



# Pinecrest Elementary

Office: 480-7280  
Attendance: 480-7281  
Health Office: 480-7286

## January Newsletter 2017

Never say, "I can't"  
Always say, "I'll try"

### Pick-up and Drop-off Reminders

- 1) Whenever possible, prepare your child(ren) to exit the vehicle on the curbside.
- 2) Please pull up as far as you can, so other cars can drop off behind you.
- 3) Do not park your car along the curb and come into the building. If you need to come into the building for any reason, please park in one of our parking lots.
- 4) Ensure you have clear visibility out all of your windows.

Drop off times are from 7:40 am-7:55 am. Children should not be dropped off before 7:40 am. Please note, if your child is going to breakfast, you may drop off at 7:30 am. If you need to drop off before the 7:40 am bell, you can enroll your child in Kids Campus. Further information about Kid's Campus can be obtained from the district's website, the Pinecrest webpage, or from our office.

**January 2, 2017 - NO SCHOOL**  
Last Day of Holiday Break

**January 16 - NO SCHOOL**  
Martin Luther King Day /  
District Staff Development Day

**January 27 - NO SCHOOL**  
Elementary Workshop Day



### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Elementary Conferences are scheduled in the evenings of *February 15 and 16*. On *February 17* conferences will take place in the morning.

Please put these dates on your calendar. On Thursday, January 19th the link will go live on your schools website homepage.



### **2017-2018 Registration** Hastings Raiders Class of 2030

**DATE/TIME:** January 19, 2017 / 5:30-7:00pm

You and your child are invited to visit Kindergarten classrooms, meet Kindergarten teachers, turn in registration/enrollment forms, and tour the school.

**LOCATION:** School of Attendance (Kennedy, McAuliffe or Pinecrest)

To find out which elementary school your child will attend, you can use the [Elementary Attendance Boundaries Map](#) online or by calling 651.480.7000.

[2017-2018 registration/enrollment forms will be available online](#) beginning January 3, 2017.

Please bring completed kindergarten registration forms:

1. A copy of your child's birth certificate. Your child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2017.
2. Proof of early childhood screening. If your child was screened in ISD 200, we will have the screening report on file.
3. Student Registration Form
4. Home Language Questionnaire
5. Student Immunization Form

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## HOT LUNCH COST

Lunch - \$49.40  
Breakfast - \$24.70  
Lunch & Breakfast - \$74.10

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## 10 Days of Giving

Many Hastings families had a much brighter holiday season because of the generosity of our families.

THANK YOU to everyone who sent non-perishable items to school this December.

Please call the attendance line at 651-480-7281, each morning to report when your child(ren) will not be attending school.

## SCHOOL CLOSINGS



**REMINDER:** District 200 utilizes an outbound calling system to reach families during the early morning hours, concerning school delays or closures. For this reason, now more than ever, it is important that you have accurate phone numbers for your students on file with the School District.

Parents with cell phone numbers on file with the district will also be able to opt in to a SMS



to add another layer in which the school district can communicate important information to parents. If you wish to opt in to the Text Message Service, [click here](#).

In addition, the School District will continue to post school delays or closings in the following ways:

1. **Visit our website:**

<http://www.hastings.k12.mn.us/>

This is the first place we post any changes to school schedules due to inclement weather. Since we have direct control over our own website it is the very first place that any changes in the school schedule will be posted. **Changes to the school schedule will appear on our website before they appear on any other television or radio station.**

2. All four of the Major Network Television Channels—4, 5, 9, 11 will scroll closings or delays in our school schedule.
3. KDWA Radio, 1460 will broadcast school closings or delays.

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## SCHOOL SUPPLIES



With the school year half over it would be a good idea to check with your children to see how their school supplies are holding up. Crayons, pencils, paper, and other supplies are often in need of replacement now or before the end of the school year.

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## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Your child's safety is of prime importance to us. There are a few procedure guidelines that help us maintain a secured building and limit the number of distractions to our classrooms. Our building is designed to have a single entry point during the school day. Please keep the following in mind:

- Always check in at the office whenever you are at school.
- When delivering things for your child (ex. snow gear), please drop them off at the office. We will deliver articles or call your child down to the office.
- When picking up your child early from school, please do so by signing them out at the office. The office personnel will contact your child's teacher to dismiss them.



These guidelines help ensure the safety of your child when they are in the school building. We hope you understand the need for these guidelines and abide by them.

