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Message from Ms. Dahlem

Dear Hugo and Oneka Families,

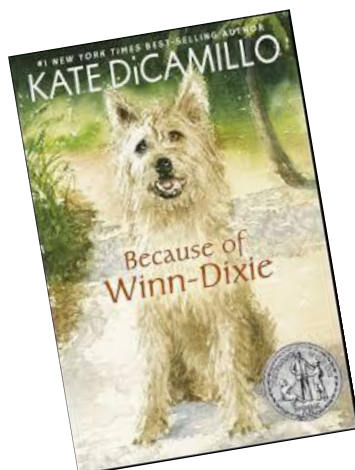
During the month of February Oneka will be celebrating "I Love to Read Month" and we will celebrate with two special activities. First we have already started our "One School, One Book" event. Every student in the school has received a copy of the book "Because of Winn Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo. When the entire school reads the same book, the buzz and excitement around the book builds. Reading a book together brings the added joy of building and expanding a sense of community among students, parents, teachers, and staff. Please encourage your student to read chapters at home on the schedule so they can participate in the classroom discussions.

In addition to the all school book read, our we will have a free viewing of the movie "Because of Winn Dixie" at the [White Bear Lake Area Schools District Auditorium](#) (CMS) on February 8th at 6:30. All family members are welcome. Students MUST be accompanied by an adult. There is limited seating of only 800 seats so get there early. Doors will open at 6pm. Popcorn and water will be available for \$.50 each.

If it disappeared, it is probably in our "Lost and Found". There are many sweatshirts, snow pants, mittens, hats and boots that have lost their owners. Please remember to use a permanent marker or other identifier on the tags of your children's clothing. Labeling items will make sure the items get back to the rightful owners. We will empty our lost and found this weekend, the Friday before spring break and finally at the end of the school year. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local Goodwill. The number of items that we collect over just a couple of months is unbelievable. Please stop by and check out the lost and found if your student comes home without their exterior clothing.

Have a great February!

Teresa Dahlem



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Message from Mr. Healy

Dear Hugo & Oneka Families,

Some of you may ask, "Why didn't my child have school on January 28th? That's a great question. January 25th was the end of the 2nd quarter. That means we are now halfway through the school year...it always goes by so quick. Anyway, January 28th was set aside so teachers could get a final look at student assessment data and work on report cards. Report cards went LIVE on Skyward at Thursday, January 31st at 4:00 pm. If you haven't had a chance to look at your child's report card yet, please do so.

Since we are halfway through the school year, I find it to be a great opportunity to remind everyone how incredibly important it is for our students to be here by 8:55 am rather than right before the 9:10 tardy bell. My rationale is below...

As of Feb. 1st, there are 80 school days left. Students do many things from 8:55-9:10 am (choice, morning work, reading and writing, as well as eating breakfast and simply taking a breath as the busy day begins).

Here are the stats:

If your child shows up every day at 8:55 am for the rest of this school year, they will be in school for 1200 more minutes than someone that shows up at 9:10 am. That equates to 20 more hours of time in school. It's amazing how much time can add up by simply getting to school by 8:55 am.

I once again would like to express my sincere thanks for your parent support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Healy

Important Information

Contact Information

Hugo Elementary - Jason Healy - 651-653-2798

Attendance - 651-653-2621

Health Office - 651-653-2622

Dismissal email: HugoDismissalRequest@isd624.org

Oneka Elementary - Teresa Dahlem - 651-288-1800

Attendance - 651-288-1802

Health Office - 651-288-1803

Dismissal email: OnekaDismissalRequest@isd624.org

Calendar Items

February 4 - 7	Book Fair @ Hugo
February 8	Oneka Viewing of "Because of Winne Dixie", District Auditorium
February 15	No School
February 18	No School - Presidents' Day
February 21	5th Grade Music Concert 6:00p (Case, Weissman, Barnett)
February 21	5th Grade Music Concert 7:15p (Clark, Berlin, Lunde/Moren)
February 25	Lifetouch Class and Spring Pictures
Feb 28, March 2, 3	White Cast - Ashland Productions Performances
March 1, 2, 3	Orange Cast - Ashland Productions Performances
March 11 - 15	No School - Spring Break
March 18	PTA Meeting @ Hugo 6pm
March 26	4th Grade Poetry Slam 6p and 7:15p
March 29	PTA Adult Game Night - Hugo American Legion, 6:00-10:30
April 8	No School, Spring Conferences (K-5)

