



HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT Viking View

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Winter Follies



Class representatives and king and queen candidates lined up in front of the audience at the basketball game and stood anxiously as they waited for the king and queen to be announced. After a nail-biting few seconds, the crowd congratulated Jade Burch and Shawn Marshall as they took their crowns. Pictured above, from left to right are the Freshman Reps Dan Rausch III and Hannah Crouch, Sophomore Reps Hailey Shank and Josh Sapp (not pictured), Junior Reps Hosley Werner and Hannah Hart, and Senior Reps Jake Beck and Shelby Henshaw. In the middle, we have our king and queen, Shawn Marshall and Jade Burch, following them are our king and queen candidates, Clayton Conner and Josie Freybler, Brandon Ryan and Samantha Myers, and Jordan Schaendorf and Cassidy Whittredge.

Fractions are Delicious!

On Friday, January 8, 2016, Hopkins Food Director, Katherine Borovsky set out to prove that fractions are not only fun but they taste good too! She went to Mrs. Cribley's Fourth Grade class at Hopkins Elementary with all of the ingredients to make no-bake oatmeal cookies. Students were put into groups and given measuring materials along with everything they would need to work together to make the cookies. Students were delighted to put the plastic gloves on and get to work. Miss Borovsky talked to the students about the importance of following the recipe and using math in cooking. All 24 fourth graders were able to stir, measure, and finally taste their creations. The students had a blast connecting their learning to cooking and best of all, Miss Borovsky proved that fractions are truly delicious!



From the Superintendent...



Gary Wood

Spring is nearly here and as I am writing this article we are still experiencing what has been a mild Michigan winter. It is nice to know the days are getting longer and we will soon be transitioning to another season of growth and promise.

Over the past several months we have been working with our district's financial adviser and underwriter on refunding two sets of bonds with a goal of saving approximately \$4 million over the life of the bonds. These savings can be realized by avoiding costs due to borrowing less from the School Bond Loan Fund and repaying the loan at a faster pace with a lower interest rate. This is good for the taxpayer because the millage collection will end sooner than originally anticipated.

You will see information on the district's May 3 ballot request for a sinking fund in this issue of the Viking View. Over the years, our communities have supported their schools by generously passing bond issues to build and remodel facilities that our students enjoy today. Unfortunately, with tighter budgets caused by reduced funding from the state, we are in a situation where we lack the general funds to properly address some of the facility needs we have. Therefore, the board felt it wise to proactively take care of these needs before they mushroom into even larger expenditures.

The district has received a few notable grants over the past few months. Our transportation supervisor, Mr. Jon Tew, wrote an EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) grant to aid in the purchase of new buses. This grant is for \$100,000 toward the purchase of five new buses. Hopkins was one of only two school districts in Michigan to receive this grant. The new buses will be on the roads shortly.

We have also been awarded \$18,480 for the Targeted Literacy Instruction and Interventions Grant through the Michigan Department of Education. This grant is being used to purchase literacy materials and resources for teachers to use at the K-3 level. A second literacy grant is now pending and we hope to hear good news on this in the near future.

Although district finances are very important, we have much more happening in our schools. Please enjoy the articles found in this Viking View!

Yours in Education,
Gary Wood, Superintendent

What Is A Sinking Fund?

A sinking fund is a savings account into which a local school district can deposit voter approved local millage revenue in order to pay cash for projects or repairs as they arise rather than having to borrow through short-term notes or long-term bonds.

Sinking funds provide districts with a cost-effective alternative to borrowing or bonding for some expenditures because they require none of the associated interest costs or legal fees. A school district that levies a sinking fund tax shall have an independent audit of its sinking fund conducted annually.

Currently under statute, the board of a school district may, with voter approval, levy a property tax (millage) in the school district each year under the following conditions:

Millage and Duration: A sinking fund may be authorized up to a *maximum of 5 mills* for a period *not to exceed 20 years*.

Allowable Use: A sinking fund may be used for the purchase of real estate for school construction and for the construction and repair (but not maintenance) of school buildings.

