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VIKING VIEW

A PUBLICATION OF THE HOPKINS BOARD OF EDUCATION

"Cultivating Lifelong Learners Who Contribute To A Global Community"

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



This is a special edition of the Viking View for me because it gives me a chance to let all of you know that I will be retiring at the end of this school year. I have been your superintendent for the past nine years and it has flown by. I have spent 37 years in public education and that has also gone by quicker than I could have ever imagined.

I would like to thank all of you in the Viking School Community for the support you have given the district and all of our staff over the years. Hopkins is truly a gem of a school district. I have worked with many great administrators, teachers and support staff. The families we serve are so dedicated to helping each other in difficult times that it amazes me.

The school board members that I have worked closely with here in Hopkins are the best. When the late John Myers (Board President at the time) called to offer me the superintendent position nine years ago, I had no idea of the quality of people that would become my co-workers and my friends.

Finally, this district has great kids. They are a reflection of all that each of you contribute. Thank you for allowing me to lead this great school district.

Yours in Education,

Gary Wood, Superintendent

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS-CURRICULUM

As we enter this final stretch of the school year, the days continue to grow longer and the weather slowly begins to warm. With these welcome signs of spring comes "Testing Season". Shortly after Spring Break, all 3rd-8th and 11th grade students will be taking the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) or SAT assessments.

The M-STEP is a 21st Century computer-based assessment designed to gauge how well students are mastering state standards. These standards, developed for educators by educators, outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be prepared to enter the workplace, career education training and college. When combined with classroom work, report cards, district level assessments and other tools, M-STEP results offer a comprehensive view of student progress and achievement.

For additional information visit the link below:

[State Assessment in Michigan: What it is, What it means - And What it Offers](#)

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ENCORE! SUMMER MUSIC CAMP 2023



**JUNE 5-8
9AM-3PM**

MUSIC OLYMPICS!

GET READY TO COMPETE AND PERFORM WITH MUSIC ALL OVER THE WORLD

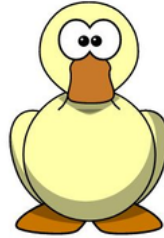


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Musical Theater Camp 4 Hopkins Teens Cost: \$225

Middle School Cafetorium

HONK JR!



A slightly trimmed
down version of the
original British musical.

Monday-Saturday
July 24-July 29

Two Saturday performances!



Hopkins Area
Students
Going Into
6th-12th
Grades

YOUNG 5 & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Young 5's & Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year OPENS on February 1st and CLOSES Mar 24, 2023 .

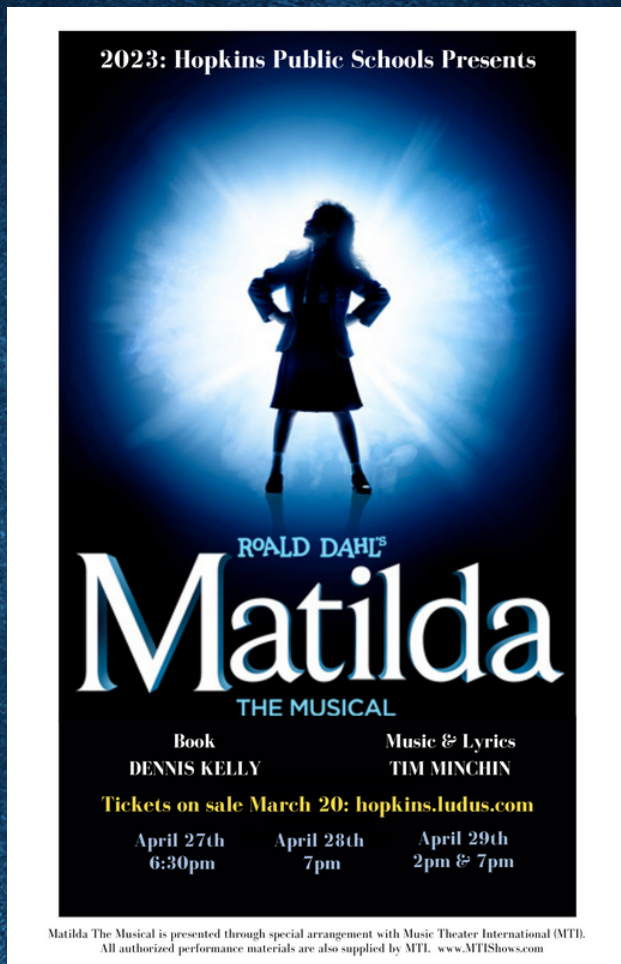
Please go to <https://www.hpsvikings.org/> and click on Kindergarten Registration Information 2023 under Spotlight/News and follow all the steps provided on that document. You may call or email Wendy Tew with any questions at 269-793-7286 or wendtew@hpsvikings.org.



