



May 2021 Houghton Elementary School

Doreen Kramer, Superintendent
Anders Hill, Principal

Field Day 2021

We are excited to announce that plans are underway for Field Day 2021. This event is one of the days our students and staff look forward to each year. While this year's event may look a little different, we felt it was important to find a way to keep this tradition moving forward.

Our plan involves each grade level having an afternoon where they can compete against their grade level. All events will be outside. We have our fingers crossed for good weather and are planning on building in a rain day. We still plan on a 5th grade water balloon battle that will be live streamed. We will not have spectators as we have in the past, but will try to get pictures and video clips out to parents. Our tentative schedule is below:

1st Grade— May 26th
K/ Y5's— May 27th
2nd Grade— May 28th
3rd Grade— June 1st
4th Grade— June 2nd
5th Grade— June 3rd
Make-Up—June 7th

Thank you for all your help this making our year as normal as possible and keep our students in school and learning!

Upcoming Events:

- **May 3rd to May 7th**—Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 31st**—No School Memorial Day
- **June 9th**—Last Day for Students



Super Teacher



Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher appreciation week is May 3rd—7th. We are very lucky to have outstanding teachers and educators at Houghton Elementary School. Please take time to say thank you. The staff at

HES cares deeply about the success and well being of every child. I am so proud to be working with such a dedicated group.

Mr. Hill

April TEAM Students

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

These students will enjoy cookies and milk with the principal and receive a certificate. Our April honorees are:

Young 5's: Mitchell Gagnon

K: Enya James, Sawyer Geshel, Nina Bard, Jake Little & Ellington Markham

1st : Elise Primeau, Olivia Sagers, Kooper Johnson, Kiera Kaiser & McKinley Soli

2nd: Jari Stoll-Pietila, Hailee Freeman, Jasmine Tang &

Matthew Labovsky

3rd: Rowan Squires, Nate Capello, Joe Saatio, Julianna Carter & Riley Cherubini

4th: Samara Pyhtila, Hayden Matteson, Daisy Zawada, Hailey Peterson & Simas Lebeliunas

5th: Brodi Jenkins, Shayla Peterson, Luke Minerick, Brooke Pietila & Seth Valentine

Congratulations!



Kindergarten Registration 2021-2022

Houghton-Portage Township Schools has begun registering kindergarten-aged children for the 2021-2022 school year. Children who will be five years of age by December 1st, 2021, are eligible to enter kindergarten or Young 5's. Please call Houghton Elementary School at 482-0456 ext. 3040 with questions. Children currently attending Young 5's are automatically registered for kindergarten.

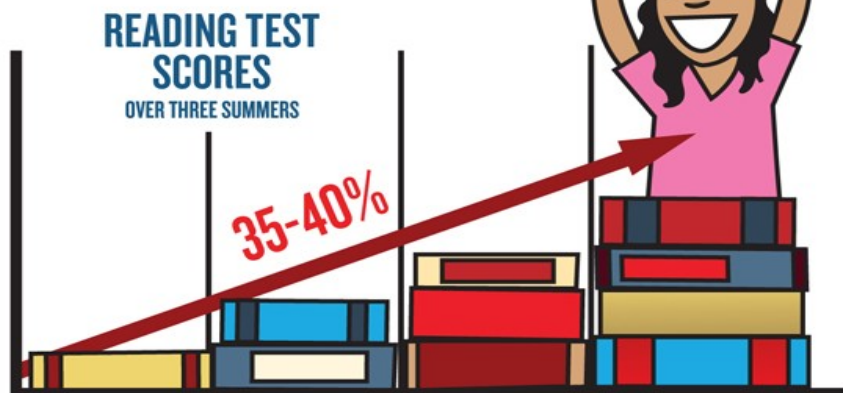


We would like to thank all students and parents who helped raise money for the American Heart Association. Special thanks to Mr. Lawson for all his work!



BOOKS BEAT SUMMER SLIDE

Children who are given access to books over the summer perform 35-40% better on reading achievement tests than those without access to books.





PTO Corner

You Support PTO. PTO Supports Our School.

Bids for Kids Auction raised \$2,448! We appreciate everyone that participated in bidding. Thank you to the businesses and school families that donated auction items or funds in support of playground improvements. Check out our complete list of Donors in this newsletter.

Thank you for shopping recently from Thirty-One Gifts. PTO will receive \$264 from the sale.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week kicks off Monday, May 3.

HES Teachers & Staff help our students blossom and thrive here at Houghton Elementary. Please refer to the separate newsletter feature regarding all planned activities. A few deadlines have passed, but reminders include:

Luncheon Donations: We could still use a couple more sign-ups for side dishes. You may drop off non-refrigerated items on Monday afternoon (5/3) after 1pm or any donations until 9:30am on Tuesday morning (5/4).

