



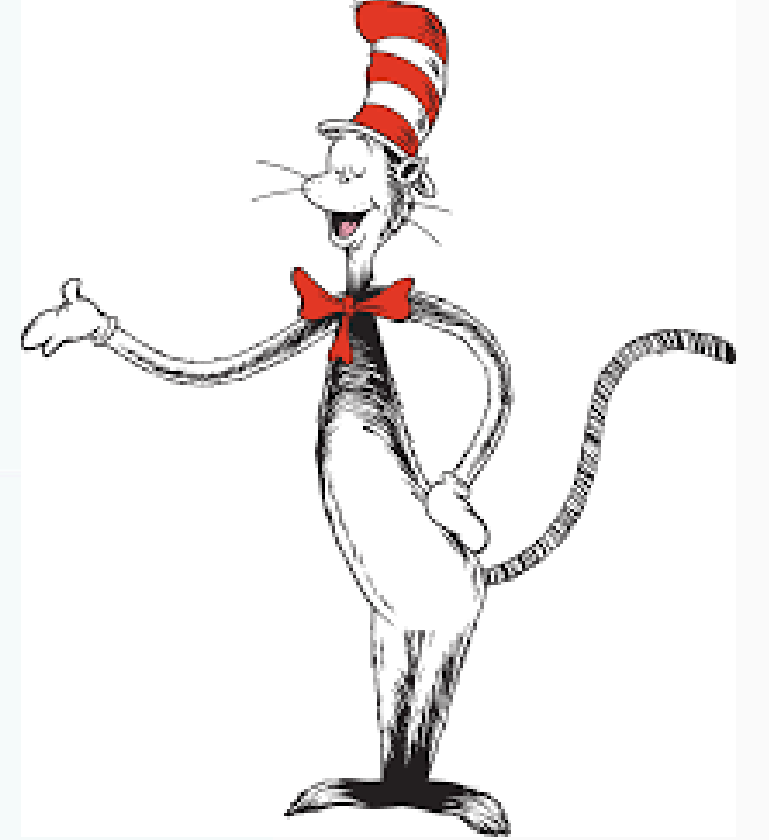
SOLON SPRINGS

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School District of Solon Springs

Eagle Flyer

Feb/March/April 2024-2025



Dr. Seuss week was a huge hit, not only with our students and staff, but with our families and local businesses!

On Friday, March 7th, families were welcomed into the school to accompany and enjoy these activities with students. Stations were set up by businesses and were geared toward math and reading for all to enjoy!

We want to thank these businesses for their time to help make this event fun for all!

- Hidden Greens
- Mertz Rookey
- Solon Concrete
- Little Gift House
- NBC Bank
- The Atrium
- DNR with Smokey
- Dr. & Mrs. King
- Forestry
- Balanced Wellness



Superintendent Column:



Peter Hopke
Superintendent

Greetings families and community members:

March is a pivotal point in the school year as we look forward to spring break and then the final push to the end of the school year. It marks the beginning of statewide testing and spring activities. Days get longer and we look forward to more time outside. It also marks the final push to spring elections held on April 1st.

There are a few items of importance to the District on the ballot. First, we have 2 candidates for school board on the ballot. Keith Nordskog, a long-time member of the Board is stepping down after 3 terms. I want to thank him for his service to the District. Also, the seat vacated in the Fall and currently held by Brittany Huray is up for election. There are 2 candidates on the ballot for these positions; Scott O'Brien and Brittany Huray.

Another item on the ballot is the state superintendent position. There are 2 candidates for this position after the February primary. The candidates are incumbent Jill Underly, and challenger Brittany Kinser. These candidates have different views on education in the state and how to support schools and students. Please take some time to understand their perspectives and views and how they could impact school districts.

Looking forward to next year, the District is adding a family and consumer education teaching position to the middle and high school. This position will provide exploratory instruction for middle school students in the area of nutrition, food preparation, kitchen safety, budgeting, communication, and interpersonal skills. Some potential courses available to high school students are food science and culinary arts, personal and family finance, child development, and interior design. This position is posted and interviews will be held in March. This will be a great addition for student opportunities and it will support our career and technical education pathways for students.

The District hosted their first Family Math and Reading Day on March 7, 2025. It was a great opportunity for students and parents to participate in activities that focused on math and reading. Several local businesses participated in the event by running different activity stations. This participation and support further stressed the importance of reading and math for our students. I am very thankful for the outpouring of support for this event and I look forward to more of these events in the future. The District is an important part of the community and it is essential that we work together with the community to support student growth. Thank you to all of the businesses and volunteers who dedicate their time to this event as well as those who were involved with planning it.

