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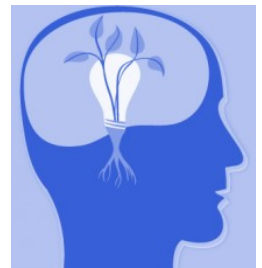


Growth Mindset– Our Message Matters

At Houghton Elementary we are working to encourage a Growth Mindset in our students. The way we give feedback has been shown to have dramatic effects on student achievement. Below is a link to a video clip to learn more about this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWv1VdDeoRY>

and action they perform sends a message to their children. These words and actions tell children how to think about themselves. Parents



should always praise their child's effort instead of praising accomplishments. The following table includes some examples.

One way that parents can really help their children is by carefully choosing the words that are used when they praise them. Every word parents say

Do Not Say	Do Say
You are so smart!	You work hard in school and it shows!
Your drawing is wonderful; you are my little artist.	I can see you have been practicing your drawing; what a great improvement!
You are a natural You could be the next Michael Jordan!	Keep practicing, and you will see great results!
You always get good grades; that makes me happy.	When you put forth effort, it really shows in your grades. You should be so proud of yourself. We are proud of you!

Upcoming Events:

- **January 2nd**— School Resumes
- **January 12th**—PTO Track Night
- **January 18th**— Students Dismissed at 12:20 pm
- **January 19th**— Students Dismissed at 12:20 pm
- **February 15th**— Students Dismissed at 12:20 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences Unscheduled 1 - 3 pm & 6 – 8 pm
- **February 16th**— Students Dismissed at 12:20 p.m.



Winter Weather

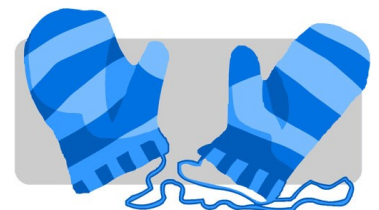
Students will stay inside for recess on days that the temperatures or wind chill fall **below zero degrees**.

If temperatures are above zero degrees, all students will enjoy

the winter weather.

Students are still arriving at school without boots, snow pants, hats, and/or mittens. Please see that your child is properly

dressed when they leave your home.





Toys

Please remind your child that they should keep toys at home and they should not be brought to school. Thank you for your help in advance.



Kindergarten Registration

Houghton Portage Township Schools will begin registering kindergarten-aged children for the 2018-2019 school year in March. Children who will be five years of age by September 1st, 2018, are eligible to enter kindergarten or Young 5's. You can apply for a waiver if your child will be 5 by December 1st, 2018 to enter kindergarten or

Young 5's early. Please call Houghton Elementary School at 482-0456 ext. 3000 with questions. Children **currently attending Young 5's** are automatically registered for kindergarten.

Please pass on this information to any parents you know with kindergarten age children.



Preparing for Winter Weather— Cancellations and Delays

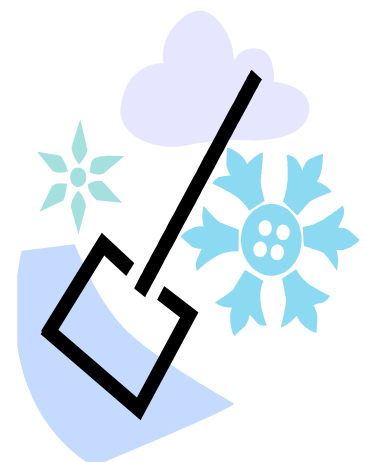
When inclement weather causes the closing of school, the following procedures will be followed:

School Closing: Announcements will be made via the Parent Listserv, the school website, the television station (TV 6) and local radio stations by 7:00 a.m. that school will not be in session.

Late Starts: When weather conditions warrant, the start of school may be delayed. Such an announcement will be made as soon as possible. Buses will run

two hours late.

Early Dismissal: Our office will be notified of early dismissals due to bad weather as early as possible. Dismissal time from classes and bus schedules to transport children will be determined by the Superintendent. Parents, please review your plan with your student and please contact the office ASAP if your initial plans have changed.



Dropping Off Students at School

Parents please remember that students should be dropped off at the upper parking lot in the morning. Also, please remember to park in the parking lot if you are coming into the school. Vehicles should not be left unattended along the sidewalk.



PTO Thanks! Thanks to everyone who braved the snow to eat at Joey's Seafood & Grill in support of PTO. You helped raise \$135. Also thanks to Alan and Cheryl Kiley who hosted us. Thanks to families who placed spirit wear orders. Enjoy your new gear! Missed out? Contact Nancy Verive (nn_verive@yahoo.com).



