## BIRON CENTER NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025



### WINTER GEAR/CLOTHES

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS EXTRA
CLOTHES HERE TO CHANGE INTO IN CASE OF AN
ACCIDENT, THEY GET MESSY DURING PLAY OR
MEALTIME. ALSO, SOMETIMES WE GET WET
ROM BEING OUTSIDE. IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF
WINTER GEAR PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FAMILY
SERVICE WOKER OR TEACHER.

#### FAMILY DAY EVENT

WE WILL BE INVITING YOU TO OUR VALENTINE'S FAMILY DAY ON FRIDAY, FEB 14TH.

AN INVITE WILL BE SENT HOME TO ALL THE FAMILIES SO PLEASE RSVP.
HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND!

"YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO SET ANOTHER GOAL OR TO DREAM A NEW DREAM." - C.S. LEWIS

#### CLOSED DAYS

PRESCHOOL WILL BE
OPEN MONDAY,
FEB 17TH AND
CLOSED FRIDAY, FEB
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INFANT AND TODDLER
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, FEB 3RD



## IMPORTANT DATES

FEB 5: BOOKWORMS-CINDY AND NICOLE
FEB 6: PARENT
COMMITTEE WILL BE @
4:15PM VIA ZOOM
FEB 14: FAMILY DAY
EVENT
FEB 25: POLICY
COUNCIL@6pm
FEB 24, MAR 10, MAR 17PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES

# 4K Registration for 2025-2026 school year

WE WILL HAVE APPLICATIONS FOR HEAD START AND 4K AT THE BIRON OFFICE SOON, FAMILY SERVICE WORKERS GO OVER THESE APPLICATIONS WITH PARENTS AND ASSIST THEM WITH FILLING THEM OUT AT THEIR CHILD'S WINTER PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE, CONFERENCE DATES ARE STILL BEING DECIDED UPON FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE CLASSROOMS, BUT KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR INFORMATION IN YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER. IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING INTO 4K, WE NEED YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES. THE APPLICATIONS FOR 4K WILL NOT BE TURNED IN WITHOUT VERIFICATION OF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING HEAD START AND/OR 4K REGISTRATION, PLEASE CALL KATIE AT 715-422-0428 OR KAREN AT 715-422-0438.

## NEWS FROM THE BUS

WOW, WE ARE OVER HALFWAY THROUGH THE YEAR! HOW TIME FLIES!
HERE ARE A FEW REMINDERS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION STAFF.

• IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT RIDING PLEASE CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE AT 715-422-2025 OR TEXT 715-213-6729. BE SURE TO LEAVE YOUR CHILD'S NAME. THANK YOU!

• PLEASE REMEMBER THAT BUS TIMES ARE ESTIMATES. WITH THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ALWAYS FLUCTUATING AND BAD WEATHER AFFECTING ROAD CONDITIONS, PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF TIMES MAY VARY SLIGHTLY. PLEASE BE PATIENT, WE ARE DOING OUR BEST GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

THANK YOU AND STAY WARM!
WISCONSIN RAPIDS BIRON TRANSPORTATION TEAM







## **Policy Council Representatives**

POLICY COUNCIL IS OUR PARENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SHARING WITH THE GROUP ANY CONCERNS, SUGGESTIONS, OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT AFFECT NOT ONLY THEIR CENTER, BUT THE ENTIRE WOOD COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM. AS A MEMBER OF POLICY COUNCIL, THEY WILL SHARE ANY IDEAS OR CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY PARENTS FROM THE CLASSROOM THEY REPRESENT. IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH ANOTHER PARENT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FAMILY SERVICE WORKER, KAITE (715-422-0428) OR KAREN (715-422-0438).