Our educators who provide reading and English Language Arts instruction have been very busy this year working on teaching standards and learning objectives. In January, this team developed essential standards in reading and English Language Arts that was approved by the Board. These essential standards provide focus on our teaching and learning. They have taken great strides to revamp their scope and sequence of instruction to ensure that our students receive instruction based on the essential standards and are aligned with instruction at other grade levels. Likewise, we are reviewing the instructional materials we have to make sure they support the necessary learning in our classrooms. It is all very important and great work to provide the best instruction possible. Great job to the team on the work so far and I look forward to the completion of this work.

Lastly, there are some safety training events coming this spring. April 10, 2025 is the state tornado drill. The District will conduct a tornado drill on that date as well. Also, the District will conduct another safety drill in April as a part of our ongoing preparedness efforts. More information will be coming out in the future.

Go EAGLES!



Do you have community news, information, or ideas
that could be shared in our newsletter?

If so, please contact Christine Nordness: cnordness@solonk12.net

PBIS



Solon Springs Eagles have been hard at work this year learning new character traits each month. The words are practiced and taught throughout the month and at the end of the month a student per grade or classroom is awarded for going above and beyond and demonstrating that trait. Some of the traits included: Respect, Gratitude, Responsibility, Empathy and now Perseverance! We are continuing to encourage positive behavior and challenging students to show the traits both in school and home. We thank you for supporting us in teaching these life long skills!

We will be doing a PBIS wellness day on March 14 to celebrate as a whole school all of the excellent work on learning these new traits!

Empathy



Respect



Gratitude



Responsibility



Counselor Corner



Dustin Anderson

ACT testing-Tuesday, March 11th for 11th graders.

Pre-ACT testing is March 28th for 9th & 10th graders

SEL Week is March 3-7th: A week to recognize the importance of providing students with a foundation of durable skills-skills that help us thrive in our careers, communities, and lives. It is a foundational mindset and behavior of school counselors to help students and staff recognize these skills in our own school community, classrooms, and daily interactions.

Scholarships are on-going with various local, state, and federal opportunities. Our Solon Springs scholarship packet is **due March 24th.**

SOAR services is now taking applications for school-based mental health services. See Mr. Anderson for applications and reach out with any specific questions; danderson@solonk12.net

Spelling Bee

The regional Spelling Bee was held in Ashland on February 5th. Our Spelling Bee winners, Parker Smith (6th grade) and Brinley Seaton (3rd grade) did a wonderful job representing the Solon Springs School District. Ethan Zdyb, (3rd grade) was runner-up. A great big shout-out and thank you to all of them!



Before/After School Hours:

Before School:

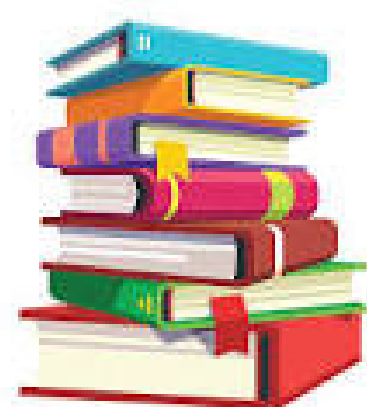
PK-5: 6:00 am - 8:00 am Mon-Fri

6-12: 6:30 am - 8:00 am Mon-Fri

After School:

Grades PK-12: M-Th: 3:30-5:00 pm

Information regarding before and after school, contact Julie Fromm: jfromm@solonk12.net





Middle School Girls' Volleyball

The team started the season strong and kept building momentum as we got further into the season. Each match and practice they learned more and more about the game of volleyball and were able to successfully implement that knowledge and skills into a game. This was a very successful season overall, and the athletes were the driving force for that success. We are very proud of each athlete and can't wait for many more successful seasons with them!



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL ART:

with Mr. Wiita

Students in Eighth Grade Exploratory Arts are learning about the work of Claes Oldenberg using plaster cloth to render everyday objects. They start by designing their projects on paper and move on to building them using cardboard. After the armature is built students use plaster cloth and paint to give them a finished look.