PTO Dates to Remember:

Track Friday—Free Family Fitness Event
 Friday, January 12, 6–7:30 p.m.
 Look for more info after winter break!

PTO Meeting Tuesday, January 16, 5:30 p.m.

Inside the school library All families welcome

Want to get more PTO updates? Like PTO on Facebook: facebook.com/HPTSPTO

Remind 101 remind 101



To receive messages via text for school cancellations or delays, text to (906) 934-6014 and type @hpts in the message area. After sending your first text, you will be asked to reply with your name to confirm.

To receive text messages about busing delays or status, please text @busnot to the number above.

Standard text message rates may apply and you can opt-out of messages anytime by replying with unsubscribe @hpts or unsubscribe@busnot in the message area. This is a one-way text messaging system.

December TEAM Students

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 December honorees are:

Young 5's: Campbell Ozarowicz

K: Madelyn Wyatt, Kinzli Olsson, Margaret Middlebrock, Sylvi Riutta & Corrine Rubin

1st : Jesy Hupp, Thea Johnson, Ryan Lorenz, Anabelle LaCosse & Dax Jenkins

2nd: Jaycie Wiitanen, Gunner Gullstrand, Purita Uruakolarn & Kameron Johnson

3rd: Payton Carter, Desmond Holden, Evelyn LaTendresse, Jerry Lyu & Myah Coppler

4th: Seth Farrell-Wilson, Brodie Niemi Kade Jenkins & Henry Louinbous

5th: Millie He, Drake Markham, Audrey Waite & Collin Raasio



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**EVERY
MINUTE
IN SCHOOL
MATTERS**

Two missed days a month adds up to being a half a year behind by the time your child reaches 4th grade.

And once a child falls behind, they rarely catch up.

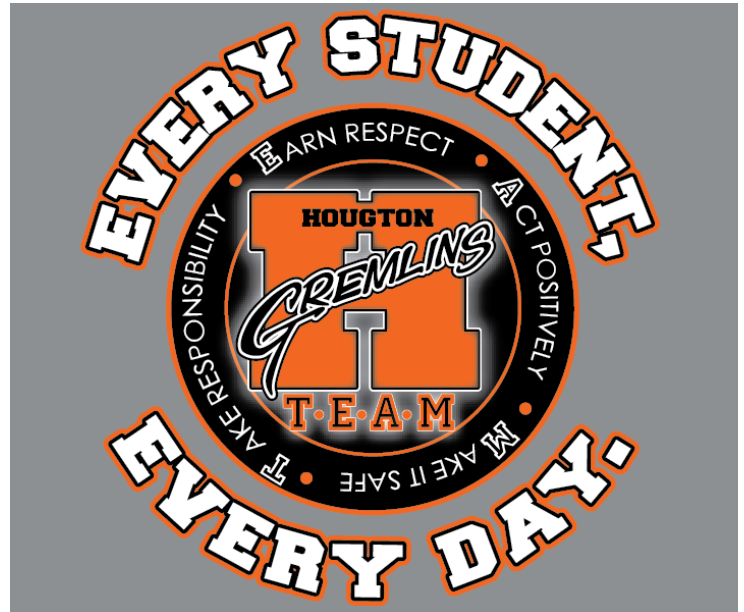
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Counselor's Corner

Activities and Ideas for Parents Over Break

Get outside – ski, sled, snowshoe, walk, build things!
Take Naps

Visit Family and Friends (or make new friends :)
Walk a dog at the humane society.

Help chop wood for someone who needs a hand.

Watch a play or movie at the Calumet Theater .

Visit the Carnegie Museum

Volunteer with your child

Christmas in Calumet - hear carolers sing and sleigh bells ring.

Go skating on one of the many outdoor ice rinks

Read books with your children. Read short stories or read through a whole chapter book .

Suggestions:

"The Call of the Wild" by Jack London

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson

"The Family Under The Bridge" by Natalie Savage Carlson

Take a sauna.

Utilize the many sport and activity Holiday specials at Michigan Tech's SDC.

Play a board game

Learn how to curl at the copper country curling club.

Put on a talent show in your home (be sure to partici-

pate)

Go ice Fishing

Teach your child how to cook something/ make something

Watch the Holiday Hockey Classic or the many other local sporting events together.

Keep a routine. It's tough during the holidays to maintain bedtime routines etc. It will make it easier for everyone to return to school if you stick with the routines over break.

-Micah Stipech