Attendance Guidelines

Late Arrivals

Before 10am

- If a child is late to school but it is before 10am, your student will be marked tardy.
- If a parent signs the child in before 10 am, but does not state a reason, it is considered unlawful as determined by Washington County guidelines. That arrival will be marked down as an unexcused tardy. (**3 unexcused tardies = ½ day unexcused absence**)

After 10am

- If your child arrives after 10am that will be marked as a ½ day absence (AM)
- If a parent signs the child in after 10 am, but does not state a reason, it is considered unlawful as determined by Washington County guidelines. That arrival will be marked down as an unexcused absence (AM).

Early Dismissal

Before 3pm

- If a child leaves school early and it is before 3pm - that dismissal will be marked as a ½ day absence (PM)
- If a parent signs the child out before 3 pm, but does not state a reason, it is considered unlawful as determined by Washington County guidelines. That arrival will be marked down as an unexcused ½ day absence (PM).

After 3 pm

- If a child leaves school early and it is after 3pm that dismissal will be marked down as an excused early dismissal (PM)
- If a parent signs the child out after 3 pm, but does not state a reason, it is considered unlawful as determined by Washington County guidelines. That dismissal will be marked down as an unexcused early release (PM). (**3 unexcused early release = ½ day unexcused absence**)

Examples of Excused Tardy Arrivals/Early Dismissal

- Illness
- Serious illness in the student's immediate family
- Death or funeral in the student's immediate family or of a close friend or relative
- Medical, dental, orthodontic, or counseling appointment
- Court appearance occasioned by family or personal action
- Physical emergency conditions such as fire, flood, storm, etc

Examples of Unexcused Tardy Arrivals/Early Dismissal (but not limited to):

- Work at home/Work at business
- Missed bus
- Overslept
- Car trouble
- Gymnastics/Dance/Gymnastics
- Home after field trip, activities, daytime conferences.

Other Information

5th Grade Orchestra Concert

- **February 5th, 6:00, North Campus**
- Orchestra students need to arrive by 5:30
- Need to wear: Black pants/shirt/dress, black shoes and socks, and a tank top or t shirt. Students will get their orchestra polo shirt at the concert.
- Please come support our orchestra students!



Scholastic Book Fair - Hugo Media Center

Monday, February 4th - 3:30 - 7:30

Tuesday, February 5 - Thursday, February 7 - 9:00a - 7:30p

Dino-Mite Book Tales

Interested in volunteering? Please email hugo.onekabookfair@gmail.com



Class and Spring Picture Day

February 25 - both Hugo and Oneka

Purchase online at mylifetouch.com



And Oneka Elementary Presents

White Cast Performances:

- February 28 - 7:00pm
- March 2 - 4:00pm
- March 3 - 1:00pm

Orange Cast Performances:

- March 1 - 7:00pm
- March 2 - 1:00pm
- March 3 - 4:00pm



Tickets are available at:

[White Cast Tickets Now Available](#)
[Orange Cast Tickets Now Available](#)
www.ashlandproductions.org

2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration Open

[Click Here](#) to learn more about Kindergarten registration for Hugo Elementary.



2019-2020 Preschool Registration is Now Open

Open to children 3-5 years as of Sept. 1, 2019. WBLAS Preschool is designed to provide a safe and nurturing environment for your child's first school experience away from home. A variety of classes and locations are available. Details and registration available online at www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com.

ECFE Play Group

Drop- Ins Welcome!

Tuesdays 6:00-7:30 pm

No class Oct 16, Nov 6 and 20, Dec 25, Jan 1, Feb 19, Mar 12, Apr 23

Hugo Elementary School Room 1010



Ages 1-5
(before kindergarten)

Parents and children explore classroom games, activities, circle time, and open gym together. No parent separation.

