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Building Strong Attendance Habits

- **Talk about school daily.** Asking your child about their day shows them that school matters. [Visit [LINK](#)] for conversation starters.
- **Every day counts.** Children who attend school every day—or miss no more than one day a month—are more likely to read on or above grade level.
- **Set a routine.** Consistent school-year routines help students arrive ready to learn. Need ideas? [Check out this [LINK](#)].
- **Missed days add up fast.** Even a few absences can impact your child’s learning.
- **Strong attendance = strong start.** September attendance sets the tone for the whole year.
- **Address anxiety early.** If your child feels nervous about school, talk with their teacher or counselor. Early support can reduce school avoidance and ease anxiety. [Visit [LINK](#) K-5] or [[LINK](#) K-12] for more information.

Know the calendar. Planning family events and travel around the school calendar helps keep attendance on track. [See the calendar here: [LINK](#)].

Treat Day Returns...

Beginning Oct. 7, 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.

Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

Get ready—our Scholastic Book Fair is coming October 20-24. Students will have the chance to browse and shop for exciting new books, fun stationery and more! It’s a great way to spark a love of reading and support our school library at the same time.

Families can also set up a Scholastic eWallet for easy, cash-free shopping.

Stay tuned for class shopping schedules and family event details soon!



HALLOWEEN

We will celebrate our ghosts & goblins on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31.**

All are invited to the parade at 10:30. Weather permitting, it will be outside in our loop. See classroom newsletters for grade specific activities.

It is also an **11:10 dismissal day.**



**DISTRICT WIDE HAT DAY
October 17th**

Pay \$1.00 to wear a hat.

The profits will go to help a Hopkins Family in need!!



Upcoming Field Trips:

*Tues., 10/14 3rd gr. Jijak Camp 9:-2:15

*Fri., 10/17 Y5/Kdg. Post Family Farm 8:30-12:15

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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences are
Tuesday, October 21 4:00-7:00 &
Thursday, October 23 4:00-6:00
See you there!



UNITY DAY

Send a visible message to prevent bullying!!

Wear orange on Wednesday,

October 22.

We will not bully!!!

Picture retakes are Friday, October 24. If you want retakes please send the unwanted picture packet with your child on that day. Also, a flier is available to be sent home with our child with more information.

Contact the office if you would like a flier.

Popcorn....Our first popcorn day is Friday, October 24. Same great price of 50 cents a bag!



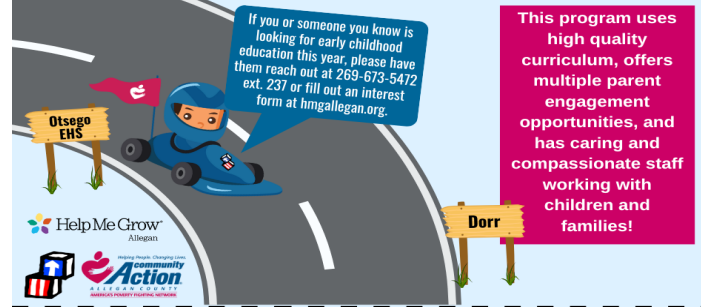
Positive Message Day....think happy thoughts, smiley faces, any positive thought to bring positivity to our school!
Our next positive message day: Wed., Oct. 15, 2025

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.

Head Start currently has openings in the Sycamore preschool classroom (4 year olds), and Early Head Start Otsego Home Based (ages 0-3/prenatal)!



If you or someone you know is looking for early childhood education this year, please have them reach out at 269-673-5472 ext. 237 or fill out an interest form at hmgallegan.org.

This program uses high quality curriculum, offers multiple parent engagement opportunities, and has caring and compassionate staff working with children and families!

Logos: Otsego EHS, Help Me Grow Allegan, Community Action

News from H.O.P.E.

Check us out at Sycamore H.O.P.E. on face book or email sycamorehope@gmail.com

More info to come!

Proper Clothing Rules:
60 degrees or more...short sleeves
50-59 degrees....long sleeves
Less than 50 degrees....coat

2025 Hopkins Volleyball Clinic

This is for girls 3rd-6th grades. A sign up form went home with your child. Please return to the high school office no later than Oct. 24.



BACKGROUND CHECKS are required for all who will help in the classroom, attend a field trip, go to Field Day....be ahead of the curve & fill them out now! They must be done every year.

Hpsvikings.org Under "Family Resources"

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

- *Friday, October 31
- *Thursday, November 13
- *Friday, November 14
- *Friday, January 16
- *Thursday, February 12
- *Thursday, March 5
- *Friday, March 6
- *Friday, March 27
- *Tuesday, June 2
- *Wednesday, June 3

Half Days...

These are 11:10 dismissals.

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