

# 4K Early Learning News

MARCH 2023

## SNOW DAY UPDATE- CHANGE TO SCHOOL TIMES

### AS A REMINDER:

For **4K AM classes**, **four minutes will be added to the beginning of class, and two minutes will be added at the end of class.** The new 4K AM times will be as follows:

Elementary School Sites - 7:36 to 10:25 am

**Bus pickup times will remain the same for students at Creekside, Northside and Token Springs.**

Community Partner Sites - 7:46 to 10:35 am

**Bus pickup times will be 5 minutes earlier for all other 4K locations.**

For **4K PM classes**, **four minutes will be added at the beginning of class.** The new 4K PM times will be as follows:

Elementary School Sites - 11:35 to 2:40 pm (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)

11:35 to 1:30 pm (Thursday)

Community Partner Sites - 11:25 to 2:30 pm (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)

11:25 to 1:20 pm (Thursday)

**Bus pickup times will be 5 minutes earlier for all 4K locations.**



# Sun Prairie Area School District **SUMMER SCHOOL**

## TIME TO REGISTER FOR K2K SUMMER SCHOOL

Greetings Parents/Caregivers of Students who will be entering Kindergarten!

We look forward to welcoming your children to Summer School. We are excited to share information on the upcoming Summer School 2023 program. This is a great time for your children to learn more about how to succeed in elementary school classes. I am including information on the various parts of Summer School that I hope are helpful in preparing your child and you.

We offer one class, *Kickoff to Kindergarten (K2K)*, for students who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall. You can register your incoming Kindergarten child for the five week class, **June 20 to July 20 2023**. The class will be held from 8:05 am - 12:50 pm, Monday through Thursday every week.

If your child receives special education services, please work with the Early Childhood Special Education teacher to determine if K2K would be a good fit. Special Education services during summer school are not provided at the same level as during the regular school year. Please discuss any questions with your child's Early Childhood Special Education teacher or contact [Becky Penticoff](mailto:rcpenti@sunprairieschools.org) at 608.478.5178 [rcpenti@sunprairieschools.org](mailto:rcpenti@sunprairieschools.org).

I hope the information is clear, easy to understand, and helpful. I am sending the complete packet at this time and then over the upcoming weeks, I'll send components as reminders. Please watch for the information in your email. **The Infinite Campus portal will open for Summer School requests to be submitted on March 14, 2023 at 8 am.**

Summer School staff should be highly visible to your children and you. Staff members will wear bright **PINK** bandanas and there will be **PINK** signs for the class during the first weeks of Summer School.

Please check our [Summer School site](https://www.sunprairieschools.org/academics/summer-school) on the district website frequently for information and updates: <https://www.sunprairieschools.org/academics/summer-school> Enjoy this [video](#).

If you have questions, please contact our Elementary Summer School Coordinator, [Kristy Thao](#) at 608.834.6566, or [kythao@sunprairieschools.org](mailto:kythao@sunprairieschools.org). or Shelley Joan Weiss Director of Summer School Programs [sjweiss@sunprairieschools.org](mailto:sjweiss@sunprairieschools.org)

**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](mailto:kythao@sunprairieschools.org)

Enrollment/Infinite Campus [Caprise Waak](#) 608.834.6571 [crwaak@sunprairieschools.org](mailto:crwaak@sunprairieschools.org)

Health Information [Debbie Brown](#) 608.834.6583 [dlbrown@sunprairieschools.org](mailto:dlbrown@sunprairieschools.org)

Nutrition Information Julie Wetmore 608.834.6544 [jrwetmo1@sunprairieschools.org](mailto:jrwetmo1@sunprairieschools.org)

Special Education [Becky Penticoff](#) 608.478-5178 [rcpenti@sunprairieschools.org](mailto:rcpenti@sunprairieschools.org)

Summer School Shelley Joan Weiss, [sjweiss@sunprairieschools.org](mailto:sjweiss@sunprairieschools.org)

## SCHOOL CLOSING- DUE TO WEATHER

### SCHOOL CANCELATIONS:

If it becomes necessary to call off school because of poor weather conditions or other reasons, an announcement will be made before 6:30 a.m. on the district website, [sunprairieschools.org](https://www.sunprairieschools.org), and on local radio and television stations.

If poor weather or any other building problems cause the school to be closed, a taped message will be left on the school closing information line, 834-6688, Ext. 2561. Families will also be notified through the **"Blackboard Mass Notifications" system**. Phone calls, emails, and text messages will be sent directly to parents/ or legal guardians at the time the decision is made. Please do not call the SP4K site or the bus company.

### DELAYED START:

When the start of the school day is delayed for 1-2 hours, there will be no morning session of SP4K. It is important that students enrolled in the afternoon session do not arrive at school until the stated starting time.

## WINTER GUIDANCE: PLAYING OUTSIDE

### WEATHER RULES

SP4K programs provide outdoor playtime to give students the opportunity to practice motor and social skills. All students are expected to participate in outdoor playtime, so please send appropriate gear every day. It's important that caregivers assist their children with dressing appropriately for the day's weather.

If a student needs to remain indoors when coming back to school after an illness or injury, please provide written verification from your child's health care provider.

Students will stay indoors during inclement weather or when the air or wind chill temperature is at or below 0°F.

## 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)



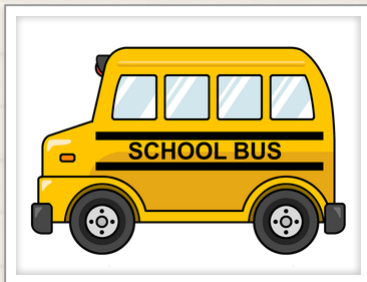
Please be ready to pick up our child or meet the bus at an earlier time...

### AFTERNOON Classes Times on THURSDAYS:

- Creekside, Northside, Token Springs- 11:42-1:30
- All other Community-Based sites- 11:32-1:20

## 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](mailto: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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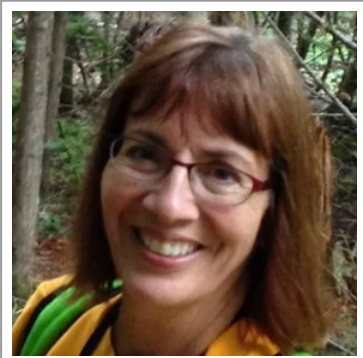
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## STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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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