

MARCH 2022

VIKING VIEW

A PUBLICATION OF THE HOPKINS BOARD OF EDUCATION

"Cultivating Lifelong Learners Who Contribute To A Global Community"

Epic Toy Drive 2021



The Epic Toy Drive might have been different this year but the heart of the community shined through those differences to come together for a greater cause.

As a district, we raised over \$10,000! All the toys that were donated go directly to the patients at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. When loading the toys into volunteer's vehicles, you start to realize how impactful these donations can be for a family. The idea of being in the hospital is a difficult thought on its own, let alone during the holiday season and during a pandemic. The amount of joy and pleasure to be able to donate toys to people that hit a bump in the road and giving them some relief is indescribable. There is no greater gift than helping others in need. As NHS members, we had the pleasure of donating, delivering, and celebrating the epic toy drive. Remember, it truly takes a village, and we showed that.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2022/2023

Hopkins Elementary
March 23, 2022
5:30-6:30pm
Parent Meeting
Adults Only

Bring your child's birth certificate,
immunization record and proof of
residency (driver's license).



Sycamore Elementary
The registration window will open
March 1, 2022 and will be conducted in
a virtual format. Please visit
www.hpsvikings.org, **Sycamore Y5's/K**
Registration or the
Sycamore Elementary Facebook
page for more information.



HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

This is the time of the year when school can get to be a grind for some students (and staff). That makes it even more important to focus on all of the positive things going on at Hopkins Public Schools.

As you look through this edition of the Viking View, you will see how the people of the community have once again come together to support those in need (Epic Toy Drive). You will see some outstanding people being recognized for their achievements (FFA, Athletic Hall of Famers, Ms. Dana's Award). You will also see some important upcoming events (Kindergarten registration, school musical). And finally, you will see some of the interesting things that happen in the classroom throughout the school year.

I know we are supposed to be humble, but it is good to feel that Viking Pride, too!

Yours in Education,

Gary Wood, Superintendent



CURRICULUM

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS TITLE I FUNDING

According to the Michigan Department of Education, the Title I, Part A program is designed to help disadvantaged children meet high academic standards by participating in either a schoolwide or a targeted assistance program.

Schoolwide programs are implemented in high-needs schools following a year of planning with external technical assistance and use Title I funds to upgrade the entire educational program of the school.

School-based decision-making, professional development, and parent involvement are important components of each district's Title I, Part A program.

Hopkins Elementary is the only building within the district that qualifies for Title I funding (Schoolwide) based on the free/reduced lunch percentage of students.

If you would like further information regarding Title I funding/programming, please contact Scott VanBonn (Director of Instruction) scotvanb@hpsvikings.org

STUDY CONNECTION

There are many things parents can do to help their children master the concepts taught in school, but one of the easiest things to do is... Ask questions that help your child practice a variety of thinking skills.

In order to master school subjects, students need to be able to think about the material in lots of different ways—sometimes at the same time. When you talk with your children about what they are learning, ask questions that encourage them to:

- Recall: Specific facts. "When did our state become a state?" or "How many continents are there?" Words that will help with this include who, when, what, where and even list.
- Understand: Ask your child to describe or explain what he knows about a topic. "Can you explain what happens in the water cycle?"
- Apply knowledge: Ask questions that let your child use what he's learned to think about new situations or predict outcomes. "If water evaporates in the sun, what do you think would happen to it in the oven?"
- Analyze: Talk about how things are organized. Many things can be divided into groups, for example. Have your child compare and contrast groups of things. "How are fish and humans different? How are they alike?"
- Evaluate: Ask your child to draw his own conclusions. "What do you think was most important to the American colonists? Why?"
- Create: Ask your child to design his own way to solve a problem. Use words such as invent and what if.

Source: "Revised Bloom's Taxonomy—Question Starters," College of Education, Illinois State University

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HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED YOU!

EDUStaff is an educational staffing company who specializes in training and providing quality substitute teachers (or guest teachers), substitute paraprofessionals, and other employee types to our partnering school districts. Founded in 2010, EDUStaff has quickly become known in the educational community for providing outstanding customer service to our partnering school districts, our external employees and our guest teachers!