Hopkins Public Schools will be asking voters to consider a sinking fund of 1.6 mills for a period of 5 years in the May election. The sinking fund will allow the district to improve its facilities through:

Safety and Security Building Upgrades

- Entryway Upgrades

Building and Ground Repairs/Improvements

- Asphalt Repair/Replacement
- Roof Repair/Replacement
- Carpet Replacement
- Athletic Field Refurbishment

Classroom Upgrades

- Addition of Science Lab
- Addition of STEM Classroom



What is a "mill"?

1.6 mills would generate approximately \$400,000 each year for 5 years. Here's how it would look:

Value of Home	Taxable Value	Annual Cost
\$ 75,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 60.00
\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 80.00
\$ 150,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 120.00

Hopkins Elementary Kindergarten Round Up Registration

March 31, 2016

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Adult Informational Meeting

Please bring your child's:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Immunization Record
3. Hearing & Vision Screening
4. Proof of Residency (other than driver's license)
5. Child must be 5 yrs. old by Sept. 1, 2016

Screening

April 27, 2016

3:30 Session

4:15 Session

5:00 Session

Kindergarten Orientation Day

May 20, 2016

During Regular School Hours

Please contact Hopkins Elementary
@ 269-793-7286 for Questions

HES Art Room News

The Art Room at Hopkins Elementary transformed to a clay studio for several weeks, as students have been busy learning about clay since Christmas Break. Presentations included descriptions and videos of construction methods, the process of firing clay in the kiln, and the difference between paint and glaze. Students examined sample projects and practiced with play dough first. It was exciting for them to get real clay, and begin creating projects. Students created two projects, an assigned piece and a free choice project. Check out the beautifully textured, heart-shaped piece below! This Art piece was created as a free choice project by Mrs. Merren's first grader, Miley Runkel.



Hopkins Elementary and Sycamore Elementary teachers received iPads for assessments in Running Records. These were provided through a grant and at risk funds.

Recorder Karate for HES 4th Graders



Recorder season is in full swing in music class for 4th graders at Hopkins Elementary! Starting with 'Hot Cross Buns' and working their way up, students test individually to get belts using a program called 'Recorder Karate'. We can't tell who loves the recorders more- the students or their parents! Play on, karatekas!!

HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tech Vikes Qualify for Super Regional in Iowa

The Hopkins Middle School Robotics team (Tech Vikes) has qualified to compete at the Super Regional that will be held on March 17 – 19, 2016. The team won this honor to represent the State of Michigan by placing 4th in the State Championship on Dec. 19, 2015.

There are a total of 12 teams from Michigan who will compete. The competition will be between the 72 best teams from 12 states. The top 10 teams will be qualified for the World Championship on April 28-30th in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Hopkins team consists of 13 students from the middle school. The students were broken up into two teams to better allow them to learn the skills necessary. During the build season they learned to weld, design with 3D CAD, wire and program the robot. The competition season brought public speaking, troubleshooting, teamwork and leadership skills.

The two teams competed at Allendale and Kentwood in November and December. The two teams finished first and second in both competitions. After the great showing at the State Championship they will now need to compete against high school teams.

Michigan is the only state that has a middle school program.



Every other state and all of the other countries in the world has the Tech Challenge as a high school program. The competition will be stiff but the Tech Vikes will be ready.

Good Luck and Go Tech Vikes!

FFA NEWS



Creed Speaking:
Mariah Marvin - 1st Place
Maddie Bockheim - 2nd Place



Demonstration: 1st Place Team
Lexie Wilson, MaKenna Davies,
Laura Velderman



GH Speaking
Sam Modreske - 1st Place
Jordyn Burch - 2nd Place



Ag Issues: 2nd Place Team
Ashley Rodanhisler, Rachel Velderman,
Megan Heft



Junior High Speaking:
Bailey Couch - 1st Place, Vanessa Veld - 2nd Place,
Nicole Pitsch - 3rd Place

Congratulations to all FFA members who competed in the District Leadership Contests on February 4 at Van Buren Tech Center! All members received Gold Awards which means everyone did an outstanding job! Those who placed first or second advanced to Regionals hosted by Hopkins on February 18.



