



Pinecrest Elementary Newsletter 2017

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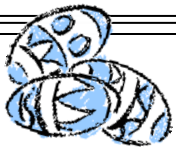
ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL

Parents, if your child qualifies, you should have already received an invitation to summer school for students currently in kindergarten through fourth grade. This program is being held at Pinecrest Elementary, Monday through Friday from July 10 through July 28 (8:30am-12:00pm). We use multiple assessment data points to help determine your child's eligibility. If you have questions why your child was invited, please contact your child's teacher as they will have specific information.

If your child needs bus transportation, it will be provided from specific pick-up and drop-off sites that will be determined after the enrollment deadline. Students who walk to Pinecrest Elementary during the school year will be required to walk or find their own transportation (busing will not be provided).

APRIL 13th – EARLY RELEASE

District Wide Professional Development Day



NO SCHOOL

April 14 – Good Friday
April 17 – Easter Monday

[4th GRADE PARENTS]



Monday, April 24 at 6:00pm in the HMS Auditorium there will be an informational meeting for all 4th graders, parents and other family members.

LUNCH/BREAKFAST COST FOR APRIL:

Lunch - \$46.80
Breakfast - \$23.40
Lunch & Breakfast - \$70.20



SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS



April 17th to April 21st

All elementary schools will be participating in the Statewide Tornado Drill at 1:45pm on Thursday, April 20, 2017.

➡ SEVERE WEATHER WATCHES/WARNINGS

There is an important distinction: In watches, you must remain alert and plan your actions! In warnings, you must act! Keep a battery operated radio handy. Your ultimate safety may depend on the information you receive.



➡ TORNADO WATCH - BE ALERT!



A Tornado Watch means current weather conditions could produce a tornado. Decide now! Where will you go? Clear the stairway to your basement. Is a flashlight handy? Parents should know the whereabouts of their children.

➡ **TORNADO WARNING - ACT NOW!**

A Tornado Warning means a tornado or a funnel cloud has been sighted or detected on radar. At home, go to a storm cellar or basement. In school, follow advance plans to an interior hallway on the lowest floor. Stay out of auditoriums, gymnasiums and large open rooms that are poorly supported. Stay indoors! In shopping centers, go to a designated shelter area. In your car, drive away from the path of a tornado at a right angle.

➡ **SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING - BE READY!**

A Severe Thunderstorm Warning means the National Weather Service expects thunderstorms with large hail and/or damaging winds in excess of 57 miles an hour. Frequent lightning is likely. A tornado is possible.



When you hear warning sirens, move to safety. Stay away from windows. Curl up so that your head and eyes are protected. Turn on your battery operated radio for official warning information.

Hastings Community Education

SUMMER 2017 – Camp Horizons and Big Shots are the Summer School Age Care Programs offered to youth in grades K-8 through Hastings Community Education.

Highlights include weekly field trips, community service projects, onsite program presenters and daily recreational activities that will be fun for all.

Program dates: June 14-August 25 [closed July 3 & 4]

Daily Hours: 6:30am - 6:00pm

Summer Program Site: Hastings High School

Register online at www.HastingsCommunityEd.com OR contact Susan at 651.480.7670 for more information.



Class List Formation Process

Hastings Elementary School staff will soon begin the process of assigning classrooms for the 2017-2018 school year. It's important that classes be balanced in personalities, academic abilities and social skills, so the environment in each classroom will be conducive to learning. Your child's current teacher, who knows each of your children, is responsible for making classroom assignments. Class placement for kindergarten-4th grade will be shared with families in August.

If you wish to provide specific input into your child's placement, you will need to complete a [Class Placement Form](#). This form is available in the school office. Submit it **only** if you feel it is necessary to do so...it is not required. Please focus all comments on classroom environment, structure and relationships in which your child learns best.

Please note the deadline date. Class lists are prepared in May. **Therefore, we need the completed form by the April 13th deadline.** Please do not phone or email this information.

Since we must consider many factors in preparing lists, we ask that you **please do not request a specific teacher**, a request that simply provides a teacher's name will not be accepted. Thank you in advance for your trust and support, as our ultimate goal continues to be providing a quality education for all students.



BIRTHDAY TREATS REMINDER:

In 2015 our Wellness Program adopted a policy in which *we no longer use treats to celebrate birthdays in the classroom.*

The primary reason for this change is the district's effort to create a healthy learning environment for all children. This also addresses concerns of students with food allergies and is sensitive to economic struggles some families experience. The new policy on classroom celebrations is included in the district wellness policy. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

STATEWIDE TESTING

Third and fourth grade students will be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) Reading and Math Tests online again this year. These tests were adopted by the state legislature and reflect the high standards that correspond to the state academic standards in the area of reading and math.

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments are designed to provide districts an instrument to evaluate the curricular areas of reading and math.

The Minnesota Assessments have no set time limit established for completion of each individual test. The students are requested to demonstrate their best performance in each of the areas within the time they feel is necessary to complete each assessment. The tests are estimated to take 60-90 minutes per setting with each divided into four different sections.

The rigor of these tests may generate some anxiety with students. It is very important that parents are aware of the amount of time students are testing. The district is requesting that children come to school on the testing dates well rested and having had a good breakfast. It is difficult to make these tests up; please do not schedule doctor and dentist appointments or vacations for these dates.