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The 2022-23 Annual Education Reports are available at www.hpsvikings.org.

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS



HPS WELCOMES A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

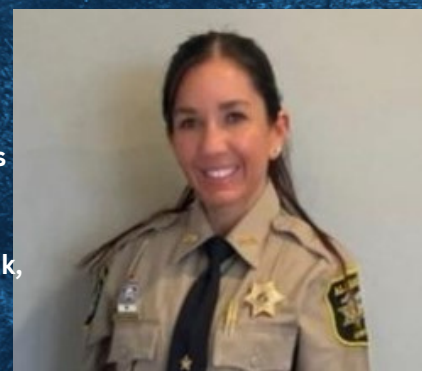
Hopkins Public Schools was fortunate enough to receive a grant from the Office of School Safety that will allow for the addition of a School Resource Officer (SRO). The SRO position is partially supported by the FY23 grant funds awarded by the State of Michigan and administered by the Michigan State Police.

According to Superintendent Gary Wood, the district has entered into an agreement with the Allegan County Sheriff's Office to provide a full-time deputy for this purpose beginning March 1, 2023. The SRO will service all of the schools in the district.

Deputy Tracey Keefauver has been selected for this position. Deputy Keefauver has worked for the Allegan County Sheriff's Office for two years. When asked about her new role, she stated, "I've enjoyed working as a Road Patrol Deputy but I'm so excited to step into the school resource officer position. I can't wait to work with the students and get to know them all. I've had extensive training to prepare me for my new role and I look forward to working with HPS making the school a safe environment for everyone!"

The SRO will assist the district in ensuring the physical safety of the individuals in its schools. They will help to develop and update safety procedures, emergency operations plans and implement best practices. They will help educate students in law-related topics and provide staff with safety training as needed.

"Not only is this a great opportunity for the district, but also for the community. Just think, there will be a deputy in our community every school day that can rapidly respond to emergency situations that occur.", Wood stated.



HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL

The Hopkins High School Band had 16 students participate in this year's District Solo and Ensemble at Wyoming High School in Grand Rapids on Saturday February 4th. Students performed both solo and ensemble pieces for judges and were awarded first and second division ratings. All students took home a medal from the event and almost every group qualified for State Solo and Ensemble in March. Congratulations Viking Band on all your hard work!



SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY

Guest Greeter

Every morning as students enter the building, they are greeted by Mrs. Fredricks who says, "Good morning!" She was amazed at the number of students who do not even acknowledge someone when they say hello and do not respond. With a little thought and creativity, she started the "Special Guest Greeter" project. Young Five and Kindergarten students assist each morning, wearing a special badge of honor. It is their job to say good morning to every student who enters and Mrs. Fredricks then encourages the other students to return the morning greeting. At this point of the year, the program pretty much runs itself and students are greeting each other and adults. Ms. Mielke likes to say, "Manners matter" and good manners are contagious.



Social Emotional Learning

Kindergarten and Young Fives classes engage in weekly social emotional learning and character development lessons. Each Friday, the classes meet for character trait lessons focusing on a monthly theme such as problem solving, leadership, gratitude, or sportsmanship. During February they are focusing on courage while learning about courageous leaders like Ruby Bridges. In the classroom, students learn social emotional skills such as responding to big feelings with coping skills like deep breaths or calming yoga poses.