Katie Kurowicki, 8th grade, is making an over-sized cribbage board



Photo by Ayden Frostman, Junior



ELEMENTARY ART:

with Mrs. Semborksi

Elementary students in Solon Springs have been learning about form in art. The first and second graders created cameras and some mini photos to go along with them. They used patterned cardstock, glue, buttons and wood shapes to create their cameras. They did an excellent job.



Cameras by: 1st & 2nd grade
Alyssa Patte & Kylee Stegmann

The third and fourth graders created mini cake sculptures using construction paper, patterned cardstock, glue, crepe paper, sequins and bits of sparkly paper to make these super cute cakes. They look good enough to eat.



Cakes by: 3rd & 4th grade
Isla Newman, Rebel Postl & Lucy Wetzel



Thank you to the following organizations for their generous donations for our students!

- Mission Covenant Church
- Our Savior's Lutheran Church
- Branded Salon



HIKING REMINDER:

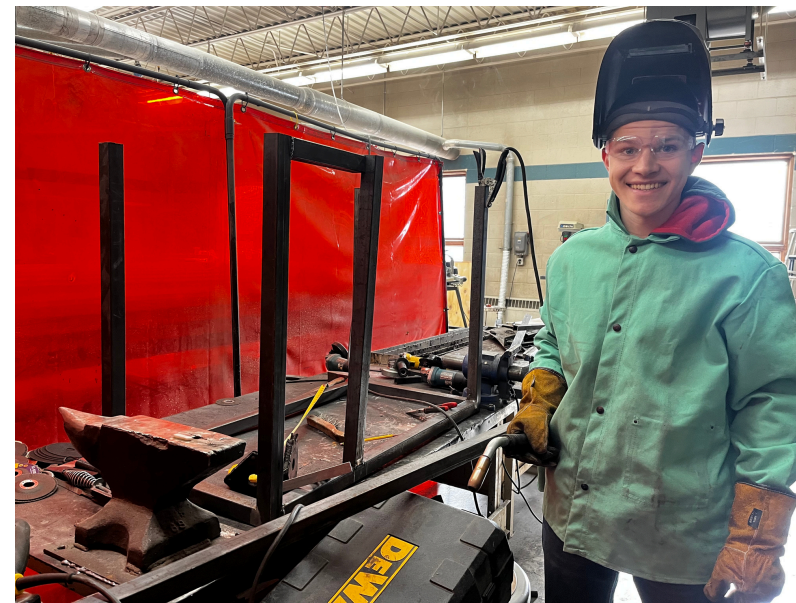
When exploring our school trails and forests, remember to 'Leave No Trace', take only pictures, leave only footprints, and respect the natural environment by staying on the trail, leaving what you find where it is. These are simple ways to protect the trail experience we all value.

Solon Ski Trip

MS/HS students had the opportunity to try downhill skiing with Spirit Mountain World's Greatest Field Trip Program. Thanks to the Solon Springs School District for providing this outdoor recreation experience. Many students look forward to this trip every year!



Shop Talk



Our all around senior fabricator Silas Kidder is seen here working on a desk he is making for himself. He'll use it at home and as a college student when he pursues a career in Engineering. This table is just one of many items Silas has produced. What a talent! Great job Silas!



Sitting at his newly built desk is 10th grade student Jacob Taggart. He made the base out of steel he fabricated, welded, and painted himself. The beautiful desktop and stool were carefully crafted out of wood and he used polycrylic to protect the finish. Great job Jacob!



Look at the talent of these students! Pictured we have a handful of 8th graders proudly holding cutting boards, one of their shop creations. From Left to right we have Melody Schneider, Harper Martineau, Allette Guttormson, Hailey Monroe, Sabrina Glassmaker, and Leon Johnson. Way to go!

After School Program

Over 180 students have taken advantage of Solon Springs School District's out-of-school time programming. This includes summer school, before school, and after school activities. Opportunities include academic help, Fab Lab, Chess Club, the new Pokemon Club and TableTop Game Club (D&D/Magic the Gathering), STEM, Weekly Reader magazines, crafts, DIY food, computer night, and outdoor education. We are always looking for volunteers and more ways to enrich student's lives outside of school time.



