



SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



YOUNG VIKINGS

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Treat Day Tuesdays

Begins October 11. Two treats for \$1. Profits help fund March is Reading Month activities. Students choose from a variety of snacks & drinks.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

4:00-7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

4:00-6:00 P.M.

MAKE SURE YOU CONNECT WITH CLASSROOM TEACHERS TO SCHEDULE YOUR CONFERENCE!

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DrEsS YoUr StUdEnT:

College Wear Day:

Wed., Oct. 12

Tues., Oct. 18

Wed., Oct. 26



Unity Day—Wear Orange for anti-bullying
Wed., Oct. 19

Positive Message Day:

Thurs., Oct. 20



Peace, Love & School Lunch

To recognize the National School Lunch Program, serving nearly 30 million children each day, Hopkins Public Schools will celebrate National School Lunch Week from October 10-14. The fun & creative campaign theme, "Peace, Love & School Lunch," highlights the importance of a healthy school lunch to a student's success both in & out of the classroom.

Research shows children are getting their healthiest meals at school. School lunches offer students fruits & vegetables, whole grains and milk & meet federal nutrition standards limiting fat, calories & sodium. National School Lunch Week helps us educate parents & students about all the wonderful benefits of our lunch program.

The federally funded National School Lunch Program (NSLP) has been fueling students for success for 75 years. Students can enjoy the convenience of a healthy school lunch for just \$2.40 elementary, \$2.75 middle & high school. Some students may qualify for free or reduced-price meals; fill out a meal application at hopkins.familyportal.cloud today!

The campaign is made possible by the nonprofit School Nutrition Ass. & Kellogg's. Parents & students can follow the fun on social media using the hashtags #NSLW22, #PeaceLoveSchoolLunch and #SchoolLunch.

Can Ya? Bring your cans for one of our H.O.P.E. sponsored can drives. Delivery is outside before school starts. Look for the sign with your teachers name to "get credit" for fun classroom prizes at the end of the year.

Our first can drive is Tues., Oct. 11.

24 days til Halloween

48 days til Thanksgiving

79 days til Christmas

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MESSAGE FROM FOOD SERVICE: There is a lot of confusion regarding meals through the school this year. I would like to give some clarification. Free & reduced meal applications are available at Hopkins.familyportal.cloud. When you submit your application, it is processed within 24 hours. Once the application is processed, your benefits will immediately take effect. Notification letters are then sent home to the family. A student's eligibility is NEVER discussed with the student or any other staff members. If a student is free or reduced, that benefit only applies to full reimbursable meals. If a student brings a cold lunch and wants milk, they must pay \$.50 for the milk regardless of their free/reduced benefit. It has been a few years since we have had to pay for student meals; we are trying our best to retrain our staff, teachers and students. Please do not put the stress of whether your student is free, reduced or full pay on your student. We will never refuse a child food regardless of their status. If you have further questions, please reach out. Rhonda Sapp, FSD 269-793-7286 x 4530 rhonsapp@hpsvikings.org

Half Days...

Our half days for the 2022-23 school year are:

*Monday, October 31
 *Tuesday, November 22
 *Monday, January 16
 *Friday, February 17
 *Thursday, March 2
 *Friday, March 3
 *Friday, April 28
 *Thursday, June 1
 *Friday, June 2

These are 11:10 dismissals.

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

Save the Date:

**SYCAMORE CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
 Y5-2ND GRADE 1:00 P.M.
 3RD-5TH GRADE 2:00 P.M.**



Next H.O.P.E. Meeting:

Wednesday, October 19 6:30 p.m.

Field Trip for Y5/Kdg.

Fri., Oct. 21 8:30-12:30 Post Family Farm

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.

Our H.O.P.E. Board:

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These ladies do a lot for our students!!!

Your help is

ALWAYS welcome.

Check it out at Sycamore H.O.P.E. on Facebook or email

sycamorehope@gmail.com

Proper Clothing Rules:

60 degrees or more...short sleeves

50-59 degrees....long sleeves

Less than 50 degrees....coat



Here are ways to help H.O.P.E. We do

Coca-Cola Give, we will have pop can drives, events & fundraisers throughout the year.

For more information check out Sycamore H.O.P.E. on Facebook.



SAVE the DATE

Our first skate party will be at Byron Center Fun Spot on November 4!!

Time: 6:00 p.m. til close

Cost: \$8 includes skates & admission
 Spectator cost: \$4

Holiday Dates:

Thanksgiving Break:

Half day of school on Nov. 22

No school Wed. Nov. 23—Fri. Nov. 25

Christmas Break:

Thurs., Dec. 22-Tues., Jan. 3