



### **ELEMENTARY NEWS**

- Last week we celebrated MN Paraprofessional Appreciation Week. Thank you to all our hardworking paras for their dedication.
- Students have been showing Respectful, Responsible, Safe, & Kind behavior this year. We celebrated PBIS week & had a fun assembly with a relay race.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be on February 12th & 15th. Please watch your email for a link to sign up.
- Hawley Elementary PTO is collecting decks of cards for their next fundraiser (partial decks accepted). You can drop off at the Elementary office.
- Mrs. Cook's second-grade class visited Hawley Senior Living to make butter alongside the residents. A memorable experience for all.
- Jaxon Mickelberg-Bakke and Willy Aakre from fifth grade, along with Grace Matson, Brileigh Albrecht, and Rogan Pederson from sixth grade, triumphed in their grade-level contests and progressed to the District Spelling Bee last week.
- ECFE began it's Winter/Spring Session. Children 0-5 are invited to sign up. There is a Monday morning or Monday evening session.
- Congratulations to 6th graders Grant Halland, Cooper Boeshans, & Rogan Pederson who secured a spot in the Robotics state tournament.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

- Both the Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams are currently midway through their season, demonstrating hard-work & determination on the court. Make sure to check out online platforms for their schedules and live viewing opportunities.
- The UCB Badger Wrestling team has experienced a surge in enrollment numbers this season, and their performance continues to elevate as the season progresses.
- Dance placed 2nd in both Jazz & High Kick as well as being conference Runner-Ups. Sections will be held Feb. 3rd at WDC.
- Art students recently competed in the Concordia Art Show & UND HS showcase. Students also have work on display at MSUM.
- Earlier this month, students from grades 9-12 volunteered at "Feed My Starving Children." Hawley students received excellent feedback for their kind and respectful conduct.
- Knowledge Bowl is having a successful season & recently had a 1st place finish. Next competition is Feb 12th in Fergus Falls.
- One Act Play had a public performance last week & hosted Subsections on Sat, Jan 27th. They will move on to Sections, hosted in Hawley, on Feb 3rd.
  High School & Middle School Robotics team qualified for the state
- competition. These will be held the first weekend in March.
- The Hawley Chapter of the Minnesota Honor Society recently welcomed 22
   new members during their induction ceremony. Congratulations to all!
- Junior High District Spelling Bee participants were Asher Jones, Miller Laux, Devin Aselson, Dominic Klein, Gabby Pluntke, Lily Moe, Riley Edwards, Violet Drechsel, Sam Olson, & Charlie Gunkelman (Champion).





### FACILITY UPDATE

- The Middle School continues to be in the final stages of the design phase. They have reviewed civil, architectural, structural, mechanical, & electrical specs for the entire plan.
- The final design will be shared with facilities team on January 30th & the final bidding documents will be presented at a special board meeting February 5th.
- Representatives from InGensa, Zerr-Berg, Larsen Engineering, & Hawley Schools met with the City of Hawley to review plans.
- Elementary music addition has been enclosed. Interior wall framing has been completed while mechanical & electrical rough-ins underway. This is scheduled to be completed in early March, targeting a mid-March start for the East addition demolition with exterior work starting early June.
- High School construction has overcome some obstacles like missing deliveries & weather issues. Steel erection is underway & exterior walls will take shape in the next couple weeks.
- The high school fitness/admin and auditorium additions aim to be completed May of 2024 with the remodel work beginning early June.

# DITCHING THE DENTCES

## NEW YEAR, NEW SCREEN TIME HABITS

Did you know: Kids ages 8-18 spend on average 7.5 hours in front of a screen for daily entertainment. Over one year, that adds up to 114 full days of watching a screen for fun (this does not include screen time at school or for homework).



## How can parents help?

- ENSURE KIDS HAVE 1 HOUR OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY EACH DAY.
- LIMIT KIDS' TOTAL SCREEN TIME TO NO MORE THAN 2 HOURS PER DAY.
- REMOVE SCREENS, INCLUDING TV SETS FROM YOUR CHILD'S BEDROOM.
- ENCOURAGE OTHER TYPES OF FUN THAT INCLUDE BOTH PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, LIKE JOINING A SPORTS TEAM OR CLUB.



## "SCREENS WILL ALWAYS BE A PART OF OUR LIVES, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE THE MAIN PART."

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