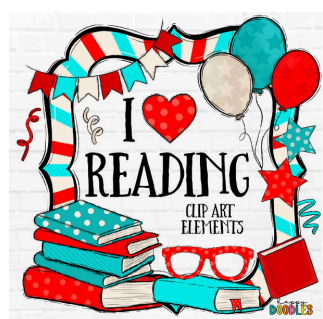
Summer School Registration

ATV Safety for 6th Grade

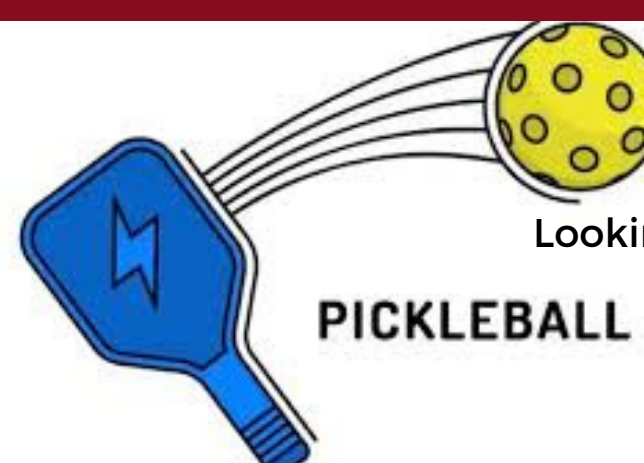
Congratulations to our 6th graders! They completed the course for ATV Safety Certification and visited with local game warden, Evan Fox. Thank you to the Education Foundation and St. Croix Headwaters Foundations for your financial support to make this possible for our students.



Reading Volunteers Needed



Eagles' League After-School Program is looking for reading volunteers to help assist students with their reading. If this is something you'd be interested in, please contact Julie Fromm: Jfromm@solonk12.net



Pickleball in Solon

Looking to join a team or maybe just want to learn how to play? Please contact Julie Fromm: Jfromm@solonk12.net

High School Girls' Basketball



Back: Claire Beernsten, Lili Espenhain, Halle Johnson Front: Penelope Burfield, Alyssa Fossum, Paetyn Simenson, Madison Jacobs, Mazzy Johnson

"It's going to be a building year," said girls varsity head coach Ashley Nelson at the beginning of the 24-25 season. There is some truth to that statement, BUT if "building" is the case, the future of Solon Springs Girl's Basketball is about to explode.

Coach Ashley, herself, has never coached varsity sports, but coaching seems to have always been in her blood. It all started back when she was a High School student helping "boss around" her brother and sister in RBA. Next, as a young mom turned coach, it was her oldest daughter Kendall that brought her back to the court for WRBA. "Then when Kalli started, I really got invested because she was so passionate about the sport." Other leagues and levels that Ashley coached include 6th Grade Travel (GNBL), and assisted Girls Middle School League. Kalli started basketball in the group of girls that this year's Freshmen started in, and Coach Ashley has grown alongside them for the last 7 years. Both team and Coach working their way up to Varsity.

As an Occupational Therapist, mixed with the love of basketball we could be watching an amazing combo. Coach, "my job is to evaluate and analyze skills and then help set goals to achieve and promote success in different areas to maximize one's potential." Is this her job description, or a recipe for successful coaching? Both. A step-back view would show that this is not just her approach to individually strengthening the potential of players, this is how she is designing Girls Basketball from the bottom to the top. Where most varsity coaches might think success is focusing on the one team at the top, Coach Ashley has her attention at almost every level. This last season, not only did she coach the varsity team, Coach Ashley created Bitty Ballers Clinic(K-2), and coached Girls Middle School Travel League (placing 4th in the State).

So, we have a new coach, now we hand her the team: only 2 returners (a Senior and a Sophomore), a foreign exchange student that has never played a sport in her life, and 5 freshmen. In most coaching handbooks this would equate to VERY LITTLE experience and suggest one dozen sessions of mental therapy. Except that Coach Ashley Nelson refuses to do anything conventionally. By the end of this team's first season they broke several school records, not only won Conference Championship (first time in school history) but swept the Northern Lights Conference without a single loss, and had multiple 9th grade players receiving coveted accomplishments including "Triple-Doubles", "Double Digit Five", and ranking in the top 10 in the state of Wisconsin for steals, etc.

Folks, this is not a flash in the pan, a perfect line up of exceptional athletes from a school of 90 students, this is our first glimpse of a system, a program that helps athletes grow. This "run" won't end with the graduation of a few, the exceptional talent we already see is only going to grow and be added to from younger trained girls under the same progressive analysis of Coach Ashley Nelson, and the records to be broken will have to come from their own younger years.

So, buckle up Solon Springs, this was only a "building year."

