



The Eagle Eye

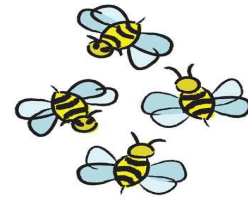


Your Eye on the Golden Eagles

Summer 2024

Summer Activities Calendar (June, July, August)

3-9 June	8th Grade Washington DC Trip	Washington DC	
8-Jun	Jazz Band Performs	Rhubarb Fest @ Central Park	10:00AM ~ 11:00 AM
19-June	NO SUMMER SCHOOL	Juneteenth	
17 June	Board of Education Committee Meeting	Finance District Office, Joy	5:00 PM
18 June	Preschool Screenings	YMCA Children's School	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
20-June	Board of Education Regular Meeting	MCJH Music Room	6:30 PM
15-July	School Registration begins online		
15-July	Board of Ed. Finance Committee Meeting	District Office, Joy	5:00 PM
17-July	Board of Education Regular Meeting	MCJH Music Room	6:30 PM
24-July	2023-2024 Preschool Screenings	YMCA Children's School	9:00 AM ~ 3:00 PM
6-Aug	2024-2025 School Registration	All Buildings	10:00 AM ~ 6:00 PM
13- Aug	NO SCHOOL—Teachers' Institute		
14- Aug	NO SCHOOL—Teachers' Institute		
15-Aug	1st Day of School	2:00 PM Dismissal	



SUMMER MEALS ILLINOIS

FREE SUMMER MEALS!

All children 18 and younger.

CALL/LLAME (800) 359-2163

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This Institution Is an equal opportunity provider.



SummerMealsIllinois.org

Families can text FOOD to 304-304 to find free summer meals for kids and teens in their community.

They can also call 1-800-359-2163 or visit SummerMealsIllinois.org.



Physical Examination Information:

- **All students entering early childhood, kindergarten, 6th grade, and 9th grade are required to have a current physical examination completed via the approved [Illinois Department of Public Health Form](#).** The parent portion on the upper frontside of the form must be completed and signed.
- **A sports physical does not meet the physical requirement.**
- **A current physical is one that was completed within one year after August 1, 2023.**

Immunization Requirement Information:

- All students must be up-to-date with the State of Illinois immunization requirements.
- All students entering sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade must show proof of receiving one dose of Meningococcal vaccine (meningitis).
- All students entering twelfth grade must show proof of receiving one dose of Meningococcal vaccine after the age of 16.
- All students entering grades six through twelve must show proof of receiving one dose of the Tdap vaccine.

Dental Examination Requirement

All students entering kindergarten, second, sixth, and ninth grades are required to have a dental examination. Dental examinations are due by **May 15th** of the year the student is enrolled in kindergarten, second, sixth, or ninth grade. A current examination is one that was completed within 18 months of May 15th.

Eye Examination Requirement

All students enrolling in a kindergarten program or enrolling for the first time in a public school shall submit proof of an eye examination completed within the previous year before **October 15th** of the school year.





Complete **Preschool** [Physical Examination](#) and all required immunizations including:

- Three doses of DTaP/DTP Vaccine by 1 year of age and one additional booster dose by 2nd birthday.
- Two doses of Polio Vaccine by 1 year of age and one additional dose by 2nd birthday.
- One dose of MMR Vaccine
- One dose of Varicella Vaccine
- Hib Vaccine series
- Pneumococcal Vaccine series
- Three doses of HepB Vaccine

Complete **Kindergarten** [Physical Examination](#) and all required immunizations including:

- Two doses of MMR Vaccine
- Four doses of Polio Vaccine
- Four doses of DPT/DPTaP Vaccine
- Two doses of Varicella Vaccine (chicken pox)



Complete Kindergarten [Dental Examination](#) - Must be turned in prior to May 15, 2024.

Complete Kindergarten [Vision Examination](#) - Must be turned in prior to October 15, 2024.

1st Grade: No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.

2nd Grade: No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.

Complete **2nd grade** [Dental Examination](#) - Must be turned in prior to May 15, 2024.

