



YOUNG VIKINGS

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Y5/Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year

It's that time again! Get your new Y5/Kdg. child enrolled for school for next year. The enrollment process goes live on **February 1, 2026**. (Note: You do not need to enroll your current Y5 student).

Register your student online with Final Forms at <https://hopkins-mifinalforms.com/>

Find the prompt to sign up for the student screening at Sycamore which is on Tuesday, April 14. Three times are offered on a first come, first served basis. On the night of screening, the teachers will take your child one way, to make assessments of your child's placement for next year and Mrs. English will take the parent the other way for an informational meeting. This will take about 30 minutes.

At your screening, you will sign your child up for Orientation. This is a two hour span that your child gets to come and "play school". They will have time with teachers & staff, take a brief ride on the bus, play centers, have a snack, have a recess, etc. This further allows the teachers to assess your child's placement for next year.

For this you need only drop your child off and pick them up two hours later. The date for Orientation will be Friday, May 15 with a morning session and afternoon session to choose from.

It is an exciting time and we look forward to meeting you and our child!!



OFFICE CONTACTS:

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Mid-Winter Break

Mark your calendars:

Thursday, February 12

11:10 Student Dismissal

Friday, February 13 No

School—Mid-Winter Break



Treat Day....

Treat day is every Tuesday. One treat for .75 cents or three treats for \$2.00.

This happens at the very beginning of the day.

Proceeds help with "March is Reading Month" activities.

The next Board of Education meeting is Monday, February 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Hopkins Elementary School.

2025-2026 Bittersweet Ski Club passes for Adults & Students are available at the school offices. Contact Kim Bollone with any program questions: kimboll@hpsvikings.org

Popcorn....Our next popcorn day is Friday, February 20. Same great price of 50 cents a bag!



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Student Yearbook

If you did not order a student yearbook when you ordered your child's picture packet, you have the opportunity to do so. **Orders are: DUE BY MARCH 6. No orders or yearbooks available after that.**

To order with Inter-State:

Inter-state.com/order Order Code: 0343DV

Cost: \$14.00

Some Dates to Remember:

Three weeks until Midwinter Break (2/13)

Three weeks until Valentine's Day (2/14)

Seven and a half weeks until St. Patrick's Day (3/17)

Ten weeks until Spring Break (4/3)

Just over ten weeks until Easter (4/5)



Art Show

Just a note that the art show will happen during parent/teacher conferences in March!

Be certain to give yourself extra time to check it out.

NOTE: This will take place of the spring music/art expo.

Positive Message Day....think happy thoughts, smiley faces, any positive thought to bring positivity to our school! Our next positive message day: Wed., Jan. 28, 2026

Suggestions given by the Allegan County Health Dept. of "When to Keep Your Child Home":

- *Severely Ill
- *Fever: Temp. of 100.4F or greater AND behavior changes or other signs and symptoms (keep home until 24 hours fever-free, without use of fever-reducing meds)
- *Diarrhea: no loose stools for 24 hrs. prior to returning==
- *Vomiting: no vomiting episodes for 24 hrs. prior to returning==
- *Rash: with fever or change in behavior==
- *Skin sores (weeping sores that can't be covered with waterproof dressing)
- *Certain Communicable Diseases: may need to be excluded

==These are general recommendations only. Consult physician or local public health department.

HPS TRANSPORTATION IS LOOKING FOR DRIVERS

APPLY TODAY!

2 POSITIONS AVAILABLE

\$21.95 PER HOUR

10 HOURS A WEEK; MORNINGS ONLY

17-20 HOURS A WEEK; MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS

email for details: jennfran@hpsvikings.org

call for details: (269)793-7121

Training provided \$600 training incentive

Proper Clothing Rules:

60 degrees or more...short sleeves

50-59 degrees....long sleeves

Less than 50 degrees....coat

News from H.O.P.E.

Check us out at Sycamore H.O.P.E. on face book or email sycamorehope@gmail.com
Next H.O.P.E. meeting is on Thursday, February 19 at 7:45 a.m.

Our half days for the 2025-26 school year are:

Half Days...

- *Thursday, February 12
- *Thursday, March 5
- *Friday, March 6
- *Friday, March 27
- *Tuesday, June 2
- *Wednesday, June 3

These are 11:10 dismissals.

MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD(REN) THESE DAYS!!!