



PILLAGER SCHOOL PILLAGER COMMUNITY PAW PRESS

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District Newsletter
February 2024 - April 2024

SHOOTING FOR THE STARS



MOVIES WITH MOM NIGHT



03.23.2024

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M. , MOVIE BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M.
\$7 PER PERSON

LOCATED IN PILLAGER SCHOOLS CTC CENTER
RESERVE YOUR SEATS AT CTCCENTER.ORG
ENJOY A MOVIE WITH MOM, BIG SISTER, AUNT
OR A FAMILY FRIEND!

FREE POPCORN, COOKIES, & WATER!
THIS EVENT IS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES!

Arbor Day Plant Sale

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH

FOLLOW THE PILLAGER AG ED DEPARTMENT ON
FACEBOOK FOR MORE DETAILS AS THEY'RE
ANNOUNCED!



Join Pillager Schools for a special
Arbor Day Community Celebration
that will include tours of the green-
houses, informational booths, and
other activities. The public is invit-
ed to come join the fun!

Save the Date!
Friday, April 26

**WATCH FOR MORE
DETAILS!**

Daddy Daughter Dance

**Saturday, February
10th 6:30 p.m. -
8:00 p.m.**



**Ladies, spend this special evening with your
Valentine. Bring your dad, big brother,
grandpa, uncle, or family friend!**

**Join us for a magical evening with snacks,
photo & dance. This event is for all dads* and
their daughters of all ages.**

Reserve your seating at ctccenter.org.

Pillager Schools CTC Center

\$30 for an evening of memories for two

\$12 for additional daughter, accompanied



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Education Foundation

LEGACY of PRIDE

PARENT REPRESENTATION NEEDED FOR THE PILLAGER ED FOUNDATION!

The Pillager Education Foundation is a group of volunteers who support our school
through fundraising for classroom grants and student scholarships.

Our mission statement is: "Working with our communities, we will support innovative
approaches and enhance student excellence in academics, arts, athletics and activities."

For more information on how you can get involved or how to donate funds to the Pillager Ed Foundation, please see our website at
www.pillageredfoundation.org



From the Desk of Mr. Michael Malmberg, District Superintendent

Final District Audit Approved

This month, the school board accepted and approved the school auditors report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The district ended the year with a negative balance of (\$1,007,406). Slightly better than the anticipated negative balance of the (\$1,200,000) that was projected at the final revised budget in 2023. This negative balance for the fiscal year was planned as the district used \$1,316,000 from the unreserved fund balance towards the construction project to update the facilities at the athletic complex. The district budget was just over \$300,000 to the good without the planned spending down from the unreserved fund towards the needed project. The spending down of the unreserved fund leaves the current balance around 8%, which is down from the recent 11% from last year's audit.

However, the spending has been planned by the board with the upgrades of the athletic complex. It is important to keep a healthy unreserved fund balance as it allows the board to have financial capabilities to make larger purchases as needed such as: vehicles, curriculum purchases, staffing adjustments, additional programs and offerings, facility upgrades, and larger maintenance items. The board has a set policy to maintain the unreserved fund balance between 5-7%.

School Board Sets Final Levy Amount

The school board set the final levy amount at the December school board meeting. The levy was set at 6.05% overall when the final tax run was completed by MDE and Cass County. However, with the growth of the net tax capacity of the district, if the value of your property remained the same, your school taxes should have remained close to the same as the previous year. Although, the vast majority of people in the district did see an increase in the value of your property from the county assessor, which in turn would have increased the tax portion of your school taxes like the other areas. One other factor to keep in mind is that the Pillager School District is one of only 94 schools in the state that does not have a voter approved excess operating levy in place like the majority of schools across the state do. The voter approved excess level would increase revenue for the district.

CTC Center Well Used

The new CTC Center continues to be a facility that is used by our community. The facility has hosted several concerts from outside groups as well as concerts and musicals by our middle school and high school students. The CTC Center continues to be well used throughout the school day as well and a facility that continues to get great reviews when people see it and attend events.

"PullTheSled"

Michael Malmberg
Superintendent

You Are Invited To

Spring Potpourri Concert

Grades 3 & 4

Thursday, April 25

Music Performances By

- 3rd Grade
1:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M.
- 4th Grade
2:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.

Pillager Schools CTC Center
Tickets will be required
at no charge

visit
ctccenter.org

GUESS

PILLAGER
BOOSTER CLUB

Pillager Booster Club 6th Annual Trivia and Dinner Night

February 24 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

At the Pillager Community Center
Ages 21+ event

\$60 per person, \$50 until 12/31/2023

Individual Tickets include Trivia and Meal
Meal and Cash Bar provided by The Shante

Doors Open @ 6 p.m. meal @ 6:45 p.m. Trivia @ 7:30 p.m.

Registration & Details @ www.pillagerboosterclub.com



FEATURED TEACHER

MR. HORN



We appreciate all the hard work that teachers and staff put into the education for students at Pillager Schools. Because of that, the Desktop Publishing Class has started journalism work to feature a teacher in every issue of the Paw Press going forward. After student vote, **Mr. Ben Horn** was chosen as the first.

Mr. Horn is the high school science teacher and a supportive face that every student is familiar with. This honor stems not only from his likability, but his witty personality that shines through his teaching, the humor mixed in with every lesson, and his ability to understand and level himself with his students.

The Desktop Publishing Class interviewed Mr. Horn to get a glimpse into his world that most have not seen. Here are a few questions that open the curtain into who this, unanimously proclaimed, favorite teacher is.

What is the absolute best thing about Pillager Schools?

The best thing about Pillager Schools is the people who work here and go to school here. We have a welcoming and friendly culture that I look forward to being a part of everyday.

What sport would you do if you went to the Olympics, and why?

The easy answer is wrestling because I competed in the sport for a long time and I currently coach it. But, break dancing is going to make its debut in 2024 and maybe I have a hidden talent that I don't know about.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go, and why?

I would like to go to Alaska and hunt dall sheep. I have always wanted to hike in the mountain ranges in Alaska and taking a trophy ram has always been a dream of mine.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in St. Michael, MN. I went to STMA schools from preschool up to 12th grade. When we first moved to our house we lived out of town quite a ways, but by the time that I was a senior the town had grown to the point where the new high school was about half mile from my house.

What is the funniest thing you have seen a student do in class?

I am not sure if these are funny, gross, or impressive but where my mind goes with this question is what students eat in class. Here is a list of all the things I have seen students eat while I am teaching: a family size bag of chips, multiple Jolly Ranchers by chewing them, a half gallon of chocolate milk, a 5-Hour Energy poured into a Monster Energy Drink, chewed gum from under the table, boogers, and an entire Dixon Ticonderoga #2 pencil.

Do you have a side job in the summer?

I work for one of the finest small businesses in the Brainerd Lakes Area, 5-Star Seamless Gutters. This goes back to the great culture we have here at Pillager where we genuinely enjoy working with our coworkers. So much so that I spend my summer working with many of the same people that I work with during the school year.

If not a teacher, what would you be?

The other career path that I tossed around for a long time was being a Veterinarian. Prior to becoming a teacher here at Pillager this was something that I was strongly considering, but I am very happy with my decision.

What do you like most about being a teacher?

My favorite part of teaching is getting to work with students. I love seeing students' confidence in themselves grow throughout the year. I also enjoy hearing about where students go and do after school. Teaching is also a means to be able to coach. I enjoy getting to work with students at something that they are passionate about.

Mr Horn is a great teacher, and I believe he was well worth featuring. Through this article and the questions answered, I hope you see the person more than the lessons and grades given, because I see a role model and exceptional teacher.

-Jordan Ellstrom , 9th Grade, Desktop Publishing Class



Community Walking
at Pillager Schools
4 p.m.- 8 p.m.
School Days Only
November - March
Free
Use Door O or Door H



All School Yearbook

Don't forget to
order your Yearbook! Go to jostens.com to order
online.

