

Houghton Elementary School

October 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 13th Professional Development —Students Dismissed at 12:20 pm
- October 20th Copper Bowl/ Spirit Day (Wear Black and Orange)
- October 31st Halloween Parties and Parade
- November 3rd End of First Marking Period
- November 9th Parent Teacher Conferences Students Dismissed at 12:20
- November 10th Parent Teacher Conferences Students Dismissed at 12:20

Doreen Klingbeil, 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. Students who receive ESL services are tutored either individually or in small groups outside of the regular classroom. 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.

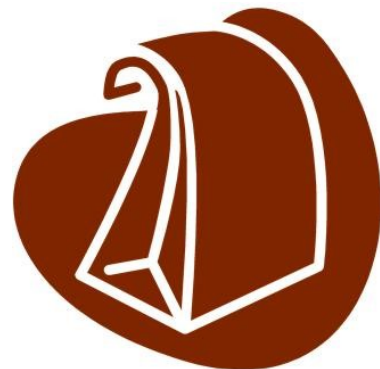
This year's annual Title I Parent Meeting will be held on November 7. Parents whose children have been referred for Title I support will receive a letter in the mail with more information about our program. Questions regarding Title I should be directed to Kriss Bosley at 482-0456 extension 3420 or kbosley@hpts.us

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 16th**. 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. On mornings when it is raining, all students will enter the building and go to their classrooms to play with

classroom games. Hopefully this won't be too often. Also, please remember to send students to school in closed toe shoes. We ask that students do not wear sandals on the playground.



M-Step Scores

We are very proud of our students performance on last springs state tests. Our scores are a reflection of outstanding students and great teachers. We will use this data to help guide curriculum adjustments. Scores represent percent of students proficient or advanced. We added a comparison to state averages and the average score for local schools in the areas in the Copper Country ISD. The data represents the percentage of students who were “advanced” or “proficient” on the state assessments. We also found out we are in the top 50 literacy scores in the state and the only school in the UP in the top 50.

Grade/ Subject	HES 2017	State 2017	CCISD 2017
3rd Math	69.1	46.8	58.9
3rd ELA	59.5	44.1	56.5
4th Math	77.9	42.0	50.0
4th ELA	66.3	51.1	51.1
4th Science	35.6	14.6	22.1
5th Math	64.9	35.0	42.2
5th ELA	77.3	44.1	59.2
5th SS	49.5	21.6	39.4

YEARBOOKS!

Now is the time to order your copy of the 2017-2018 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 10th.** A limited quantity of extra yearbooks will be available in May. Reserve your copy today!





HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

Mark your calendar for Tuesday October 31st, for our annual Halloween celebration. Parents are asked to view the parade **outside** the building on our playground. Students will march

starting at 1:45 pm and will use the blacktop path starting at the upper doors and ending near the basketball hoops.

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. If it is raining, we will move our parade into the gym.

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 hon-

orees are:

- Young 5's:** Max Pietila
- K:** Wyatt Luskin, Ryder Erva, Jumana Omar, Tyler Rule & Alex Dowden
- 1st :** Caleb Nyberg, Andrew Techtmann, Garrison Stoll-Pietila, Ava Heider & Andrew French
- 2nd:** Tano Rajala, Matthew Bennett, Levi Matteson & Brooke Pietila
- 3rd:** Kate Filpus, Jade

- Hupp, Madelyn Geborkoff, Sam Roth & Kaitlyn Coponen
- 4th:** Lucy Anderson, Brynn Lystila, Rosemary Eisele & Callie Knuuttila
- 5th:** Aiden Green, Grant Northey, Ben Hoover & Dominic Ross

CONGRATULATIONS!



Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween!

We want to encourage all students to wear orange and black every Friday to show our school spirit.



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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 in the office. 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



PTO's Mission:

Houghton-Portage Township Elementary School PTO (HES PTO) is organized solely for the purpose of enhancing our children's education through fundraising, and the collaborative efforts of parents, teachers, and administration.

How can you get involved?

Serve as our publicity coordinator or vice president—email shannonmrink@gmail.com.

PTO Helps!

PTO helped raise \$200 toward "Betty's Books" in memory of "Aunt" Betty Narhi. The new books are available in our school library.

PTO Dates to remember:

- Spirit Wear sale coming in October
- 31 Gifts fundraiser November 1–13
- PTO Meeting
Tuesday, October 17 5:30 p.m.
Inside the school library

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