



March

Pinecrest Elementary Newsletter 2017

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NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 3, 2017

Staff Development/Elementary Workshop Day



NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

Monday, March 13 thru Friday, March 17



KIDS' CAMPUS PROGRAM

The Kids' Campus Program will offer all day (6:30am-6:00pm) on-site activities and field trips during spring break.

Call the Community Education Office at 651.480.7670 for more information. Or go to our website at www.hastingscommunityed.com

LUNCH/BREAKFAST COST FOR MARCH:

Lunch - \$44.20

Breakfast - \$22.10

Lunch & Breakfast – \$66.30

MCA's [Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments]

Students in grades 3 and 4 will be taking their MCA tests online, READING tests will be administered April 3 through April 19. MATH tests will be administered April 20 through May 5. Please check your students' weekly newsletters for specific dates and times as to when his/her class will be taking these important tests.



Please mark these dates on your calendar. It is very important that the students are in school on testing days. Thank you.



SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer Adventure Program will be held at **Pinecrest Elementary, Monday thru Friday, July 10 thru July 28, 8:30am-12:00pm**. Bussing will be provided (for those students who live outside of the walking area).



ALL DAY EVERY DAY KINDERGARTEN 2017-2018

Minnesota school districts will again be able to access state funding in 2017-18 to provide all-day kindergarten free to all families.

Enrollment forms are available online at the district website (www.hastings.k12.mn.us), or you can pick them up in the office at the elementary schools.



Class Placement Form

Hastings Elementary School staff will soon begin the process of assigning classrooms for the 2017-2018 school year. It is important that classes be balanced in personalities, academic abilities and social skills, so that the environment in each classroom will be conducive to learning. Your child's current teacher, who knows each of your children, is an important decision maker in 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 14^h 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.



Music Notes

During the first week of March, we will be completing our second round of assessments. 4th Grade will begin our recorder unit right after spring break. This unit will help us prepare to play those band and orchestra instruments next year in the Middle School. In addition, all grade levels have been focusing on melody. Melody is how the music goes up and down, the tune. Kindergarten is listening to hear how the music goes up and down and discovering high and low. In order to learn the different

individual pitches (or the tune), we have created music street. In 1st Grade, Big Brother "Sol" and Little Brother "Mi" have already moved in. 2nd Graders have added Grandma "Do" and "Re". 3rd and 4th Graders know High "Do" as well as "Low La" and "Low Sol". We have been singing these houses, (traditionally known as solfege), reading them and playing them on the Orff instruments.

Our Pinecrest Panther Choir will continue our Wednesday morning rehearsals. We will be combining with the Kennedy and McAullife choirs for an evening concert on Monday, May 1st at 6:30pm in the Middle School Auditorium.

Please mark your calendars for our Kindergarten and First Grade Informances. These informances occur during your students' music and physical education class times during the first week of April. Our goal is to inform you about what we do in our music and physical education classes and for you to have the opportunity to see what your student is doing on a daily basis. We hope you can join us!

KINDERGARTEN INFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 4 Day 4	Music	Physical Education
1:10-1:37	Brenny/Miller (last name A-M)	Brenny/Leontovich (last name A-M)
1:37-2:05	Brenny/Leontovich (last name A-M)	Brenny/Miller (last name A-M)
Wednesday, April 5 Day 1	Music	Physical Education
1:10-1:37	Cobenais/Brenny (last name A-M)	Matzek/Brenny (last name A-M))
1:37-2:05	Matzek/Brenny (last name A-M)	Cobenais/Brenny (last name A-M)
Thursday, April 6 Day 2	Music	Physical Education
1:10-1:37	Brenny/Miller (last name N-Z)	Brenny/Leontovich (last name N-Z)
1:37-2:05	Brenny/Leontovich (last name N-Z)	Brenny/Miller (last name N-Z)
Friday, April 7 Day 3	Music	Physical Education
1:10-1:37	Cobenais/Brenny (last name N-Z)	Matzek/Brenny (last name N-Z)
1:37-2:05	Matzek/Brenny (last name N-Z)	Cobenais/Brenny (last name N-Z)