JH Conduct of Meetings (Gold Team):
2nd Place Team
Maddie Douglas, Olivia Coffey, Olivia Hightower,
Peyton Kukor, Haylie Kiraly, Lindsey Taylor,
Lane Moored, Valerie Nagengast



JH Conduct of Meetings (Blue Team):
3rd Place Team
Ethan Gilder, Trey Teunissen, Nolan Schricker,
Jaxon Ward, Kaelynn Pepper, Katrina Tucker,
Anna Washburn, Madison Ellis

First Friday Fest



The first Friday of every month has been deemed "First Friday Fest." The idea behind each day and activity is to get the 8th graders to have fun and create positive relationships with one another. Most of the activities are group ones that involve teamwork and leadership skills. Here are some snap shots from September's fest of team building games, October's Geocaching and Zumba, December's Karaoke battle, and January's upcycling project, and February's crazy gym games.



Charlotte's Web

The Young Fives class, along with the Kindergarten classes at Sycamore Elementary, saw the Charlotte's Web play in Kalamazoo's beautiful Chenery Auditorium. The students have been learning about characters, their costumes and stage/scenery. What fun was had!



Sycamore Y5/Kindergarten Registration

Thursday, March 17, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
Sycamore Gym
Adult informational meeting
Please bring your child's:

Birth Certificate
Immunizations
Hearing & Vision Screening
Proof of Residency

Child must be 5 yrs. old by
Sept. 1, 2016



From handwriting to play time, ECSE students are always LEARNING!

As Sycamore students walk by the Early Childhood Special Education class (or ECSE for short), they can't help but look in. The sight is full of play centers arranged with books, blocks, a water table and lots of toys! From the outside it appears that these preschoolers only come to school to play. However, once in the classroom the student learning is evident, and most of it is fostered naturally through play!

ECSE preschoolers are challenged on a daily basis to complete tasks that most of us find simple: Using words to communicate, appropriate behavior, social skills, overcoming sensory issues, potty training, self help skills, how to play with others, and so much more. In addition, they work on typical preschool skills like identifying colors, shapes, numbers, letters, counting, and even handwriting!

The ECSE preschoolers are not only hard workers but they are resilient

kids who constantly amaze those around them. They work hard for every "little" accomplishment they make and are celebrated for each success that gets them closer to their goal of general education.



Sycamore Elementary 3rd Graders Visit DeGraaf Nature Center



On February 2nd, the third grade classes from Sycamore Elementary went to the DeGraaf Nature Center. The purpose of the trip was to study winter ecology in a natural setting. The snowshoe hike had to be cancelled, but all students enjoyed the outdoor activities and lessons in snow crystals and animal survival. DeGraaf Nature Center in Holland does offer similar classes and activities to the public.

HHS Band Interviews Famous Composer



On Wednesday February 10th the High School Band had a Skype interview with famous composer Brian Balmages. The band has performed many of Brian Balmages pieces including "Nevermore", "Journal for a Soldier", and are currently preparing "Marche Diabolique" for band festival. Band students were able to ask the famous composer about his composing method, specific pieces, what inspires him, and how he juggles his busy work schedule with his family life. Senior Alex Ten Haaf says "It was cool that we could get to know the person who's music we are playing. He was really down to earth and funny!"

Congratulations to all of the National Honor Society members that will be inducted Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2:00pm in the High School cafeteria.

Bailey Ballard	Kierstin Herbert	Ashley Rodanhisler
Tiffany Barks	Abigail Hofstee	Caleb Ryan
Nick Belka	Taryn Kilbane	Olivia Smit
Logan Blank	Kelley Kloska	Madison Snoeyink
Anthony Bolthouse	Hannah Kuperus	Kaitlyn TeGrootenhuus
Jacob Brookhouse	Kristi Lenard	Carson Timm
Hayley Bultema	Alex Ludlam	Javier Arroyos Tornos
Corden DeZeeuw	Taylor Marcellus	D'Anna Tuinstra
Courtney Dusseau	Michael McKenzie	JoyAnna VanAntwerp
Karolyne Edema	Haley Meyering	Jeremiah VanderKam
Garrit Einig	Alexis Morris	Hannah Van de Roovaart
Heidi Gilder	Elijah Norman	Rachel Velderman
Hannah Hart	Kamryn Pals	Haven Warner
Madalyn Hatfield	Nathaniel Pastoor	Hosley Werner
Megan Heft	Dylan Pierce	Kylan Winchester
Brianna Hendee	Carrie Raymakers	Hannah Young
Abigail Hendriksma		