If you have photos you think would be appropriate
for the yearbook, please send them to
msoberg@isd116.org

Ava Franzen, a 9th grader, was chosen as the first Student Showcase here in the Paw Press. Here at Pillager Schools, we recognize our students who try their best, work hard every day, and are kind and respectful to everyone. We picked Ava Franzen because she has been an excellent help towards her peers and her teachers. She has been doing well with her grades and has even improved in her classes! Ava continues to constantly have a positive attitude and a bright smile every day. She was awarded a Leader of the Pack Award for Quarter 1, is part of the Desktop Publishing Class, and has participated on the Yearbook Team this year. Here is a little more about her:

What is the best thing about being a student in Pillager Schools?

At the time when I transferred over to Pillager, I came from Forestview and I loved going to a smaller school. Now Pillager is slowly increasing with people, but I am grateful for all the friendships I have created.

How long have you gone to Pillager Schools?

Almost 5 years!

Coollest place you've ever been?

I haven't been out of the state too many times, my first "big trip" was Florida!! I loved being there.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I would love to open my own hair salon and be a hairstylist!

Have you ever been to the ocean? Where? What did you like about it?

Yes! My first "big" trip was this July to Coco Beach in Florida! I loved the ocean, shell picking at sunset was one of my favorite things to do.

What is your favorite cartoon and why?

I can't really remember cartoons, but I loved to watch Disney movies! Beauty and the Beast, and Tangled were my favorite and still are!!

Favorite dog?

Golden Retrievers!!

What is your favorite subject and teacher? Why?

My favorite subject is English, and I don't have a favorite teacher. I could never pick a favorite. I appreciate all of them the same.

Great job Ava! Stay tuned to see what other students may get featured in the Paw Press! We appreciate you all and hope you continue to be along our journey by seeing where these kids go in the future.

**Leader
OF THE
PACK**

**1ST
QUARTER**

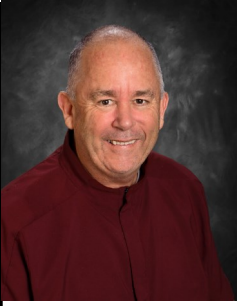
AVA FRANZEN
9TH GRADE AWARD RECIPIENT

"Ava is a respectful student who you can always find working hard in class. She is willing and ready to help her peers in her extra time and brings a positive personality every day."



AVA FRANZEN **STUDENT SHOWCASE**

High School Principal, Jason Savage



As we approach the end of Semester 1, I want to reflect on the great start we've had to the school year. Our students and staff have been dedicated to learning, growing, and creating a positive and inclusive school environment. Semester 1 is winding down, and we are excited to welcome Semester 2 in mid-January. As we transition to the second half of the school year, it's important for students to set goals and continue to foster a growth mindset. The second semester brings new opportunities for learning and personal development.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce Snow Week at PHS, which will take place from February 5 to February 9. The Snow Week dance is set for Friday, February 9th, allowing students to unwind and enjoy a fun relaxing evening. We encourage students to participate in the various Snow Week activities and make the most of this fun-filled week.

As we gear up for the second half of the school year, let's continue to work together to create a supportive and engaging learning environment. Encourage your students to set ambitious goals, stay focused on their studies, and embrace challenges with a growth mindset. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to a successful and rewarding second semester.

Sincerely,
Jason Savage
Principal, Pillager High School

SPRING REGISTRATION

From a student perspective ...

Spring registration marks a pivotal time as a student when we undertake selecting courses for the upcoming academic year. As winter gives in to warmer days, as students we navigate through the multitude of options, contemplating our academic path and future pursuits. With anticipation and excitement with the freedom to choose our own classes this upcoming spring semester, we weigh our interests, educational requirements, and aspirations to help decide our plans for success. For many, it is a strategic plan of choosing the right mix of classes that not only align with our academic goals but also cater to our passions.

As a high school student, it is important for me to have the freedom to choose classes in high school as it allows me to tailor my education to align with my interests, strengths, and future goals. This autonomy in selecting courses not only promotes academic growth but also prepares me for the decision-making responsibilities I will encounter after high school.

Overall, spring registration is an essential time when we, as students, can exercise our agency in shaping our academic pathway. The process of choosing classes goes beyond fulfilling requirements; it's an opportunity for personal growth, self-discovery, and the cultivation of lifelong learning skills. This period of choice permits me to navigate my unique educational journey, creating a sense of responsibility and ownership for my future. What classes will you choose this spring? What pathways will you explore? Registration for all high school students will begin towards the end of March. Until then, don't be afraid to be curious, try new things, and be open to new possibilities!

The cover of the 2023-24 Course Registration Guide for Pillager School. It features the school's logo (a husky head) and the title "2023-24 COURSE REGISTRATION GUIDE". Below the title is a large photo of the school's modern interior with large windows and red armchairs. At the bottom, there is a red banner with the text "Registration Information for Students Entering Grades 9-12" and two smaller photos: one of a student working at a desk and another of two female students smiling and holding up small cakes.

ACCESS TO STUDENT INFORMATION

Please stay connected to your student's progress and lunch account information by accessing this information online. You can get to this information from the school website through the link on the left side of the home page OR — through the web address below.

Parents

Click here

<https://pillager.onlinejmc.com>

Students

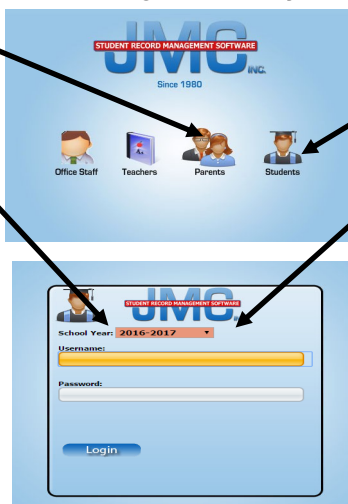
Click here

Make sure you have the correct SCHOOL YEAR

User name: parent's last name in lowercase letters

Enter your password. (If you do not remember your password, please speak to a secretary to access it.)

After you click "login" you may look at your child's absences, tardies, report card, progress report and lunch account info. You may also update your address, phone, or email.



Make sure you have the correct SCHOOL YEAR

User name; Last two digits of your graduating year, first initial of first name, last name.
Ex: 17jdoe

Password: Lunch number, first initial of first name last name. Ex: 1234jdoe

After you click "login" you may look at your absences, tardies, report card, progress report and lunch account info. (Online registration is not available at this time.)

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WORK WORLD

EXPERIENCES

at Pillager High School

Pillager High School offers a work experience program for high school students. This program supports students in high school completion and assists in their enthusiasm to join the work world.

Students participate in a paid position with academic and career related skills being instilled through training and supervision. Progress reviews are scheduled with mentors in the workforce.

Interested students or employers can contact Carissa Goff at (218) 746-2077 or cgoft@isd116.org for further information.



Host an Exchange Student!

- Learn about cultures, customs and traditions from around the world
- Make new friends and create memories that will last forever
- Help make a positive impact locally in your community, as well as across the world

To learn more contact

David Olson
(651) 238-5159
dolson@isd116.org
northcentral.iseusa.org



Middle School Principal, Wade Mortenson

As we dive into the exciting adventures of the second semester, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for the unwavering Husky Pride displayed by our wonderful students and dedicated staff. The enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated in the first semester have set a fantastic tone for the months ahead. It's heartening to witness the collaborative efforts of our school community to create an environment that fosters learning, growth, and, most importantly, a strong sense of unity.

The first semester was filled with excitement and opportunities for our middle school students. Every week it seemed that we had students involved in some kind of activity or event to showcase their strengths. For example, our middle school musical Schoolhouse Rock, was a smashing success. We must continue to offer these opportunities for our students as they play a major role in the overall middle school experience.