Results of the Minnesota Assessments will be made available to the district and parents once they are received. Additional information will be made available to parents at that time to provide an understanding of the test scores.



STATEWIDE TESTING SCHEDULE 2017

Please put these dates on your calendar. It is very important that the students are in school on test days.

• MN COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENTS •
• GRADES 3 & 4 •

Math

MCA tests will be given on-line between April 24 and April 28, in the computer lab.

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Reading

MCA tests will be given on-line between May 1 and May 5, in the computer lab.

Tilden Community Preschool

Registration for 2017-2018
School Year is Open!



Two, three or five day options available...
transportation option available on a limited basis!!

For more information go to our Community Ed.
Website at www.hastingscommunityed.com OR
contact Angie McGinnis at 651.480.7678 or
amcginnis@hastings.k12.mn.us



Music Notes

Grade 2 is preparing for their music demonstration scheduled for May 26th at 10:30am and 1:30pm in our Pinecrest gym.

Grade 3 is discovering the music of Ludwig von Beethoven. Be sure to ask your student about their favorite piece of music by Beethoven.

Grade 4 is excited to begin their instrumental unit on the recorder. This unit will help us prepare to play our band and/or orchestra instruments next year.

The Pinecrest Choir continues to rehearse on Wednesday mornings for our Elementary Choir Spring Finale. We will join the Kennedy and McAuliffe choirs in our choral finale in the HMS auditorium on Monday, May 1 at 6:30pm. Please mark your calendars to join us for this spectacular event!

Happenings from Hastings Community Education



Tilden Community Center
310 River Street
Hastings, MN 55033



Community Ed opportunities for kids:

Mad Science "Science at Work" (gr. K-5)

- Apr 3-May 1; 3:30-4:30pm @ McAuliffe, \$65
- Apr 4-25; 2:40-3:40pm @ SEAS, \$65
- Apr 5-26; 3:30-4:30pm @ Kennedy, \$65
- Apr 6-May 4; 2:40-3:40pm @ Pinecrest, \$65
- May 2-23; 2:40-3:40pm @ SEAS, \$65

Dance-Twirl Minnesota

- (ages 4-6 yrs) Apr 3-May 15; 5:30-6:15pm High School, \$45
- (ages 7-10 yrs) Apr 3-May 15; 6:15-7pm High School, \$45

Kidcreate Studio "Sparkles & Butterflies"

- (ages 4-9 yrs) **Thu Apr 13** (non-school day) 12:30-3:30pm @ Tilden, \$35

Private Music Lessons (gr. 3-adults)

Apr 13-May 18; choose a 30 or 60 minute timeslot between 3:00-8:30pm @ Rainbow Music Studio, varies

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE "Be Our Guest"

Saturday, Apr 22; 5:00-7:30pm @ HMS - \$35/couple + \$5 each additional daughter until April 19th Pre-registration closes 4-19-17. Registration at the door will be \$40/couple + \$5 each add'l daughter. Dinner will not be served at this year's event – please plan accordingly. We will have a dessert bar, treats, activities, and a take home swag bag for participants. Watch for the Friday Folder flyer!

ZAPS Doorway to College ACT Prep Course

(HS Juniors) **Sat, Apr 1; 9:00am-3:00pm, @ HHS** sign-up online at

<https://store.zaps.com/seminars> (enter "55033" in search box)

GRASP Reading & Math Summer Workbook

Program, a 9-week program designed to reinforce skills learned during the 2016-2017 school year. Are you looking for ideas to keep your grade K-8 student engaged in learning this summer? Order forms are due to the Community Education office **by April 24**. Watch for the Friday Folder flyer!

Courses that may interest adults:

Puppy Training (ages 15+)

- Apr 2-May 14: 6:00-6:50pm @ Rio Gran, \$74

Effects Traditions within Community - FREE

with inspirational speaker, Ann Makena Daggett; **Apr 20; 6:30-7:15pm @ Tilden Community Center**, pre-registration required

Writing Your Own Will (adults) **Apr 25; 6:15-8:45pm @ Tilden Community Center**, pre-register \$49

The Will & The Trust, Uses for Each (adults) **Apr 27; 1:00-2:30pm @ Tilden Community Center**, pre-register - \$9/each or \$15/couple

PARENTING: Understanding Types of Parenting and Why They Work or Not Work;
6:30-7:00pm [for parents of children ages birth to 12 years] **AND** 7:15-8:45pm [for parents with teens]. Place: Tilden Community Center; **Thurs, Apr 27**, pre-register \$9 or \$15/for 3-session series. This is the first topic in a 3-part series. Sign-up for one, two or all three nights... space is limited, please pre-register.

Car Care Clinic (ages 16+) Apr 29; 3:00-6:00pm - Tire Plus, pre-register \$15

The Will & The Trust, Uses for Each (adults) **May 2:** 6:30-8:00pm @ Tilden Community Center, pre-register - \$9/each or \$15/couple

The Community Education catalog is available
at numerous locations around Hastings
for pick-up

**Registration is necessary for all Community
Education courses... call 651.480.7670 OR
go online at
www.HastingsCommunityEd.com**