

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



YOUNG VIKINGS

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READ-A-THON

Sycamore Elementary H.O.P.E. Read-a-Thon begins today! The paperwork went home last week. Also look for it on our facebook page.

We are asking your kids to read for at least 60 minutes for pledges. This will take the place of our walk-a-thon this year.

TOP THREE CLASSES will receive a prize:

***First Place...**Class will receive \$200 towards new books for the classroom & a St. Patrick's Day party

***Second Place...**Class will receive \$100 towards new books for the classroom

***Third Place...**Class will receive \$50 towards new books for the classroom

February 18-March 5

HALF DAYS

Thursday, March 4 & Friday, March 5 are half days. Dismissal is 11:10. Be sure to have arrangements made for pick up!!

Y5/Kindergarten Registration

Is it time to enroll your child in Y5's or Kindergarten?

Your child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2021.

Please go to our facebook page or the district website to register your child.



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FAX NUMBER:

888-557-7919



ReMiNdEr: Pick Up Loop CHANGE

Beginning Mon., Feb. 22...

Y5-1st grade students will be dismissed to the pick up loop (as we've been doing).

2nd-5th grade parents will park in the parking lot & get out to receive students who will be walked across by a teacher. You will need to present your tag.

If you have children in both categories, they will all come out to the loop (as we've been doing).



YES!!!! We're very excited to have your children back all day, every day beginning Monday, March 8!!

We will get back to normal learning but all precautions for your children's health will still be of utmost importance!

Masks are still mandatory.

CALL OR EMAIL the office with any bus/pickup needs! This is the job of the office. It is confusing when teachers juggle this information.

The Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, (including sexual orientation or transgender identity), disability, age, religion, height, weight, marital or family status, military status, ancestry, genetic information, or any other legally protected category, (collectively "Protected Classes"), in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Superintendent of Schools, Hopkins Public Schools, 400 Clark Street, Hopkins MI 49328 269-793-7261

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

COVID-19 Daily Student Screening Guidance:

Keep your children home from school if you have any of the following Symptoms -

- Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

Close Contact/Potential Exposure -

In the past 14 days has your child:

- Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19: **OR**
- Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person under quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19: **OR**
- Had a travel history

If you have any of the symptoms listed on the left AND have had close contact/potential exposure, call the school as soon as possible to let them know the reason your child(ren) won't be at school. Call your health care provider right away. If you don't have one or cannot be seen, go to www.mi.gov/coronavirustest or call 2-1-1 to find a location to have your child(ren) tested for COVID-19.

If the answer is **YES** to any of the symptom questions, but **NO** to any close contact/potential exposure questions, your student may return to school based on the guidance for their symptoms (see "Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools"):

- Fever: at least 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Sore throat: improvement (if strep throat: do not return until at least 2 doses of antibiotic have been taken)
- Cough/Shortness of breath: improvement
- Diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain: no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours
- Severe headache: improvement

DISCLAIMER: This screening tool is subject to change based on the latest information on COVID-19. <https://bit.ly/2CBqGo3>

Half Days...

Our half days for the 2020-21 school year are:

*Thursday, March 4
*Friday, March 5
*Friday, April 30
Thurs. & Fri., June 3 & 4

**These are 11:10 dismissals.
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR YOUR CHILD(REN)
THESE DAYS!!!**

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



Next can drive:

**Monday, February 22
&
Tuesday, February 23**

Drop off before school in drop off loop

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences are Tues., March 23 & Thurs., March 25. They will again be via Zoom or a phone call. Conference slips will go home 2/22 & 2/23. Be sure to mark your preferences and return immediately!

First Come...First Served!



Reminder from PE:

All students need gym shoes for PE. Now that kids are wearing boots, they're forgetting tennis shoes.

Please help them remember to pack those shoes!! They can always keep a pair in their locker!



Remember to collect labels. We take Box Tops, Coke Gives, Dick 's Market & Amazon Smile. For more information check out Sycamore H.O.P.E. on facebook.

**THE 2020-21 DISTRICT & SCHOOL
ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORTS ARE
NOW AVAILABLE AT
WWW.HPSVIKINGS.ORG**

Daylight Saving Time Begins:

While you sleep on Saturday, March 13

St. Patrick's Day:

Wednesday, March 17

Spring Break:

Sat., April 3-Sun., April 11