To further strengthen our ties and ensure open communication, we were thrilled with the turnout at parent-teacher conferences the week of January 22nd. These conferences provided an opportunity for us to connect with you regarding your child's social and academic progress, and to discuss any questions or concerns you may have had.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's make the second semester a memorable and successful journey for our Huskies! As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

#PullTheSled

Wade Mortenson
Middle School Principal



5th & 6th Grade School within a School

Pillager Middle School is implementing a 5th and 6th grade school within a school

Highlights of the Program

- Ease the transition to middle school
- Provide additional time for math and english classes
- Embed interventions
- Support the social-emotional needs of our children
- Reduced number of teachers for each student

Sample Schedules

5th Grade Schedule

1. Core Class (Math)
2. Core Class (English)
3. Exploratory 5 / PE (Every other day)
4. Core Class (Social Studies)
5. Skinny (Math / ELA = 25 Minutes each)
6. Core Class (Science)
7. 4 Exploratory Courses
 - Health
 - Intro to Singing
 - Intro to Instruments
 - PE 5

6th Grade Schedule

1. Core Class (Math)
2. Core Class (English)
3. Core Class (Science)
4. Skinny (Math / ELA = 25 Minutes each)
5. Band/Choir or Arts 6 / AVID 6
6. Core Class (Social Studies)
7. Engineering / PE (Every other day)

Middle School Students of Quarter II

Congratulations to these students: Audri Hollingsworth, Brylee Deick, Burk Fornshell, Devon Schneeberger, Fletcher Scofield, Jackson Decker, Jacob Hudson, Jaxon White, Leo Scott, Maddox Vandermay, Norah Quisberg, Rylie Eustice, Stephen Bourassa, Tabitha Poegel, Zuriha Krause

JMC Alert System

Pillager School uses a recorded alert system to notify families of special school events, school closings, or emergencies. The numbers and email addresses are from the contact information that you have provided to the District Office.

If you are not getting these messages, or would like other phone numbers or email addresses used, please call the District Office to update your file.



The Husky Hangout

An "After School Targeted Services Academic Enrichment Program" through the Freshwater Education District is available to students in Grades 5-8. The program is based on a minimum enrollment of 11 students.

WHO: THE HUSKY HANGOUT is available to any Pillager student in grades 5-8 who wishes to take advantage of after school academic support and enrichment activities during the school year.

WHAT: Each two-hour session consists of:

- 15 minutes - Snack and Socialize Game/Trivia
- 1 Hour - Homework Help

The Lead Teacher (Middle School Instructor) is available to help students complete homework assignments. If a student does not have assignments to complete they will receive supplemental math, reading, study skills instruction.

- 45 minutes - Learning Activity

Students will participate in a hands-on learning enrichment activity each week. Activity examples include: cooking, service learning project, art project, STEAM Activities, community education classes, etc.

WHEN: Every Tuesday and Thursday (3:15-5:15 pm) starting November 3. Students may join at any time, however, sign-up forms are required.

WHERE: Pillager Middle School, Room 602 (Mrs. Kimman's room) Kids may be picked up at door "O" by the Middle School entrance

WHY: Students can benefit from additional academic support while also developing improved social, study, and communication skills.

HOW: Parents and teachers who are interested in referring a child to THE HUSKY HANGOUT may fill out and return the registration form.

Contact Sara Kimman (Room 602 in Middle/High School) with questions: (218) 746-2078 or skimman@isd116.org



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HUSKY PRIDE TIME for the MIDDLE SCHOOL

All 7th and 8th students will have the opportunity to participate in a PRIDE TIME Period each day this school year. During PRIDE TIME, students will enjoy character education lessons related to a variety of topics. New this school year, an added standard has been incorporated into this class called #operationgiveback. Students will be involved in a service learning project each semester. For #operationgiveback, students will be involved in a variety of volunteer activities to give back to the community. This is also a perfect time to complete missing work, relearn material, or retake a test.

A wide variety of enrichment options will also be available related to all content areas. For example, students can use PRIDE TIME to prepare for the annual Husky Spelling Bee, work on a Science Fair project, prepare for a Math Masters competition, study for the 8th grade National Geographic Geography Bee, or simply read their favorite book. Certainly, PRIDE TIME will be a tremendously beneficial time for all students.

Before and After School

Parents, please note that students should not be in the school building before 7:55 a.m. Please know that they will be asked to leave the school to either go outside or home.

The school is closed to all children after school unless they are in a supervised after-school activity or enrolled in "Fun Stop."



Elementary Principal, Josh Smith

We are midway through yet another school year. It is hard to believe that we will soon begin to plan for Kindergarten Round-Up, spring music programs, Kindergarten graduation, track and field day, field trips, and so much more.

Our teachers are committed more than ever to providing students with every opportunity to be successful both in the classroom and in the community. We are excited to welcome families into the building in January for parent and teacher conferences where we will share all of the growth the kids have made so far this year!

As always, thank you for sharing your kids with us and for allowing us the opportunity to work with them every day. It is our hope to provide you, your students, and the community with a top-notch education filled with positive relationships and experiences!

Best,

Josh Smith
Elementary Principal

FEBRUARY



The month of February is "I Love to Read Month" and there will be a few unique celebrations occurring throughout the month.

February 5-9

Pajama Day on Friday, February 9th. Find some time in class to get comfy with a good book!

February 12-15

Wear red and pink on Tuesday, February 13th and read a book that you love.

February 20-23

Husky Bingo will be played on Friday, February 23rd.



GO HUSKIES

Congratulations Brecken, Henry, Garrett, and Kamryn! (pictured clockwise from top-left). Students that earn a Husky Paw for displaying perseverance, respect, responsibility, integrity, discipline, or excellence are spotlighted on the Pillager Schools Facebook page. All of the students are displayed prominently in the hallway near the cafeteria as well.

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS LOOK LIKE THIS...



If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online. **Go to BTFE.COM for more information.**

ELEMENTARY PARENTS

Did you know we have a Parent Portal?

Scan me with your camera

OR

Open your web browser and visit

bit.ly/pillagerportal

then, save it to your phone.

With the website open ...

iOS

- Tap upload
- Choose "Add to Homescreen"
- Tap Add

Android

- Tap 3 dot menu
- Choose "Add to Homescreen"
- Tap Add

Title 1 — "It's for Everybody!"



TITLE I SCHOOL

Title I is a federal grant for schools that helps support students who need additional help. Our Title I funds are used to help reduce the number of reading groups, class sizes, etc. Title teachers, as well as all teachers at Pillager are highly trained, licensed and working in their area of expertise.

We invite parents and community members to be involved with Title I. If you would like to help review and write grants or be involved in the planning of Title I or Title IIA, please contact our Local Educational Agency (LEA) Mr. Josh Smith or our Title I teacher, Mrs. Wendy Hall.

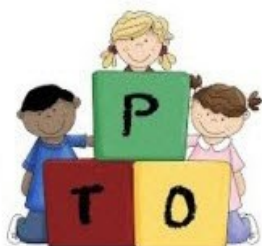
We encourage parents to be involved in their child's education here at Pillager Elementary School. All students in Pillager Elementary are able to receive services under the School Wide Title I Plan. We use data from our testing to determine strengths and needs of our students.

We want all parents to be aware of the many opportunities to be on school committees. This includes a Title I committee. The Title I committee will annually review the "Ten Elements" of school-wide planning as they work on the Title I plan.

The district-wide Parental Involvement Policy procedures have been developed jointly with parents of children participating in Title I programs. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of students participating in Title I, Part A on or before September 20 of the present school year.

If you have any questions concerning Title I, please feel free to see the LEA for Title I, Mr. Smith at (218)746-2110.

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Elementary



The Pillager PTO is back! We are looking for new members to help support our elementary students, teachers & staff. Keep an eye out for updates on our Facebook page.





Kindergarten Graduation

Kindergarten graduation for the Class of 2036 will be held in the CTC Center on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

The ceremony for Mrs. Foster's, Mrs. Ingberg's, and Mrs. Logelin's classes will begin at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony for Ms. Ivers' and Ms. Lambrecht's classes will begin at 11:00 a.m.

