UPCOMING EVENTS

- October I 4th No School– Professional Development
- October 31th Halloween Parties and Parade
- November 4th End of First Marking Period
- November 10th Parent Teacher Conferences Students Dismissed at 12:20
- November 11th Parent Teacher Conferences Students Dismissed at 12:20

Houghton Elementary School October 2022

Anders Hill, Superintendent Cole Klein Principal

WHAT IS TITLE I?

Title 1 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 9. 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 <u>kbosley@hpts.us</u>





MORNING DROP- OFF ROUTINE

We want to remind parents and families of some important points to help morning dropoffs move along safely and smoothly.

- Please say your "Good Byes" in the car. If you would like to get out with your child, please park in the parking lot.
- Please drop-off at the curb and not in the lane with moving traffic.
- Please do not back-up to pull out. It is difficult to see students as they exit cars and move from the parking lot.



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UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER – GET READY!

October can be a very unpredictable month when it comes to weather. 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. If it is misting or lightly raining off and on, we will try to be outside!

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 2022 | State 2022 | CCISD 2022 |
|----------------|----------|------------|------------|
| 3rd Math | 72.6 | 41.5 | 51.7 |
| 3rd ELA | 60 | 41.6 | 52.3 |
| 4th Math | 70.5 | 36.7 | 47.6 |
| 4th ELA | 74.1 | 43.4 | 53.2 |
| 5th Math | 69.6 | 30 | 42.5 |
| 5th ELA | 62.5 | 43.1 | 45.4 |
| 5th SS | 30.4 | 15.5 | 24.5 |
| 5th Science | 56.3 | 38.2 | 47.7 |

YEARBOOKS!

Now is the time to order your copy of the 2022-2023 Houghton Elementary School Yearbook. This year's yearbook is 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 with payment are due on Friday, November 11th. A limited quantity of extra yearbooks will be available in May.



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 atten-

tion-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. PAGE 4

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

Mark your calendar for Monday, 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. We plan to stream the parade on Facebook Live for parents and familes. 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 the parade to the gym and it will be streamed on Facebook Live.

EAM Student



SEPTEMBER 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 honorees are: Young 5's: Henry Hendrickson K: Louis Mattila, Ingrid Kurtti, Mac Raffaelli, Brooks Fletcher, Ingrid Sjoholm Sweitz Ist: Lev Juntunen, Faheerya Paheding, Avery Gruver, Noah Oja, Vance Viola 2nd: Sophia Pelto, Maya Miller, Ansel Lautala, Ellington Markham 3rd: Jax Karvakko, Alice Ruotsi, Tessa Ryynanen,
4th: Aurelie Frick, Roxi Blair, Zander Wall,
Emma Girard
5th: Sutton Gwaltney,
Emma Johnson, Nolan
Webb, Corinne Rubin,
Micah laacson

CONGRATULATIONS!



Have a safe

and enjoyable Halloween! We want to encourage all stu-

dents to wear orange and black

every Friday to show our school spirit.



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PICKING UP STUDENTS DURING

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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.

THANK YOU!!

A special THANK YOU to:

- The HES PTO for providing funding to our TEAM Prizes that students get for earning Orange Tickets.
- Bob Wheeler and the John Wheeler Memorial Fund for maintaining the HES School Forest Nature Trail and Outdoor Learning Area located behind the playground area. There have also been some new animal chainsaw carvings. Come visit the trail to check it out!