BENEFITS OF BEING A GUEST TEACHER

Becoming a guest teacher provides great opportunity for every stage of life. Here are just a few:

- ✓ Flexible schedule to accept assignments when you want.
- ✓ Work in your child or grandchild's school.
- ✓ Make a positive difference in your community.
- ✓ Get a foot in the door at a school district as your potential future employer.
- ✓ If you like variety, EDUStaff offers a range of opportunities, which are customizable to your comfort level and experience.

GUEST TEACHER REQUIREMENTS

Per State of Michigan law, applicants must have one of the following to become a guest teacher:

- ✓ Current Michigan Teaching Certificate.
- ✓ Expired Michigan Teaching Certificate.
- ✓ 60+ credit hours from an accredited community college, or an accredited college or university with no less than a 2.0 GPA verified with official transcripts (acceptance of this minimum is at the discretion of each individual school district).

Note: Requires a \$45.00 substitute teaching permit applied for by EDUStaff

- ✓ Out of State Teaching Certificate with transcripts showing 60+ credit hours from an accredited community college, or an accredited college or university with no less than a 2.0 GPA.
- ✓ Anyone working in a K-12 setting must be fingerprinted and pass a criminal history background check.

HOW TO APPLY

Log on to www.EDUStaff.org

For more information contact our customer service department.



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Join Our Team

**Hopkins Public Schools
Musical Theater Department
presents:**

Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory

Performance Dates

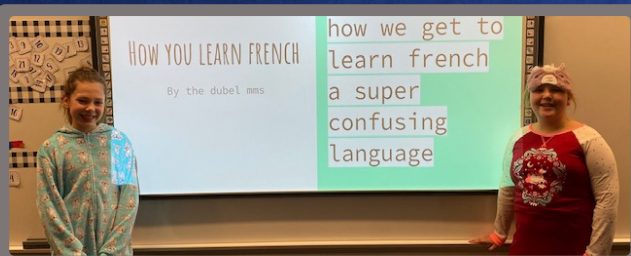
April 28-30

Tickets go on sale soon!

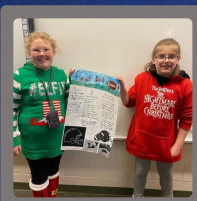
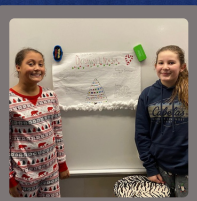


HOPKINS ELEMENTARY

5th Grade Passion Projects



The two weeks prior to Christmas break was a time for my 5th graders to research a topic that was of interest to them and something that wouldn't normally be taught in the 5th grade. Students brainstormed, made groups and dug right in! A few of the topics researched included: Christmastime in New York City - along with hot cocoa for everyone, football, learning to speak French, How to write Japanese letters, history of a pencil and the history of M & M's - along with a working M & M vending machine created out of a Xerox paper box! Some of the student groups wanted to present their projects to the class on the day before break. It was a fun time of student directed learning that was educational for the entire class and their teacher!



Welcome

Mr. John Krajewski
Hopkins Elementary Principal



HOPKINS ELEMENTARY

First Grade Olympics

On Friday, February 4th, 2022 the first graders at HES participated in the 2022 Winter Olympic Games. Prior to going outside, our students learned about the history of the Winter Olympics and the torch that is carried for the opening ceremony. Our students were then split up into 9 countries (China, Italy, Germany, Canada, Ireland, France, Sweden, Japan, and the United States) and competed in 9 events. The students began the games by participating in the "Parade of Nations" before going outside to compete. The events that students participated in were: snowboarding, skiing, hula hooping, slingshot, snowball target launch, curling, running, ski-jump, and ice hockey. Our students enjoyed the beautiful snow filled and sunny day!