A short reception will follow each ceremony. Kindergarten graduates will receive a sack lunch with lemonade and cookies available for their guests.

Kindergarten Round-Up (Beginning Kindergarten in the fall of 2024)

Kindergarten Round-Up is an informational meeting that will take place for parents of students beginning Kindergarten in the fall of 2024 at Pillager Elementary School.

Round-Up will take place on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. More information will be provided prior to this date.



Hello from the Pillager Health Offices! The elementary health office continues to be staffed by Jamie, and the secondary health office is staffed by Carol Henrichs, health clerk. We make a good team while caring for our Pillager Huskies!

You can find Health Resources on our website at <https://www.isd116.org/departments/health-services>. Remember that students need to stay home from school for 24 hours after a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea has resolved. If your student tests positive for COVID, they will need to remain home for 5 days from start of symptoms.

We will again host the Minnesota School Sealant Program for Kindergarten through 8th grade students on Thursday, February 8th. Registered students will have a brief teeth cleaning, sealants, and fluoride done by dental hygienists in the health office.

This winter we plan to spend time in the elementary classrooms talking about how we can keep ourselves and our other husky friends healthy!

Jamie Shypkowski, RN, RD, LSN, PHN
Pillager School Nurse
(218)746-2114



**School
Nurse**



FOOD ALLERGIES

According to Food Allergy Research & Education, 1 in 13 children have a food allergy. The most common food allergies in children are allergies to peanuts, milk, shellfish, and tree nuts.

If your child has a food allergy and you have not notified the health office, please call our staff at (218)746-2114.

LEAP INTO LEARNING



Leap into an evening tailored for preschool-age children and their parents!

✿ Event Highlights:

- 🐱 Leap into Learning: Engaging and interactive activities to stimulate young minds.
- 🎨 Crafty Leap Creations: Unleash creativity with leap-inspired arts and crafts.
- 📖 Freshwater ECFE will provide books for our early learners.

📅 Date: February 29, 2024 (Leap Day)

🕒 Time: 4:30 pm to 6 pm

📍 Venue: Pillager Early Childhood Building

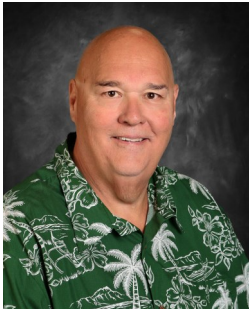
Refreshments will be provided, creating a leap-worthy experience for both the little ones and their grown-up companions. Let's make this Leap Day memorable with laughter, learning, and leaps of joy! Kindly RSVP by Thursday, February 22, 2024 to ensure we have enough refreshments, books and crafts for everyone!

RSVP to: Tracy Frisk; tfrisk@isd116.org; 218-746-3075

3rd Annual
**PAUL BUNYAN
BAND
FESTIVAL**

APRIL 19, 2024
7:00 P.M.

Location :
This event will be held at the CTC Center in Pillager and this concert will include the best small town band programs in the state with the Central Lakes Wind Symphony.



Facility Services Manager, John Gordon

We again have a yearly **Daddy/Daughter Dance** and **Movies with Mom** events in February and March. These events are well attended and are a lot of fun and good memories. Check out the ads in this Paw Press.

We continue with the CTC Concert Series with three shows left, **Transit Authority, Chicago Tribute Band** on February 17th @ 7:30 PM, **Xpedition, Tributes to Journey, Foreigner, Styx, and Kansas** on April 12th @ 7:30 PM and **Free Falling, Tom Petty Tribute Band** on May 2nd @ 7:30 PM. Thanks to those of you who have attended our concerts last year so far.

A lot of exciting things are happening again this winter and early spring at the CTC Center with Disney's High School musical April 4th - 7th, The annual Education Foundation Dinner on April 6th which helps our students and teachers with scholarships and room grants. The Pillsbury Players are having a performance of 12 Angry Men on February 23, 24, 25. Please check out our web page at ctccenter.org for more info. Follow us on Facebook at Pillager schools CTC Center.

Our custodial staff enters its busy time of year with winter sports and of course snow. Which makes the halls a mess on a constant basis. If you are attending events at school please remember that anytime you throw away your trash and pick anything on the floor up we greatly appreciate it. Here's to Warm days and cool nights.

Gordon Out!



Ground prep (August 11)



Pouring the concrete (August 15)



There is progress on
the Pillager
Ice Rink and
Pickleball Courts!!

Thanks to everyone
who has donated or
worked on this
project.



6' Black Fence installed (October 12)



Students from
the school are
working on the
warming house.



Landscaped / seeded (Oct. 24)



Lights (Nov. 4)

The bladder will be
installed and the rink
will be flooded soon,
depending on the
weather.

The court paint has
been purchased
and will be applied
in the spring.



AGGIE UPDATE

The focus this fall in the Career & Technical Education (CTE) department has been getting kids experiences and connections with industry, both in and out of the school building. For the agricultural education program, that has meant adding several field trips and other activities to what we already do.



Also in November, the Robotics class and 7th grade Ag Science/Robotics classes toured another dairy - this time Roerview Dairy Farm near Upsala - to learn about how robotics and automation are used to feed, milk, and clean up after dairy cattle.

In November, the Food Chemistry, Animal Science, and ProStart classes took a trip to the Redhead Creamery near Brooten, MN, for a tour of their dairy and cheesemaking facilities. Students got to see how the cows are cared for from birth to milking, and got to sample several of their cheeses.



Natural Resources class teamed up with Outdoor Activities to spend a few hours attempting a geocaching/orienteering navigation challenge in the school forest. Teams had to set a course using both GPS coordinates and compass navigation, then swapped courses with another team to see who could find the items of the scavenger hunt the fastest.



As much as we enjoy sharing what we've already done, we're also looking forward! The Arbor Day Plant Sale (4/26) will be here before you know it! Remember to drop off your pots, four packs, etc, in front of the greenhouse - we can always use them (please bag them up before leaving them). Keep up with the greenhouse happenings, as well as what's going on with the rest of the department, by following us on Facebook! (Pillager Ag Ed Department)

Thanks to everyone who bought fruit from our first fruit sale - you made it a success! Funds raised will go towards chapter activities and will support the efforts of our growing chapter - thank you!



Spring Sports



GIRLS TRACK - Coach Terry Hollingsworth

GIRLS TRACK —Coach Terry Hollingsworth is entering his 32nd year coaching in Pillager, 25th as girls head track coach. The Girls Track and Field team with 10 letter winners returning from last season look to have a strong showing in the Park Region Conference again this year. Two of our four qualifiers for the MSHSL State Meet in 2023 return, Violette Metz in the 100 meters(13th) and 4x100(9th), and Alivia Brown in the 4x100(9th). Jessa Kimman, Alivia, Grace Grimsley and Violette broke Pillager's School record in the 4x100 at the Section Meet (51.33) and again at the State Meet (50.47). Nine athletes qualified for the 2023 Section 6A Meet: Jessa - 300 Hurdles(3rd), 100 Hurdles(2nd), 4x100(1st), and Long Jump(10th); Grace - 100 Hurdles(9th), 4x100(1st), Triple Jump, and High Jump(10th); Tahlia Craft - Pole Vault(4th); Zoe Adams - 4x800(6th); Elsie Turner - 400 and 4x800 (6th); Violette - 100(1st), 300 Hurdles(4th) and 4x100(1st); Alaina Dobson - 4x800(6th); Alivia - 100(4th), 200(5th), and 4x100(1st); and Khloe VanVickle - 4x800(6th). Earning All-Conference Honors: Jessa, Tahlia, Grace, Zoe, Sienna Houle, Elsie, Violette, Alaina, Alivia, and Khloe.



