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 Nurse's Office - 480-7286

# November

## *Pinecrest Elementary*

### *Newsletter 2016*

Remember to turn your clocks back  
**Sunday, November 6th, 2016**

### **NO SCHOOL:**

Staff Development Day

**Wednesday, November 23**

### **THANKSGIVING BREAK**

**NO SCHOOL**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

### ATTENDANCE

To help us be more effective with attendance procedures, please call the attendance line at **651-480-7281** to report your child absent or tardy.

The message should include your child's name, teacher and reason for absence or tardiness.

Thank you to parents for following before and after school pick-up and drop-off safety practices. Keep up the good work!

### REMINDER

1st to 4th grade students – Pick-up and Drop-off at the front door  
 Kindergarten – Pick-up and Drop-off at the side door (east)

### **What time does school start?**

Pinecrest

8:00 AM



Please make sure your child(ren) arrive at school on time. Learning takes place in a carefully arranged environment that begins the minute your child arrives at school. When your child is late, he/she may not feel the connectedness with the class or have the opportunity to absorb learning in the best setting. To maximize instruction time and academic achievement for your child, as well as minimize disruption for the whole class, please avoid tardiness.

### **CHANGE IN SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**NO SCHOOL – Thursday, December 22, 2016**

The School Board for Hastings Public Schools has authorized a change in the 2016-17 School Calendar, allowing **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** as a **non-school day** for students, so staff can be trained on the ALICE model for responding to a violent threat.

Please refer to the [District website](#) for more details.

### **HOT LUNCH COST FOR NOVEMBER**

**Lunch - \$49.40**

**Breakfast - \$24.70**

**Lunch & Breakfast - \$74.10**



## **FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS**



Free and reduced lunch application forms are available in the school office. Our business office processes all applications and will notify you if you qualify. Please contact Pam Hoffman at 651-480-7127 with questions. This information is strictly confidential. It is important to fill out this form. Funding for the District 200 Title I program is based on our free and reduced lunch counts.

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## **Don't Wait Until Winter... Prepare for a "Snow Day"**

District 200 will again utilize an outbound calling system to reach families if school will be delayed or closed. For this reason, it is important that you have accurate phone numbers on file for your student with the school district.



Parents with cell phone numbers on file with the school will also be able to opt in to a SMS Text Message service with the school district, for an additional way for the district to communicate important information to parents. If you wish to opt in to the Text Message Service, please visit our webpage for directions at: [www.hastings.k12.mn.us](http://www.hastings.k12.mn.us)

Although we are using a calling system to contact families in these situations, the district will still continue to post school delays or closings in the following ways:

- **Visit our website:**  
[www.hastings.k12.mn.us](http://www.hastings.k12.mn.us)

***[Since we have direct control over our own website, this is the first place we post any changes to our schedule due to inclement weather.]***

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## **MUSIC NOTES FROM MRS. PONCELET**

From the hall of music, we have been learning more rhythm concepts and how to read, sing and play them. We have been reviewing our melodic concepts, specifically the pentatonic scale and doing quite a bit of part-work. November will be an exciting month as we will complete our first round of formal assessments. Ms. Arnold's last day with us is on Thursday, November 3rd. We will miss her a lot!! Our Pinecrest Elementary Choir is meeting every Wednesday and busily preparing for their upcoming performances.

## **UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS:**

### **James and the Giant Peach**

- Middle School Auditorium  
November 1 & 3, 7:00pm

### **High School Fall Play**

- High School Auditorium  
November 11-12, 7:00pm
- November 8, 2:00pm

### **7th & 8th Grade Band Concert**

- Middle School Auditorium  
November 10, 7:00pm

### **High School Band Concert**

- High School Auditorium  
November 17, 7:00pm

## **Concert Dates for 2016-2017**

### **Pinecrest Choir**

- Saturday, November 26, 5:00pm  
Downtown Hastings
- Wednesday, December 21, 11:15am &  
1:45pm  
Pinecrest Gymnasium
- Monday, May 1, 6:30 pm  
Middle School Auditorium

### **Grades 3 & 4 Music Demonstration**

- Friday, February 10, 9:00am and 1:00pm  
Pinecrest Gymnasium

### **Grades 2 Music Demonstration**

- Friday, May 26, 10:30am and 1:30pm  
Pinecrest Gymnasium

### **Grades K & 1 Informances**

- Week of April 4-7 during the Music and  
Physical Education Class

## **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

Just a reminder that if your child is having a birthday party and wants to invite their friends from school, we are not able to give out names, phone numbers or addresses of the students. While we know it is exciting for children to have a birthday party and invite their school friends, we ask that you not send invitations to school with them to pass out. It can cause hurt feelings for those students who did not get invited to the party.