Thank You! Hopkins Board of Education,

Words cannot describe how thankful the High School Student Council is for the grant you awarded us with to purchase the Viking Mascot suit. The student body, as well as Viking fans, cannot get enough of our new mascot, whom we've dubbed, "Victor the Viking". Victor has been with us through a handful of events since his arrival in early December. We are looking forward to many more years, as well as great memories with Victor. Thank you for bringing a face to our Viking Pride!

Sincerely,
Hopkins High School Student Council



My name is Heidi Gilder and I'm in 11th grade. Most people don't think of high schoolers when they think of Girl Scouts, but Girl Scouts has lots of opportunities for older girls, including travel, leadership experience, and advocacy. I have recently finished my Gold Award, the highest honor an Ambassador Girl Scout can earn. Many of you helped me and I want to thank you for your support.

The issue I chose was teaching my community why it's important to keep plastic out of landfills. I partnered with a company in Evansville, Indiana called Green Tree Plastics. They offer an ABC Bench Program, where anyone who works with children in a non-profit organization can bring them 400 pounds of clean, plastic caps and purchase a bench made from caps for \$225. My bench was donated to Hopkins Elementary School in January, 2016.

Thank you to everyone who collected caps. You brought them to collection bins throughout the community; you set up collection bins at your workplaces; you handed me bags of caps everywhere I went! At each exchange, I was able to share information with you about how to start recycling at home. I educated the community by speaking to township boards, the Hopkins School Board, a senior luncheon, Ms. Galligan's third grade classroom, and various Girl Scout troops. Education was provided at craft events at libraries and for local Girl Scouts.

Education was included on the collection bins and on posters at the collection sites. I prepared a PowerPoint presentation for all the Hopkins Elementary teachers to share with their classes, as well as printables of activities on a recycling theme.

You also helped me raise \$225 for the bench, plus the cost of gas to drive down and pick it up. Thank you for buying Girl Scout cookies, magazines, nuts and for participating in my pop can drive. You donated craft materials for the craft days at the library and with the scouts. Thank you. In each of these situations, I was able to keep getting the word out: recycle your plastic, at home and at work.

Here is what we can be most proud of: we kept 476 pounds of plastic out of the ground, permanently! Because of our work, others are starting to collect caps for their bench, and many of you are recycling now in your homes, according to the statistics provided by the Allegan County Recycling Coordinator. Recycling rates are increasing, and this project has a ripple effect as motivation to start recycling is passed from one person to another. Here is what you can do next: Call Ben Williams, Allegan County Recycling Coordinator, at 269-686- 4559 and request a curbside bin to start recycling in your home. It costs around \$2 per month and is very easy to do. It makes a difference in our communities and those of the future.

Hopkins High School Welcomes Exchange Students

Alissa Vogalsang

Age: 18. Hopkins High School is pleased to welcome Alissa! Alissa is hosted by the Herpst Family and is visiting from the Netherlands.



Alissa's favorite food so far is mac and cheese, bacon, and hashbrowns. Her hobbies include soccer, hanging out with friends, traveling, shopping and watching movies.

When asked what she likes most about being in Hopkins/USA this is what she had to say:

The thing I like the most about being here is that I get to know a lot of new people. So far everybody is really nice and I'm really thankful for that. Another thing that I really like is going to school (yes, that is possible). The school in Europe (the Netherlands) is extremely different compared to the school in the USA. As an example, we don't have American football at all. Although I did not really understand football I loved going to the games and cheering for Hopkins.

Welcome Alissa!

Gabriel Pedrino

Age: 17. Hopkins High School is pleased to welcome Gabe! Gabe is hosted by the Mike & Kelli Schumacher and is visiting from Brazil.



