

UPCOMING EVENTS

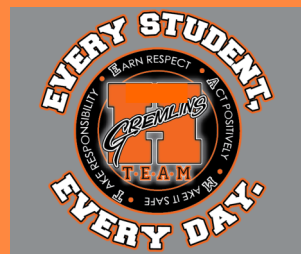
- **October 19th Copper Bowl/ Spirit Day**
(Wear Black and Orange)
- **October 24th Professional Development**
—Students Dismissed at 12:20 pm
- **October 31st Halloween Parties and Parade**
- **November 2nd End of First Marking Period**
- **November 8th Parent Teacher Conferences**
Students Dismissed at 12:20
- **November 9th Parent Teacher Conferences**
Students Dismissed at 12:20



Houghton Elementary School

October 2018

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. 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.

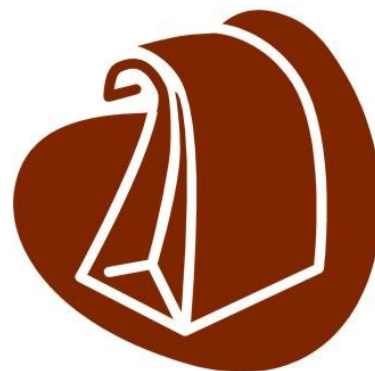
This year's annual Title I Parent Meeting will be held on November 6. Parents whose children have been referred for Title I support will receive a letter in the mail with more information about our program. Questions regarding Title I should be directed to Kriss Bosley at 482-0456 extension 3420 or kbosley@hpts.us



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.

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.

Grade/ Subject	HES 2018	State 2018	CCISD 2018
3rd Math	79.7	45.7	64.7
3rd ELA	72.4	44.4	61.7
4th Math	84.5	42.0	53.7
4th ELA	70.2	45.0	53.5
5th Math	65.4	34.3	43.1
5th ELA	65.1	46.5	51.8
5th SS	42.0	18.3	30.0

YEARBOOKS!

Now is the time to order your copy of the 2018-2019 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 9th.** A limited quantity of extra yearbooks will be available in May. Reserve your copy today!



Counselor's Corner

**MICAH
STIPECH**

Why are challenging kids challenging? A collaborative problem solving approach

Challenging kids are challenging because they're lacking the skills not to be challenging. If they had the skills, they wouldn't be challenging. That's because – and this is perhaps the key theme of the Collaborative problem solving model – **Kids do well if they can**. And because (here's another key theme) doing well is always preferable to not doing well (if a kid has the skills to do well in the first place).

This, of course, is a dramatic departure from the view of challenging kids as attention-seeking, manipulative, coercive, limit-testing, and poorly motivated. It's a completely different set of lenses, supported by research in the neurosciences over the past 30-40 years, and it has dramatic implications for how caregivers go about helping such kids.

When are challenging kids challenging? When the demands or expectations being placed upon them exceed the skills that they have to respond adaptively. Of course, that's when we all respond maladaptively: when we're lacking the skills to respond adaptively. Thus, an important goal for helpers is to identify the skills a challenging kid is lacking. An even more important goal is to identify the specific expectations a kid is having difficulty meeting (the conditions in which challenging behavior is occurring), referred to as unsolved problems...and to help kids solve those problems. Because unsolved problems tend to be highly predictable, the problem-solving should be proactive most of the time.



Our teachers and staff at Houghton Elementary are doing many things each day to help students learn skills, solve problems and do well. You may see your student coming home with orange tickets, charts or other tools teachers use to proactively communicate and give feedback to kids and families. Please feel free to communicate with us about how these things can be consistent with what you are doing at home.



HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

Mark your calendar for Wednesday 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: Kriahnna Puuri

K: Elizabeth Bates, Valen Juntunen, Aurelie Frick, Josie Haataja & Vivian Mattson

1st : Mats Aarko, Micah Isaacson, Elodie Brassard, Wade Halonen & Carter Kalcich

2nd: Estelle Huotari, Amelia Chopp, Paige Nettell, Abby Bastian &

Garek Guilbault

3rd: Garrett Summers, Leah LeClaire, Brooke Pietila & Connor Ward

4th: Hannah Williams, Casey Hiller, Thomas Niedzwiecki, Susan Bowler & Katia Rudak

5th: Kiera Isaacson, Amelia Olsson, Kai Griffith & Paige Neiswonger

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



You Support PTO. PTO Supports Our School.

PTO Helps! At our first meeting, PTO voted to fund 2 new flowering trees to benefit the new Honey-bee Habitat.

PTO Thanks! Thanks to everyone who donated items or funds to **Fill the Shed**. We are still accepting playground balls, jump rope, chalk, and cones.

Coming Up:

Spirit Wear order forms will be sent home in early October so you can stock up on Gremlins Gear.

Scholastic Book Fair November 1-9. It's a great opportunity for students to pick out their own books, or begin your holiday shopping.

PTO Meeting Tuesday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the School Library.

Support PTO: Choose **Houghton Elementary School PTO** as your designated charity when you shop online at smile.amazon.com.

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