

4K Early Learning News

APRIL 2023

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD APRIL 1-7

April 1-7, 2023 has been designated as The Week of the Young Child®!

This is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 60,000 members and a network of 52 Affiliates.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child® is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child® in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child® is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

Today we know more than ever before about the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. Yet, never before have the needs of young children and their families been more pressing.

The Week of the Young Child® is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, at child care, at school, and in the community—that will promote their early learning.


JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR YOUNGEST SCHOLARS!

We have created community-wide events to celebrate Sun Prairie's youngest scholars. These events are available to all our current and incoming 4K students and their families. We want you to come for one or all of these special activities!

2023 WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD



M	MUSIC MONDAY APRIL 3 Check out our Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/SunPrairie4K for fun ways to celebrate music at home!	
T 5:00-7:00	TASTY TUESDAY APRIL 4 Explore Children's Museum 1433 W Main St Food Trucks and Fun at the Museum	
W 5:00-7:00	WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY APRIL 5 Boys and Girls Club- 232 Windsor St. Blocks and Building Activities	
T 6:00-7:00	ARTSY THURSDAY APRIL 6 SP4K at Northside Elementary- 230 W Klubertanz Dr Explore and Create Art with 4K	
F 5:00-6:00	FAMILY FRIDAY APRIL 7 YMCA- 1470 Don Simon Dr Family Fun Night	



SPASD & CITY OF SUN PRAIRIE PROCLAIM APRIL 1-7 AS THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Our community is fortunate to have both the City and our School District proclaim April 1-7 as the Week of the Young child.

Here are the proclamations that were read in support of our youngest learners, their teachers, and Sun Prairie's Early Childhood Programs.

Click here to download the event flier for
#WOYC2023

This is a PDF of the week's events! Hope to see you there!



Sun Prairie Area
School District
**SUMMER
SCHOOL**

REMINDER TO REGISTER FOR K2K SUMMER SCHOOL

We are happy to remind you that registration for the Sun Prairie Area School District Summer School program is open! We are excited that many families took advantage of registering starting on March 14, 2023. We wanted to ensure that you were aware of the registration opportunity.

We are including the [link to a message](#) that includes all of the information we have sent earlier. Hopefully, this information includes everything you need to register your children. [The Sun Prairie Area School District Summer School website](#) also includes links to all of the information that was sent to families.

A couple of reminders:

- Please register your child for the same grade level that they are currently in at this time (e.g., students in grade 3 in Spring 2023 should be registered for grade 3 in Summer School).
- If your child qualifies for district bus transportation, please select the "transportation" class in registration. Students must have a full schedule to be included in district

transportation (e.g., K2K for PreK, KBF for Kindergarten, 4 classes for all others).

- Select the classes for your children and also select alternative classes.
- You will not get a confirmation message when you finish. Watch the completion progress bar as you fill out the form.

Registration closes on April 21, 2023 at midnight. Please complete your registration as soon as possible. Please check out the [links in this message for more information](#). Thank you.

CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS

This communication has details about registration, programming, locations, and transportation.

SUMMER SCHOOL LINKS AND CONTACTS

[Summer School Site](#)

[Public Street Safety Information](#)

QUESTIONS?

Please contact any of the following individuals:

- Summer School Registration [Kristy Thao](#) 608.834.6566 kythao@sunprairieschools.org
- Enrollment/Infinite Campus [Caprise Waak](#) 608.834.6571 crwaak@sunprairieschools.org
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- Special Education [Becky Penticoff](#) 608.478-5178 rcpenti@sunprairieschools.org
- Summer School Shelley Joan Weiss, sjweiss@sunprairieschools.org

IF YOU HAVE MOVED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

- As a 4K student, your child has automatically been enrolled in kindergarten at your assigned elementary school.
- Please make sure that the 4K office has your new address! Your kindergarten enrollment is based on the address we currently have on file for 4K.
- In January you will start getting information from your elementary school about kindergarten.
- If you have any questions or need to share a new address call the 4K office at 834-6672

REMINDER- THURSDAY IS EARLY RELEASE FOR 4K AFTERNOON CLASSES!!!

Please be aware that EVERY Thursday is Early Release for AFTERNOON 4K classes. (Morning class times do not change)



Please be ready to pick up our child or meet the bus at an earlier time...

AFTERNOON Classes Times on THURSDAYS:

- Creekside, Northside, Token Springs- 11:35-1:30
- All other Community-Based sites- 11:25-1:20

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE SPASD APP

This app allows students, staff and caregivers to access information quickly and easily. It provides access to school blackboard connect notifications, District news, Peachjar flyers, COVID updates and more. Students and caregivers can also access Infinite Campus via the app, which provides information regarding attendance, grades and more. To download the app, visit either the iPhone App Store or the Google Play Store.



