

HIGHLIGHTS

FROM HUGO ELEMENTARY

Upcoming Events:

Nov 5 - No School, Voting Day
Nov 6 - All District parent Safety Night
@ District Center Aud.,
Nov 8 - End of Q 1
Nov 14 - Conferences
Nov 18 - No School - Conferences
Nov 18 - 21 - Book fair @ Oneka
Nov 25 - PTA Meeting @ Hugo
Nov 27 - 29 - No School

Hugo Family Calendar

[Click Here](#)

Winter Weather Policy Reminder

Students will be going outside for recess if the **temperature** or **wind chill** is **-10 or above**.

[Family Handbook](#)

Hugo Elementary Brian Morris, Acting Principal

Office: 651-653-2798
Health office: 651-653-2622
Attendance: 651-653-2621

School Hours: 8:55a - 3:35p
Office Hours: 7:30a - 4:00p

Principal's News

October was a great month. The students had a ton of fun on field trips to Lendt's Pumpkin Patch, visits from Wargo Nature Center, World of Art with Lisa, and a family BINGO night at Oneka. The month ended with the annual parade at Hugo.

November has started out strong too! Service learning has continued with the "Candy Buy Back" sponsored by Signature Ortho to help support the [Ronald McDonald House](#). The PTA will be collecting candy donations on November 1st and 4th.

Conferences are coming up quick! They will be from 4:00-8:00 on Thursday, Nov. 14th and on Monday, Nov. 18th from 4:00-8:00. There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, Nov. 18th. Conference sign-ups went live on October 23rd. Please connect with your child's classroom teacher if you have yet to sign-up.

On another note, this is an exciting time to think about what's ahead. We are definitely past the flurry of the start of school and way beyond settling into the routine of learning. This is the point in the school year where we can really "dig deep" into our curriculum and differentiate instruction to meet the needs of the individual learners.

With the season changing, it's getting cold outside. Please help your child come to school prepared for the weather each day. Also, please label all of their jackets, boots, snow pants, etc. because the snow will be coming soon! We've had a few instances this year already where students have misplaced their items. If things are properly labeled, we can easily get the items back to your child in a timely manner.

brian.morris@isd624.org

651-653-2807

Oneka Elementary Lori Mosser, Principal

Office: 651-288-1800

Health office: 651-288-1803

Attendance: 651-288-1802

School Hours: 9:00a - 3:42p

Office Hours: 7:45a - 4:15p

Upcoming Events:

Nov 5 - No School - Election Day

Nov 6 - All District parent Safety Night

@ District Center Aud.,

Nov 8 - End of Q 1

Nov 14 - Conferences

Nov 18 - No School - Conferences

Nov 18 - 21 - Book fair @ Oneka

Nov 25 - PTA Meeting @ Hugo

Nov 27 - 29 - No School

Dec 23 - Jan 5 - No School



Letter from Mrs. Mosser

Welcome to November! We already entered the winter feel with our weather. Here are a few reminders:

- Please help your child come to school prepared for the weather each day.
- Please label all your child's jackets, boots, snow pants, etc.
- Students go outside for recess if the temperature with or without wind chill is at or above -10 degrees. (At -11 F or below, we stay inside)
- Remind your children to put their hats and gloves/mittens inside of their sleeve for lunch and lockers.

Service learning has continued with the "Candy Buy Back" sponsored by Signature Ortho to help support the [Ronald McDonald House](#), and our BOSS group collecting candy for our troops serving overseas and stateside! The PTA and BOSS will be collecting candy donations on November 1st and 4th here at school. Students can bring in their donations to the main office.

Are you looking for a way to be involved with your child's education. Please make sure to attend our upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 14th (4:00p - 8:00p) and 18th (4:00p - 8:00p). You can sign up for a conference with your child's teacher through Skyward Family Access. We would like to see 100% attendance by the parents so you know how your child has been doing at school! Thank you!

On Sunday, November 10th, our Girls on the Run group will be celebrating their fall season with a 5k run at the Mall of America. They have worked so hard and it would be great to have a huge cheering section for them! A special thank you goes out to our teacher and parent volunteer coaches who have put their heart and soul into working with these amazing kids. Thank you to Abbi Case, Natalie Huffman, Julie Steates, Shauna Coons, and Kelly O'Hara.