OUR POLICY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

ROBBI TRACY KYLIE FREEMAN BAILEA MURPHY MELISSA GRAEF

KAYLEE REIFSCHNEDIER MAKAYLA KRUTZA SYDNEY PEMBLE

SHELBY FOX CRYSTAL BROWN SABRINA PEYKETEWA

ANNE WOJTALEWICZ CHARLIE ALBRECHT

## **Conscious Corner**

SOME OF OUR HEAD START PARENTS MAY HAVE HEARD THEIR CHILDREN MENTION "THE SAFE PLACE" AT SCHOOL, THE SAFE PLACE IS AN AREA WHERE CHILDREN CAN GO TO CHANGE THEIR INNER STATE FROM UPSET TO COMPOSED IN ORDER TO OPTIMIZE LEARNING, ALL OF OUR CLASSROOMS HAVE A SAFE PLACE THAT THE CHILDREN KNOW THEY ARE ABLE TO GO TO WHENEVER THEY ARE FEELING SAD, ANGRY, SCARED, ETC. WHEN BEGINNING TO UTILIZE SOME OF THE CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE TECHNIQUES IN YOUR HOME. IT MAY BE BENEFICIAL TO CREATE ASAFE PLACE OF YOUR OWN WITH YOUR CHILD. WHEN CREATING A SAFE PLACE FIND AN AREA THAT IS SUITABLE AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILD. BUT ALSO SOMEWHERE THEY CAN HAVE SOME SPACE FROM OTHERS. YET NOT BE COMPLETELY ALONE, MAKE THE SPACE COMFORTABLE WITH A CUSHION, BLANKETS, STUFFED ANIMALS, A BOOK OR TON THEY LOVE, ETC. **ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO USE THE SAFE PLACE AND MODEL CALMING** YOURSELF AND HELP THEM DO THE SAME WHEN THEY ARE UPSET USE PHRASES SUCH AS, "YOU'RE SAFE.". "BREATHE WITH ME.". "YOU CAN DO THIS." LIKE WITH ANY INTERACTION, YOUR INTENTION WILL IMPACT HOW CHILDREN RECEIVE THE MESSAGE. SO BE SURE TO USE A TONE THAT ASSURES YOUR CHILD THAT THEY ARE CAPABLE AND YOU ARE THERE TO HELP THEM, SAYING "TAKE A BREATH!" IN A FRUSTRATED TONE WILL HAVE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT OUTCOME THAN SAYING "BREATHE WITH ME." IN A CALMER TONE.

ALONG WITH COMFORTING ITEMS IN THE SAFE PLACE, THERE ARE ALSO SOME TOOLS THAT CAN BE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOUR CHILD AS WELL. IN OUR CLASSROOMS, WE USE THE FEELING BUDDIES TO HELP THE KIDS EXPRESS WHAT THEY ARE FEELING BY IDENTIFYING WITH THE FACIAL EXPRESSIONS ON THEM. ONE WAY TO IMPLEMENT A SIMILAR SYSTEM IN YOUR OWN SAFE PLACE IS TO DRAW OR PRINT PICTURES OF FACES THAT WOULD HELP YOUR CHILD TO EXPRESS WHAT THEY ARE FEELING INSIDE. THIS IS A GREAT STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE THEIR EMOTIONS AT HOME. NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER WILL GO OVER THE FOUR BREATHING TECHNIQUES THAT WE TEACH THE KIDDOS TO USE WHEN THEY BEGIN TO FEEL SOME OF THOSE BIG EMOTIONS.

# Clean-Up Time

ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN OR WORKS WITH THEM, KNOWS THAT IT'S OFTEN HARD TO GET THEM TO CLEAN UP AFTER PLAYTIME; HOWEVER, YOU CAN MAKE IT A FUN AND ENJOYABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE. CHILDREN LEARN BEST WHEN THEY DO SOMETHING, RATHER THAN WHEN OTHERS DO IT FOR THEM. BELOW ARE A FEW TIPS TO TRY WHEN IT COMES TO CLEAN-UP TIME.

