

May 2018 Houghton Elementary School

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How Important is the Summer to Your Child's Academic Success?

The summer provides students with an opportunity to spend time with family and enjoy being kids—this is very important. The summer also provides an opportunity for you to help your child excel in school. This is three months that you can work with your child on their education and future. Here are some practical ideas to help.

Make time each day to read with and to your children. If your child can already read—read with them. If they cannot—read to them. A great resource to use is your library, running story times and reading programs.

Make flash cards.

Young learners benefit from repetition. This can be letter recognition, number recognition, sight words etc. This can help pass the time on long trips or be used daily. Ten minutes a day reviewing flashcards can make a huge difference.

Expose your child to possible careers. Students will be more motivated and excited about school when they see it connects to opportunities later in life.

Make math hands-on.

When you review numbers, put real things in their hands. Have young learners count their mon-

ey at the store, count their toys or steps around the block. Any time offers an opportunity to review math—be creative.

Last, have fun. Make learning fun for your child.

I hope that all of you have a safe and educational summer!



Upcoming Events:

- **May 7th to May 11th**—Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 10th**—Fine Arts Festival
- **May 28th**—No School Memorial Day
- **June 5th**—Field Day (back up day June 6th)
- **June 7th**—Last Day for Students (Students Dismissed at 11:20, No Lunch) & 5th Grade Banner Presentation at 9:30 am—5th Grade Parents Welcome

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher appreciation week is May 7th—11th. 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



Please remember to slow down in our parking lot during drop-off and pick-up.



April 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 April honorees are:

Young 5's: Bella Sarau

K: Sidney Kelly, Claire Mettlach, Taylyn

Datto, Liira Klein & Neeki Ebneenasir

1st : Bryce Sam, Eli Garnell, Jacquie De-Forge, Ashlynn Jurmu & Jenny Kangas

2nd: Chad Halonen, Jacob Sundstrom, Violet LaReaux & Keedin Roberts

3rd: Serah Oommen, Fahad Galib, Maria-Sophia Hassell, Lezley Heldt & Ana Olsson

4th: Jack Sayen, Ryan Garcia, Lexi Burns & Connor Arko

5th: Makenzie Patrick, Clara Frederick, Grant Isaacson & Hudson Markham

Congratulations!

TEAM Students



Kindergarten Registration 2018-2019

Houghton-Portage Township Schools has begun registering kindergarten-aged children for the 2018-2019 school year. Children who will be five years of age by December 1st, 2018, 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.

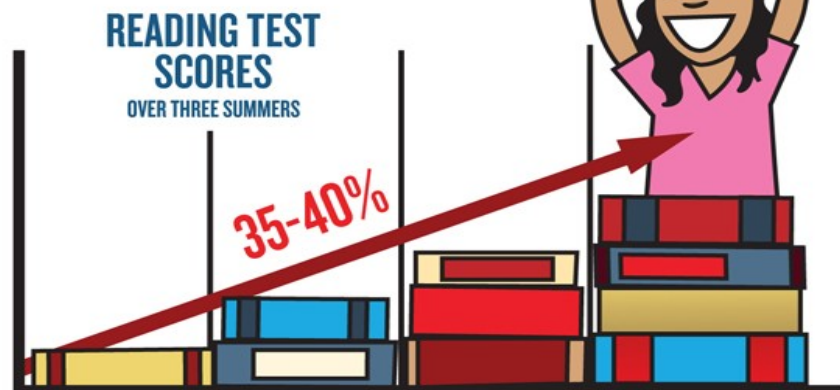


We would like to thank all students and parents who helped raise money for the American Heart Association. Special thanks to Mr. Lawson for all his work!



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.



Counselor's Corner

Fun ways to keep learning over the summer

Grow a great Zucchini What better way to learn the basics of science and how things grow than to plant your own garden? You can start with seeds or small plants. Talk about what plants need to be hardy: air, water, sunlight and nutrients. Vegetables are especially fun and educational to plant because your child will learn where food comes from and will also get to eat the end product.

Paint the picket fence, baby-sit or volunteer at a soup kitchen.