3rd Grade: No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.

4th Grade: No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.

5th Grade: No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.



6th Grade: Complete 6th grade [Physical Examination](#) and all required immunizations including:

- One dose of Tdap Vaccine
- One dose of Meningococcal Vaccine (meningitis) after the 11th birthday

(If your child turns eleven after August 1st, you must submit proof of an upcoming scheduled appointment)

- Two doses of Varicella Vaccine (chicken pox)
- Three doses of Hepatitis B at the required intervals

Complete 6th grade [Dental Examination](#) - Must be turned in prior to May 15, 2024.

7th Grade: No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.

8th Grade: No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.

9th Grade: Complete 9th grade [Physical Examination](#) and all required immunizations.

Complete 9th grade [Dental Examination](#) - must be turned in prior to May 15, 2024.

10th Grade: No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.

11th Grade: No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.

12th Grade: Must show proof of receiving two doses of meningococcal vaccine (meningitis) with the second dose received on or after the 16th birthday. If the first dose was given after the age of 16, then only one dose is required.

Specific Health Forms: If applicable, the following forms need to be completed and signed by your physician each year:

- Medication Authorization request forms
- Medical Authority Modified Meal Request Form
- Allergy Action Plans
- Asthma Action Plans
- Diabetes Medical plans
- Seizure Action Plans



Please call or email with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your cooperation.

Becky Hyett RN, CSN (309-582-5350 ext. 2 or hyettb@mercerschools.org)

School Registration

August 6, 2024 10:00 AM-6:00 PM in person at all Buildings



SUMMER SCHOOL—BUS PICKUP LOCATIONS

Summer school transportation pick up locations have been set. Parents, please stay with your child at the bus stops until they are loaded. Please be at the bus stop 5 minutes early for drop off and pick up. Contact Jodi (309-584-5001) or Ernie (309-584-4630).

June 3rd—June 27th M-TH 8:00AM —12:30 PM *NO SCHOOL JUNE 19TH*****

Summer Bus Route #1	AM	PM
New Boston Elementary	7:05	1:20
Keithsburg City Hall	7:25	1:05
Early Learning Center (WEST DOORS)	7:45	12:45
Junior High	7:55	12:30
Summer Bus Route #2	AM	PM
Seaton Park	7:15	1:05
SE 5th St/5th Ave	7:33	12:53
Buttonwood Addition	7:35	12:50
Lutheran Church	7:40	12:47
NW 2nd Ave/6th St	7:45	12:45
Junior High	7:50	12:40
Early Learning Center (WEST DOORS)	8:00	12:30



The next Eagle Eye issue will be for September 2024. Please check our school website and Facebook for news and announcements.

www.mercerschools.org

Facebook—[Mercer County SD #404 News](#)

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MERCER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS and AWARDS 2024

Ag Award: McKinney: Caleb Wagner

Aledo Lodge 252: Autumn Marston, Karlee Gerber, & Caleb Wager

Aledo Main Street: Autumn Marston, Riley King, Caleb Wagner

American Legion O'Fallers(121): Autumn Marston, Karlee Gerber, & Caleb Wagner

Art Award: McKinney: Lucas Shadden

Tolura Acord Memorial Art Award: Darby Balmer

Ann Artist in Bloom: Darby Balmer

Strike the Cord: Riley Headspeth

Principal's Choice: Darby Balmer

Superintendent's Choice: Madison Campbell-Baker

People's Choice: Madison Campbell-Baker



Athlete of the Year: Female: Molly Hofmann Male: Colby Cox

Band Awards: McKinney: Carlos Pollock, Colby Cox, & Sophia Santiago

Benjamin W Hess Scholarship: Colby Cox

BJ Luxmore Memorial Scholarship: Colby Cox (FB) & Jude Hofmann (BB)

Blackhawk Presidential Scholars: Sophia Santiago, Autumn Marston, Grace Gillespie, Darby Balmer, Madeline Hofmann, Riley King, and Ethan Monson