• SET EXPECTATIONS AHEAD OF TIME SO THE CHILDREN KNOW WHAT CLEAN-UP TIME MEANS TO YOU, YOUR HOME, YOUR CLASSROOM, ETC. IF YOU WANT THEM TO PUT THE TOYS IN THE BIN, THEN PUT THE BIN ON THE SHELF, MAKE SURE THEY KNOW THAT IS WHAT THEY SHOULD DO

BE CONSISTENT WITH YOUR ROUTINE AND USE POSITIVE LANGUAGE. IF THEY MUST PUT THE FIRST TOY AWAY BEFORE PLAYING WITH THE SECOND, MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE FOLLOWING THAT RULE REGULARLY. USE GENTLE REMINDERS IF THEY FORGET.

WARN CHILDREN BEFORE IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP AND SET A TIME LIMIT. WHEN YOU TELL A CHILD, "WE HAVE TO FINISH COLORING AND START CLEANING IN 10 MINUTES," YOU GIVE THEM TIME TO FINISH WHAT THEY ARE DOING. SET A TIMER AND LET THEM KNOW THAT WHEN THEY HEAR THAT, IT MEANS IT IS TIME TO CLEAN-UP.

ADULTS CAN HELP CLEAN UP TOO. BEING A GOOD ROLE MODEL HELPS THE CHILD LEARN.

DIVIDE THE HARDEST TASKS INTO PARTS. FOR EXAMPLE, YOU PUT AWAY THE BLUE TOYS AND YOUR CHILD PUTS AWAY THE RED TOYS. OR, IF THERE ARE A LOT OF TOYS, EACH OF YOU PUT AWAY FIVE (OR A CERTAIN NUMBER) OF TOYS.

· SING A CLEAN-UP SONG TOGETHER.

· IF THERE ARE SEVERAL CHILDREN CLEANING, CHOOSE A LEADER WHO DECIDES HOW TO CLEAN. SWITCH THE LEADER REGULARLY SO THEY ALL GET TO ENJOY "BEING IN CHARGE".



## Healthy Valentine Snack Mix

#### INGREDIENTS:

2 CUPS RICE CHEX
2 CUPS CINNAMON OR HONEY TOASTED OAT CEREAL
2 CUPS FREEZE-DRIED STRAWBERRIES
2 CUPS VALENTINE-THEMED YOGURT-COVERED
PRETZELS

1 CUP VALENTINE-THEMED CANDY CORN (SOMETIMES
CALLED CUPID CORN)
1 CUP RAW CASHEWS

## DIRECTIONS:

GENTLY MIX ALL INGREDIENTS IN A LARGE BOWL.
ENJOY!





## **Attendance**

JUST A REMINDER THAT YOU'RE CHILD'S ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS SO IMPORTANT. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE EVERYONE HERE EVERY DAY AND BY 9AM. BY COMING IN LATE YOUR CHILD MISSES OUT ON THE MORNING GREETINGS, THEIR SCHOOL JOB, AND EVEN BREAKFAST. IF YOU NEED HELP GETTING HERE ON TIME OR EVERY DAY PLEASE LET YOUR SERVICE WORKER KNOW. WE WILL TRY TO HELP THE BEST WE CAN. HEADSTART'S ATTENDANCE POLICY IS THAT THEY ARE HERE 85%. WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS A LOT OF SICKNESSES GOING AROUND, BUT PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD HERE WHEN THEY ARE HEALTHY AND CAN PARTICIPATE!





#### Wood County Head Start

Administrative Office 1011 8th St. South Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Toll free: 866-421-2066 Main line: 715-421-2066 Fax: 715-421-2069

E-mail: wchs@woodcoheadstart.org



## **Biron Center Contact Information**

550 Center Street

Wisconsin Rapids, W! 54494

Phone: 715-422-0441

Fax: 715-422-0444

Infant Room: 715-422-0439

Toddler 1 Room: 715-422-0446

Toddler 2 Room: 715-422-0447

Nicole/Karolina's Room: 715-422-0437

Ashley's Room: 715-422-0435

Cindy's Room: 715-422-0425

Laura's Room: 715-422-0445

MariJo/Kristen: 715422-0440

Family Service Worker: Karen

Desk Phone: 715-422-0438

Cell Phone: 715-213-8498

Family Service Worker: Katie

Desk Phone: 715-422-0428

Cell Phone: 715-459-3714

Transportation: Janet

Desk Phone: 715-422-2025

Cell Phone: 715-213-6729

## Childhood Lead Poisoning

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Children can get lead poisoning by breathing in or swallowing dust that contains lead.