Written by: AJ Johnson; HS Girls Basketball Media

High School Boys' Basketball



Left-Right: Jacob Taggart, Ezra Ahlberg, Lincoln Coaty, Blaise Kidder, Cade Lisson, Taven Nelson, Isaac Dickenson, Isaiah Ahlberg, Nolan Hill-Smith, Julian Garland

This small, but mighty boys basketball team finished their regular season 14-9 overall and 12-6 in the conference, They were very competitive in the conference.

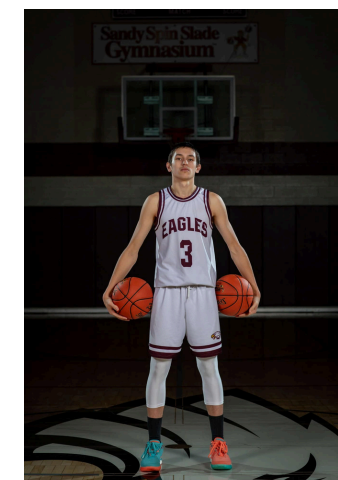
The Eagles seeded 6th in playoffs putting them against Frederic. The Eagles fell short and ended their season in the first round of playoffs. Cade Lisson, our only senior, will be leaving us; your leadership and positive energy will be missed. This is a young team that has shown growth over the course of the season and we look forward to many more!

Cade Lisson



2nd Team All-Conference

Taven Nelson



Honorable Mention

Jacob Taggart



3rd Team All-Conference

WBCA Coach of the Year

Congratulations to Nathan Ahlberg, who was named Coach of the Year by the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association. This accomplishment didn't go unnoticed as Ahlberg led his baseball team, The Green Eagles, to their first ever state tournament, finishing as Division 4 runners-up with a 19-2 record. Congrats Nathan on your accomplishment!



Claire Beernsten



Player of the year, First Team All-Conference

Halle Johnson



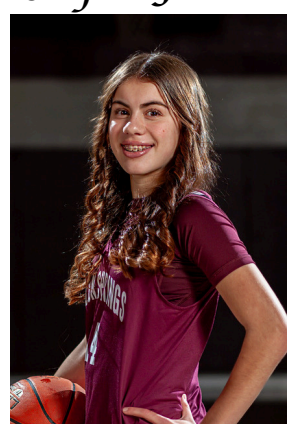
Second Team All-Conference

Paetyn Simenson



Third Team All-Conference

Alyssa Fossum



Honorable Mention

Coach: Ashley Nelson



Coach of the Year

Solon Springs Youth (4k-8) Softball/Baseball:

There will be a parent meeting on April 23rd @ 6:30pm in the Solon Springs Cafeteria



Anne Kriskovich
Principal

Principal Report

Dear School District of Solon Springs Families,

As we move through a busy and productive school year, we want to take a moment to connect with you and share some important updates from the School District of Solon Springs.

Upcoming Testing:

This spring, our students will be participating in several important state and district assessments, including the ACT, PreACT, Forward Exam, Fastbridge, and AimsWeb. These assessments play a crucial role in helping us understand student progress, identify areas for growth, and ensure that we are providing the best possible education for every child. The data gathered from these tests allows us to tailor our instruction and support services to meet the individual needs of our students. We encourage all students to put forth their best effort during these testing periods. More specific information regarding testing dates and schedules will be shared with families as those dates approach.

A Note on Vaping:

We also want to address a serious concern that affects our entire community: vaping. The use of e-cigarettes and vaping products poses significant health risks to our young people. We urge all parents and community members to have open and honest conversations with their children about the dangers of vaping. These conversations are vital in helping to protect our students' health and well-being. We are committed to providing resources and support to students and families on this important issue.

Congratulations and Recognition:

On a much brighter note, we are incredibly proud to announce that our High School Girls Basketball team has earned the title of Conference Champions! Their hard work, dedication, and teamwork have truly paid off. Please join us in congratulating these outstanding athletes and their coaches on this well-deserved accomplishment.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Advisor Kelsey Rider and the High School Student Council for their exceptional work in organizing our recent Unity/Spirit Week and the community dance held in February. These events were a huge success, fostering school spirit and bringing our community together. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of the School District of Solon Springs. We are fortunate to be a part of such a strong and caring community. Together, we can ensure a bright future for all of our students. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at 715-378-2263 x203 or send an email, akriskovich@solonk12.net and I will be happy to assist the best that I can.