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## OPEN ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Open Enrollment allows kindergarten through twelfth grade students to apply to attend a school outside the district in which they live. *Applications must be received by the non-resident district before January 15th for enrollment the following fall.* Accepted students must agree to attend the new district for one full year. **This Open Enrollment option applies to attendance outside Hastings District #200 only.**



For more information about Open Enrollment, you may contact Cathy Blaha at the District Office at 651.480.7013

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## Take a Few Minutes to Fuel Up!

# Breakfast

Did you know Hastings School District serves breakfast daily in all elementary schools? Kennedy Elementary offers breakfast from 8:20-8:50am, Pinecrest Elementary offers breakfast from 7:30-8:00, and McAuliffe Elementary offers breakfast from 8:30-8:50am daily. We offer several hot and cold choices every day for only **\$1.30** per meal which includes a whole grain item, lean protein, fruit, and milk. **ALL** Kindergarten students and/or students who have qualified for free or reduced priced meals may receive breakfast **FREE** every morning.

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day but unfortunately most of us do not have enough time for this meal between waking up and getting to school on time. Breakfast literally means breaking the fast between the time you last ate before you went to bed and when you woke up. If we do not break the fast, our body and brain continues to go without the food and energy it needs and starts to go in starvation mode, making it more difficult for our bodies to perform as we need them to during the day. Several of our breakfast options are quick and easy to eat on the go, so be sure to check out our menu and try our breakfast out!

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## TOYS-AT-SCHOOL REMINDER

Please help us monitor the types of games and trinkets that your child brings to school. Items that do not directly relate to the child's educational needs (Game Boys, head phones, etc.) should be left at home. The reasons for this are numerous:



- ◆ They act as a source of distraction for the child who brought the item and those around him/her.
- ◆ Many items are expensive and if lost or broken acts as a source of distress for the child.
- ◆ Students who do not have these items are negatively affected as others bring their possessions to school and display them.
- ◆ Social times of recess and snack time are intended to have students interact in small groups. Most of the electronic devices are designed for single or two person interaction.
- ◆ In the case of head phones, it is difficult to monitor what your child is listening to.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

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## Music Notes

December was a busy month as we just completed our first round of formal assessments. In addition, 4th grade students went to Orchestra Hall to see Peter and the Wolf, 3rd grade students went caroling at Culvers, Oak Ridge and Park Ridge. 2nd graders looked at various holiday customs around the world and learned some music that was authentic to those cultures. Kindergarten and 1st grade enjoyed some traditional holiday music. In January, we will start our preparations for our upcoming Music Demonstrations. Grades 3 & 4 are excited to share their music demonstration with all of you on February 10th at 9:00am and 1:00pm in our own Pinecrest Gymnasium. The Pinecrest Choir will be performing a couple of pieces as well. Grade 2 is busy practicing their half notes and half rests. We also learned about the repeat sign. Be sure to ask your child about this music symbol.

Grade 1 students are discovering the difference between beat and rhythm and are reading tah, ti-ti, and rest, (that is quarter note, eighth notes and quarter rest).

Kindergarten students are learning the difference in instrumental timbres. From the sounds of drums, to triangles, to shakers, each instrument has a different type of sound. In addition, we are continuing our work on the steady beat of music.

The Music Demonstration for Grades 3 & 4 is scheduled for Friday, February 10th at 9:00am and 1:00pm in our Pinecrest Gymnasium. The Music Demonstration for Grades 2 is scheduled for Friday, May 26th at 10:30am and 1:30pm in our Pinecrest Gymnasium. Kindergarten and Grade 1 will have their informances during their regular schedule music and physical education classes the week of April 4-7.

## Happenings from Community Education

Tilden Community Center  
310 River Street



Winter-Spring catalogs are available for pick-up at many locations throughout the city of Hastings, or see [www.HastingsCommunityEd.com](http://www.HastingsCommunityEd.com) for more information.