For more information contact our Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 602-364-3118 azhealth.gov/lead

## Sources of Lead

#### Home



Lead can be in paint in old homes built before 1978.

- Dirt
- Chipped paint Old furniture and toys
- Dirt - Pewter
- Play or costume jewelry - Crystal glassware

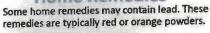
#### - Crystal glassy



Imported Goods

- Items brought back from other countries may contain lead.
- Glazed pottery
- Asian, Hispanic, Indian spices
- Mexican candy (tamarindo and chili)

#### **Home Remedies**



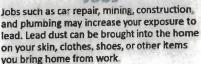
 Traditional and folk remedies (Greta, Azarcón, Pay-loo-ah)

#### **Beauty Products**

Imported beauty products from Asia, India, and Africa may contain lead.

- Sindoor, Khol, Kajal, Surma

## Jobs such as car repair, min and plumbing may increase



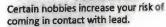
- Car batteries
- Scrap metal/parts

Identify and remove sources of lead from

your home.

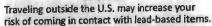
- Ammunition

#### Hobbies



- Hunting (lead bullets)
- Fishing (lead sinkers)
- Artist paints
- Refinished furniture

#### Travel



- Souvenirs
- Toys
- Spices or food Jewelry

Keep lead dirt and dust out of your home with these helpful tips.

### Cleaning





Keep shoes outside



Mop & wet







#### Nutrition

These foods can help lower your child's lead level.



Tomatoes Strawberries Oranges Potatoes



Milk Cheese Yogurt



Chicken Steak Fish Peas Eggs



## Envenenamiento por Plomo en los Niños



Los niños se pueden envenenar con plomo al respirar o tragar polvo que contenga plomo.



Para más información comuniquese al Programa de Prevención de Envenenamiento por Plomo en los Niños, en la Oficina de Salud Ambiental al 602-364-3118 azhealth.gov/lead

### Procedencia del Plomo

Identifique y elimine el origen o fuente del plomo.



Hogar El plomo puede estar en la pintura de casas antiguas construidas antes de 1978.

- Pintura descascarada Muebles y juguetes antiguos
- Joyería de fantasia o bisutería - Tierra
- Peltre - Cristal



#### Trabaios

Los trabajos como reparación de autos, minería, construcción y plomería pueden aumentar su exposición al plomo. Se puede traer polvo de plomo a casa en su piel, ropa, zapatos u otros artículos traídos del trabajo.

- Baterías de auto
- Trozos/piezas de metal
- Municiones



#### Obietos Importados

Los artículos traídos de otros países pueden contener plomo.

- Cerámica esmaltada
- Especias asiáticas, hispanas e indias

- Remedios tradicionales y populares

- Dulces mexicanos (con chile o tamarindo)



#### Pasatiempos

Ciertos pasatiempos aumentan su riesgo de hacer contacto con plomo.

- Cacería (balas de plomo)
- Pesca (pesas de plomo)
- Pinturas de artistas
- Muebles renovados



#### (Greta, Azarcón y Pay-loo-ah) Productos de Belleza

Remedios Caseros

Aigunos remedios caseros pueden contener plomo. Estos

remedios regularmente son polvos de color rojo o naranja.

Algunos productos de belleza importados de Asia, India, y África pueden contener plomo.

- Sindoor, Khol, Kajal, Surma



#### Viajes

El viajar fuera de los Estados Unidos puede aumentar el riesgo de hacer contacto con productos con base de plomo.

- Recuerdos
- Juguetes
- Especias o alimentos
- Joyería

#### Limpieza

Mantenga los restos y el polvo de plomo fuera de su hogar con estos consejos útiles.













## Nutrición

Estos alimentos pueden ayudar a disminuir los niveles de plomo en sus niños.