Sincerely,
Anne Kriskovich
4K-12 Principal

Showcasing Learning at Eagles Academy

In project-based learning (PBL), a public showcase provides an authentic audience for students to present their completed projects and demonstrate skills and knowledge learned throughout the project process. Students at Eagles Academy showcase their learning through their student learning projects (SLPs) twice a year. During our last winter showcase, students shared their learning through projects ranging from the geologic process of agate formation all the way to building bridges to benefit our community. If you are interested in learning more about PBL, how students learn at Eagles Academy, and viewing student projects, be sure to attend our spring project showcase on Thursday, May 15th from 4:30-6:30. This is a community event and everyone is invited to attend.



Melody presenting her project on architectural modeling



Educational Influencers!

Educational Influencers, Traditional 4K/K & 5th grade, meet weekly to engage in science, writing, math and arts and crafts activities. During our time together we focus on academics as well as problem solving and social skills. We have been building these relationships since the beginning of the school year. Recently, we have baked brownie waffles to practice measuring and fractions, made rainbows as a science experiment, made breeze buddies to help learn about weather and did a melted snowman dimensional painting.



Solon Community Danced The Night Away

The Community Dance was a success! We want to thank all the local businesses who contributed, donated, and supported this Student Council event. Lots of great memories were had!



- Every Day Hallelujah Photo
- Pro Sound & Light Show
- JWM
- Solon Springs School Art Dept
- Chaperones
- Little Gift House
- Hickory Haze
- Inside Out Nutrition
- Pop's Mart

WE ARE HIRING *substitutes*

JOB POSITIONS:

- FULL DAY TEACHER SUB: \$130.00
- HALF DAY TEACHER SUB: \$65.00
- SUPPORT STAFF SUB: \$13.96/HR
- KITCHEN SUB: \$13.10/HR
- BUS DRIVERS: \$42.86/ROUTE
- CUSTODIAN SUB: \$15.30/HR



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Upcoming EVENTS

EAGLES ACADEMY PRESENTS:

SPRING PROJECT SHOWCASE

& Open House

Thursday, May 15, 2025

4:30- 5:15 pm
Intermission
5:25- 6:30 pm

Listen to student presentations, ask questions about their learning, and learn more about Eagles Academy!



This is a community event open to everyone-- families, community members, and prospective Eagles Academy families and students



Friday, April 11th

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

(Proceeds benefit the Solon Springs Educational Foundation Mission)

Solon Springs School

5:00 – Community Spaghetti Dinner
Dinner music provided by the Solon Springs Music Department

5:45 – 2024 Wall of Honor Inductions

Tickets are available at the door only!

Adults \$10, Students \$5, Kids under 5 are free and Family of 4 or more \$30



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Upcoming Concerts:

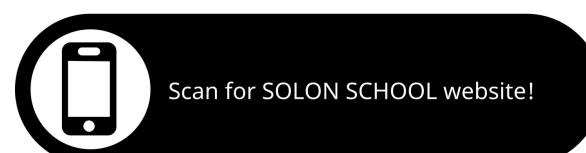
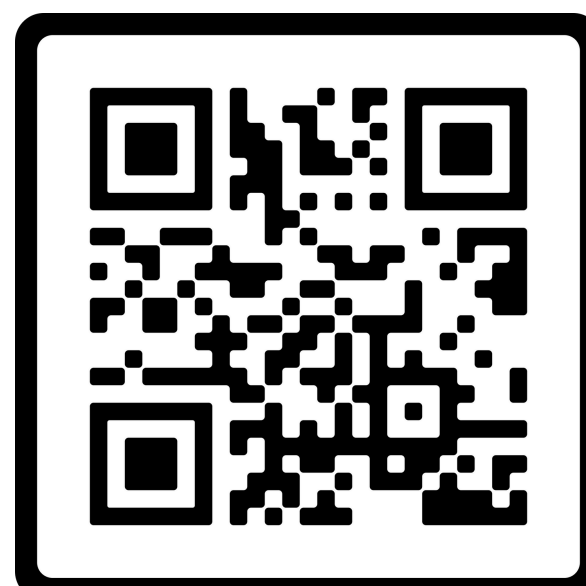


Elementary Spring Concert

May 9th @ 1:30pm
(Doors will open at 1 pm)

Middle and High School Spring Concert

April 25th @ 6:00 pm
(student drop-off at 5 pm)



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