2ND GRADE CELEBRATES LITERACY



As a part of our "March is Reading Month" festivities HES 2nd graders were able to explore and celebrate some of their favorite books. Each student brought their favorite book from home, or chose one from school, to write an opinion piece about and share with others. Students enjoyed showing off their favorite books and recommending them to their peers.



4TH GRADE POSTCARD PROJECT

In 4th grade social studies, we learn about the United States and its different regions. To expand our knowledge about our country, 4th grade students and their families reached out to people who lived in other states and asked them to send us a postcard with interesting facts about their state. Every time we get a new postcard, we read it in class, color the state on our map, and add it to our growing bulletin board. We have collected 36 of the 50 states so far!



HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

CONGRATS

Lylah Janowsky

The Hopkins Art Department would like to congratulate Hopkins Middle School 8th grade artist Lylah Janowsky for winning 2 Regional Gold Key Awards in the 2023 Scholastic Art Competition. Lylah's artwork now moves to the National Competition!



Our Hopkins Middle School students are happy to be playing pickleball with new equipment this year thanks to the donations from the following pickleball companies:

Paddletek
Selkirk
Onix
Engage
Gearbox



The Hopkins Public School District Board of Education complies with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or gender identity), disability, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry, or genetic information (collectively, "Protected Classes") in its educational programs or 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.

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS-FOOD SERVICE

Spring is right around the corner and we are excited to promote breakfast at our elementary schools.

National School Breakfast week is March 6-10 with a construction theme of DIG IN to SCHOOL BREAKFAST. We will be offering a fun menu during the week including Banana Split Parfaits, Chicken Biscuit Sandwiches, and Breakfast Pacos. We will also have various construction themed giveaways for the students participating in breakfast that week – including their own construction hat!

Busy weekday mornings make it a challenge for many families to find time for a healthy breakfast. Fortunately, Hopkins Public Schools offer nutritious school breakfasts, complete with fruit and low-fat milk, to ensure students are fueled for learning every school day. Breakfast is served daily in each cafeteria starting at 7:30am for only \$1.50 (\$.30 for reduced qualified students).

Studies show that students who eat school breakfast are more likely to:

- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- Score higher on standardized tests
- Have better concentration and memory
- Be more alert
- Maintain a healthy weight

National School Breakfast Week was launched in 1989 to raise awareness of the availability of the School Breakfast Program, a federally assisted meal program operating in public and non-profit private schools and residential childcare institutions since 1975.



ATHLETICS



Congratulations to the 1975 varsity girls basketball team, Bruce Michael Wilson, Bill Griffey & Lauren Navis.

Summer Camp Registration forms will be available after Spring Break.

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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

POSTAL PATRON
BOX HOLDER
RURAL ROUTE

Report 23-009

NOTICE OF MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE
HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
2023

[Mondays at 6pm]

January 16, 2023	Regular/Organizational Meeting
February 6, 2023	Work Session/Meeting
February 21, 2023	Regular Meeting (TUESDAY)
March 20, 2023	Regular Meeting @ Sycamore Elementary
April 17, 2023	Regular Meeting
May 15, 2023	Regular Meeting
June 19, 2023	Budget Hearing @5:45pm
June 19, 2023	Regular Meeting
July 17, 2023	Regular/Organizational Meeting
August 21, 2023	Regular Meeting
September 18, 2023	Regular Meeting
October 16, 2023	Regular Meeting
November 6, 2023	Work Session
November 20, 2023	Regular Meeting @ Sycamore Elementary
December 18, 2023	Regular Meeting
January 15, 2024	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

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a disabled person to be able to participate in this activity. Any individual with a handicap or disability that requires special accommodations for attendance at the meeting is requested to notify the Secretary of the Board or the Superintendent of Schools, ten days prior to the meeting, so reasonable accommodations can be made.

Minutes of the Board of Education meetings are on file at the Administration Office, 400 Clark Street, Hopkins, Michigan. To request information, call 269-793-7261 or visit.

Regular Office Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. daily

Summer Office Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Monday – Thursday
CLOSED Friday

DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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Principal – Ken Szczepanski
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

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2746 22ND Street, Hopkins, MI 49328
Transportation – Jennifer Frank

SPECIAL EDUCATION 269-793-7261
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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