Brad's Collision Industrial Art Scholarship: Caleb Wagner

Business Award: McKinney: Riley King

Chapter H PEO: Samantha Morrison

Cheryl Long Helping Hands Scholarship: Samantha Morrison

Chris Long Memorial: Samantha Morrison

Compeer Financial HS Senior Scholarship: Grace Gillespie

Connie Sue Smith Memorial: Samantha Morrison & Sarah Partain

Dale Garner Memorial Scholarship: Caleb Wagner

Dennis Litwiler Scholarship: Autumn Marston

Edmond & Hebel FFA Scholarship: Caleb Wagner

English Award: McKinney: Sophia Santiago

Exchange Club Youth of the Year: Madeline Hofmann & Autumn Marston

Farmers State Bank of Western IL: Samantha Morrison



High School Awards Continued

Frick & Fell Home Sales Award (kindness): Gabriella McPeek

Gray Matters Collective Leadership: Corbin Sturgill

Herbert & Elizabeth (Bogguss) McMeekin Scholarship: Samantha Morrison, Darby Balmer, Ethan Monson, Gabriella McPeek, Grace Gillespie, Kyle Yates, & Megan Morrow

Hessman/Feldman Education Scholarship: Gabriella McPeek

IAA Foundation- Steve Willits Memorial Scholarship: Caleb Wagner

Illinois Sheriffs Association: Autumn Marston

ImpactLife's Blood Drive Scholarship: Colin Mellgren & Sophia Santiago

John Sheriff- Dan Lloyd Memorial Scholarship: Autumn Marston

Johnny Green Memorial Scholarship: Autumn Marston

Ken Cox Lions Agriculture Scholarship: Colby Cox & Savannah McKay

Kiwanis: Grace Gillespie, Karlee Gerber, Corbin Sturgill, & Autumn Marston

Leadership Award: McKinney: Paige Davis

Lilamae Sipes Memorial Scholarship: Gabriella McPeek & Caleb Wagner

LULAC Council 10: Carlos Pollock

Math Awards: McKinney: Grace Gillespie & Sophia Santiago

MC Education Association: Corbin Sturgill & Samantha Morrison

MCGE Athletic Booster Club: Carlos Pollock & Madeline Hofmann

Mercer County 4-H Memorial Scholarship: Savannah McKay & Gabriella McPeek

Mercer County DARE: Gabriella McPeek

Mercer County Farm Bureau: Autumn Marston, Gabriella McPeek, Caleb Wagner, Savannah McKay, Sydney Lamkin, & Grace Gillespie

Mercer County Jaycees Scholarship: Caleb Wagner, Gabriella McPeek, Sarah Partain, & Madeline Hofmann

Mercer County Women for Women: Darby Balmer

Nancy Watkins Memorial Scholarship: Samantha Morrison

National Honor Society Inductees:

2022/2023 : Isabel Colon, Karlee Gerber, Grace Gillespie, Madeline Hofmann, Jackson Kelly, Riley King, Sydney Lamkin, Autumn Marston, Gabriella McPeek, Colin Mellgren, & Sophia Santiago

2023-2024: Brooklyn Lininger, Clair Fowler, Johna Dellitt, Sarah Hess, Jack McKnight, Jacob Kenney, Koleigh Dixon, Ingrid Hays, Isabelle Meeker, Payton Ruggles, Keeghan Benson, and Natalie Boruff.

Order of the Eastern Star: Samantha Morrison

PE Award: McKinney: Colby Cox

Quad Cities Comm Fund-Bryant-Holmes Scholarship: Samantha Morrison

RI Optometric Mercer County Family Eye Care Scholarship: Mikayla Dunn

Robert & Dorothy Sponsler Memorial Scholarship: Corbin Sturgill & Kaylee Gray



**Scholarship Letter and Certificate/
First Time**

Freshman

Ashley Applebee
Ella Bull
Jonah Hays
Emily Hessman
Kenzi Meece
Jorgi Arnold
Aubrey Salmon
Devin Peters
Brylee Mills
Emily McEvoy
Brooklyn Bogart
Tobey Finley
Hailey McRae
Tamryn Parker
Kylee Duncan
Tyce Litwiler
Jayla Long
Izayah Mitchell
Jemma Ott
Tessa Morrison
Faith Wool
Brady McPeek
Abby Blaser
Edward Woeckener
Jordan Wagner
Joshua Struble
Jaxon Adamson



