

# Houghton Elementary School

## October 2020



Doreen Kramer Superintendent  
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### 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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## 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](mailto:kbosley@hpts.us)

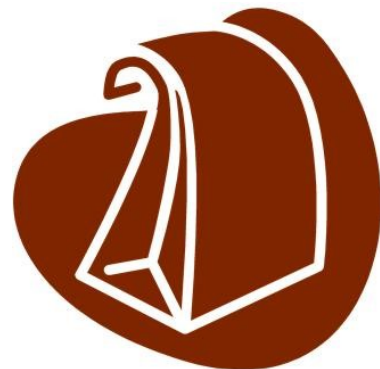


# TITLE I

## 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 re-submitted 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.







## 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 fun day 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:

**T**ake Responsibility  
**E**arn Respect  
**A**ct Positively  
**M**ake 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 Riley & Carter Aho

**1st :** Anja Chopp, Danae Juntunen, Maci Locatelli, Decker Bastian & Alice Ruotsi  
**2nd:** Aurelie Frick, Megan Little, Savannah Woodford & Amanda Pax

**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!

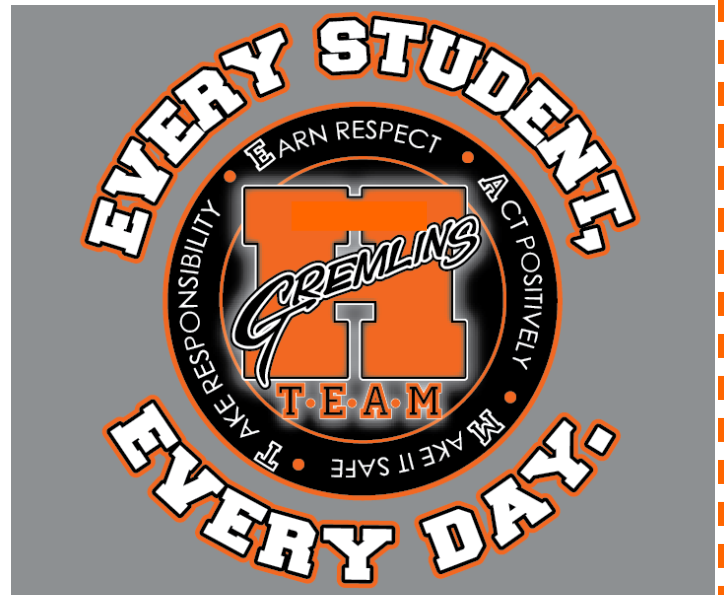
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## PICKING UP STUDENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

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 regardless of district Face to Face status! 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 [nn\\_verive@yahoo.com](mailto:nn_verive@yahoo.com) 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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