# **Volunteer News!**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON  
TUESDAY NOV 15TH AT 6:00pm**

### **Dates To Remember:**

- ❑ Movie Night: Date is set for Nov 11th.
- ❑ Clothing Order forms will come home early November
- ❑ **Next Meeting Dates: Nov 15th @ 6PM, Dec 20 @ 6PM, Jan 17 @ 4PM, Feb 21st @ 6PM, March 21 @ 6PM, April 18 @ 4PM, May 16 @ 6PM**

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Staff Luncheon, helped at Book Fair, assisted at the Kindergarten Fall Fest, helped hang artwork, counted Box Tops, and helped at the Fall Fitness Festival! Volunteers are what keep these activities happening and seamless! Your help is appreciated!

### **BOX TOPS**

**THANKS FOR  
CLIPPING  
BOX TOPS!**



Thank you for those who donated to our Box

Tops Contest! The winner is Mr. Destross class and they have earned a pizza party! The second and third

place winners are Mrs. Cobenais and Mrs. Gartzke and they earned a popcorn party!

We are excited about movie night this year! We will be sending information about movie night and order forms to order a Pizza to eat at school prior to the movie starting! The movie will be voted on by students next week and the winner will be announced!



If you haven't filled out the volunteer registration form just yet but are interested in getting involved, please complete the form: [Volunteer Form](#)

## **HASTINGS COMMUNITY EDUCATION HAPPENINGS**



*Tilden Community Center,  
310 River Street, Hastings, MN 55033*

*Check your catalog for all course details or go online at:  
[www.HastingsCommunityEd.com](http://www.HastingsCommunityEd.com)*

### **YOUTH Enrichment CLASSES and RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES for KIDS!**

#### **WATCH ME DRAW – Draw Like a Pro! - \$65.00**

- McAuliffe – Tuesdays; 3:30-4:30pm
  - 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6
- Kennedy – Mondays; 3:30-4:30pm
  - 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5
- Pinecrest – Wednesdays; 2:40-3:40pm
  - 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14 (skip date 11/23)
- SEAS – Thursdays; 2:40-3:40pm
  - 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 (skip date 11/24)

**YOUNG AMERICANS** - Walk-ins are always welcome!  
November 12 & 19 at HHS – Cluster B [9:00am-11:15am]

## INTRO TO THEATER - \$39.00

- McAuliffe – Mondays; 3:30-4:30pm
  - 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21
- Kennedy – Tuesdays; 3:30-4:30pm
  - 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13
- Pinecrest – Wednesdays; 2:40-3:40pm
  - 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12

**PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS** (Gr 3+) Choose from a 30 min or 60 min lesson (same time each week) Thurs, Nov 3-Dec 15; \$149/30-mins or \$249/60-mins

**HASTINGS ART & CRAFT FAIR @ Tilden Community Center** (all ages) Sat, Nov 12; 9:00am-3 pm; FREE Admission

**TURKEY BINGO @ Tilden Community Center** (all ages) Fri, Nov 18; 5:00-9:00pm FREE Admission, however please bring an item for the local food shelf. This is a fundraiser event for “Invest in a Student” scholarships. Concessions open at 5:00pm; BINGO begins at 6:00pm. Lots of prizes, concessions, and turkeys!

**SNOWMAN CANDY DISH** (Gr 6-adults) Mon, Nov 28; 6:00-7:30pm. Registration available for youth grades 6-12; adult/student pairs or adults alone. Contact Community Education for registration information. Make great holiday gifts!

## ADULT COURSES

**How to Write, Publish and Sell Your eBook** (adults) Tue, Nov 1; 6:30-8:30pm-Tilden Community Center; \$23

**The Will & The Trust, Uses for Each** (adults) Tue, Nov 1; 6:30-8:00pm - Tilden Community Center, \$9/each or \$15/couple

**The Presidency, Part 1** (ages 13+) Mon, Nov 14; 6:30-8:30pm - Hastings High School, \$15

**A Holiday, Victorian High Tea at the LeDuc Historic Estate** (adults) Sat, Nov 26; 3:30-5:30pm; \$35

**Candlelight Yoga, Holiday Section (ages 15+)** Wed, Nov 30-Jan 4; 6:00-7:00pm - Pinecrest; \$33.75

**Gentle Yoga, Holiday Section (ages 15+)** Thurs, Dec 1-

Jan 5; 6:00-7:00pm @ McAuliffe; \$54

**Fingerpainting for Adults “Winning Wine Bottles”, Holiday Section (ages 15+)** Thurs, Dec 1-Jan 5; 6:30-7:30pm - Pinecrest; \$49

### **A life-time of learning. Locally grown.**

Catalogs are available for pick-up at many locations throughout the city of Hastings, or feel free to stop by our office to pick one up. For course descriptions, see [www.HastingsCommunityEd.com](http://www.HastingsCommunityEd.com).

**Pre-registration is REQUIRED.** For more information, please call 651.480.7670

