

MAY



JUNE

Pinecrest Elementary Newsletter 2017

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The school year is quickly coming to a close. It hardly seems possible that May is here already. We're busy planning end of the year activities as well as beginning preparations for the coming year.

School Ends: Last day of classes will be on **THURSDAY, JUNE 8th**. This will be an **EARLY RELEASE DAY**.

We have so many happy memories of this past year. We want to thank you for your support in helping us provide the best education possible for your child. Have a wonderful summer!

May 19th – EARLY RELEASE

District Wide Staff Development



NO SCHOOL - Monday, May 29

Looking Ahead: **2017-18 School Year**



Each family will receive a communication in August containing important information regarding the beginning of the school year. ***This information will include your child(ren)'s classroom assignment and, if needed, the dates and times of kindergarten orientation.***

The first day of school in the fall for students in grades 1-4 will be Tuesday, September 5th, and Wednesday, September 6th for kindergarten students.

Suggested classroom supply lists for the fall will be available on our school websites and in local stores.

BUS TRANSPORTATION **INFORMATION for 2017-18**



Q. If my child attends daycare can they ride a bus?

A. Students in grades K-4 will be transported from home or daycare **within their school attendance area only**. For example, if you live in the Kennedy attendance area and daycare is also in the Kennedy attendance area, bus transportation will be provided. All students need to walk to the closest bus stop. No students will be transported from within walking areas.

Please keep in mind that the bus company is not able to accommodate special requests for busing (such as going two days to one place and two days to another. Or one week here and another week there).

SUMMER READING ASSESSMENTS – **Wednesday, August 23rd**

In an effort to better meet the needs of our students, elementary sites will be assessing students' reading before the start of the 17'-18' school year. Assessments will take place in August, so that our reading instruction can be better aligned to our students' needs on the first day of school. The assessment will likely take 20 to 30 minutes (if you have more than one child, it could be possible to assess them all at the same time). Separate communication will be sent home about the process later this month.

We know your summer time is valuable and wanted to get the date out to families as soon as possible. Thank you, we very much appreciate your support.



Nursing Opportunities

There are always opportunities for RN's to sub in our district health offices. If you are interested or you know someone who is interested in subbing, please contact Mary Ellen Fox at 651.480.7353 or mfox@hastings.k12.mn.us.

MAY/JUNE LUNCH/BREAKFAST COST



Lunch - \$72.80
Breakfast - \$36.40
Lunch & Breakfast - \$109.20

Please remember that your child will be having picnic and class trip days in May and June. Also, some students have lunches carried over throughout the months. This will change the amount needed to pay through the last day of school. If a student has overpaid, that amount will be carried over to next year.

Any amount left in a child's lunch account after June 8th will carry over to next school year. Please pay off any negative lunch account balances prior to June 8th. Contact Kim Harren (651.480.7126) at the District Office if you have questions regarding the status of your child's lunch account.



Many classes will be having an end of the year picnic. Please be on the lookout for the permission slip to come home. Each child will also need a bag lunch and a beverage. Our food service will be glad to provide your child with a bag lunch if there is money in your student's account. **If you are interested in having our cooks make a bag lunch for your child, be sure to let us know at least two days before it is needed.**

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



MOVING? We'd like to hear from you if you're planning on moving over the summer months. This will help us to get your child's records transferred to the correct school and we will

be able to make more definite plans regarding class sizes. Thank you for your cooperation.

4th Grade Parents



Parent Preview Night for 4th Grade
Puberty Presentation; Wednesday, May 3
at Tilden Community Center, 6:30pm.



Music Notes

I can't believe that we are already coming to the end of another school year—and what a wonderful year of music making it has been. We will end the year composing and creating our own music as well as performing some improvisation. We have discovered that melody is the tune of the music and improvisation is creating music at the spur of the moment. In all the classes, we will be reading, singing and playing a variety of melodies and doing some improvising both rhythmically and melodically.

4th Graders are developing their instrumental skills through our recorder unit. This recorder unit will further prepare them for a band or orchestra instrument next year. Remember to get those band and orchestra registration forms in! We are excited to see that all the "lots for sale" on Music Street are purchased and will soon have homes built on each and every lot. **Grade 3** is currently reading Do, Re, Mi, Sol, La, and High Do on the staff. We have just added low sol and low la onto music street. By the end of the year, we will be able to read low sol and low la on the staff! We are starting to study the life of Ludwig von Beethoven and some of his most popular works. Ask your child which piece is his/her favorite.

Grade 2 is busy preparing for their music demonstration. Grade 2 will have their music demonstration on **May 26th in the Pinecrest Gymnasium at 10:30am and 1:30pm.** We hope you can join us!!

Our **1st Graders** are continuing their study in melody. We have already learned about the brothers, Sol and Mi and their little sister "La". We can hear them in melodic patterns as well as read them and play them. In addition, we have been discovering Jazz music and famous Jazz performers such as Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, and Thomas Waller. Thanks for attending our informances! We hope you enjoyed the peek into your child's day.

Kindergarten students are busy practicing short and long sounds and high and low sounds. We are demonstrating the difference between the steady beat and the words of a song. Thanks again for attending our informances! It was great to have you here!!

