



# Pinecrest Elementary

## February 2017

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### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2017-18 school year is underway. Enrollment forms can be found on the [Hastings Public School website](#). Located here are all the forms and other information necessary to register. Please send in or drop off completed forms as soon as possible.



Parent/Teacher Conferences are taking place the evenings of February 15, 16 and in the morning of February 17.

If you have not signed up yet, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

We very much appreciate the time spent with you discussing how we can best meet the needs of your child(ren) and look forward to seeing you.



**NO SCHOOL**  
Monday, February 20



### LUNCH/BREAKFAST COST



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



### (MCA) TESTING DATES - Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments



The MCA *math & reading* tests will be taken online for students in grades 3 and 4 between April 4 and May 5. More information to follow in the March newsletter.



**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO**

Throughout the school year, some of the information given at the beginning of the year can change - such as home/business phone numbers, mailing/email addresses, and daycare information. When this information is not updated, it makes it very difficult to contact you in case of an emergency. If you have a change, please let the office know so that we can keep our records current. Thank you!



### VOLUNTEERS Confidentiality:

The foundation of all school volunteer programs is confidentiality. You may see and hear many things about students during your visit in your child's classroom. Please do not repeat things that you see or discuss things that you hear about the children outside of the classroom. If you help correct tests, please do not share the test results with anyone. If a student shares something of concern to you, please stop in the office and speak with the principal.

## MY CHILD IS GOING HOME FROM SCHOOL WITH A FRIEND, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Many children want to go home with a friend after school. If this is the situation with your child, you will need to send a note to their teacher. We will not allow any child to deviate from their regular going home routine without a note giving your permission. If your child intends to ride a bus home with their friend, the bus driver also requires a note. If you follow these rules your child will have a pleasant and easy time going home with a friend.



## SUMMER SCHOOL PLANS 2017

Hastings Public Schools offers our Summer Adventure (Summer School) option for eligible students. **The program will be held at Pinecrest Elementary School from July 5<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, Monday – Thursday, 8:30am-12:00pm.** Bussing will be provided (for those students who live outside of the walking area).

Classroom and Special Education teachers will be having conversations about Summer Adventure during the upcoming weeks.



## Music Notes

We are excited to share what we have been doing in the music room in our upcoming Music Demonstrations. Grades 3 & 4 will be performing on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am and 1:00pm in our own Pinecrest Gymnasium. The Pinecrest Panther Choir will be performing as well.

Grade 2 is busy practicing reading, writing, performing and creating with their melodic houses "Do, Sol, Mi and La". In addition, we have been practicing our new rhythm, the half note and half rest.

Grade 1 students are working on the difference between beat and rhythm and recognizing the time signature, bar lines and double bar lines. We are practicing the

reading of tah, ti-ti, and rest, (that is quarter note, eighth notes and quarter rest). We have started listening for high and low sounds to begin our unit on Melody.

Kindergarten students are recognizing the difference in instrumental timbres. From the sounds of drums, to triangles, to shakers, each instrument has a different type of sound. We have had a lot of fun discovering how music can be loud and soft.

All students are invited to attend the Instrument Fair at Hastings High School on Tuesday, January 31 from 5-7pm and again on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Students have the opportunity to try all the band and orchestra instruments. It is a fun night for all!

The Music Demonstration for Grades 3 & 4 is scheduled for Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am and 1:00pm in our Pinecrest Gymnasium. The Music Demonstration for Grade 2 is scheduled for Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and 1:30pm in our Pinecrest Gymnasium. Kindergarten and Grade 1 will have their informances during their regular scheduled classes the week of April 4-7. Our Pinecrest Panther Choir will continue our Wednesday morning rehearsals. We will be combining with the Kennedy and McAuliffe choirs for an evening concert on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm.

## February Fine Arts Events around the District:

Instrument Fair	HHS Music Pod	2/6	6-8pm
Pinecrest 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music Demonstration	Pinecrest Gymnasium	2/10	9:00am & 1:00pm
High School Winter Play	HHS Auditorium	2/10 2/11 2/12	7:00pm 7:00pm 2:00pm
Band/Orchestra Winter Collage Concert	HHS Auditorium	2/14	7:00pm
HMS Strings Concert (Grades 5-8)	HMS Auditorium	2/21	7:00pm
HHS Winter Vocal Concert	HHS Auditorium	2/27	7:00pm

### HAPPENINGS FROM HASTINGS COMMUNITY EDUCATION



Tilden Community Center,  
310 River St, Hastings –

**Preschool Registration for the 2017-18 school year opens February 21st!** Five day, half day options available for children who will be in kindergarten in the fall of 2018. In addition we offer three day classes and two day classes morning or afternoon. For more information, contact Angie McGinnis, Early Childhood Coordinator at 651.480.7678 or [amcginnis@hastings.k12.mn.us](mailto:amcginnis@hastings.k12.mn.us)

### Community Ed opportunities for children:

- **Watch Me Draw “Amazing & Messy Party Art!”** (Gr. 1-5)
  - Feb 6-Mar 6; 3:30-4:30pm-Kennedy, \$55-4 sessions
  - Feb 7-28; 3:30-4:30pm-McAuliffe, \$59-4 sessions
  - Feb 8-Mar 8; 2:40-3:40pm-Pinecrest, \$59-4 sessions
  - Feb 9-Mar 9; 2:40-3:40pm-SEAS, \$59-4 sessions
- **Dance-Twirl Minnesota! Baton Twirling & Dance Routines** - *May begin even after start date for pro-rated fee.*

- Jan 30-Mar 20 (ages 4-6 years); 5:30-6:15pm-HS, \$45-6 sessions
- Jan 30-Mar 20<sup>th</sup> (ages 7-10 years), 6:15-7 pm, HS, \$45-6 sessions

- **More Theatre with Black Dirt** (Gr. 1-5)
  - Feb 27-Mar 27; 2:40-3:40pm, Pinecrest, \$39
  - Feb 28-Mar 28; 3:30-4:30pm, Kennedy, \$39
  - Mar 1-Mar 29; 3:30-4:30pm, McAuliffe, \$39
- Kidcreate “3D Minecraft Masterpiece” (ages 5-12 yrs)
  - Mar 3; 8:30-11:30am, Tilden, \$35
- **Private Music Lessons** –
  - Feb 23-Apr 6 - 30 or 60 minute timeslot for 6 weeks between 3:00-8:30pm at Rainbow Music, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, fee varies

### Courses that may interest adults:

- **Valentine’s Day High Tea at the LeDuc Historic Estate**, (ages 15+)
  - Feb 11; 3:30-5:00pm; \$35
- **Puppy Training** (ages 15+)
  - Feb 19-Mar 26; 6:00-6:50pm, Rio Gran Dog Training
- **Freezer Meal Workshops** – 7 freezer meals serving 6 people per meal
  - Feb 22; 6:30-8:30pm HS, \$99+
- **Private Music Lessons** –
  - Feb 23-Apr 6 - 30 or 60 minute timeslot for 6 weeks between 3:00-8:30pm at Rainbow Music, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, fee varies
- **Puppy Training** –Feb 24-Mar 3; 9:00-9:50am

**The full Winter-Spring 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 to register at

[www.HastingsCommunityEd.com](http://www.HastingsCommunityEd.com)