Juniors

Brennan Suttle
Lucy Dunn

Embossed Seal

Sophomores

Elsie Cook
Carmen Marston
John Baldwin
Molly Dixon
Marissa Treimer
Ailye Edwards
Alivia Gillespie
Natalie Thomson
Addison Monson
Trace Zeitler
Whitney Collison
Tyler Marlow
Madelyn McCrory
Madison Campbell-Baker
Kinsey Biddle
Lucas Marston
Holly Brown
Lillian Clayton
Mason Gray
Chloe Relander
Sunny Roberts
Kaiden Terrill
Jersey Hajostek
Sofia Johnson
Kolton Hardin
Elijah Burns
Erin Fisher

Juniors

Brooklyn Lininger
Claire Fowler
Johna Dellitt
Olivia Dillavou
Sarah Hess
Jack McKnight
Zaydee King
Aurora Fitchner
Mason Coulter
Jacob Kenney
Isabella Dillavou
Ella Hays
Molly Hofmann
Tikeena Lang
Jacob Johnson
Kayla Geisinger
Emilea Elliott
Alexia Zenk
Koleigh Dixon
Rayden Peterson
Ingrid Hays
Isabelle Meeker
Payton Ruggles
Keeghan Benson
Natalie Boruff
Bodie Salmon
Payton Sedam
Grayson Thomson
Ian Monson
Zachary Hoftender
Kale Breeden
Brenna Fisher
Rayla Parkinson
Ella King
Dylan Marr

SAA Pin and Embossed Life Seal

(Maintain 3.6 accumulated GPA All 4 years)

Savannah McKay
Jacob Retherford
Kyle Yates
Ezekiel Arnold
Samantha Morrison

Cum Laude

(3.8 accumulated GPA or better all 4 years)

Sophia Santiago
Autumn Marston
Grace Gillespie
Darby Balmer
Madeline Hofmann
Riley King
Ethan Monson
Gabriella McPeek
Sydney Lamkin
Lucas Collison
Mikayla Dunn
Paige Davis
Sarah Partain
Hallie Schreurs
Brylee Marston
Emerson Sproston
Kaylee Gray
Ian Willits
Colin Mellgren
Karlee Gerber
Colby Cox
Keegan Hardin

Science Award: McKinney: Sophia Santiago

Social Studies Award: McKinney: Grace Gillespie

Spanish Award: McKinney: Colin Mellgren

The "12" Club:

Colby Cox
William Fredrickson
Madeline Hofmann
Sydney Lamkin
Hallie Schreurs
Gabriella McPeek
Sophia Santiago
Grace Gillespie



Top Ten Senior Class:

Sophia Santiago
Autumn Marston
Grace Gillespie
Darby Balmer
Madeline Hofmann
Riley King
Ethan Monson
Gabriella McPeek
Sydney Lamkin
Lucas Collison

Salutatorian: Autumn Marston

Valedictorian: Sophia Santiago

Vocal Music Awards: McKinney: Kolby Welch, Savanna McAvoy, Emerson Sproston

William & Alice B Cabbage Scholarship: Riley King

Woodworking Award: McKinney: Ethan Monson

Congratulations



Preschool Screenings



When

May 23rd: 12pm-7pm
May 24th: 8am-3pm
June 18th: 12pm-6pm
July 24th: 9am-3pm

The date and location of the screening does not affect where your child will be placed.

Information

Child **MUST** be at least 3 years of age at the time of screening. Screenings are required for families wanting to enroll their child into preschool at either YMCA Children's School or Mercer County Early Learning Center for the 2024-2025 school year.

Where

Both May dates will be held at the Mercer County Early Learning Center. June and July will be held at the YMCA Children's School.

