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VIKING VIEW

A PUBLICATION OF THE HOPKINS BOARD OF EDUCATION

"Cultivating Lifelong Learners Who Contribute To A Global Community"

HOPKINS FIRST ROBOTICS TECH VIKES

The Hopkins Robotics team is alive and well. Even though the 2020 season was cut short due to the pandemic, the team did compete at one event and finished as the runner up at the highly competitive St. Joseph event in March 2020.

The team finished the handrails for the Wise Farm Bridge project and the middle school team worked on a community service project to make insect proof trash can enclosures for the park system.

In person competitions were cancelled in 2021, but the team was still active and competed in the Game Design Challenge. The team met via Zoom. The competition was to design a game that could be played by robots. The team won the Engineering Design Award for their game "FIRST Carnival". This was a carnival-based game that included a moving Ferris wheel and a duck pond. The judges were impressed with the creativity and level of detail that the team presented. They modeled the game, designed, and animated the field and robots on 3D CAD, developed a game play strategy and rules for the game.

Currently the middle school teams are meeting and building their robots for in person competitions in December. The high school team will kick off their season in January 2022.



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our fine staff here at Hopkins Public Schools. We were hoping this school year would be a return to normal, but it has not. There have been numerous challenges that have been faced, and for the most part, we have risen to the task.

I would like to thank our students, parents and families in this community. You have shown great flexibility and resilience throughout the past year. It seems as though adjustments are frequently necessary, but your positive attitudes do not go unnoticed.

Selfishly, I would like to thank our Board of Education. I believe this small group is representative of the greater Hopkins School Community. These people truly have the best interest of our students in mind as they make important decisions for our schools.

Finally, I hope you enjoy this Viking View. In this edition you will find information about our academics, extracurricular activities, food service, transportation and more. A lot of good things are happening at Hopkins Public Schools!

Have a great holiday season!

Yours in Education,

Gary Wood, Superintendent

Improving Student Literacy

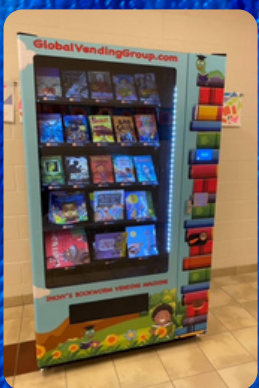
Years ago, literacy leaders around the state identified 10 key instructional practices that are essential to improving student literacy. Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) General Education Leadership Network (GELN) has released a document summarizing these instructional strategies (GELN Essential Practices K-3). These 10 practices are what all classrooms should contain as a minimum "standard of care".

Since then, our district has been wrapping around many of these essential practices, but most recently, our elementary teachers have been digging into Guided Reading (essential #3). What began last year as a dive into the book *The Next Step Forward in Guided Reading* by Jan Richardson, has rolled into needing supplies and materials to effectively run small group instruction in elementary classrooms.

Using a combination of federal and state funds, Hopkins Public Schools purchased Literacy Footprints kits for all grade levels, Kindergarten through 5th grade. These kits contain fiction and nonfiction texts with accompanying lessons that build a strong literacy processing system. Professional development around these Literacy Footprints kits started last spring and continues yet this fall with elementary classroom teachers.

Building leadership believes strongly that the implementation of these kits will increase student literacy achievement -- and we are encouraged with the engagement that our staff has had thus far with the literacy kits. We look forward to seeing the progress results of implementation!

Kammy Leep
Elementary Curriculum Coordinator



HOPKINS ELEMENTARY GETS A BIG SURPRISE

Thanks to Hopkins Elementary parent group, HOPE, students now have a BOOK VENDING MACHINE!

Students at HES will have chances throughout the year to earn gold tokens that they can redeem for a book! Hopkins Elementary students and staff are so excited for this awesome addition! Thank you HOPE!

MISSING OUT?

If you know of someone who is not receiving this publication and would like to, please call 793-7261 to add their name to our mailing list.

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Annual Education Reports

The 2020-2021 district and school Annual Education Reports (AERs) are now available.

They can be accessed on our school website at www.hpsvikings.org.

Paper copies are available at each school.