\$5/child (max. \$10/family)

Staff will not have cash on hand,
participants will be billed accordingly

Monthly Staff and Community Mental Well-Being Series

District staff and families are invited to attend monthly presentations focused on mental well-being.

The Fallacy of Perfect Parenting

Presented by FRfe' Family Recovery Resource Experts, St. Paul, MN
(www.frre.net)

7-8:30 p.m.

Feb. 19

WBLAS - North Campus Theater

(5045 Division Avenue, WBL)

Presentation Description:

This session will explore how the pressures to be perfect result in some parents feeling overwhelmed and inadequate. Many parents complain of a lack of control in their own homes and a feeling that their children's needs are running the household. They may remove barriers to success and end up unintentionally disempowering their children. They may try to be their child's best friend, losing focus of the primary responsibility, to raise a fully functioning adult. In this session, we will normalize what parents experience, how they learn to be parents, and we will explore Pia Mellody's concepts regarding affirming, nurturing and setting limits. We will also look at how families interact with community ecosystems such as law enforcement, child protection, and schools.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SERIES

March 19 (7-8:30 p.m. at North Campus Theater) ADHD/ADD Supports and Toolbox by Nicole McKinney, WBLAS

April 16 (7-8:30 p.m. at North Campus Theater) Healthy Teens and Safety by Ramsey County Public Health

May 21 (7-8:30 p.m. at North Campus Theater) Finding Self-Control: Responses to Children's Emotional and Physical Outbursts by Jenny Hanlon, M.Ed, WBLAS



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Hugo & Oneka PTA

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PTA Meetings - Get Informed!

January was New PTA Member Month. We had twenty-six people in attendance at our January 14th meeting!!! It was so wonderful to have many returning attendees, as well as brand new attendees to meet with us and share in all that we do for our great schools! We also gained one new PTA member!! We would like to keep this awesome, supportive momentum moving forward!

Please join us at our next Open Meeting on Monday, February 11th at 6:00 in the Oneka Media Center. **You are always welcome and do not need to be a member to attend a meeting.** Meetings typically last about an hour and free childcare is always available. The PTA has several big events coming soon...we'd love to have your input as well as your help in planning and executing these fun and exciting events and fundraisers. **Mary Hermans, Oneka School Nurse, will also be presenting on the Lice Project with giveaways and a giftcard drawing!** We truly value your time and your participation in helping our schools be the best that they can be for the success of our teachers and students. **Please join us!**

Seeking Members - Please Join Us!

New members welcome any time!

- **WHO:** YOU!!! We would love to have more returning members along with some new, caring parents and teachers join our Hugo & Oneka PTA! Be involved - make a difference!
 - New membership forms/dues need to be renewed every school year.
- **HOW:** Simply fill out a PTA membership form (email hugoptasec@gmail.com if you need a copy or pick one up at a meeting), attach the \$10 membership fee, and return it to your child's teacher or turn it in to a board member at a PTA meeting.
- **WHAT:** Your \$10 annual membership to the Hugo/Oneka Elementary PTA includes a \$2.25 membership fee to the National PTA, a \$4.00 membership fee to the Minnesota PTA, and \$3.75 to help offset the costs of our local PTA so more incoming funds go directly to students.
- **WHY:** PTA membership gives you a voice in the planning and execution of incredible and vital PTA sponsored events, direct interaction with the school staff and administration, and most important, a front row seat to your child's academic world!!

Amazon Smile - Help Support Hugo/Oneka PTA

Use Amazon to help support our PTA! When it comes time to make an online Amazon purchase, make sure to use <http://smile.amazon.com> and select the PTA as your choice of charitable organization. A percentage of all orders done this way will be directly deposited back into our PTA bank account! To select our organization, use the drop down at the top of the page and search for "Oneka". Our organization is listed as "PTA Minnesota Congress Hugo Elem PTA Dba Oneka Elem PTA". Order as usual and help our schools while doing so - win-win!! Thank you for your support!

FREE Bingo Night - TONIGHT - See you there!