Gabe's favorite food thus far is chili and peanut butter balls. He enjoys soccer, video games, and hanging out with family and friends.

When asked what he likes most about being in Hopkins/USA this is what he had to say:

I like the snow because different activities can be done like sledding and ice skating. I like different sports that they do not have in my country like football and baseball. I like Hopkins because it is a small town and you can meet everyone. In the town where I live in Brazil it is big and I only know some of the people that live there.

Welcome Gabe!

Javier Arroyos

Age: 16. Hopkins High School is pleased to welcome Javier! Javier is hosted by the Maule Family and is visiting here from Spain.



Javier's favorite food thus far is the hot dog. He enjoys soccer, going out with friends, bowling, and sledding when there is snow.

When asked what he likes most about being in Hopkins/USA he has lots to say!

"I love America! I love it here! It is just perfect!"

Javier loves the culture, the sports, and the way school is taught. In Spain he only has time to go out with his friends once a week. The rest of the time he has to study. Javier likes that here he has time for everything.

Javier thinks that the people here are friendly and that made him feel very comfortable when he first arrived. Sports helped too. All the people wanted to talk with him and be his friend.

Soccer is his favorite sport. He likes football too. That's a sport they don't have in Spain. He won't play because it seems really hard.

Welcome Javier!!



Soprano: Rachel Arnold, Abigail Hofstee, Haley Meyering, Olivia Smit, Megan Stein. **Alto:** Karolyne Edema, Madison McDonald, Katelyn Pendock, Taylor Slyker, Alma Grace Vriesman. **Tenor:** Clayton Conner, Caleb Harms, Jonathan Ryan, Hosley Werner. **Bass:** Hank Clevenger, Steven Harms Sam Robinson, Devin Smit.

Chamber Choir

The Hopkins High School Chamber Choir students traveled to Grand Valley State University on Saturday, February 6th, 2016 to take part in District Solo & Ensemble Festival. Together, they performed two choral pieces in front of an adjudicator/judge. The Chamber Choir received a variety of comments which highlighted both areas of needed improvement, as well as their strengths within their pieces. Choirs that perform that day also receive a rating/score for their performance. In addition to the positive educational experience of that day, the Hopkins Chamber Choir also received a high enough score to qualify for State Solo & Ensemble Festival which will take place on Saturday, April 16th at Portage Central High School. The Hopkins Chamber Choir has consistently received an "Excellent" rating at the district festival level for almost a decade. This, in large, is due to the high level of dedication, commitment, and overwhelming perseverance of the students and families within the Vocal Music Department. Congratulations to Hopkins High School Chamber Choir students for once again making it to STATE!

10 HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS



Hopkins High School
Athletic Hall of Fame Nominee
Information Sheet



NOTE: NOMINEE MUST HAVE GRADUATED 10 YEARS PRIOR TO NOMINATION OR HAVE RETIRED FROM COACHING - COMPLETE AS MUCH OF THE FORM AS POSSIBLE

Name of Nominee: _____
(First, Middle, Last)

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Please check appropriate nomination category

Athlete ☐ Coach ☐ Team ☐ Distinguished Service ☐

Please indicate if the nominee is: deceased ☐ living ☐

If deceased, please list close living family member: _____

Nominee's current address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Educational Background

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

College: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Sport(s): _____

Year(s): _____

Nominator Name: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Do you wish to remain anonymous? Yes ☐ No ☐

High School Athletic Awards (most valuable player, all conference, all state, etc.) _____

High School Career Highlights (most points in a contest, winning streak, school records, etc.) _____

Collegiate Athletic Achievements (awards, special highlights, captain, etc.) _____

Athletic contributions after high school or college (coaching, officiating, etc.) _____

If a non-Hopkins athlete, list all contributions made to Hopkins High School Athletics. _____

Please attach any other documentation you deem necessary for the committee.

Please send this form to
Adam Valk
333 S. Clark St.
Hopkins, MI 49328



Bailey Ballard (Senior - Hopkins)
The Vikings Bailey Ballard named to
Top 20 Lady Basketball Players for
Allegan County.