GRADE 1 INFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 4 Day 4	Music	Physical Education
12:10-12:37	Garvey/Senske (last name A-M)	Braun/Senske (last name A-M)
12:37-1:05	Braun/Senske (last name A-M)	Garvey/Senske (last name A-M)
Wednesday, April 5 Day 1	Music	Physical Education
12:10-12:37	Williams/Senske (last name A-M)	Pyle/Senske (last name A-M)
12:37-1:05	Pyle/Senske (last name A-M)	Senske/Williams (last name A-M)
Thursday, April 6 Day 2	Music	Physical Education
12:10-12:37	Braun/Senske (last name N-Z)	Garvey/Senske (last name N-Z)
12:37-1:05	Garvey/Senske (last name N-Z)	Braun/Senske (last name N-Z)
Friday, April 7 Day 3	Music	Physical Education
12:10-12:37	Pyle/Senske (last name N-Z))	Senske/Williams (last name N-Z)
12:37-1:05	Senske/Williams (last name N-Z)	Pyle/Senske (last name N-Z)

March Fine Arts Events around the District:

5 th & 6 th Grade Vocal Concerts	HMS	3/2	6:30pm
All District Band Concert	HHS Gym	3/6	7:00pm
Pinecrest Jump- a-thon	HMS Gym	3/23	2:30- 4:30pm
Jazz Band Concert Grades 8-12	HHS	3/23	7:00pm
Show Choir Season Finale	HHS	3/27	6:00pm & 8:00pm



SAVE THE DATE

What: Pinecrest Math Night and BOGO Book Fair
When: Thursday, April 6th 5:30-8 for book fair and 6-7:30 for math night

There will be a buy one, get one free book fair in conjunction with math night. We will be showing families' math games and activities that you can do at home with your children in addition to playing them at school. We hope to see you at this fun family event!

PINECREST JUMP-A-THON THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017 2:30-4:30 PM HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

The Pinecrest Jump-A-Thon fundraising event will take place on Thursday, March 23, 2017. The money raised will go toward Pinecrest Elementary for school activities and to the American Heart Association.

If your child is interested in participating, they can still pick up a registration form in the Pinecrest office. They will have until March 10 to fundraise for this event.



Happenings from Hastings Community Education

Tilden Community Center
310 River Street
Hastings, MN 55033

Community Ed opportunities for kids:

- **More Theatre with Black Dirt** (gr. 1-5) 3:30-4:30pm - Mar 1-Mar 29; McAuliffe - \$39
- **Kidcreate "3D Minecraft Masterpiece"** (ages 5-12 yrs) 8:30-11:30am - Mar 3; Tilden - \$35
- **Intro to Grappling/Self-Defense** (ages 12+) 6:30-8:00pm - Mar 7-Apr 25; MS Wrestling Gym

Kidcreate Studio Art Specials – Spring Break!

- M-W, Mar 13-15 - **"The Very Hungry Caterpillar Art Camp"** (ages 3-6 yrs) 9:00am-12:00pm; Tilden - \$105
- Mon, Mar 13 - **"Party with Picasso"** (ages 5-12 yrs) 1:00-4:00pm; Tilden - \$35
- Tue, Mar 14 - **"Monet Masterpiece Party"** (ages 4-9 yrs) 1:00-4:00pm; Tilden - \$35
- Wed, Mar 15 - **"Papier Mache Day"** (ages 5-12 yrs) 9:00am-2:00pm; Tilden - \$69
- Thurs, Mar 16 - **"Paint on Canvas – Minions!"** (ages 4-9 yrs) 9:00am-12:00pm; Tilden - \$35
- Fri, Mar 17 - **"Glow in the Dark Art"** (ages 5-12 yrs) 9:00am-2:00pm; Tilden - \$69

Watch Me Draw – Animal Art Studio (gr. K-5) \$55

- Mar 27-Apr 24; 3:30-4:30pm – Kennedy
- Mar 28-Apr 18; 3:30-4:30pm – McAuliffe
- Mar 29-Apr 19; 2:40-3:40pm – Pinecrest
- Mar 30-Apr 27; 2:40-3:40pm - SEAS
- **ZAPS Doorway to College ACT Prep Course** – HS Juniors, 9:00am-3:00pm; HHS sign up online at <https://store.zaps.com/seminars> (enter "55033" in search box)

Courses that may interest adults:

- **FREE! Human Trafficking, Internet Safety;**
6:30-8:00pm - Tilden Community Center, rm. #123
- **Intro to Grappling/Self-Defense** (ages 12+)
6:30-8:00pm - Mar 7-Apr 25; MS Wrestling Gym

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 www.HastingsCommunityEd.com