Service Recognition



10 YEARS-Brian Ballard, Heather Boreup, Kendra Brookhouse, Amy Cribley, Tim Dommenick, Jill DuChene, Joyce Molette, Jenny Reynolds, Rhonda Sapp, Matt Seabert, Katelyn Tomaszewski, Megan VanderWeg, Nicole VanDreumel



15 YEARS-Sharon Secor, Lisa Gauthier, Cody Francis, James Kiss, Jacob Oaster
Not Pictured: Shelly Kibby



20 YEARS-Suzanne Antvelink, Jason Babiak, Ronda Gilbert, Scott VanBonn



30 YEARS-Pat Weick



HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DECEMBER 20-31 WINTER BREAK
JANUARY 17 1/2 DAY FOR STUDENTS
FEBRUARY 17 1/2 DAY FOR STUDENTS
FEBRUARY 18 MID WINTER BREAK-NO SCHOOL
MARCH 3 1/2 DAY FOR STUDENTS
MARCH 4 1/2 DAY FOR STUDENTS
APRIL 4-8 SPRING BREAK
APRIL 15 1/2 DAY FOR STUDENTS
MAY 30 MEMORIAL DAY-NO SCHOOL
JUNE 2 1/2 DAY FOR STUDENTS
JUNE 3 1/2 DAY FOR STUDENTS-LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

National Principal's Month



Amy Mielke-Sycamore Elementary School
Patrick O'Dell-Hopkins Middle School
Jessica Robrahn-Hopkins High School



Scott Stockwell-Hopkins Middle School
Ken Szczepanski-Hopkins High School
Scott VanBonn-Hopkins Elementary School

FOOD SERVICE/TRANSPORTATION

Hopkins Elementary and Sycamore Elementary participated in the 2021 Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch on October 14. They joined over 1 million students in the Great Lakes Region, crunching apples to promote farm to table foods. Next year we would like to get our apples from a local orchard to support our community!

We have seen an increase in student meal participation in each of our school buildings this year. We strive to offer a variety of fresh, healthy options daily. Both breakfast and lunch will continue to be free for the remainder of the school year. Check out the menus on the [Hopkins Vikings web page](#).

Happy Holidays,
Rhonda Sapp, FSD
Hopkins Public Schools



Michigan State Police Certificate of Excellence

School bus fleets are subject to annual inspections by the Michigan State Police. Inspections usually take 3-4 days for our fleet of 22 buses and they can happen anytime of the year with minimal notice. The Buses get a head to toe inspection of all of their structural components as well as all the functioning parts, right down to the seat padding and sound of a turn signal. A records review of all our drivers and driving credentials is also performed by the State Police Officer. Getting a 100% pass rate means our fleet is up to the highest standards of safety for students and Drivers. Our bus drivers are responsible for doing a pre trip inspection of their entire bus before each and every use. Our Mechanic is responsible to keep the fleet maintained and repaired to standard at all times. Congratulations to the Mechanic and Drivers for their diligence in achieving this Certificate of Excellence 100% pass rate again this year.

HOPKINS ELEMENTARY



The fifth grade class at Hopkins Elementary FINALLY took their 3 day trip to Mackinac Island (that was postponed twice due to COVID) on October 6-8. The group had beautiful weather for biking around the island, taking a carriage tour, visiting forts, eating lunch at the famous Grand Hotel, and other fun activities. The kids received many compliments for their good behavior, as they represented Hopkins well!



- Some 5th graders stopped on the bike ride for a cool cave picture!
- Soldiers at Fort Michilimackinac demonstrated a cannon firing.
- Aiden Simons and Miles Kukor dress as soldiers while touring Fort Mackinac.
- Tabitha Burchardt and her dad getting ready for the bike ride around the island.

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY

UNITY DAY

TOGETHER AGAINST BULLYING
UNITED FOR KINDNESS, ACCEPTANCE, AND INCLUSION

10.20.2021 #UNITYDAY2021

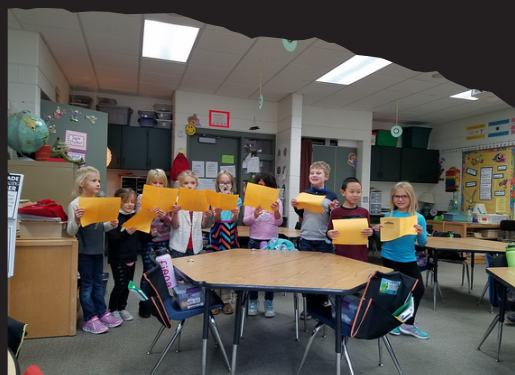
On Wednesday, October 20, students at Sycamore Elementary wore their orange to support kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

CONGRATULATIONS
SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY!
Sycamore Elementary
has been ranked #31 in
Michigan Elementary
Schools by *U.S. News &*
World Report.

FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS

Mrs. Gilbert's class invited Mr. Wood to join them in some fall fun! Students did a great job reading "Five Little Pumpkins."

Mr. Wood was thanked for coming with lots of hugs.



HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

WORLD

KINDNESS WEEK 2021

November 7-13 was World Kindness Week. Hopkins Middle School was inspired to encourage students to perform small acts of kindness that would positively impact their communities and school culture.

Way to go Vikings!



ATHLETICS

FALL ALL CONFERENCE ATHLETES

CROSS COUNTRY

ADAM BALL, HELENA KERBER, KAMBRIA MOORED, NEVAEH HELDEROP(HM),
JAEDEN HARSHBERGER(HM)

FOOTBALL

ZANDER HITZLER, JAYDEN PRATHER, NOAH DAME, TANNER NEUMAN, ELI TEHENNEPE,
TRENT BAUGH(HM), JOSIAH RYAN(HM), TRISTEN PERRY(HM)

SOCCER

JAKE DEMBOWSKIE, ANDREW WILLIAMS, ADAM BALL(HM), TIM MCDANIEL(HM)

VOLLEYBALL

AVERY ROXBURY, CORRIE WISSER, MADY WEBER, KATE CLEYPOL(HM)

PLEASE VISIT

<https://hopkinsathletics.org/>

FOR UP TO DATE ATHLETIC INFORMATION



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Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a disabled person to be able to participate in activities.

HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL

SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR HHS MARCHING BAND

This year the marching band is celebrating the Beach Boys 60th year anniversary by performing four of their top hits: I Get Around, Help Me Rhonda, Kokomo, and Fun Fun Fun. The band traveled to the Otsego Marching Invitational and took 2nd place in class C with awards of excellence in marching, music, percussion, and color guard as well as taking the caption of "Best Music". The band also traveled to the Hastings Marching Festival and took 1st place in class C with awards of excellence in music, marching, and percussion. They were also awarded the captions of "Best Marching", "Best Drum Majors", and "Best Percussion" in their class.



HHS HOMECOMING

After a year off, the 2021 Homecoming festivities were the perfect way to get the Hopkins community together again. Spirit week kicked off with students participating in dress up days, which included class color and decades day. The pep assembly organized by the high school student council recognized and highlighted organizations and teams within our community while getting everyone excited for the rest of the weekend with class spirit competitions and games. Despite tornado warnings, the Homecoming parade brought the whole community together and featured class floats and representatives, the Hopkins High School marching band, and community sports teams, businesses, and organizations. At the football game, the Homecoming Court was recognized. Class representatives included Natilee Sterken and Michael Arbanas ('25), Lillian Iciek and Colton Kennedy ('24), Mady Weber and Trenton Baugh ('23), McKenzi Bowen and Logan Underwood ('22), Grace Brenner and Cody Veldhouse ('22), and Skylar Collier and Aaron Simmons ('22). Mary Wells and Eli TeHennepe were crowned Senior Queen and King. The weekend concluded with the 2021 Homecoming Dance on Saturday night. The theme was "Garden Party" and students had a blast dancing the night away. It was a weekend to remember and reminded us all why Hopkins is a great place to be!



**POSTAL PATRON
BOX HOLDER
RURAL ROUTE**

SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Mondays at 6:00pm

January 17, 2022 Regular/Organizational Meeting

Board Finance Committee meets 30 minutes prior to regular meetings on the third Monday of each month.

*Meeting sites unless otherwise noted are at:
Hopkins Elementary School 400 Clark Street Hopkins, Michigan

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Minutes of the Board of Education meetings are on file at the Administration Office, 400 Clark Street, Hopkins, Michigan.

To request information, call 269-793-7261 or visit.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:
7:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. DAILY

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Assistant Principal – Jessica Robrahn

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Principal – Scott Stockwell
Assistant Principal- Patrick O'Dell

HOPKINS ELEMENTARY 269-793-7286
400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328
Principal – Scott VanBonn

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY 616-681-9189
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Principal – Amy Mielke

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Transportation – Jennifer Frank

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Special Education Director – Rachel Modderman

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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