Goldenage Lifetime Pass

If you are 60 years of age or older you are eligible for a Hopkins Public Schools Goldenage Pass. This is good for admission to all "home" Hopkins School activities. Stop by the administration office (located at the north end of Hopkins Elementary) to get yours today.

Punch Passes

Punch pass cards are available for home athletic events. Passes cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for students for 10 home games. The cards will not expire at the end of the year so if you have any punches left, you can use them next year. Please remember that, as with season passes, punch passes may not be used for tournament play.



Annual "Outstanding People for Education" Award

(Sponsored by the Allegan County School Boards Association)



Do you know someone who has "made a difference" to a student in your district?

The purpose of the "Outstanding People for Education" recognition is to honor and recognize people in education who are excelling in their field and/or making an impact in the quality of public education in Allegan County.

Examples of whom you might nominate:

- a teacher or classroom aide
- an administrator, secretary or board of education member
- a bus driver, custodian, or other school support staff
- social worker, therapist, or consultant
- a volunteer or community member who supports education

OR Anyone else who has made an impact!

Things to consider when submitting a nomination:

- 1. Someone involved in education who has made a difference in the overall quality of public education in Allegan County by:**
 - demonstrating knowledge and skill in his/her area of responsibility.
 - developing unique programs that have enhanced the classroom learning experience.
 - playing a leadership role in education.
 - being a true "team player" in a school setting.
 - providing support for a program, service, or event that significantly impacts education.
 - exhibiting an attitude that promotes a positive working and learning environment and reflects positively on your school district.
- 2. Someone who has made an impact on the quality of an individual student's educational experience by:**
 - demonstrating sensitivity to the needs of individual students.
 - providing service "above and beyond" (over and above their job description).

Deadline for nomination: April 1st

I would like to nominate:

Nominee School District and Building/Department

Home Address or Phone (if known) Position (teacher, volunteer, bus driver, etc.)

Person Submitting (Your Name): ☐ **If you wish to remain anonymous, please check this box.*

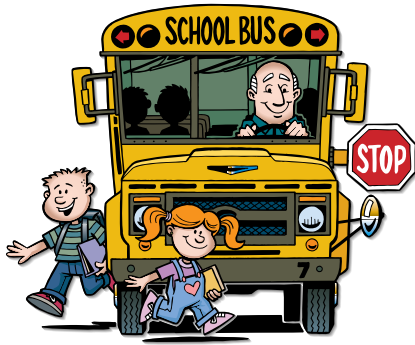
Name and Address Phone

Email Relationship to Nominee(co-worker, parent of student, etc.)

Please explain how this person has impacted the quality of education in your school and/or tell why this person has made a difference in your (or another child's) individual education. Feel free to use the criteria mentioned above as you write, give examples from your own experience, and speak from your heart! ***Attach another sheet, if necessary.***

***Please send nomination form to: Kim Bollone, Hopkins Public Schools
400 Clark Street, Hopkins MI 49328
or email the requested information to: kimbboll@hpsvikings.org***

Bus Drivers Needed



EARN INCOME – Starting pay \$15.88 per hour

SCHEDULE THAT WORKS WITH THE SCHOOL SCHEDULE – Summers and breaks free to be with your family. Work as a substitute or pursue more hours as a regular driver.

TRAINING PROVIDED, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

Join Hopkins team of drivers who provide safe, quality transportation to our students. Call Jennifer Frank today to inquire (269) 793-7121.

New Buses coming soon to Hopkins Public Schools!

The EPA offers annually a Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) rebate program to state, local and tribal agencies in an effort to provide bussing with the cleanest emission standards. DERA is designed to assist agencies with replacing or retrofitting buses so they can eliminate older buses with poor emission standards and build fleets up to the current emission standards utilizing 2016 or newer buses/engines.

Hopkins has applied to the DERA program annually since 2012 and was excited to be one of two schools in Michigan that were selected for the program in 2015. As a recipient, Hopkins will be offered a rebate of up to \$20,000 per bus for up to 5 buses. Hopkins School's submitted an application to replace 5 older model buses in our fleet and will be awarded a rebate totaling \$100,000 toward the purchase of 5 new buses.