Tomates Fresas **Naranias Papas** 



Leche Queso Yogur



Pollo Bistec Pescado Chícharos Huevos



## Biron Head Start Centers February 2025 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday  7 Special K Cereal, Strawberries  HM Baked Chicken Parmesan, WG Brown Rice, Green Beans, Peaches  WG Pumpkin Bread, 100% Juice			
3 Center Closed	4 HM Breakfast Pizza (Crust, Eggs, Ham, and Cheese), Pineapple HM Broccoli Cheese Soup, Turkey Slices, WG Garlic French Bread, Carrots & Dip, Pears	5 WG Toast, Jelly, Banana  Cheese Ravioli, Meat Sauce, WG Breadstick, Asparagus, Fruit Salad  Cheese Cube & Apple Slices	6 WG Mini Waffles, Blueberries  Lentil Taco Meat, WG Tortilla, Cheese, Salsa, Sour Cream, Lettuce, Corn, Grapes  WG Goldfish Crackers				
10 WG Muffin, Applesauce  HM Creamy White Chili Soup w/ Chicken, WG Roll, Corn, Strawberries  WG Rice Cakes  I/T Only	Applesauce  11 WG Kix Cereal, Blueberries  HM Coconut Curry Chicken, Basmati Rice, Naan Bread, Snap Peas & Dip, Tropical Fruit Yogurt, Mixed Berries, WG Granola	12 Canadian Bacon, Hashbrown Patties  WG Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges  WG Tortilla Chips & Salsa	13 WG Pancakes, (w/Banana, Peanut Butter, Chocolate Chips) HM Cream of Potato Soup, Ham Slices, WG Roll, Peas, Pears Peaches & Valentine Trail Mix	14 HM WG Blueberry Strawberry Muffin Bars Applesauce  Meatballs, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, WG Roll, Strawberries & Pineapple Fruit Fluff  WG Sun Chips, 100% Juice			
17 WG French Toast Snackbread, Orange Wedges  HM Creamy Italian Sauce with Chicken, Buttered Noodles, WG Cheesy Breadstick, Green Beans, Peaches  WG Animal Crackers  Preschool/4K in Session	18 WG Muffin, Applesauce  HM Philly Cheesesteak Sloppy Joes on WG Bun, Cheese Slices, Sweet Potato Fries, Pears  String Cheese & Pretzels	19 WG Life Cereal, Banana  HM Chili with Beef Lentil, Buttered Noodles, Shredded Cheese, Sour Cream, Cucumbers & Dip, Pineapple  WG Graham Snacks	20 Egg & Cheese Sandwich on Croissant, Peaches  WG Fish Sticks, HM Bean & WG Brown Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Apple Slices  HM WG Zucchini Bread, 100% Juice	21 WG Cheerios, Strawberries Chicken Tenders, Rice Pilaf, Peas, Grapes WG Blueberry Snackbread			
24 WG Oatmeal, Raisins, Diced Apples HM Mac & Cheese, Buttered Noodles, Diced Ham, WG Breadstick, Broccoli, Fruit Salad WG Crackers & Hard-Boiled Egg	25 Cinnamon Toast, Peaches  HM Nachos with Beef Lentil (WG Tortilla Chips, Cheese, Lettuce, Salsa, Sour Cream), Corn, Grapes  WG Chex Mix	26 WG French Toast Sticks, Fruit Salsa  Teriyaki Chicken, WG Fried Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges  WG Soft Pretzels & Cheese	27 Scrambled Eggs with Cheese, Mandarin Oranges Shredded Pork, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, WG Roll, California Medley Vegetables, Apple Slices WG Goldfish Crackers, Cheese Cubes	28 WG Frosted Mini Wheats Cereal, Strawberries  HM Meat/Cheese Pizza Cottage Cheese, Cooked Carrots, Pineapple  WG Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, 100% Juice			
		All-day session children receive breakfast, lunch and snack.  Milk is served with meals and snacks, occasionally juice is served at snack tim instead of milk, to 1-5 year olds. Unflavored whole milk is served to 1 year olds unflavored 1% or skim milk is served to 2-5 year olds. Water is available					





throughout the day.

WG = whole grain

WGR = whole grain rich HM = homemade