Join us for an evening of FREE **BINGO** fun! This is a school community event, sponsored by the PTA, that benefits our local Hugo food shelf. It will be held tonight from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the **Oneka Elementary gymnasium**. Please bring personal care (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.) or non-perishable food donations for the food shelf, as well as candy donations to be used as prizes for BINGO. Water, popcorn, and healthy snacks will be available for purchase throughout the event. Prizes include candy, trinkets, and some big grand prizes donated by generous people in our community! **Let's show our community support** and enjoy playing some BINGO!

"Dino-Mite" Hugo Book Fair - February 4th-7th

Come and support our schools by purchasing books (make wonderful gifts) and/or volunteering to help at Hugo Elementary's Scholastic Book Fair. Books can also be purchased to donate to teachers from their wish lists. The book fair will take place in the Hugo Elementary Media Center on Monday, February 4th from 3:30 pm-7:30 pm and February 5th-7th from 9:00 am-7:30 pm. Proceeds benefit classroom libraries, as well as the Hugo Media Center. To volunteer for a 2 hour shift, click the Sign-up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a44a8a929a3f94-hugo>

Hugo/Oneka Elementary 2018-2019 Yearbook

Our yearbook committee is working hard to collect photos and put together a great keepsake of the '18-'19 school year. Please order your copy of our annual yearbook to celebrate and remember the fun learning and activities that occurred throughout the school year. Yearbooks are \$17.00 with a few add-on options available for an extra cost. Yearbooks can be ordered online at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>. School code is **1280819**. Please order your copy by March 1st, 2019!

Hugo/Oneka Adult Game Night

We are hosting a new, adult only, fundraiser the evening of Friday, March 29th at the Hugo American Legion from 6-10 pm. This will be a great way to mingle with other parents, staff, and community members while raising money for new Chromebooks and updating technology in the media center. Look for an informative flyer to come home in your child's Friday Folder! Tickets go on sale on Eventbrite on Friday, February 1st. Search for Hugo/Onkea Adult Game Night or use the link on the flyer. Please email committee chair, Angela Thompson, at angela021774@gmail.com if you are interested in helping or sponsoring a table!

Color Run - May 4th - Planning Help Needed

This is a very SUCCESSFUL and POPULAR fundraiser for our school! We are in need of some people to form a planning committee together with chair, Jen Larson. Please contact Jen at jennifer.larson30@gmail.com to help with this exciting event!

Hugo/Oneka PTA in the Digital Age

We are working to make information about PTA more easily accessible through the use of technology and social media. We are hoping to better reach you for ideas, suggestions, and help.

- Our PTA **meeting minutes will now be posted on our current website as a DRAFT** shortly after our meetings are held. This will allow both teachers and parents who cannot attend meetings access to pertinent and current information.
- Preparations are under way to create the Hugo/Oneka PTA website! The website will include information on what our PTA does, how to be involved, and how your generous donations are being used in your child's education. As the site is built, we are taking suggestions and requests for content to be included on the site. Send any suggestions or requests to lauren.a.schleicher@gmail.com. Thanks!
- Please also search for "Hugo/Oneka Elementary PTA" and **like us on Facebook!**

Next PTA Meeting - February 11th, 2019

We would like to personally invite you to our next meeting on Monday, February 11th at 6:00 pm in the Oneka Media Center. All are welcome! Guest Speaker, Mary Hermans, Oneka School Nurse, will present about the Lice Project with giveaways and a gift card drawing! We hear about the success of Bingo Night and the Hugo Book Fair. We will also learn more details about Adult Game Night. Ideas, suggestions, and volunteers are welcome!

Important Upcoming Dates

February 1st **TONIGHT** - Bingo Night, 6:30-8:30 pm - Oneka Gymnasium
February 4th-7th - Hugo Book Fair - Hugo Media Center
February 11th - Open Meeting 6:00 pm - Oneka Media Center
March 1st - Deadline to order '18-'19 Yearbook
March 29th - Adult Game Night
April 11-18th - Oneka Book Fair

*****Free Childcare provided at every PTA Meeting!*****

Contact Information

Email: hugoptasec@gmail.com

Website (with current meeting minutes): Click [here](#)

Facebook: Click [here](#)

SignUpGenius: Click [here](#) to sign up to help

2018-19 Board:

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Treasurers: Toni Brandvold & Lauren Schleicher

Secretary: Katie Jones - hugoptasec@gmail.com