The rebate program has well defined timelines and requirements for decommissioning of the older buses that are being replaced. We have secured quotes on the new buses for purchase as well as developed an action plan to carry out the required DERA requirements within their set timeframes.

This purchase will update half of our route buses to the current emissions standard, and will allow the district to transport our students in cleaner, more fuel efficient buses.

Jonathan Tew
Transportation and Maintenance Supervisor
Hopkins Public Schools

COMMUNITY

Hopkins Public Schools

Great Start Playgroup Schedule

2015-2016

Children age birth to 5

Playgroup meets from
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

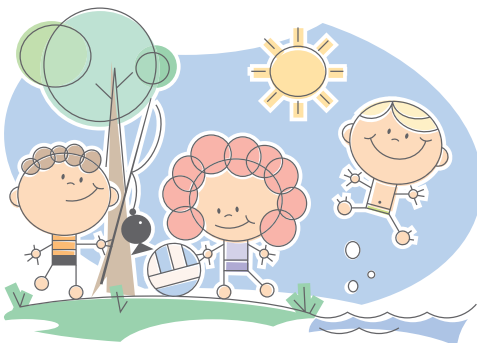
Hopkins Elementary

March 4th

May 6th

April 1st

June 3rd



**Hopkins Public Schools
Playgroup**

Please join us for one or both playgroups each month for learning opportunities, parent-child interaction, access to community services, networking, a book, a snack and of course, fun and socialization. If you have any questions, please contact your family coach, Ashley Swainston at (616) 366-2804 or ashlswai@hpsvikings.org

Viking Volunteers



Lori Knuth - born in Detroit in 1925.

Lori has been volunteering at Hopkins Elementary School for many years. She and her husband moved to Kalamazoo after they got married as he was a chemist for Upjohn. In 1980 she and her husband inherited a 200 acre farm on 126th Ave. here in Hopkins. Lori has volunteered for numerous organizations all throughout her life including: Hospital nurseries, shopping for the elderly and 4-H leader. Currently, Lori is a mentor for Emma Bartram (a 5th grade student at Hopkins Elementary).

SIMPLY GOOD
by Chantelle

Hopkins Public Schools Food Service

Eat, Learn, Live Week – January 11th – 15th we celebrated Eat, Learn, Live Week with lots of fun events! Students enjoyed Orange Crush Yogurt Parfaits during breakfast this week, MS & HS students tried Lemon Dill Chicken for lunch. All levels experienced different recipes throughout the month focusing on Citrus fruits like Jicama fruit salad, cucumber citrus salad, pineapple tidbits, mandarin oranges, oven roasted orange chicken, & fish tacos with citrus salsa!!



Jicama is a Spanish word pronounced: hic-a-ma

- Also called a yam bean
- White crisp texture, looks similar to a potato or pear
- Sweet & starchy flavor
- Usually eaten raw
- Good source of potassium & vitamin C



Jump with Jill – It's Official!! We have a winner of the Jump with Jill contest and the winner is..... **SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY!!** Way to go with your increased participation at breakfast & lunch.

But there is more good news... Thanks to the United Dairy Industry of Michigan, Hopkins Elementary has also won a performance from Jill and her friends!

We cannot wait for the shows on February 25th.



Sycamore Elementary Student enjoying an Orange Crush, Yogurt Parfait & Fresh Orange Wedges



Mrs. Cribley's 4th grade class learned how to use their math skills in the kitchen. Students worked in groups to make Oatmeal Raisin Snack Bites. We had a great time working together and talking about how you can double recipes using fraction skills.

Thank you!

2nd trimester food service helpers

Taylor Arndt, Katelyn Maddox, Tyler McDaniel
Connor Brookhouse, & Jacob Pastoor



Federal and state funded programs (Title I, etc) often use complicated formulas to calculate annual allocations to local school districts. Occasionally, the funds are tied to the percentage of students in a school district that receive free and/or reduced lunch. Even if you are unsure if your family would qualify, please take a few minutes and complete the application; it could provide your family with financial assistance for breakfast and/or lunch for your child AND it could impact the support that Hopkins would receive from the state in regards to federal/state funded programs.