BOYS TRACK—Coach Jim Bentson

I am entering my 25th year as the Boys track Coach. We have been the Section True Team champions on 3 separate occasions in 2011 & 2018, 2019. Ann Hutchison has retired after 15 years as my assistant but has promised to continue to help with meets. Dan Johnson will return for his 12th year as the Thrower's Coach/Assistant Girl's/Boy's Track Coach (11th year). Assistant Coach Chris Kappler will return for his 2nd year after being an assistant for 12 years with a Section rival. Coach Ethan Kocur will return for a 2nd year as the Boy's Junior High Coach & works with High Jumpers. Conference Awards: DJ Reynolds: All Conference--4x200M, 200M (HM); Brayton Kriegl: All Conference-- 4x200M, 200M (HM), 4x400M (HM); Braden Hoffer: 800M (HM), 4x400M (HM); Chase Mannie: All Conference-- 4x200M; Dawson Weinhandl: All Conference--400m, 4x200M, 4x400M (HM); Justin Anderson: 4x400M (HM); Zach Macheel: Shot Put (HM), Discus (HM). Sub-Section Awards: Dawson Weinhandl—2nd place—400m; Braden Hoffer—5th place—800m; Asher Scull—2nd place—Shot put; Chase Mannie, Tyson Decker, Trenton Thesing, Justin Anderson—6th place 4 x 100m; Chase Mannie, Brayton Kriegl, DJ Reynolds, Dawson Weinhandl—2nd place 4 x 200m; Braden Hoffer, Brayton Kriegl, Justin Anderson, Dawson Weinhandl—3rd place 4 x 400m; Tyson Decker, Jacob Hooe, Chris Bock, Braden Hoffer—4th place 4 x 800m. Section Awards: Dawson Weinhandl—6th place—400m; Braden Hoffer—7th place—800m; Asher Scull—6th place—Shot put; Chase Mannie, Brayton Kriegl, DJ Reynolds, Dawson Weinhandl—3rd place 4 x 200m; Braden Hoffer, Brayton Kriegl, Justin Anderson, Dawson Weinhandl—6th place 4 x 400m; Tyson Decker, Jacob Hooe, Chris Bock, Braden Hoffer—6th place 4 x 800m



BASEBALL—Coach Jacob Box

This will be my 7th season at Pillager and 3rd as head coach. We return 11 letterwinners from last year's 9-13 team, along with winning their first AA playoff game. We will be a very experienced team heading into the season, and we look forward to competing in the always tough Park Region Conference. With the new complex being completed, we now have more space for our growing program. We are expecting to have 60-70 kids out for baseball in grades 7-12 this year! Go Huskies!!



SOFTBALL—Coach Greg Bennett

This will be my 9th season as the Pillager Varsity Softball Coach. The coaching staff is looking forward to building upon last year's 13-8 record. We are excited to be returning many of our starting varsity players from last year's team and look forward to their leadership both on and off the field. The girls have a tradition of quality softball and playing at a high level. We look forward to getting back on the field and representing our school proudly. GO HUSKIES!



BOYS GOLF—Coach Chris Berent

I am in my 16th year as Varsity Boys Golf Coach and in my 20th year with the program. Each year I look forward to the opportunity to convey my love for the game of golf to the kids. We do not just practice the physical aspect of the game itself, but also the integrity of the game. We practice our HUSKY PRIDE as the kids learn about perseverance, respect, responsibility, integrity, and discipline. Hopefully that leads us to excellence. This year we will be returning many players as well as getting some new faces in our program. I look forward to the opportunity to coach each of our players and help them grow as individuals.



GIRLS GOLF--Coach Missy Koel

This will be my 6th year as the varsity girls coach and 11th year in the program. I'm very excited for the upcoming golf season. We have a young team but we show great promise in the future. Our goal this year is to improve from last year, and have enough girls playing, so that we can consistently have team scores. Go Huskies!!



CLAY TARGET-- David Grell

It gives me great pleasure to donate my time and talents to the fastest growing sport across America. I was introduced to the sport of trap shooting in the mid 80s and it did not take very long for it to expand to skeet and later five stand and sporting clays. I currently participate in many leagues locally and shoot registered targets as a member of the National Skeet Shooting Association, Amateur Trapshooting Association, and the National Sporting Clays Association with my wife Heather and my two sons Andrew and Jack. I have volunteered as a shooting coach for Pequot Lakes and Pillager Schools for the last 13 years and currently serve as the President of the Lakeshore Conservation Club. I am proud to be one of the founders/directors of the Clays to End Hunger Fundraising Tournament that benefits many families locally. Coaching is so much more than just teaching about shooting — it is about teaching responsibility, safety, discipline, concentration, and the art of paying it forward. The Pillager High School Clay Target Team continues to grow and is expanding to include the disciplines of Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays. A student athlete will have the ability to participate in two of the three disciplines this spring season. I will see you at the range!

GO HUSKIES!

Activities Director, Matthew Moen



Spring is in the air and we are excited for the warm weather and all the many activities we provide at Pillager. The Fine Arts programs have a busy upcoming spring schedule as we are looking forward to the HS Musical under the direction of Rob Freelove performing "High School Musical" in April. Our band and choir groups, led by Mr. Freelove and Mr. Espe will be busy competing at contests this spring as well. Good luck to all involved and thank you for all your hard work.

We are excited for our upcoming spring sports seasons at Pillager! We are close to wrapping up the construction of the athletic complex this spring. We have made many upgrades to the track and field area, the varsity baseball field returns to the field behind the school with modern upgrades, and the softball field received upgrades as well. We are looking forward to cutting the ribbon on May 18 when the baseball and softball teams take on the Staples-Motley Cardinals and will end the day with our "Under the Lights" softball game.

Under the guidance of Coach Bentson and Coach Hollingsworth we are excited at what the Boys and Girls track teams will be able to do this upcoming season, both teams should compete for a return to the True Team State Meet in Stillwater and we have multiple athletes in many different events who will be fighting to represent Pillager at the State Track Meet in June.

Both the softball and baseball teams won playoff games and advanced in section 6AA last year and are looking to build off their momentum. The softball team and Coach Bennett return many players from last year's team that had a very successful season and look forward to continuing to advance in the 6AA playoffs. Coach Box and the baseball team goes from a young team to a veteran team as almost the entire roster returns from last year's team and they look to build on their solid foundation.

The Boys and Girls Golf teams return most of their core from last year and under the guidance of Coach Berent and Coach Koel are looking forward to getting on the course again with their teams and competing on a daily basis at each meet.

There are a lot of exciting things going on in Pillager schools and it truly is a great time to be a Husky! I am looking forward to watching all of our student athletes compete on their field of play this spring and hope to see you cheering them on!

Matthew Moen
Activities Director

EXCEL AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS

Gracie Mudgett and Cowen Cremers are juniors at Pillager High School who were nominated for the ExCEL Award. Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, ExCEL is a recognition program designed for Minnesota High School juniors. Students who are active in Fine Arts and/or Athletics, who show leadership qualities, and who are model citizens in their community are eligible for the award.



Mudgett, the daughter of Robert and Connie, participates in Band, National Honor Society, HS Musical, Leadership Council, Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball.



Cremers, the son of Thomas and Misty, participates in Football, Basketball, Baseball, Clay Target, Band, National Honor Society, and Student Council.

AAA AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS

Cadence Hall and Josh Freelove are seniors at Pillager High School who were nominated for the AAA Award. Sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, AAA is a recognition program designed for Minnesota High School seniors. Students who are active in Fine Arts, Athletics, who show leadership qualities, who are model citizens in their community, and excel with their academics are eligible for the award.



Hall, the daughter of Steve and Wendy, has participated in Band, Choir, Volleyball, and Softball.



Josh Freelove, the son of Anne and Rob, participates in Football, assists with MS Musical, One Act Play, National Honor Society, Track & Field, HS Musical, Band, Northwinds Brass Quintet, Choir & Chamber Choir.

COMMUNITY ED & YOUTH SPORTS

ONLINE REGISTRATION: www.isd116.org

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN

On our school webpage click "Community Ed" at the top and Youth Sports can be found on that page along with a registration link.

WANT TO TEACH?