What to bring

- Proof of income
 - W2 or Tax Return
- Birth certificate
- Most up to date physical
- Shot records

Contact

Mercer County Early Learning Center
Jodi O'Leary
olearyj@mercerschools.org
Phone: 309-584-5001
Emma Colbrese
ecolbrese@roe33.net





YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A CONTESTANT IN THE 2024 ALEDO RHUBARB FEST COOK OFF!

RHUBARB COOK OFF CONTEST GUIDELINES

CATEGORIES

DIVISION 1A: PIES

DIVISION 1B: JUNIOR PIES 15 YRS AND YOUNGER

DIVISION 1C: PROFESSIONAL COOKS AND BAKERS PIES

DIVISION 2A: CAKES, CRUMBLES AND CRISPS

DIVISION 2B: JUNIOR CAKES, CRUMBLES AND CRISPS

DIVISION 2C: PROFESSIONAL COOKS AND BAKERS CAKES, CRUMBLES AND CRISPS

DIVISION 3A: RANDOM RHUBARB BAKED OR COOKED

(INCLUDES MUFFINS, JAMS, JELLIES, TOPPINGS AND COOKIES)

DIVISION 3B: JUNIOR RANDOM BAKED OR COOKED

DIVISION 3C: PROFESSIONAL COOKS AND BAKERS RANDOM RHUBARB BAKED OR COOKED

DIVISION 4A: BEVERAGES AND NON-BAKED OR COOKED ITEMS

DIVISION 4B: JUNIOR BEVERAGES AND NON-BAKED OR COOKED

DIVISION 4C: PROFESSIONAL COOKS AND BAKERS BEVERAGES AND NON-BAKED OR COOKED

PRIZES

PRIZES, IN THE FORM OF GIFT CARDS TO THE RHUBARB FEST SOUVENIR BOOTH, WILL BE AWARDED FOR 1ST AND 2ND PLACES IN THE 12 DIVISIONS. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT 2PM SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH ON THE BANDSHELL STAGE DURING THE RHUBARB AUCTION!

CONTESTANTS

THE CONTESTANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DROPPING OFF THEIR ENTRIES AT THE OLD ALEDO RAILROAD DEPOT – 204 SE 2ND AVE. ALEDO, IL 61231 FROM 9AM-11AM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2024.

ONCE THE ENTRIES ARE REGISTERED AND NUMBERED, THEY BECOME PROPERTY OF THE ALEDO RHUBARB FEST AND MAY BE AUCTIONED OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS TO BENEFIT THE FESTIVAL SO, **PLEASE HAVE YOUR ITEM IN A DISPOSABLE PAN OR CONTAINER.** HAVE QUESTIONS? E-MAIL RHUBARB COOK OFF CHAIR STEPHANIE GODKE AT CHEFSTEPH@MRDISTILLING.COM

JUDGES

- **DAVID BOHLMAN** - WQAD MORNING NEWS ANCHOR
- **CYLE DICKENS** – KWQC TV 6 - METEOROLOGIST
- **ANDREW STUTZKE** – WQAD TV 8 – METEOROLOGIST
- **STEPHANIE GODKE** - CHEF AT MISSISSIPPI RIVER DISTILLING, FREQUENT CHEF ON PAULA SANDS LIVE AND CULINARY INSTRUCTOR

"MERC0 FAMILY FUN"



Play dates are listed below, but you can find SO much more information for local activities shared on our Facebook page!

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/MERCOFAMILYFUN/



- May 24- (Fri) Popsicle Party with the Merco Momco, time/location TBA (check Fb page for details!)
- May 28- Northside Ball Park, Aledo
- May 31 - (Fri) Summer to the Max by FBC Aledo, Summer Kickoff party, 5-8pm @ Aledo Public Pool
- June 4-ERPL Dance Me a Story, 10am
- June 11- Seaton Park
- June 18- New Boston Splash Pad
- June 25- Northside Ball Park, Aledo

9-11 AM
(unless marked differently)

All families (with kids of all ages) are welcome to attend these, moms/dads/grandparents or sitters, too. Just make sure you have an adult who will stay to play with your kids!