The HES third graders held their annual Barter Day on January 28th. The kids brought in various items to trade, or "barter" with each other. This fun culminating activity is part of the Michigan History Unit that the kids learn about. They have learned about how Native Americans bartered in the past in order to get things. All three classes had a blast "shopping" at each other's "store" for new goodies to take home. It was a fun and successful event!



SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Gilbert's First graders are rocking out reading levels! They recently celebrated their achievements by cheering each other on when Mrs. Gilbert told how many reading levels they had advanced since the last assessment! Mrs. Mielke celebrated with them and expressed how proud of them she is. Many have achieved their year-end goal while others have been gaining steadily. While many jumped 2 levels, one student jumped 5 and another 6 levels since early December!! Mrs. Gilbert calls them her "Reading Rockstars" and their principal, Mrs. Mielke agrees.



Sycamore Elementary Art students have been creating a Winter Fun Mural showing the imagination of all classes to enjoy during these cold days! Here is the focus for each class:

Y5: Evergreen Trees

K: Houses

1st: Snowmen

2nd: Animals

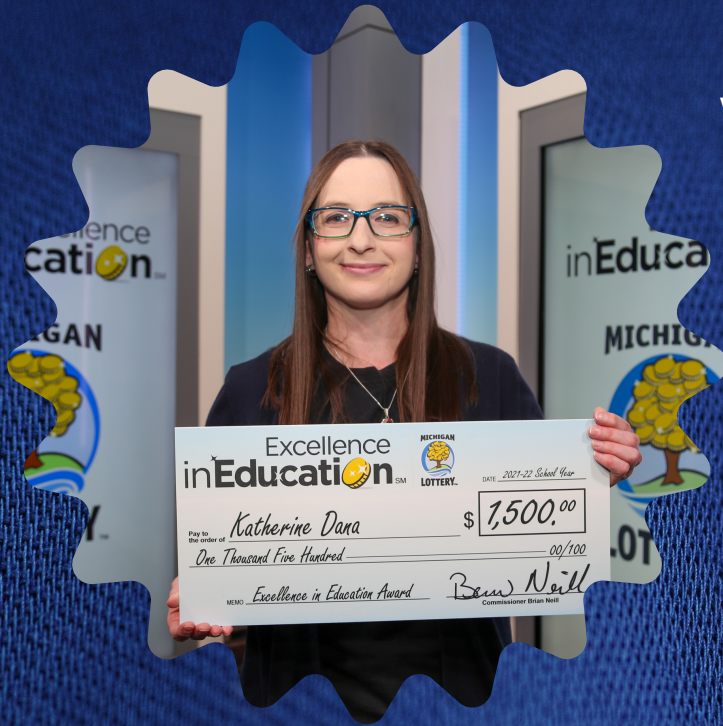
3rd: Snowflakes

4th & 5th: Outdoor Sports

The mural has been so much fun to see each day what new artwork was added and the artists are so pleased with their creations!

HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

HMS ART TEACHER KATIE DANA
WINS EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
AWARD



Congrats!
MS. DANA

ATHLETICS

CONGRATULATIONS HOPKINS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



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

Hopkins FFA District Leadership Contest Results

FFA members recently competed in the district leadership contests held at Hopkins High School. Members competed in career development events against five other schools. Those placing first or second will advance to regionals on February 17 at Olivet High School. Those placing first or second at regionals will then advance to state held March 9-11 at Michigan State University. While at the state convention, Hopkins will be recognized as one of the top three chapters in the state as a part of the National Chapter Award program.

Creed Speaking:

Chase Laarman - 3rd place Gold Award
Travis Sebright - 4th place Silver Award
Addison Moored - 6th place Silver Award

Ag Issues Team - 1st place Gold Award

Gracie Langlois, Makayla Boeske, Leah Ellis, Megan Williams,
Paisley Dorman, Emilie Coffey, Tally Laarman

Demonstration Team - 1st place Gold Award

Emma Langlois, Allie Coffey, Lena Germain

Greenhand Speaking:

Kaden Petroschus - 1st place Gold Award
Colby Tucker - 3rd place Gold Award

Prepared Speaking:

Jessica Harvey - 2nd place Gold Award

Job Interview:

Mary Wells - 1st place Gold Award
Ashton Dorman - 2nd place Gold Award



Creed Speaking



Ag Issues Team



Demonstration Team



Greenhand Speaking



Prepared Speaking



Job Interview

FFA AGRISCIENCE BARN FALL ACTIVITIES

FFA members and students in our zoology classes have been busy raising animals in the agriscience barn at the high school. Students in zoology raised three pens of 25 broiler chickens this fall and competed in the State FFA Broiler Contest. They raised the chicks from one day old to five weeks of age following industry standards and tried to raise the biggest birds possible in that amount of time. Students also completed a report indicating their production practices, income and expenses, and growth rate. Two of our class pens placed in the top ten and received gold awards and our third pen received a silver award out of 183 entries. A few FFA members also raised broilers at home for the contest with Carson Schricker also receiving a gold award.

Six middle school FFA members had the opportunity to raise a market hog for the first time for the Green and White Show held at MSU January 28-29. They learned how to properly raise and exhibit a market animal by being responsible for the daily care and training for the three months leading up to the show. Thank you to the Klingenberg family for providing the pigs for our students to raise! The members also competed in the Swine Judging and Skillathon Contest while at the show. Students in our Zoology class were also able to interact with the pigs in the barn while learning about swine production.

Students in zoology are currently learning about dairy production. They are currently caring for six holstein feeder calves. Students will bottle feed the calves twice a day, administer daily health checks, monitor weight, identify anatomy and meat cuts, and learn about industry standards and products. Thank you to the Berens family for the donation of the calves for our class to raise!



HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

Annual Education Reports
The 2021-2022 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.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

LET'S RECOMMIT

Educating children during a pandemic is not easy. We have asked that you keep your child home if they are sick or have symptoms that could be related to COVID-19. Thank you for that. Otherwise, our students need to be in school.

If your child misses just one day a week of school, he/she will miss more than two years of class time before they graduate! Absent students also miss things they often can't make up, like discussions and demonstrations.

To keep your child from missing out:

- Track your child's absences.
- Take appropriate health precautions to make sure your child stays well.
- Don't let your child miss school to catch up on sleep.
- Seek help for family struggles that make attendance a challenge. Ask the school counselor about resources.

FOOD SERVICE

Hopkins Public Schools is committed to providing quality, tasty food for all of our grade levels. Even with the supply chain issues throughout the pandemic, we search for new recipes and products. Our hope is that each student has options that are pleasing to them and makes their meal experience positive. Each of our buildings provides a cold bar where students may choose assorted fresh vegetables and fruits along with canned fruits. White or chocolate milk are also provided with every meal. Both breakfast and lunch continue to be free for every student through the end of the school year. Please visit hpsvikings.org to view our menus.



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SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mondays at 6:00pm

March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting @ Sycamore Elementary

April 18, 2022 Regular Meeting

May 16, 2022 Regular Meeting

June 20, 2022 Budget Hearing @5:45pm

June 20, 2022 Regular Meeting

July 18, 2022 Regular/Organizational Meeting

August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting

October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting

November 7, 2022 Work Session

November 21, 2022 Regular Meeting @ Sycamore Elementary

December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting

January 16, 2023 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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Regular Office Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. daily

DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Director of Instruction-Scott VanBonn

Director of Finance & Operations – Katie Jager

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333 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328

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Assistant Principal – Jessica Robrahn

HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL 269-793-7407

215 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328

Principal – Scott Stockwell

Assistant Principal– Patrick O'Dell

HOPKINS ELEMENTARY 269-793-7286

400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328

Principal –John Krajewski

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY 616-681-9189

2163 142nd Avenue, Dorr, MI 49323

Principal – Amy Mielke

TRANSPORTATION 269-793-7121

2746 22ND Street, Hopkins, MI 49328

Transportation – Jennifer Frank

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400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328

Special Education Director – Rachel Modderman

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Members of the Board of Education would like to keep lines of communications open with the community they serve.

Please feel free to call with your comments and concerns.

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