

HOUGHTON ELEMENTARY



December Newsletter



Houghton Elementary School

Houghton-Portage Township Schools



Houghton Elementary School is a proud 2023 National Blue Ribbon School and a MTSS Silver Recognition school for behavior and reading supports. We provide a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where all students can thrive. Our dedicated staff fosters strong relationships and delivers a rich, well-rounded education that prepares students for success.

Upcoming Events

Merry Mondays

December 1st, 8th, and 15th

Dress in Holiday Attire!!!

Winter Concert

Thursday, December 11th

Y/5, K, and 1st grade @ 9:30am

2nd and 3rd grade @ 10:30am

4th, 5th, and Choir @ 1:30am

Last Day Before Break

December 19th

Winter Break

December 22nd - January 2nd

Classes Resume

January 5th



HES Holiday Concert

Houghton Elementary School's Holiday Concert will take place on Thursday, December 11th in the elementary gym. To ensure space for all families and friends, performances will be held at different times:

- Y5, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade: 9:30 a.m.
- 2nd and 3rd Grade: 10:30 a.m.
- 4th and 5th Grade (with the HES Choir): 1:30 p.m.

Families are invited to attend their child's concert time. Please note there is only one performance per grade level. The concert will be Live Streamed on Facebook

Students are encouraged to dress nicely for the concert, and we ask everyone to carpool when possible due to limited parking.

Shuttle Service for Concert

To help with parking shortages, we are once again offering a bus shuttle service from Houghton High School to Houghton Elementary for all concert times. This is a great option for guests who may have difficulty walking in snowy conditions.

Shuttle Details:

- **Pick-up Location:** Houghton High School Gym Entrance (Door #1 – Big Glass Doors)
- **Reserved Seating:** Floor-level seats at the concert will be reserved for guests who use the shuttle.
- **Return Trip:** The shuttle will bring guests back to the high school immediately after each performance.

Shuttle Schedule:

- 9:30 a.m. Performance: Depart HHS at 9:15 a.m., arrive at HES at 9:20 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Performance: Depart HHS at 10:15 a.m., arrive at HES at 10:20 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m. Performance: Depart HHS at 1:15 p.m., arrive at HES at 1:20 p.m.

We look forward to celebrating this special day with our students, families, and friends — thank you for helping make this event a joyful and smooth experience for everyone!

A Positive Climate and Culture

"Every Student. Every Day. Whatever it takes." - Jimmy Casas

At Houghton Elementary, "Every student. Every day." is more than a motto — it guides everything we do. Through Capturing Kids' Hearts, The Positivity Project, and our T.E.A.M. behavior system, we build strong relationships and a safe, supportive environment where every student feels valued and ready to succeed.

The Positive Project

At Houghton Elementary, we're excited to continue our work with The Positivity Project, helping students grow strong relationships and character.

This month, we're focusing on three important traits: **Kindness, Other People Matter – Supporting Others When They Struggle, and Self-Control.**

Kindness is about caring for others through small and big acts, from helping a friend to offering a smile.

Other People Matter reminds us to support others when they struggle, whether it's lending a hand or a listening ear.

Self-Control helps students manage their thoughts, feelings, and actions, making thoughtful choices even when it's challenging.

Ask your child:

- "When did you show kindness today?"
- "How did you help someone who was struggling?"
- "How did you practice self-control this week?"

Together, we can help our Gremlins grow into thoughtful, resilient, and compassionate individuals.

November T.E.A.M. Students

Each month we are recognize a student in each class that exemplifies our schools TEAM goals:

Take responsibility
Earn respect
Act positively
Make it safe

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM STUDENTS!!!!

Kindergarten/Y5's: Cora Meier, Stuart Olson, Zaylee Jarrell, Ander Geshel, Deklan Loonsfoot, Carley Brueggeman

1st Grade: Jamie Hu, Dale Whinter, Keaton Hupp, Zaleigh Beiring,

2nd Grade: Emmie Helminen, Genevieve Howell, Miila Finger, Adelyn Robinette, Claire Saint-Onge

3rd Grade: Hazel Lawrence, Jackson Walter, Ingrid Kurtti, Quincy Melin, Islay VanTreese

4th Grade: Jaxon Erva, Avery Gruver, Noah Oja, Ayla Anderson, Lynola Poelstra-Olson

5th Grade: Harrison Maillette, Alida Luskin, Iley Bustos, Ali Turnquist, Carter Aho