Have an amazing November!

Lori Mosser

lori.mosser@isd624.org

Winter Weather Policy Reminder

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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Dates:

November, 14, 2019 - 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
(students do have school)

November 18, 2019 - 4:00 pm- 8:00 pm
(students do NOT have school)

Sign up for conferences using
[Skyward Family Access](#).

Hugo - K & 1st grade AM drop-off

Please do not park in the Fire Lane in front of the school.
This area is for drop-off only. For safety reasons, you must park in the lot if you are walking your child into school.

Weekend Food Backpack Program

This program is a free, optional, supplemental weekend food program for students in need of food assistance. Enrolled students will receive a bag of food, placed in their backpacks, every Friday or the last day before an extended weekend.

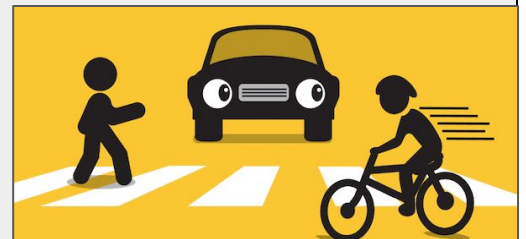
To register, please fill out this electronic form or contact the main office at your child's school.

[WBAEFS KID Backpack Program](#)

Student Safety

Dear families, Just a reminder about observing crosswalk flags as you are driving to school. When patrols are on the corners and put their flags down, you are required to stop and stay stopped for the whole time that the flags are down. It's not just a four-way stop; it's like an all way red light. The reason for this is to prevent any mishaps anywhere in the intersection during a crossing time.

THANKS,
Kathy Berlin,
Patrol Supervisor.



ATTENDANCE AND VACATION POLICIES

Oneka Attendance Line: 651-288-1802
onekadismissalrequest@isd624.org

Hugo Attendance Line: 651-653-2621
hugodismissalrequest@isd624.org

Regular attendance is essential for good progress in school. We monitor attendance each day to verify when and why children are absent. A student is required by law to attend school. If they miss a school day or part of the day, for legitimate reasons, a parent or guardian must notify the school. A parent or guardian must seek an excused absence, however, the school administrator has the right to accept or deny an application for an excused absence.

Examples of excused absences include:

- Sickness (a doctor's note may be required)
- Medical or mental health appointments
- Religious Holidays
- Family Emergency

Tardies:

When a child arrives to school between 9:15a - 10:00a. 9:05 - 10:00 at Hugo.

½ Day Absence:

If a child arrives after 10am or leaves before 3:00pm this will be considered an absent of a half day

Examples of unexcused absences include:

- Missing the bus
- Need of sleep or rest
- Sporting Events
- Child is not immunized

Early Release: *Important*****

If a child leaves school after 3:00pm they will be marked as either an excused or unexcused early release.

Three (3) unexcused tardies/early releases will be considered ½ day unexcused absence.

If we do not hear from you by 10 a.m., it is our practice to call your home or work number to determine the whereabouts of your child.

*When bringing your child in late, an adult MUST sign him/her in at the office

Vacations

Vacations must be pre-approved by the building administration. To request vacation days please send an email to [principals or dismissal request emails]. You will then receive an official vacation letter approving the dates requested.

At Oneka you may fill out this google form to request approval for your child's vacation. [Click here.](#)

**Washington County recommends to school districts to excuse up to 5 vacation days outside the established breaks in the school calendar.



Safety Information Night

Parents are invited to Safety Information Night from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6 at WBLAHS - South Campus. The free Information Night is an opportunity for parents to enjoy a free dinner and learn more about mental health, human trafficking, internet safety, youth drug trends and awareness, teen driving laws and safety. Free childcare is available for those in need.

To register for daycare, please email Sergeant John Vette at JVette@whitebearlake.org and include your children's names and ages. [Learn more.](#)

Hello Hugo Families,

The **White Bear Early Childhood Program** has two new class opportunities this fall at Hugo Elementary that we'd like to share with you!