Find instructions for "How to Apply 2015-16" on our Food Service website. The entire application is also available at this website: <http://www.hpsvikings.org/our-district/departments/food-service/>

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES™ STEP-BY-STEP

How do you stretch a dollar?

The last time you made a new friend, how did you connect?

What are some ways your family stays healthy?

How do you "recharge your batteries"?

What is "family time" like in your family?

MARCH 3RD, 17TH, 31ST

Meets every-other Thursday from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. at the Hopkins Middle School to strengthen our families and our bodies by walking the halls and discussing topics from the Strengthening Families™ framework.

Snacks provided for accompanying children. No meeting if school/activities are cancelled.

Contact HPS Family Coach, Ashley Swainston with questions at ashlswai@hpsvikings.org

Substitute Positions

Hopkins Public Schools utilizes EDUStaff to facilitate substitute teaching positions. You must have an account registered with EDUStaff to be considered for a substitute position at Hopkins Public Schools. In order to get an account setup, please follow the directions below:

- Go to www.EDUStaff.org
- Top left hand corner, click on "Start Application"
- Complete the online application (process will take about 30 minutes to two hours depending on employee type)
- Call EDUStaff with any questions or concerns at 877.974.6338
- Monthly \$25/per building gift card drawings.

Hopkins' Bands Present Spring Fling 2016 Dinner & Show

Saturday, March 12, doors open at 5:30pm
Hopkins Middle School Cafetorium
Pulled Pork Dinner, Show & Silent Auction

Opening Acts Showcase
Student Ensembles & Jazz Band
~ Headliner ~

West Michigan Jazz Society's
Elgin Vines Jazz Ensemble

Tickets ~ \$20

Available at Band room or Middle School Office
Limited Seating Available

For More Information: jesswill@hpsvikings.org



Mark your calendars!!

Hopkins Public Schools proudly presents:

13- The Musical (Rated PG)

A hilarious, coming-of-age musical about discovering that "cool" is sometimes where we least expect it. Geek. Poser. Jock. Beauty Queen. Wannabe; these are the labels that can last a lifetime. With an unforgettable rock score from Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown, (Parade, The Last Five Years, Bridges Of Madison County) **13** is a musical about fitting in - and standing out!

April 28, 29 and 30 in the Middle School Cafeteria. Tickets go on sale March 21, 2016. Call 269-793-7407 for information about seating and tickets.

ZUMBA IN HOPKINS



Come Zumba in Hopkins! Anne Galligan will keep you moving! Join her for an hour of aerobic exercise on Monday and Saturday.

Classes are held on Monday from 3:15-4:15pm and Saturday morning from 9-10am in the Hopkins Elementary cafeteria.

Class fees are \$5. Punch cards are available. Your first class is free! A dollar from each participant per class will go to benefit HOPE.

Students 12 and under are free and students 13 and over are \$2.

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If you have questions about specific school operations, policies, or activities, please refer to this list.

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 • Popcorn
 • Zumba® Fun
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215 Clark St
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March 26, 6-9pm

No One Fights Alone

4th Annual Zumbathon® & Silent Auction

\$20 adults / \$10 students 18 & under

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VETERANS DAY

If you know someone who would be interested in serving as our guest speaker this year at our Veteran's Day Ceremony please contact Jennifer at the High School Office (269) 793-7616.

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Hopkins Public Schools District Calendar 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Mar. 4	2nd Trimester Ends ½ day for Students ½ DPPD Day – Teachers Only PM
Apr. 4-8	Spring Break
May 30	Memorial Day – No School
Jun. 8	½ day for students DPPD Day – Teachers Only PM
Jun. 9	3rd Trimester Ends ½ day for students Last Student Day

January was School Board Recognition Month. Thank you for your service to Hopkins Public Schools!



Left to right: Front Row: Mike Maule (8 years), Karen Ryan (3 years), Jeff Gilder (13 years).
Back Row: Ben Brenner (1 year), Jay Gibson (1 year), Brian McLaughlin (5 years), John Myers (6 years).

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