# UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 9<sup>th</sup> No School
   Professional Development
- October 16<sup>th</sup> Baby E's BBQ – Drive through Giveback
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>Copper Bowl/ Spirit Day (Wear Black and Orange)
- October 30<sup>th</sup> Halloween Parties
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>– 15<sup>th</sup>–
   Online Book Fair
- November 6<sup>th</sup> End of First Marking Period
- November 12<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences
   Students Dismissed at 12:20
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# Houghton Elementary School October 2020

Doreen Kramer Superintendent Anders Hill, Principal



# WHAT IS TITLE I?

Title I is a federally funded program that provides academic support to students in our elementary school. This year our Title I staff will provide reading, math and English as a Second Language services to those students that are referred by their classroom teachers. Title I reading interventions are offered in small groups in the Title I classrooms. Math services are provided mainly in the regular classrooms, with limited pullout for homework assistance. This is a fluid program that allows us to provide the extra help students need. When students no longer need extra support they are exited from Title I.

This year's annual Title I Parent Meeting will be held on November 5. Parents whose children have been referred for Title I support will receive a letter in the mail with more information about our program. Questions regarding Title I should be directed to Kriss Bosley at 482-0456 extension 3420 or kbosley@hpts.us



#### NEW FREE/ REDUCED LUNCH FORMS NEEDED



Special reminder to parents of students who receive free or reduced hot lunch and breakfast. New Free/ Reduced lunch forms must be filled out by all families by **October 15th.** Last years forms were only approved for the first

month of the year and must be updated and resubmitted every year.

New forms are available in the main office to be picked up. Please call the main office if you have further questions.



#### **UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER – GET READY!**

October can be a very unpredictable month when it comes to weather (70 degrees one day and 30 degrees the next). Please remember this when sending your child to school each morning. Please check those warm clothing supplies and be sure your child has what he/she needs.

Children who are appropriately dressed have a much better time at recess.

Also, please remember to send students to school in closed toe shoes. We ask that students do not wear sandals on the playground.



## Count Day—October 7, 2020

Parents,

Our "Count Day" which affects funding to our school will be Wednesday October 7. With our school being in a virtual mode during this, teachers will need to communicate with you or your child specially on this day. Please do your best to make sure your child



attends virtual meetings on this day and that you respond to communication from the teacher. Thank you for your help!

#### YEARBOOKS!

Now is the time to order your copy of the 2020-2021 Houghton Elementary School Yearbook. This year's yearbook will be in color, spiral bound and includes individual student photographs, group photos of school organizations, and fun candid snapshots. Yearbooks are \$15.00 and will be distributed in mid-May. Order forms are due on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. A limited quantity of extra yearbooks will be available in May. Reserve your copy today!

Missed the 2019-2020 yearbook? A few extra copies are available for \$15 in the office or computer lab.



# COURSEINS MICAH STIPECH

# Why are challenging kids challenging? A collaborative problem solving approach

Challenging kids are challenging because they're lacking the skills not to be challenging. If they had the skills, they wouldn't be challenging. That's because – and this is perhaps the key theme of the Collaborative problem solving model – **Kids do well if they can**. And because (here's another key theme) doing well is always preferable to not doing well (if a kid has the skills to do well in the first place).

This, of course, is a dramatic departure from the view of challenging kids as attention-seeking, manipulative, coercive, limit-testing, and poorly motivated. It's a completely different set of lenses, supported by research in the neurosciences over the past 30-40 years, and it has dramatic implications for how caregivers go about helping such kids.

When are challenging kids challenging? When the demands or expectations being placed upon them exceed the skills that they have to respond adaptively. Of course, that's when we all respond maladaptively: when we're lacking the skills to respond adaptively. Thus, an important goal for helpers is to identify the skills a challenging kid is lacking. An even more important goal is to identify the specific expectations a kid is having difficulty meeting (the conditions in which challenging behavior is occurring), referred to as unsolved problems...and to help kids solve those problems. Because unsolved problems tend to be highly predictable, the problem-solving should be proactive most of the time.