On Tuesday evening come join our **Family Play Group class**, from 6-7:30pm. Parents and children will explore the classroom, participate in activities, sing at circle time and have some open gym time together! Infant siblings younger than six months are welcome in class at no charge. No parent separation. <https://bit.ly/2ohJWPQ>

On Friday morning, we've got our **Grandparents Class** happening from 9-11am. This class provides a great opportunity for grandparents (or grand friends) to interact with their young learner and meet other grandparents in their community. Teachers will set up the classroom with intentional learning games and activities to enjoy together both inside and outside. <https://bit.ly/2nnD4AJ>

Monthly Staff and Community Mental Well-Being Series

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

Adverse Childhood Experiences & Relational Trauma

Presented by *Family Resource Recovery Experts (FRRē)*

7-8:30 p.m.

Nov. 21

District Center - Community Room 112

Description of the Program:

In this interactive and engaging session, we will explore Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and how these less than nurturing experiences affect your life today through organic disease, social malfunction, behavioral issues and mental illness. You will learn the criteria in the ACE screening and also be able to identify different types of trauma such as "big T" and "little t" trauma, generational and historical trauma. We will provide tips on how to build healthy boundaries in relationships that will foster resiliency and growth.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SERIES

Dec. 19 (7-8:30 p.m. at DC Community Room 112)
Mental Health Issues and How We Can Make a Difference
by Certified Family Peer Specialist Michelle Uetz

Jan. 16 (7-8:30 p.m. at DC Community Room 112)
Sitting in Circle: How to Support the Middle School Girl
You Love by Christina Nguyen, Dreaming Sky Coaching

Feb. 13 (6:30-8:30 p.m. at DC Community Room 112)
Know the Truth presentation by Minnesota Adult and Teen
Challenge

March 19 (7-8:30 p.m. at DC Community Room 112)
Grief and Loss by Tony Del Percio with Bradshaw Funeral
and Cremation Services

April 16 (7-8:30 p.m. at DC Community Room 112)
Cell Phone use Awareness by Maree Hampton and KK
Myers, LiveMore

May 21 (7-8:30 p.m. at DC Community Room 112)
The Impact of Technology on Emerging Generations by
Jon D. Kirby, MA, LMFT



Series sponsored by
White Bear Lake Area Schools
Student Support Services Department.



www.isd624.org

NOVEMBER 2019

HUGO & ONEKA PTA

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Fall Fundraiser Update

Thank you to all who have generously participated in the Direct Donation Drive Fall Fundraiser for this year! Without your support, we simply couldn't do all that we strive to do for each child, teacher, staff person, and all our families. The drive wrapped up on October 25th and a final tally for our results will be forthcoming. The PTA will happily continue to receive donations throughout the year but the donations tallied during the Direct Donation Drive will help us to decide if this type of fundraiser is right for our school. More information can always be found on our website, www.hugoonekapta.org. Thanks again for your generosity!

Box Tops

We completed our first Box Top submission for the year. We have collected \$351.40 through clipped Box Tops and \$80.60 through electronic submissions. We will be having a school-wide goal (Oneka and Hugo combined) to reach \$1000 by the end of February. If we accomplish this goal, each classroom will receive a popcorn party! Start clipping and scanning!

Arctic Adventure - Book Fair

Come and support our schools by purchasing books (make wonderful birthday/holiday gifts) and/or volunteering to help. Books can also be purchased to donate to teachers from their wish lists. The book fair will take place in the Oneka Elementary Media Center on Monday, November 18th from 3:30 pm-8:00 pm and November 19th-21st from 9:00 am-7:30 pm. To volunteer for a shift (each shift volunteered, earns \$5 Scholastic Dollars to spend at the book fair), click the

Sign-Up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a44a8a929a3f94-2019>

Proceeds benefit classroom libraries as well as the Hugo & Oneka Media Centers.

