

FOUR MILE FAMILY ZONE

STUDENT BEHAVIOR INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

In an earlier 2025–2026 edition of the Family Zone, we shared how Four Mile celebrates students who display RAMS Way behaviors and demonstrate one of the Leadership Habits. In this edition, we want to provide an overview of our school-wide behavior response system –how we respond when student behavior becomes challenging. Challenging behaviors are categorized as minor or major:

Minor behaviors are smaller disruptions that can be addressed quickly in the classroom. Our goal when responding to a minor behavior is to keep the student in the learning environment, preserve the adult–student relationship, and help the student get back on track with the agreed-upon expectations.

Major behaviors are more serious or intense situations that prevent teaching and learning from continuing or that compromise the safety of others. When this happens, the student receives a major office referral in Infinite Campus, which alerts Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Steenhoek. One of them meets with the student to discuss what happened, apply appropriate consequences, and communicate with the student’s caregivers at home.

FOOD AND MEAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES

You can apply for [free/reduced meals](#) for your student(s) at any time during the school year. If your household income has changed, please consider submitting a new application.

Additionally, the new SEP School Food Pantry is up and running at the District Office! If your family has a need from the Pantry, please fill out this form: [SEP School Food Pantry Sign-Up](#). Items currently available include flour, honey, cereal, canned tuna and chicken, pasta, canned vegetables, frozen hot dogs and deli meat, frozen egg patties, and frozen PB&Js.

Also please remember Caring Hands, which is a network of community partners and churches that provide a food pantry, thrift store and clothing vouchers. It is located at 602 3rd Street SW in Altoona. Caring Hands also has a program that helps families locate assistance for housing, transportation, utilities, medical care, food and more.



VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

We look forward to celebrating with our students. Close friends or family members of students who are Veterans are also invited!



We will collect
November 3-14, 2025

All food collected will
go to the Caring Hands
Food Pantry

FOUR MILE FOOD DRIVE

- PreK/K → canned vegetables (green bean, corn, peas)
- 1st Grade → canned fruit (pears, peaches, mixed fruit)
- 2nd Grade → pasta noodles / mac and cheese
- 3rd Grade → canned pasta (Spaghetti-Os, ravioli)
- 4th Grade → pancake mix / muffin mix / syrup
- 5th Grade → boxed desserts (brownies, cakes, frosting)



94% of our Four Mile families attended fall parent-teacher conferences!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, November 3- Friday, November 14- Food Drive
- Tuesday, November 11- Veterans Day Assembly 9:30-10:30am
- Tuesday, November 11- 5th Grade Attending Suessical at the High School
- Tuesday, November 11- PTA Meeting, 6pm
- Saturday, November 15- PTA Vendor Fair, 10am-3pm
- Monday, November 17- Four Mile Spirit Night at Altoona Applebees
- Tuesday, November 18- Student Lighthouse Team delivers food at Caring Hands
- Friday, November 21- Report Card grades are available to families in Infinite Campus
- Wednesday, November 26-Friday, November 28- Thanksgiving Break
- Tuesday, December 2- PTA Skating Night at Skate South
- Wednesday, December 3- 4th Grade and Coach Farley attending Drake basketball game
- Thursday, December 4- 2nd and 3rd grade concerts (6 and 7pm)
- Tuesday, December 9- 5th Grade band concert at the HS Auditorium

FROM OUR PTA

Wow! We are so blown away by your support during our Fun Run fundraiser! THANK YOU to everyone who donated pledges, and also to those who came out to cheer on our Running Rams during our Fun Run event! Our Four Mile community raised \$\$21,618, which will help us make our playground surface more accessible and inclusive for ALL students!

We hope you will join us for our PTA meeting on Tuesday, November 11th at 6:00pm in the Four Mile Library! Here is a link to the agenda: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1t3Xu2zLSbjmJZT6dIxLAcYBW4CxcS1HerkgjExSVmzU/edit?usp=sharing> We will also have a virtual option (A Google Meet link is on the agenda). Free food and free childcare! Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming events:

- Saturday, Nov. 15th: Four Mile Vendor Show 10:00am-3:00pm
- Monday, Nov. 17th: Community Spirit Night at Applebee's; eat anytime between 11:00am-11:00pm and a portion of the profits will be donated to the Four Mile PTA
- Tuesday, Dec. 2nd: Four Mile Night at Skate South
- No December PTA Meeting

Maker Challenge Comes to Four Mile!

For the 2025–2026 school year, Four Mile has launched an exciting new tradition — the School-Wide Makers Challenge — which has replaced the former STEAM Buddies program. Four times each year, every class receives a hands-on STEAM challenge to complete within six weeks.

The first challenge, called Vacation Rescue, invited students to put their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test. The scenario: on the way to the airport, a family accidentally dropped their vacation essentials down a storm drain! Working in small teams, students had to design and build a device capable of retrieving the lost items using only basic materials such as string, rubber bands, clothespins, pipe cleaners, and popsicle sticks. Each team had 20 minutes to build and just 2 minutes to test their invention — racing against time before their “flight” was set to depart. The goal was to recover as many items as possible, including a cell phone, keys, sunglasses, boarding passes, and Disney park passes.

Students loved the challenge and showed impressive creativity and collaboration. Be sure to check out the Makers Challenge badge chart by the office to see which classes have completed their first challenge!