Students are asked to deliver **fresh or faux flowers** to teachers on Wednesday 5/5.

Please present your teachers with poems on Thursday 5/6.

In addition to the many food and monetary contributions from families for Teacher Appreciation, PTO is grateful to the following businesses that are donating for the meals: Biggby Coffee, Keweenaw Chevrolet | BUICK | GMC, Pepsi Cola of Houghton, Roy's Pasties & Bakery, Tadych's Econo Foods, and Walmart.

PTO also thanks the businesses providing special offers to all Houghton School Teachers and Staff next week: Down Wind Sports, Four Seasons Tea Room, Good Times Music, Grace + Gather, Jessica Lawson/Independent Director/Thirty-One Gifts, Joey's Seafood & Grill, and Swift True Value Hardware. And finally, thank you to Industrial Graphics for donating awesome event signage and to the Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce for their assistance!

Congratulating the 21/22 PTO Board Officers:

President: Vicki Locatelli, Vice President: NEEDED, Secretary: NEEDED, Promotion: Katie Tormala, Treasurer: Sara Tormala

Get Involved:

Log in to the **Monthly PTO Meeting on Tuesday, May 18** as we wrap up the year and look forward to the 21/22 school year. In addition to the Board vacancies, **Chairpersons needed** next year include Giving Tree, Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation, and Teacher & Staff Boosters. Contact Vicki Locatelli (vickilocatelli@yahoo.com) or watch newsletters and Facebook for future volunteer opportunities.

Coming Up:

Teacher & Staff Appreciation May 3-7, PTO Meeting Tuesday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. via Google Meet

Information & Updates:

Like PTO on Facebook: [facebook.com/HPTSPTO](https://www.facebook.com/HPTSPTO)



Houghton Elementary School
203 W. Jacker Avenue
Houghton MI 49931

Phone: 906-482-0456
Ext. 3000
Fax: 906-487-5941
Principal—Anders Hill
ahill@hpts.us

www.hpts.us



HES TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK



Houghton Elementary School Teachers and Staff have worked so hard to keep our children In school and learning!

From **Monday, May 3rd to Friday, May 7th**, let's show our thanks and support through daily acts of appreciation and celebration for HES teachers and staff!

MAY 03
MONDAY

"Thank You For Helping Our Children Blossom"
Banner Hung In Main Hallway

Use the template to create your family's thank you message and send back by April 23rd

MAY 04
TUESDAY

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Donate to support the week's activities with a check written to HES PTO or sign up to contribute using signupegenius

MAY 05
WEDNESDAY

Make a Class Bouquet for Your Teacher

Bring a flower (real or faux, purchased or from your garden) for your teacher

MAY 06
THURSDAY

Teacher & Staff Morning Coffee & Breakfast Bar

Write a poem for your teacher (see May newsletter for more info)

MAY 07
FRIDAY

HES PTO delivers Appreciation Gifts to Teachers & Staff

HOW TO JOIN IN ON THE CELEBRATION

1. Contribute food for the Appreciation Luncheon (Sign up at tinyurl.com/luncheonHES).
2. Donate to support the week's activities. Send check/cash in an envelope to HES PTO TAW Donation (checks payable to HES PTO).
3. Provide a discount/special offer just for Teachers and Staff at your business the week of May 3rd. Contact Julia Petersen ASAP to participate (petersenjuliak@gmail.com).
4. Complete your family's Thank You message to Teachers and Staff on the attached template (blank forms will also be sent home post-spring break). Return messages to school care of "PTO Julia" by Friday, April 23.
5. Help your child(ren) complete poems for or about their Teachers using the template provided in the May newsletter. Deliver to your Teachers on Thursday, May 6.

THANK YOU DONORS:

Adventure Mining Company

American Girl / Good 360

Applebee's

Auto-Pro Glass & Tire

b.well cafe

Border Grill

Chickadees

cyberia cafe

Dairy Queen

Detroit Red Wings

Green Bay Packers

Keweenaw Chevrolet | BUICK | GMC

Kristi Kirkpatrick

Maurice's

Pizza Hut

Poppin Popcorn

Ring

Sayen's Auto Sales

Specialty Sales

STEP 2

**Thirty-One Gifts | Jessica Lawson,
Independent Director**

Vollwerth's

BIDS FOR KIDS:

**AN ONLINE AUCTION TO FUND
PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**



**ALSO A BIG THANK YOU TO THESE
SCHOOL FAMILIES FOR THEIR
MONETARY DONATIONS:**

M. Bradley Family

J. Dompier Family

L. Figuero Family

J. Glasson Family

A. Imbrunnone Family

B. Johnson Family

R. Lieburn Family

X. Liu Family

C. McLeod Family

A. Morse Family

The Bids for Kids

Online Auction

Raised \$2,448!