Our teachers and staff at Houghton Elementary are doing many things each day to help students learn skills, solve problems and do well. You may see your student coming home with orange tickets, charts or other tools teachers use to proactively communicate and give feedback to kids and families. Please feel free to communicate with us about how these things can be consistent with what you are doing at home.



### HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

Mark your calendar for Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> and our annual Halloween celebration. We will not be doing our traditional parade, but still will put together a funday for students.

We will be doing a parade for students and broadcasting it on Facebook Live. We will get more in-

formation out as the day gets closer. If you do not want your child to participate in the parade, please let your child's teacher know.

We will then have games and a classroom party in the afternoon.

Please **do not** send any toy weapons (plastic guns, swords or knives) as part of costumes. Also, please do not send students in masks that are difficult to see out of.



## **SEPTEMBER TEAM STUDENTS**



Every month we are recognizing a student in each class that exemplifies our schools TEAM goals:

Take Responsibility
Earn Respect
Act Positively
Make it Safe
These students will enjoy cookies and milk
with the principal and
receive a certificate.
Our September honorees are:

Young 5's: Liam Harris K: Harper LaBonte, Tyler Pietila, Claire Bittner, Raegan Rilei & Carter Aho

**Ist:** Anja Chopp, Danae Juntunen, Maci Locatelli, Decker Bastian & Alice Ruotsi

2nd: Aurelie Frick, Megan Little, Savannah Woodford & Amanda

**3rd:** Gage Suvanto, Sidney Kelly, Adin Asti, An-

na Mae Nolan & Carter Kalcich

**4th:** Lilyanna Raffaelli, Sophia Wu, Max Bier, Mary Belle Chosa, Eliora Narwold & Sheayla Sundstrom

**5th:** Charlotte Knuuttila, Aliina Penfold, Ruby Petersen, Brandon VanKarsen & Holly Cooke

**CONGRATULATIONS!** 

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#### PICKING UP STUDENTS DURING

#### THE SCHOOL DAY

If you need to pick up your child while school is in session, please press the button located next to the front door. We have the entrance doors locked during the school day. We will then call your child out of class and he/she will meet you at the front doors. This procedure watches out for the safety of your child, allowing us to keep track of all children leaving the building and whom they are leaving with.

# **PTO CORNER**



#### You Support PTO. PTO Supports Our School.

This Fall PTO will forge ahead with contact-free fundraisers. Both of these events will run <u>regardless of district Face to Face status!</u> We will communicate the details closer to each upcoming event via List Serve and on our PTO Facebook page.

Support PTO: BBQ Gives Back: Order ahead online on Friday, October 16 from Baby E's BBQ and mention HES PTO at the Pick-Up Window. Ten percent of your online order will be donated to PTO! This is a great opportunity to support our school and check out Baby E's expanded menu.

An Online Only Scholastic Book Fair will run from November 2 through November 15. Families will be able to shop at home from a selection of over 6,000 book titles. Orders with over \$25 in books SHIP HOME FREE. Books make wonderful Holiday gifts! We will share a unique URL to shop our fair.

Choose **Houghton Elementary School PTO** as your designated charity when you shop online at smile.amazon.com.

#### **Get Involved:**

Key Leadership roles on the PTO Board remain vacant. The PTO Executive Board for the 20/21 School Year is still in need of a President or Co-Presidents and a Vice-President. Contact Nancy Verive at <a href="mailto:nn\_verive@yahoo.com">nn\_verive@yahoo.com</a> to learn more about contributing your time and talents to help our students!

**2020–21 PTO Board**: President or 2 Co-Presidents: NEEDED, Vice President: NEEDED, Secretary: Vicki Locatelli , Publicity: Katie Tormala, Treasurer: Sara Tormala

#### Information & Updates:

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