If you are interested in teaching a Community Education Class at Pillager School, please see the form on the school website (on the "Community Ed" tab).

Contact Paul Clark, Community Ed Director & Youth Sports Coordinator
@ pclark@isd116.org with any questions.



Check out the Pillager Huskies Booster Club on Facebook and their website! pillagerbooster-club.com

Open Gym

Sunday Nights
6:00-7:30 PM
November 5th - February 25
Open to MS and HS boys and girls
In the High School gym
Holiday weekends may be cancelled. These will be looked at individually and announcements will be made.

Follow Huskies Sports
All Year Long on CASH 95



To listen to the Huskies go to
R&Jbroadcasting.com
Noah Caruso Coach's Show Final Whistle
4:00 - 5:00 pm

Pillager Spring Activities **2024**

Mandatory Spring Sports
Registration Night
March 4th, 6:00-7:30

- Varsity Girls Softball - 9-12 - March 11
- Boys and Girls Track - 7-12 - March 11
- Varsity Boys Baseball - 9-12 - March 18
- JH Girls Softball - 7-8 - March 18
- Boys and Girls Golf - 6-12 - March 18
- JH Boys Baseball - 7-8 - March 25

Athletes need to have a physical on file with the school, registration completed and fees paid.

Click here to Register and Pay
<https://pillager.revtrak.net/>

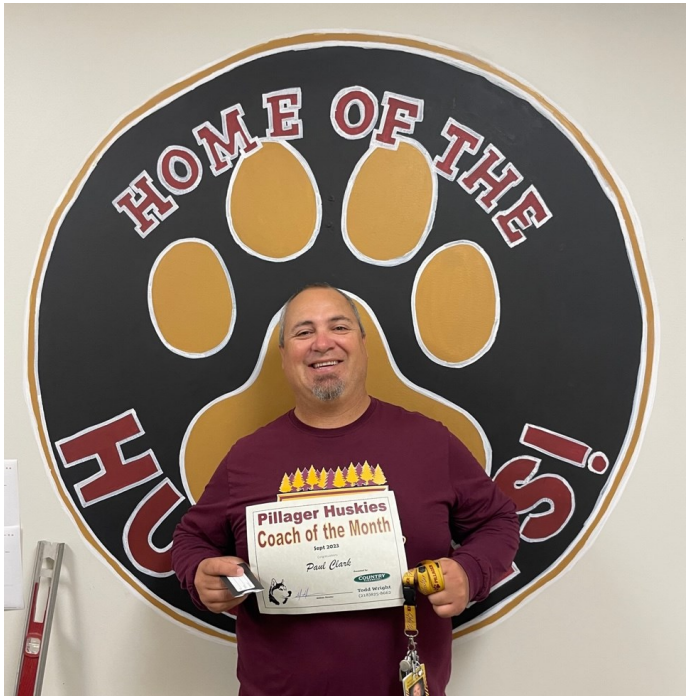




COACHES OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our Country Financial Coach of the Month for November; Coleman Larson! Coleman is our strength coach and has done an outstanding job working with all of our athletic teams in the weight room this fall. He gives 110% to all that he does and it is shown by the number of students in the weight room each day after school. Thanks Coleman for all you do! Go Huskies!



Congratulations to the Country Financial Coach of the Month; Paul Clark. Paul is our head football coach and can always be found in the weight room or on the field helping out regardless of the game! He does a great job motivating our student athletes to strive to be better and to push themselves whether it is on the field or in the game of life. Thanks Paul for all you do for Husky athletics and congratulations!



Snow Days as Possible E-Learning Days

Pillager Public Schools has approved an E-Learning procedure for snow days. In addition to that procedure, the school calendar also includes possible makeup days. The district administration will use a combination of these for weather related closures throughout the school year.

This year our K-4 students have their chromebooks at school. Chromebooks may be sent home if a snow day is expected. If the closure is unexpected, teachers will be in contact with families with instructions for the school closure.

For school closing information families will receive JMC message or you can check our District Website and/or location media stations.



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- Sports and activity drivers needed!
- Part time, full time, split route options all available.

Call Fornshell Bus Service for information: (218)746-3770



**Our transportation services are handled
by Fornshell Bus Service.**

**fornshellbus@isd116.org
(218) 746-3770**

**Online info: School Website
Use "services" tab on top of home page**

Transportation Information

Parents, please call the bus garage by 7:00 a.m. if your child/children will not be riding the bus for the day. **This will help the buses stay on schedule!**

Special note: Students are allowed only ONE designated bus stop in the morning and ONE designated bus stop in the afternoon. These stops must be registered through Fornshell Bus and Pillager School.

Transportation information forms are due in July.

No bussing is guaranteed without a completed bus form. Please send forms to Fornshell Bus Service or the Pillager School as soon as possible.

Bus Safety on the roads:

- Parents and district residents need to understand state laws in regards to school buses.
- When school is in session, buses will be stopping on all forms of roads: state highways, county roads, city streets and township roads. When buses stop, it means that a child is being picked up or dropped off. Red flashing lights mean that you must stop. It is illegal to pass a bus on either side while meeting or following the bus when the red lights are flashing.

Bus Safety at school:

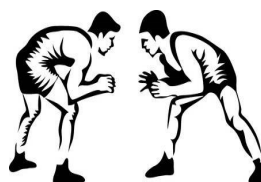
We also ask that you follow the bus safety in the area around the school building.

- The one way streets and driving restrictions have been developed for the safety of kids. The parking lot on the south side of the school is a one way parking lot. Please enter from the east end only and exit from the west end only. This helps the flow of traffic off of East Second St. as it is one way. Each student in kindergarten through grade ten receives bus safety training every year. All students take a written and practice test.

As adult drivers, please be good examples. Thank you for your help in making school a safer place for kids.

CO-OP SPORTS WITH LITTLE FALLS

Gymnastics Grades 7-12 Register through Athletics (MSHSL)	Dance Team Grades 7-12 Register through Athletics (MSHSL)	Nordic Skiing Grade 6 register through LF Com.Ed Grades 7-12 — Register through Athletics (MSHSL)	Wrestling Grade 6 register through LF Com.Ed Grades 7-8 Register through Athletics (MSHSL)	MRR Diving Grades 6-12 MRR Lap Swim --Both of these programs are Club Swimming. --Register through LF Community Education
Fees: Com.Ed fees will be based on Little Falls registration fees (plus transportation fee). MSHSL Co-op and 7/8 wrestling will be our regular activity fees (plus transportation fee). Transportation: Will provide transportation to and from Little Falls for both MSHSL sports and these Com. Ed sports for <u>after school practices!</u> Parents will be responsible for transportation home from games/contests. Contact Information MSHSL Co-op activities & 7/8 wrestling contact Matt Moen (218)746-2115. For all Com. Ed activities contact Matthew Moen (218)746-2115.				



Emergency School Closings

Emergency school closings, late starts, postponement or cancellation of events can be the result of severe weather conditions or mechanical failure of the school facilities. Please listen to the stations listed here for any time change in the school day. This is an emergency situation and we cannot afford to have the school telephone lines tied up.

If severe weather conditions develop overnight or are imminent early in the morning, the announcement to close school will be made sufficiently early in the morning so students need not prepare to meet the bus. If weather conditions gradually worsen during the school day the announcement to close school will be made approximately one hour before students are dismissed and transported. Under these conditions we would urge parents cooperation to insure that someone is there when their children arrive home. For parents who have teenagers who drive to school, we would encourage parents to ask these young drivers to leave school and proceed directly home, rather than risk more hazardous driving conditions by lingering around town.

If a severe blizzard sets in during the day and you are concerned for your children, you may come and get them from the principal's office. If conditions are too hazardous for bus operation, students will remain in school until weather conditions improve. We also want to remind parents that the possibility exists that students may be stranded in a school bus or car for a period of time and students should be dressed properly for severe winter weather to insure that they do not suffer from exposure. In the event it is announced that school will be late, the "late start" will ALWAYS be a two-hour late start" and school will start at 10:30 a.m. Whenever school is delayed with a "late start", there will not be a breakfast program.