SUMMER

FAMILY PLAY DATES

Something fun every Tuesday morning this summer!

- July 2-Seaton Park
- July 9 - Northside Ball Park, Aledo
- July 16-Monmouth Splash Pad
- July 23- Northside Ball Park, Aledo
- July 30- Northside Ball Park, Aledo
- Aug 1- (Thurs) Summerfest by ROE 33, 5-7pm @ the Aledo Pool, more info online!
- Aug 6-Monmouth Splash Pad
- Aug 13-Northside Ball Park, Aledo

9-11 AM
(unless marked differently)

RAIN OR SHINE, COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE!
BYO SNACKS/SUNBLOCK/SWIM GEAR/TOWELS FOR SPLASHPAD DATES

All families (with kids of all ages) are welcome to attend these, moms/dads/grandparents or sitters, too. Just make sure you have an adult who will stay to play with your kids!



SCAN ME

FREE



Mercer County Basketball Camp

Location: 203 N. Washington St., Joy, IL 61260

2nd - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Camp -- 1 week June 3, 4, 5, 6

Let's sharpen up those basketball skills! This camp will stress the development and improvement of the fundamentals including ball handling, dribbling, passing, shooting, and defensive stance.

Led by the high school basketball staff and players, your first week of summer will be a blast!

Participants will sharpen up their skills through individual and team drills. There will be fun basketball games and competition throughout the sessions.

Please register by May 21st to secure your spot in camp.

High School Boys Basketball Camp -- 1 week June 3, 4, 5, 6

This camp will focus on advanced skills of playing basketball, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Emphasis will be placed on building upon the fundamentals and developing offensive and defensive strategies. Sessions will consist of demonstrations, intensive individual and team drills.

Please register by May 29th to secure your spot in camp.

WHEN June 3, 4, 5, 6

WHERE MC Joy Gym

WHO 2 - 5 8:30 - 9:30
6 - 8 9:30 - 11:00
9 - 12 11:00 - 1pm

COST \$40 (includes t-shirt)

----- (Detach Here) Return the bottom form to any Mercer County school office. -----

Registration Form

MCHS BB

CAMPER: _____ GRADE (fall '24): _____

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

Shirt Size: YOUTH YM YL YXL ADULT S M L XL 2XL

I, the parent/guardian of the athlete identified below, give my permission for him to participate in the Mercer County Basketball camp. I further agree that the Mercer County CUSD #404 or anyone associated with the camp is not legally responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur during camp.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mercer County

Future Lady Golden Eagles

Basketball Camp



June 4-6, 2024

3-5 p.m.

for Grades 3-8

Mercer County High School

Instruction by: Pat Rangel

Moline HS Assistant Varsity Boy's Coach
Runs Gym Rats Basketball Training in Moline

Assisted by Avery Rangel & Kyle Taylor
Current Monmouth College Basketball Players

Also Assisted by Mercer County High School
Girls Basketball Staff & Players

\$35

per camper
entering grades 3-8
Includes T-Shirt

Make checks payable to
Mercer County Girls Basketball

Questions or comments
call (309)299-4400 or email
tommannb@mercerschools.org

Motto:

#WeNotMe

Mercer County Golden Eagles 2024 Summer Camp Registration Form

T-Shirt Size (Youth) S M L
(Adult) S M L XL

Golden Eagles Basketball Camp Insurance Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Name/Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Age: _____ Grade Entering: _____

I hereby certify my child is in good health and may participate in all activities. In the event that my child needs immediate medical attention, I authorize the camp staff and give my consent to the camp to provide routine and emergency medical care for my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature



Edwards River Public Library

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

- **Tue Jun 4 @ 10:00** Ballet QC: Dance Me a Story
- **Thur Jun 20 @ 1:00** Magic Show
- **Wed Jun 26 @ 10:30** Absolute Science: Fantastic Foam
- **Sat Jul 20 @ 10:30** Critter Tracks
- **Fri Jul 26 @ 10:30** Butterfly Encounter

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