The **Pinecrest Panther Choir** will have a spring concert on **Monday, May 1st at 6:30pm** in the Middle School Auditorium. This should be a spectacular event as we will be joined by the Kennedy and McAuliffe elementary choirs that evening. Hope to see you all there!

Have a relaxing and musical summer!

Musical Happenings Around the District:

May 1 st	All-District Elementary Choir Concert	HMS Auditorium	6:30pm
May 5-6	<u>HHS presents</u> "Les Miserables"	HHS Auditorium	7:00pm
May 7th	HHS presents "Les Miserables"	HHS Auditorium	2:00pm
May 9 th	5 th & 6 th Grade Vocal Concert	HMS Auditorium	6:30pm & 7:30pm
May 16 th	HHS Band Concert	HHS Auditorium	7:00pm
May 18 th	7 th & 8 th Grade Vocal Concert	HMS Auditorium	7:30pm
May 25 th	5 th & 6 th Grade Band Concert	HMS Auditorium	7:00pm
May 26 th	All-District Orchestra Concert	HHS Auditorium	7:00pm
May 26th	Pinecrest 2nd Grade Music Demonstration	Pinecrest Gym	10:30am & 1:30pm
May 31 st	HHS Spring Vocal Concert	HHS Auditorium	7:00pm
June 1 st	7 th & 8 th Grade Band Concert	7 th & 8 th Grade Band Concert	7:30pm

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.



Happenings from Hastings Community Education

Tilden Community Center
310 River Street

Community Ed opportunities for kids:

- **Mad Science “Science at Work”** (K-5)
 - May 2-23; 2:40-3:40pm, **SEAS**, \$65
 - May 3-24; 3:30-4:30pm, **Kennedy**, \$65
 - May 8-June 5; 3:30-4:30pm, **McAuliffe**, \$65
 - May 11-June 1; 2:40-3:40pm, **Pinecrest**, \$65
- **Healthy Parent-Child Relationships that Last a Lifetime** (for parents of children ages birth to 12; 5:30-7:00pm; parents of teens 7:15-8:45pm – **Thursday, May 4** - Tilden, \$9
- **Spring-O Bingo** – *FREE* family night at Tilden Community Center, fundraiser for Invest in a Student, free to play, concessions, donations, doors open at 5:00pm. Pre-registration a must.
- **The Importance of Parenting with Foresight;** *Parents of children ages birth to age 12 – 5:30-7:00pm; Parents of teens - 7:15-8:45 pm* **Thursday, May 11** - Tilden, \$9
- **Party Line Dance** – **Tuesday, May 16**; 6:00-7:00pm, High School, \$9, pre-register
- **About Boating Safety** – **Friday, May 19**; 6:00-9:00pm AND **Saturday, May 20**; 8:00am-1:00pm for ages 10+. Taught by the US Coast Guard, at Kings Cove. Pre-register with Community Education, space is limited!
- **Private Music Lessons** – **Thursday, May 25-June 29**; 3:00-8:30pm choose a 30 or 60 minute timeslot. Contact Community Education for more information.

GRASP Reading & Math Summer Workbook

Program, is a 9-week program designed to reinforce skills learned during the 2016-2017 school year. If you missed the deadline to sign up, you may still be able to do so by contacting Community Education at 651-480-7670.

Watch for the Summer Supplement booklet coming home thru the Friday folders in late May. It will contain all Summer camp and activities for June, July and August.

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 to www.HastingsCommunityEd.com

FREE SUMMER LUNCHES:

M.E.A.L.S serves **FREE** Summer Lunches in Hastings for everyone: Kids, adults and seniors! The food is prepared by Loaves and Fishes (this institution is an equal opportunity provider).

Lunch is served at the below locations and times...

- ♥ Our Saviours 's Church / Monday-Friday 12:00-1:00pm / June 12-August 25th
- ♥ Three Rivers Mobile Home Park / 12:00-12:30pm / Monday, Tuesday and Thursday / June 12-August 4th
- ♥ Lions Park / 12:00-12:30pm / Wednesday and Friday / June 12th- August 4th

Games and Activities will occur every day at the park locations! Our Saviour's will also have games and activities.

Volunteers are needed!!! Email Mary Kocak at marykocak@hastingsfamilyservice.org

**DOES YOUR CHILD NEED DAYCARE TRANSPORTATION
WITHIN YOUR ATTENDANCE AREA – 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR?**

Students in grades K-4 will be provided bus transportation from home or daycare within their school attendance area only. Daycare requests need to be submitted each year, even if your daycare provider does not change.

School _____

Student Name _____ Grade next year _____

Student Name _____ Grade next year _____

Student Name _____ Grade next year _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Address _____

Telephone: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Telephone: Cell (____) _____ Pager (____) _____

Keeping the safety of your child in mind, please call your child's school office if any information given changes. The only changes in bus routes that can be made are those that are permanent. It is impossible to make brief or sudden changes in routes. Please call an elementary principal if you have any questions about this process.

Day Care Provider _____ Telephone _____

Day Care Address _____

Please circle one site for your child to be picked up at every day and one site for them to be dropped off at every day. We cannot accommodate daily changes.

1. I would like my child/children picked up at: Daycare Home (Circle one)
2. I would like my child/children dropped off at: Daycare Home (Circle one)

**Transportation requests received after June 8th
cannot be guaranteed for the start of school.**