Even young children can learn to be responsible by helping to set the table, take care of a pet, clean out a closet, wash the car or paint the picket fence. Ask your child to be your energy consultant and help find ways to conserve energy in your house. Outside summer jobs and community service help children learn to be punctual, follow directions and serve others.

Clip, paste and write about your family adventures. A family vacation is a perfect opportunity to create a trip scrapbook that will be a lasting souvenir of family adventures. Collect postcards, brochures and menus from restaurants and tourist attractions. Encourage your child to write descriptions of the places you visited and tell stories about your family's escapades. Or suggest a scrapbook on your child's favorite sports team or a chronicle of his year in school. The scrapbook might contain photos with captions, newspaper clippings or school mementos. Many photo-sharing Web sites, such as Shutterfly or Kodak Gallery, will help you (for a fee) create professional quality photo books, where you arrange the photos and write captions.

Become the family's junior travel agent. Half the fun of a trip starts before you get there. Involve your child in the planning by practicing how to use a map to find cities, tourist attractions, and how to estimate distances. If you are driving, work with your child to figure out how many gallons of gas it will take to get there and estimate the cost. If you are flying or traveling by train, check travel schedules and costs.

Turn a museum trip into a treasure hunt. Get your children excited about visiting a museum by exploring the museum's Web site and taking a virtual tour. When you go to a museum, take into account short attention spans and don't try to cover a whole museum in one day. To make them less intimidating, start in the gift shop and let your child pick out some postcards of paintings or objects on display. Turn your museum trip into a treasure hunt by trying to find those paintings or objects in the museum. Look for interactive exhibits and for periods of history that your child has studied in school.

Become an investment guru or a math wizard. Summer is the perfect time for older children and teens to learn about the stock market and the value of investing. A good way to get started is to investigate publicly held companies that teens are familiar with, such as Apple Computer, eBay, Nike or Tootsie Roll. The Motley Fool "Teens and Money" Web site is devoted to helping teens learn about saving and investing. Your older child might also want to join a Junior Investor program to learn more about the stock market. It is also possible to help your teen get a head start on high school math by doing math puzzles.



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Thank You Mrs. Meyer

We would like to thank Mrs. Meyer for her service to students as a first grade teacher. She will be leaving our school at the end of this year.

PTO Corner

You Support PTO. PTO Supports Our School.

Thank you to Joey's Seafood and Grill and the Kiley Family—and everyone who attended—PTO's *Schools for Schools* fundraiser netted \$560. PTO appreciates families who ordered through our That's My Pan fundraiser—\$77 went back to PTO. During our April meeting, PTO voted to give \$295 to fourth grade to support a guest speakers and field trip.

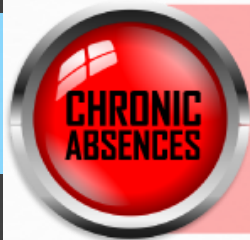
Opportunities to Get Involved:

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 7–11
PTO Meeting Tuesday, May 15 5:30 p.m. in the school library 2018-19 PTO Board voting by self-nomination will take place. If you are interested in serving PTO in an official capacity next academic year, please email Shannon Rinkinen (shannonmrink@gmail.com).

Information & Updates:

Like PTO on Facebook: facebook.com/HPTSPTO

At fine arts night the PTO will be selling Houghton Grem-lins travel cups for \$14 and will be sharing Cheese Dipper snacks while supplies last.



18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

Please visit the Fine Arts Night May 10th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Houghton Elementary School. We are very proud of all that our music and art department has accomplished with students this year!



Spring Weather

Please watch the weather and have your child wear boots to school if we have rain. Our playground will get very muddy. Also, please continue to send coats, hats and gloves. May weather is very unpredictable and we hope to keep students warm and comfortable on the playground. Thank you.



THANK YOU DECADES DANCE SPONSORS:

Thank you everyone who attended the April 6 "Dance through the Decades" PTO fundraiser. About 200 students and their families danced and played and helped us raise over \$3,300! PTO would like to thank our wonderful event donors for their generous monetary sponsorships, basket raffle items, and food donations. This great event would not have been possible without DJ Jen Wall, who kept the dance floor rocking all night!

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Century 21 Real Estate Kristine Weidner

Copper Country Family Dentistry

Family Video

Joey's Seafood & Grill

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