE VALLEY TAEKWONDO CLASSES

are held at the elementary schools
in Appleton on Tuesdays and
Madison on Thursdays
with an option for one night
or two nights a week!

Class Times

Beginner Students 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Advanced Students 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Times may change depending on enrollment

Session 1

Jan. 6-Mar. 12

Session 2

Mar. 17-May. 21 (no class Apr. 2)

Class fees

One night/week:

\$30 per student/per session.

Family rates: \$55 for 2 students,

\$75 for 3 students.

Family cap of 4+ \$90.

Two nights/week:

\$45 per student/per session.

Family rate: \$85 for 2 students,

\$120 for 3 students.

Family cap of 4+ \$150.

Students should register at the
beginning of the session with Master
Nathan with checks made out to
"LqPV Community Ed."

Contact: Master Nathan
strongheartmartialarts@hotmail.com
or 320-287-3731

**FOR STUDENTS
KINDERGARTEN & ABOVE
& ADULTS OF ALL AGES!**



Community Education Adult Activities



ADULT BASKETBALL

Join us for an evening of basketball.

STARTING NOV. 5
Tuesdays & Fridays — 6-7 a.m.
Wednesdays — 5:30-7 p.m.

MMN Elem. School Gym

Fee: \$10 for the season
(payable to LQPV
Community Education)

Contact Lucas Strand
320-297-1008 with questions.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES

Driver's Safety - 55+ Driver Improvement Courses

Larry Hastad – Drivers Ed instructor for 20+ years.

No tests – no reading! Driver safety, confidence and comfort are enhanced by utilizing the most up-to-date research in the field, including the latest visual scanning and steering techniques, anti-lock braking (ABS) skills, airbag information, driver distraction, road rage and new vehicle technology. Persons age 55 and older who complete the course qualify for 10% discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years, according to Minnesota law.

Driver Safety

This class is for drivers who have or have not taken the class in the past.

Fee: \$20 • 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Minimum of 15, maximum of 25 in each class.

Wednesday, Nov. 12.

LQPV High School Media Center



To register:
Call LQPV Comm. Ed
at 1-320-752-4844
or email commed@lqpv.org

Pay when you arrive at class.



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LQPV Community
Education & Rec



Make & Takes

CIDER + SPRUCE CENTERPIECE

\$40 per person

Saturday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m. • Heather Floral, Madison

Join us for a cozy and festive morning creating a perfect floral piece for your Thanksgiving or Holiday table and enjoy spiced beverages and seasonal appetizers.

WINTER PORCH POT

\$55 per person

Monday, Nov. 24, 5:30 p.m. • Heather Floral, Madison

Design your own winter porch pot with fresh evergreens and seasonal accents.

Register online @ www.lqpv.org
and click on Community Education





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Appleton, MN 56208

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**LITTLE
EAGLES**
LAC QUI PARLE VALLEY

Hours:
7:00 a.m. to
5:30 p.m.

**IMMEDIATE
OPENINGS
AVAILABLE
FOR STAFF
& KIDDOS!**

OUR PROGRAM OFFERS:

- ⇒ A warm, nurturing environment
- ⇒ Variety of activities for fun learning and play
 - ⇒ Fun lesson plans c Art projects
 - ⇒ Community field trips c Qualified staff
 - ⇒ Safe environment
- ⇒ Healthy social & emotional development!

LITTLE EAGLES DAYCARE HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS!

- ** Are you looking for **FULL-TIME WORK**?
- ** Are you looking for **PART-TIME WORK**?
- ** Are you a **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT** who loves working with children?
- ** Are you looking for a possible **FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE**?
- ** Are you looking to work in a positive and rewarding atmosphere?

WHAT DOES LITTLE EAGLES OFFER:

- * Competitive wages
- * Hiring bonus
- * On going performance reviews
- * Positive and rewarding atmosphere
- * Fun team to work with

Contact Miranda Evenson today
via e-mail: mevenson@lqpv.org
or call the center (320) 698-3161.

Little Eagles application can be found at:
lqpv.org/district/employment
(scroll to the bottom of the page).



KIDSTIME
**School Age Child
Care (SACC)**

After school until 5:30 p.m.
Open on non-school days!



MMN Elementary School
Call 320-598-7528

Coordinator Miranda Evenson

Kidstime is a school age child care program for students in grades K-6. Children spend time in a variety of supervised activities, some active and others quiet. There's time set aside for homework help and reading. A healthy snack is popular right after a busy day at school.

Now hiring Kidstime Aids!
Contact Miranda Evenson



Teach. Learn. Share.

How to REGISTER for:

Community Ed & Recreation Activities, Trips & ECCE

Mail/Walk-In:

LqPV Community Ed.
2860 291st Ave
Madison, MN 56256

On-Line:

commed@lqpv.org or
www.lqpv.org
(webstoreservices)

Phone:

320-752-4844
or
320-752-4818

Check the Comm Ed link at lqpv.org for Weekly Updates!

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