Registration is necessary for all Community Education courses. To register call 651.480.7670 or go online; [www.HastingsCommunityEd.com](http://www.HastingsCommunityEd.com)

### Community Ed opportunities for children:

- **Private Music Lessons** (gr. 3+) Thu, Jan 12-Feb 16, pick a 30 or 60-minute timeslot between 3:00-8:30 pm. To learn more about our program, the instructor and available timeslots, see [www.HastingsCommunityEd.com](http://www.HastingsCommunityEd.com) or call 651-480-8887 to register!
- Kidcreate "**Art Academy**" (gr. K-5) Wed, Jan 11-Feb 1 from 3:30-4:30 pm, McAuliffe, \$59
- Kidcreate "**Art Academy**" (gr. K-5) Thu, Jan 12-Feb 2 from 3:30-4:30 pm, Kennedy, \$59
- Kidcreate "**Art Academy**" (gr. K-5) Tue, Jan 10-31 from 2:40-3:40 pm, Pinecrest, \$59
- **Learn to Skate - for hockey or figure skating** (ages 4+) Sat, Jan 14-Mar 25; 30 minutes practice and 30 minute lessons between 10-11:30 am at Hastings Civic Arena

- Kidcreate "**Finding Dory!**" art camp, non-school day (ages 4-9 yrs) Mon, Jan 16 from 9 am-12 pm, Tilden Com Ctr, \$35
- Kidcreate "**Goo Factory**" art camp, non-school day (ages 3-6 yrs) Mon, Jan 16 from 12:30-3:30 pm, Tilden Com Cr, \$35
- Kidcreate "**Positively Pokemon**" art camp, non-school day (ages 4-9 yrs) Mon, Jan 16 from 1-4 pm, Tilden Com Ctr, \$35
- **Community Water Safety Swim class** (ages 3-10 yrs) Sat, Jan 21-Mar 11 from 11:30 am-12:10 pm at the YMCA, pool, \$49
- Mad Science "**Crazy Chemworks**" (gr. K-4) Mon, Jan 23-Feb 13 from 3:30-4:30 pm, McAuliffe, \$65
- Mad Science "**Crazy Chemworks**" (gr. K-4) Tue, Jan 24-Feb 14 from 2:40-3:40 pm, SEAS, \$65
- Mad Science "**Crazy Chemworks**" (gr. K-4) Wed, Jan 25-Feb 15 from 3:30-4:30 pm, Kennedy, \$65
- Mad Science "**Crazy Chemworks**" (gr. K-4) Thu, Jan 26-Feb 16 from 2:40-3:40 pm, Pinecrest, \$65
- Kidcreate "**How to Draw a Puppy**" art camp, non-school day (ages 4-9 yrs) Fri, Jan 27 from 12:30-3:30 pm, Tilden Com Ctr, \$35
- **Dance-Twirl Minnesota**, baton twirling (ages 4-6 & 7-10 yrs) Mon, Jan 30-Mar 20 from 5:30-6:15 & 6:15-7 pm, HHS, \$45

### Courses that may interest adults:

- **Tai Chi Flow**, **free** try-it night (ages 15+) Tue, Jan 17 from 5-6 pm at Tilden Com Ctr, #116
- **Gentle Yoga at Tilden**, **free** try-it night (ages 15+) Tue, Jan 17 from 6-7 pm at Tilden Com Ctr, gym
- **Turbo Kick LIVE!**, **free** try-it night (ages 15+) Tue, Jan 17 from 6:30-7:30 pm at Kennedy, gym
- **Body Sculpting**, **free** try-it night (ages 15+) Tue, Jan 17 from 7:45-8:45 pm at Kennedy, gym
- **Stress-Free Healthy Meal Planning** (ages 15+) Tue, Jan 17 from 6:30-8 pm at Tilden Com Ctr, #108, \$19
- **Candlelight Yoga**, **free** try-it night (ages 15+) Wed, Jan 18 from 6-7 pm at Pinecrest, gym
- **Tai Chi Flow**, **free** try-it night (ages 15+) Thu, Jan 19 from 5-6 pm at Tilden Com Ctr, 116

- **Oula Dance-Fitness, free** try-it night (ages 15+) Thu, Jan 19 from 6:30-7:30 pm at HMS, cafeteria
- **Fitness Boot Camp "Free Weights", free** try-it night (ages 15+) Mon, Jan 23 from 7-8 pm at McAuliffe, cafeteria
- **Human Trafficking Education & Awareness Seminar, free**; Tue, Jan 24 from 6:30-8 pm at HHS, F253
- **Butt 'n' Guts, free** try-it night (ages 15+) Thu, Jan 26 from 6-7 pm at McAuliffe, gym
- **Low Glycemic Eating & Belly Fat Reduction** (adults) Mon, Jan 30 from 6:30-8 pm at Health Solutions Center
- **Internet Safety Seminar, free**; Tue, Jan 31 from 6:30-8 pm at HHS, F253