When school is closed because of severe weather, all school events and activities, including Early Childhood and Community Education programs will also be postponed as well as all practice for these events. The one exception to this is varsity athletic practice which may be held. Rural varsity athletes are reminded, however, that they must have a "snow home" if they remain for practice under these conditions.

In the event of a school closing or cancellation, a phone and email message will go to all primary contact phone numbers and emails for all students through our JMC Alert System.

92.1 FM	WYRQ	Little Falls
94.1 FM	KFML	Little Falls
103.5 FM	KOOL	Brainerd
102.7 FM	MCBI	Pequot Lakes
104.3 FM	MCBI	Pequot Lakes
106.7 FM	WJJY	Brainerd
107.5 FM	KLIZ	Brainerd
830 AM	WCCO	Twin Cities
960 AM	KLTF	Little Falls
1340 AM	KVBR	Brainerd
1380 AM	KLIZ	Brainerd
TV 7/12	WCCO	
TV 9/29	FOX	
TV 11/14	KARE	
TV 5/16/42	KSAX	
www.isd116.org		
www.KARE11.com/closings		
www.WCCO.com/cancellations		



March is Food Share Month

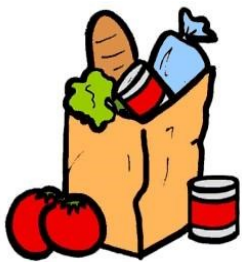
All food and money donated in March to the **Pillager Food Shelf** will be matched by Minnesota Food Share.

The Pillager Family Center operates the Pillager Area Food Shelf and offers help to families in the Pillager school district once a month.

Call 746-4009 for schedules or questions.

All donations are tax deductible. Our Fed tax ID # is 41-1811057

Throughout the month of March there will be regular drop-off sites located at the school. Bring your non-perishable food items or financial donation** to the any school office or school activity.



**** Money is really the preferred donation.**

The Food Shelf uses your money donation to buy 3-4 times the amount of food that you could buy from area grocery stores by purchasing items through the Second Harvest Food Bank. Money donations can be dropped off with a PFC Board member at the Family Center, or brought to the Early Childhood building during business hours.

If you want to donate money to provide new winter wear for kids, contact Jamie from the fair board (218) 839-5329. This effort is partnering with the Elementary School and the Pillager Family Center. If you know of a student who needs winter wear (coat, boots, snow pants, hats, mittens), please contact Jamie or any school office.



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EDUCATION STAFFING

Now hiring Custodians & Educational Assistants

Custodian day shift and evening shifts available. Starting pay \$15.00 per hour. More for experience.

Educational Assistants for the 2023-24 school year! Starting wages \$17.50 to \$20+ per hour, based on previous experience and education.

Please contact Penmac Staffing in Brainerd at (218) 824-9675 or www.penmac.com Must pass an extensive background check.

Educational Assistant candidates with an AA Degree or have completed paraprofessional testing are preferred but not required.

You can see complete information on all employment options on the school website at www.isd116.org/employment.

Driver's Education



A Driver's Ed course for students, age 14+, will be offered through the school. More details will be sent home with students when they are finalized.

kjanicke@isd116.org (218) 746-2071

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Pillager School YouTube Channel

Pillager's YouTube channel for the school district will serve as a central location where we can offer live-streaming and manage school related events.

Please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/c/PillagerSchoolDistrict> and click on the **SUBSCRIBE** button.

Remember to like and share Pillager Schools CTC Center Facebook page and stay up to date on all the upcoming events!



Community Groups — Call for info

4-H		587-8280
Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts	Mark Huber	839-1513
Girl Scouts	Monica Husen	828-3515
Lions Club	John Driscoll	(651)216-2400
Moms in Prayer	Rhonda Dosser	746-4142
American Legion	Tom Rhett	746-3945
Fair Board / Community Center	Jamie Hauge	839-5329
Pillager Family Center	Betty Doss	746-2185
Ministerial Association	Dan Johnson	746-4369
Pillager History	Sue Van Hal	821-2276
Lakeshore Conservation Club		963-4003
Civil Air Patrol	Brainerd Airport	534-5418
Pheasants Forever	Doug Johnson	(507)841-0571
Local Snowmobile Clubs	brainerdlakesareasnowmobiletrails.com	



Now accepted in the District office for registration fees and lunch accounts.

Online registration and credit card payments are also

available for all athletics, youth sports, community education classes, and lunch payments.



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NHS Blood Drive

February 14 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



Community members, parents, and students interested in donating blood can contact Ms. Prax at jprax@isd116.org to reserve your donation spot. This event will be held at the CTC Center and is sponsored by the National Honor Society in conjunction with the American Red Cross.



Clothes that are not claimed will be washed every two weeks and then donated on about the 1st and 15th of each month.

The Elementary lost and found is located by the elementary gym.

Students should check this every day!

Please contact Brenda at 746-2111 if you would like her to look for your child's belongings.

Early Childhood



The Pillager Family Center is on Facebook! Look for them and become a fan! Keep updated on upcoming events, learn new ideas, read book suggestions and more!



www.pillagerfamilycenter.org

Michele Spar Family Support Coordinator 218-746-4009
Betty Doss, Executive Director 218-746-2185

- Food Shelf: Thursday 11 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- WIC: Call 218-547-1430 for appointment
- Child and Teen Checkup Clinics:
Call 746-4009 for appointment
- Cass County financial workers:
Thursday through v-link
call 218-547-1340 for appointment
- Cass County Veteran's Services
3rd Thursday of the month
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- Other services: phone, computer use, fax and copy machine
available to the public for a small charge.

ALC (Alternative Learning Center)

ALC through Freshwater Education District will be offered after school at the Pillager High School. This is for students who are behind credits and need to make them up in order to graduate.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays after school depending on student scheduling needs.

If you have any questions regarding ALC you may contact :
Ann Hutchison at ahutchison@isd116.org

Early Childhood Options



School Readiness

This program offers a variety of experiences and activities that prepare preschoolers for success in Kindergarten. To be enrolled, children must be four years of age by September 1st. Pillager School offers two options of School Readiness classes:

- Monday, Wednesday, some Fridays (8:05-3:00)
- Tuesday, Thursday, some Fridays (8:05-3:00 p.m.)

If you have questions, please call Tracy at (218)746-3075.

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

Children ages birth to seven who exhibit developmental delays (motor, auditory, vision, cognition, social-emotional, or speech/language) may qualify for services to meet their specific needs. Children receive services in their home, daycare, or in Pillager's Early Childhood or Kindergarten classrooms.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

This program provides support and resources to all families with children from birth until their enrollment in Kindergarten. The ECFE program believes parents are a child's first and most important teachers. Our program provides an opportunity for parents and children to play and learn together in a supportive environment facilitated by licensed child and parent educators.

All classes held at the First Baptist Church

Thursday

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Family Class

Birth to 5 years old

12:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

2 and 3 year olds

4:30p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Birth to 7 years old

Open Gym

Friday (24 weeks)

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Family Class

Birth to 5 years old

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Family Class

Birth to 5 years old

Call Milly at (760) 421-7696, mleone@fed.k12.mn.us, to register or for more information.

Pillager Area Family Center serves all members of our community



Home Visiting Program

The Family Center Home Visiting Program offers weekly home visits to new parents to gain information about child development, physical and social/emotional, parenting ideas, basic care and communication. The Home Visitor and parents work through the Growing Great Kids curriculum. This program is Healthy Families America (HFA) accredited. For more information, please call Amy at (218)587-4292.



Funding for this program is from the MN Department of Health, United Way, Cass County and the Cass County Children's Initiative. "Hand in hand for early success" ... Working together to build a secure foundation for newborn babies and their first time parents.