KOBUSSEN BUS-

- Buses can be noisy places. Please help your child remember to use their "0-1" voices, so the drivers can be safe. Sometimes, when bus drivers have to speak loudly to be heard, our kiddos mistake loud for "yelling". We have given the bus drivers this tool to help our 4K students understand what kind of voice they should be using on the bus. It is also used in our classrooms so your children should be familiar with the tool and the language used.
- Staying seated in their seats is very important. Even if the ride is short please help us to reinforce the need to stay sitting in their seats, until the teacher comes to get them off the bus.
- Please be prepared to meet your child's bus 10-15 minutes before the scheduled bus times you have been given. Due to

absences and our door to door busing the bus times may vary within that time frame.

· If your child is not going to be riding the bus to or from school please let the bus company AND your teacher know. We want to make sure we know exactly who is getting on and off the bus every day. **The bus company can be reached at 825-8700.**

I am a safe Bus Rider- English (click)

I am a safe Bus Rider- Spanish (click)



SUN PRAIRIE FOOD RESOURCES

- **Sun Prairie Emergency Food Pantry** - 608-478-0510

People can use the Pantry every other week. Neighbors struggling with food insecurity can visit the food pantry once every 14 days for healthy food options and weekly kid's boxes. The pantry also offers personal care items.

Website: <https://sunprairiefoodpantry.com/services/>

18 Rickel Road, Sun Prairie

Hours:

- Monday/Wednesday/Friday 12:00pm - 3:30pm
- Tuesday/Thursday 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Saturday 9:00am - 11:00am

FREE Weekend Wellness Packs for Kids

- To ensure no child goes hungry over the weekend
- Contains easily prepared, kid friendly, nutritious food, including fresh milk
- Available at the Sun Prairie Emergency Food Pantry (18 Rickel Rd):
 - Thursdays 5-7 PM
 - Fridays 12-3:30 PM
 - Saturdays 9-11 AM
- No sign up or registration is necessary

McKenzie Family Boys & Girls Club

232 Windsor Street, Sun Prairie

- **Family Meals to Go**

Family Meals consist of a premade meal for a family of 5, a produce box, and a cooler box with meats, cheeses, and yogurts. Available for anyone in the community from 3:00-5:30 pm with registration!

Register ONCE at <https://www.classy.org/event/family-meals-to-go-mckenzie-family-boys-and-girls-club/e316731> then receive a WEEKLY form to reserve your meal for the following week. Pick up is a drive-through in the parking lot of the club.

Sunshine Supper

1632 W. Main St, Sun Prairie

Email: sunshinesupper@gmail.com

- **Drive Through Meal Program**

Available for anyone on Mondays 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Enter the parking lot off Hart Road (behind the building).
Meals are brought to your car. Walk-up service available.

FOOD PANTRIES IN DANE COUNTY

[Dane County Food Pantry Network](#)

[Sunshine Place](#)

[DeForest Food Pantry](#)

[The River Food Pantry](#)

[Waunakee Food Pantry](#)

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

The best place is to always start with your child's teacher. They have close contact with your child and have a deep understanding of their program and can most quickly address any of your concerns. The next step is to contact your 4K site director. They have a wealth of knowledge and can answer questions about the many site specific policies and procedures. You can also contact the 4K Program Supervisor to answer questions from a 4K- Sun Prairie School district perspective and help you navigate the school district in general.



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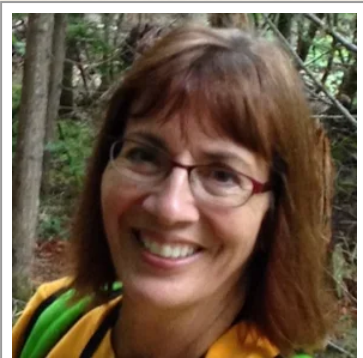
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STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

No student may be unlawfully discriminated against in any school programs, activities or in facilities usage because of the student's sex (gender identity, gender expression and non-conformity to gender role stereotypes), color, religion, profession or demonstration of belief or non-belief, race, national origin (including limited English proficiency), ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or pa-rental status, homelessness status, sexual orientation, age, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. (SPASD Policy JB)



If a student or parent/guardian would prefer to have this information translated into Spanish, please contact us at 834-6620.

Si un estudiante, padre ó guardian prefiere tener esta información traducida en Es-pañol, por favor contactenos en el 834-6620.

If a student or parent/guardian would prefer to have this information translated into Hmong, please contact us at 834-6630.

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