Candy Buy Back

Please help us attempt to raise money for The Hugo/Oneka PTA by bringing **wrapped Halloween candy, to Hugo or Oneka Elementary School, on Friday, Nov. 1st and/or Monday, Nov. 4th between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.** The PTA is promoting this local fundraising **contest**, sponsored by Signature Orthodontics. The contest is between all WBL elementary schools, and is based on total weight of donated candy. We are joining efforts with the Oneka BOSS students in their candy collection. Half of all candy donated to Signature Ortho will be given back to BOSS. **Candy will be benefit BOTH the Ronald McDonald House and the Yellow Ribbon Network!**

November PTA Meeting

We would like to invite you to our next PTA meeting on Monday, November 25th at 6:00 pm in the Hugo Media Center! All are welcome; free child care available! We will be discussing our brand new winter/spring fundraiser with Matt Deedrick from Boosterthon. We will hear updates on the Fall Fundraiser, Candy Buy Back, and Book Fair. All ideas, suggestions, and volunteers are welcome!

Seeking New Members

We would love to partner with YOU!! We are seeking new PTA members. You may become a member at any time during the school year. Membership gives you a voting voice in the planning/execution of 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. Please join us! Find a membership form on our website (www.hugoonekapta.org) or at a meeting.

Community Resources Fall 2019

Ruby's PANTRY OPEN TO EVERYONE!

For more info, visit:
www.rubyspantry.org

Pop-Up Pantries are held every month. Ruby's Pantry is faith-based and is organized and hosted by a group of volunteers from a local church.

No income or resident limits or requirements. You can attend a Pop-Up Pantry at any city/state.

(Locations in Arden Hills & Forest Lake)

White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf

Available to ALL families in WBLAS District in need of food assistance



Call
651-407-5310
to schedule an appointment!

Thanksgiving Food Distribution
Monday, Nov 25th | 10 AM-6 PM
Registration opens Nov. 2nd - Nov. 25th

Call to register for this event. This is a second special appointment. Shop for your turkey and all the fixings for a healthy Thanksgiving Meal.
Items include: Frozen Turkey along with the traditional sides, and fresh produce.



Holiday Baking Bag
December 1-31st

Schedule a regular shopping appointment in the month of December and receive a holiday baking bag. Includes: flour, sugar, oil, baking powder or soda, powdered or brown sugar, vanilla, chocolate chips, and a spice.

Holiday Toy Distribution



FOR HUGO RESIDENTS

Saturday, December 14th
Registration starts Nov. 1st
651-528-6224



FOR WHITE BEAR LAKE RESIDENTS

Saturday December 14th
8:30-2:00

Call White Bear Food Shelf to make an appointment, 651-407-5310.



FOR MAPLEWOOD & ST PAUL RESIDENTS

Merrick Community Services

Call for more information 651-771-9339

Vadnais Heights Food Shelf FOR VADNAIS HEIGHTS RESIDENTS

(See Food Shelf info and dates below) Call Bob at 651-746-4158

Vadnais Heights Food Shelf

Offered every 3rd Saturday of the month
FOR VADNAIS HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ONLY



Saturday, October 19 9:00-10:00
Saturday, November 16 9:00-11:00 (includes a Turkey)
Saturday, December 21* 9:00-11:00 (includes a Ham and Toys)
*Feel free to arrive early in December. Lines start around 7:00 am

Offers food, free of charge, to residents who are considered low income. You may register on the distribution dates. Please bring proof of residency (driver's license, utility bill, or copy of lease.)

Vadnais Heights Commons 655 East County Road F.

Questions? Call Bob at 651-746-4158

Coats for Kids



FREE coats and accessories will be available to children in need who are under age 18.

Thursday, October 24 12:00- 7:00 PM

You must bring:

- 1) Picture identification for adults
- 2) Address verification - driver's license or current utility bill
Residents of White Bear, Vadnais Heights and Maplewood are eligible
- 3) Child ID (birth certificate, medical card, or school ID for each child)

NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Toy Shop



FREE toys for the holidays for children 0-14 in need.

Toy distribution on December 20 & 21

You must bring:

- 1) Picture ID for Adult
- 2) Address verification
- 3) Child ID

LIMITED REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE
www.salvationarmynorth.org/toyshop
or call 651-746-3595. Begins Nov. 6th.

Salvation Army
2080 Woodlynn Ave.
Maplewood, MN
651-779-9177



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