Pillager Little Huskies Child Care Center

Location: Pillager School Early Childhood Center Hours: 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Ages: 33 months up to Kindergarten

State licensed and Four Star Parent Aware Rated

Contact Ashley O. at (218) 746-2148 or aoehrlein@isd116.org for more information or to enroll your child. Children must be enrolled in the program and pre-registration and pre-payment is needed in order for your child to attend.



Fun Stop: School-Age Care Program

Location: Pillager School Ages: Kindergarten through 4th Grade

The Fun Stop program provides quality, safe, fun school-aged childcare for children in grades K-4. Games, puzzles, crafts, sports, and homework help are all a part of the Fun Stop choices.

▶▶▶ Due to the high number of participants, please call (218)746-2140 to make sure space is available.

There is a fee plus additional charge for special events. Fun Stop is available from 6:30-8:05 a.m. and 3:00-5:30 p.m. on school days and 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on non-school days and during the summer.



Pillager Area Food Shelf 305 Fir Avenue W

Thursdays 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(218) 746-4009

The Pillager Family Center operates the Pillager Area Food Shelf and offers help to families in the Pillager school district. Food is available monthly and Cub Food donates bread that is available weekly.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food and/or money to the Pillager Food Shelf. Your donations are greatly appreciated and continue to help families in our community. Monetary donations are preferred and are used to purchase food from the Second Harvest Food Bank. The Food Bank offers food to be purchased by food shelves at a lower cost and in bulk amounts, helping to stretch every dollar donated.



THANK YOU !
Betty Doss

The 2023 holiday season is now a memory and we at the Pillager Area Food Shelf are BEYOND GRATEFUL for the incredible support of the Pillager Schools and greater Pillager community. We would like to sincerely thank the Pillager Lions for their generous support with the Thanksgiving meals by both purchasing the meals and providing volunteer support. Food drives at the Pillager School, Up North Eye Care, The Shante, From Hair to There, other local businesses, community churches and area Child Cares in combination with individual donations of food have filled our shelves. These food donations combined with the financial generosity of so many of our neighbors, will help ensure the Pillager Area Food Shelf can continue to serve families in our community. The Pillager Area Food Shelf has experienced record usage in recent months, and we deeply appreciate all donations. Thank you and we appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely, Michele Spar
Pillager Family Center Coordinator
Pillager Area Food Shelf Director



Check out our menus!

DAILY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

You can easily view
information about what is on
our menu each day. You can



Menus above represent sample

To download
the app

See menus
at:



2023-2024 PILLAGER SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

BOARD APPROVED
02/27/2023

JULY 2023							JANUARY 2024						
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First Day of School for Students: September 5
Last Day of School for Students: May 30
1st Semester: 85 days 2nd Semester: 84 days
Total Instructional Days = 169 Days

HOLIDAYS

Independence Day July 4
Labor Day September 4
Thanksgiving Break November 23-24
Winter Break December 25 - January 2
Martin Luther King Day January 15
Presidents' Day February 19
Good Friday March 29
Memorial Day May 27

OPEN HOUSE

August 30 4:30pm - 7:00pm
August 23 (Sch) 5:30pm - 7:00pm

NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION

August 21

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS (No School for Students)

August 28-31 October 19, 23, 30
November 2 (7:30-11:30am) January 22, 26 April 1

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

October 30 MS/HS 1:00pm - 4:00pm
November 2 Elementary 12:00pm - 7:00pm
January 23, 25 4:00pm - 7:00pm
January 23, 25 4:00pm - 7:30pm

POSSIBLE SNOW MAKEUP DAY (If Necessary)

January 26 February 16, March 13

SCHOOLS

Early Childhood Center 218-746-3075
Pillager Elementary School 218-746-2111
Pillager Middle School 218-746-2112
Pillager High School 218-746-2113
Pillager District Office 218-746-3772

COMMENCEMENT MAY 24

KEY

- Regular: Monthly Board Meetings 6:00pm
- Holiday or (No School)
- MEA Break for Students & Employees on 184-Day Contracts
- Semester Start/Stop Days
- Staff Development Day No School
- New Teacher Orientation
- Early Release Day 1:00pm



Look for us online:

www.isd116.org
www.pillagerfair.com
www.pillagerfamilycenter.org
www.cityofpillager.com
www.pillageredfoundation.org
www.pillagermn.com
http://www.pillagerboosterclub.com/

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@HuskyPRIDE
@ChasesCrew116
@PillagerFootballFamily
@PillagerBoysTF
@PillagerBoysBB

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Pillager Photography
Pillager JO Vball
Pillager Football Family
Fun Stop -Before & After
Pillager Huskies Football
Pillager Huskies Booster Club

School Contact Information

District Office	Early Childhood	Elementary School	Middle School	High School
(218) 746-3772 office (218) 746-4236 fax awassen@isd116.org	(218) 746-3075 office (218) 746-2188 fax bdoss@isd116.org	(218) 746-2111 office (218) 746-2134 fax elementary@isd116.org	(218) 746-2112 office (218) 746-2153 fax middleschool@isd116.org	(218) 746-2113 office (218) 746-3406 fax highschool@isd116.org

School Leadership

School Board



1. Becky Bennett becky.bennett@isd116.org	2. Brian Grimsley brian.grimsley@isd116.org	3. Sara Nagel sara.nagel@isd116.org	4. Cassandra Nelson cassandra.nelson@isd116.org	5. Randy Posner randy.posner@isd116.org	6. Sarah Smith sarah.smith@isd116.org
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Administrative Team

Superintendent Mike Malmberg (218)746-2100 mmalmberg@isd116.org	Elementary Principal Josh Smith (218)746-2110 jsmith@isd116.org	MS (5-8) Principal Wade Mortenson (218)746-2096 wmortenson@isd116.org	HS (9-12) Principal Jason Savage (218)746-2117 jsavage@isd116.org	Director of Curriculum Ryan Krominga (218)746-2103 rkrominga@isd116.org	Activities Director and K-12 Dean Matt Moen (218)746-2115 mmoen@isd116.org
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**Concert Series 2023/2024
@ Pillager Schools CTC Center**

**Transit Authority
A Tribute to Chicago**



**Saturday, Feb. 17
Ticket Price \$25.00**

**Xpedition
Tribute to Journey, Foreigner,
Kansas, Styx**



**Friday, April 12
Ticket Price \$25.00**

**All Shows
starting
7:30 p.m.**

**Free Fallin
A Tribute to Tom Petty**



**Thursday, May 2
Ticket Price \$25.00**

Check us out and purchase tickets at ctccenter.org. Make sure to like and follow our new Facebook page @ <https://www.facebook.com/PillagerCTC>

Pillager High School Fine Arts Presents...

**Cost: \$6 per
ticket**



**Performances
at Pillager
Schools CTC
Center**

Thursday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 p.m.

Pillager Public Schools
323 East Second Street South
Pillager, MN 56473

POSTAL CUSTOMER

DINNER & A MUSICAL AT PILLAGER

**Ticket includes both dinner & a show.
A fundraiser for the Pillager Education Foundation.**

**Enjoy an array of scrumptious fare designed and prepared by Pillager
ProStart Students. Supported by Chef Tom Kavanaugh, Jenny Wise &
other area chefs.**

Sponsored by the Pillager Education Foundation & CTC.

**Dinner is followed by the performance of Disney's High School Musical
Presented by the Pillager High School Performing Arts Students.**

**Saturday, April 6, at the CTC Center
Evening begins at 4:30 p.m.
Tickets \$60**



Purchase tickets online @ ctccenter.org.

On Sale now

**Get your tickets early! Limited seating.
For more information, call (218) 746-2184**

**You will have a chance to financially support the PEF in addition to your
ticket price.**

**This event is being held to raise funds on behalf of the Pillager Education
Fund of the Initiative Foundation, which provides classroom grants and
student scholarships to enhance student excellence in academics, arts,
athletics and activities at the Pillager School.**

Meal begins at 5:00 p.m.

Musical begins at 7:00 p.m.