



Here's the Scoop

News and Events

November 2024



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Important Dates:

- **Nov. 5** - VOTE!
- **Nov. 7** - 2-Hour Early Release at 1:50 pm
- **Nov. 19, 21, 25** - Parent Conferences
- **Nov. 27-29** - No School, Thanksgiving Break
- **Dec. 2 - 6** - 5th Grade to Wolf Ridge ELC
- **Dec. 4** - 2-Hour Early Release at 1:50 pm
- **Dec. 23** - Jan. 1 - Winter Break - No School
- **Jan. 2** - Classes Resume
- **Jan. 8** - 2-Hour Early Release at 1:50 pm

Dear Hamilton Ridge Families

October was a wonderful month here at "The Ridge." Here are a couple of the highlights:

- After setting up classrooms for the first few weeks of school, classroom communities are established and academics are fully up and running
- The PTC had a highly successful fundraiser with the Walk-a-Thon. Our community raised \$26,664 to augment our children's educational experience.
- The Richardson Nature Center came for E-STEM Day. They led each class in an environmental learning experience. (This is funded by the PTC)
- The DOGS started a new community event, "Kids Cornhole Clash." Students and families enjoyed competing, connecting and watching the Vikings game.
- We began our journey as a Unified School with the Special Olympics to create a more inclusive school for our students with disabilities.
- Families were kept informed about the District's financial situation and the reasons for the upcoming **Operating Levy**.
- Teachers began in depth training designed to address Minnesota's READ Act and to help us better meet students' literacy needs.
- Ran a successful lockdown drill in collaboration with both the Savage and Prior Lake Police Departments.

Of course, much more happened on a daily basis including continued academic and social growth in our students.

Our intent is to always partner with families and keep you informed of the inner workings of the school. One step schools across the District are taking is to release a State of the School update. **This 19-minute presentation** will help you understand the goals and strategies we are putting in place this year. I will also be sharing this presentation live at the November 12 PTC meeting at 6:30. Hope to see you there!

Again, thank you for sharing your children with us. We are so grateful to work with you!

Your partner in education,
Sam Fredrickson, Principal

Attendance Line: Important Step When Absent/Leaving Early from School

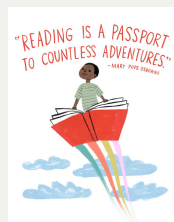
Calling the attendance line let's the school know that your child will not be in school for the day. It is important to know our students are safe, either at school, or with their parent or guardian. When a student is marked absent, but the school has not received a message as to why, much time and effort is spent to ensure the student is safe and accounted for. Please program the attendance line number, **952-461-7801**, into your phone and make it a habit to call and let the school know about your child's attendance. This includes days that your student will be late due to an appointment or on vacation or picked up early. It is best practice to also notify your students teacher by email of any planned absences and early pick ups. Thank you for your partnership.



Join the Legacy Book Club at HRE!

We're thrilled to invite families to contribute to our library by donating a book. This is a wonderful way to celebrate special occasions, honor loved ones, or simply share the joy of reading!

To participate, please visit our Amazon wish list or Red Balloon Bookshop wish list linked below. Your generous gift will enhance our library for years to come! Don't forget to select the GIFT OPTION at checkout so we can express our gratitude!



Thank you for supporting Hamilton Ridge!

[Amazon Wish List](#)

[Red Balloon Bookshop Wish List](#)



Conference Grades K-5

Tuesday, Nov. 19 4:15-6:15pm

Thursday, Nov. 21 4:15-8:15pm

Monday, Nov. 25 4:15-8:15pm

Parent/Teacher Conferences are right around the corner! If you haven't already done so, please follow the link to [PTCFast](#) to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher. All conferences will be scheduled as in-person meetings. Please let the teacher know if Google Meet or a phone call is your preference. Be sure to contact the teacher directly should you not be able to participate in your scheduled conference.

Picture Retake Day is November 5

Students who were absent, new to Hamilton Ridge after October 1 or are not satisfied with their original pictures have the option to get a retake on Tuesday, November 5 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please send the unwanted picture package with your child to return to the photographer. A flyer will be coming home with new or students who were absent.



With Colder Weather, Be Prepared for Outdoor Learning

Although November 1 seems too early for this request, please help your child be ready for recess by making sure they bring the **Winter 5** to school every day. The **Winter 5** is boots, snow pants, a jacket, hat and gloves or mittens. To play in the snow, on the equipment or in the fields, students need to wear the **Winter 5**. Some of our older students prefer to not wear the **Winter 5** and just stand around during recess. We allow this, but even these students will need to wear a jacket, hat and mittens or gloves. The wind really moves around Hamilton Ridge and it is dangerous to have ears and fingers uncovered during recess when there is a wind-chill.

If your family is in need of assistance for winter apparel, please contact [Andrea Carin](#), HRE Social Worker.

Community Coffee & Conversations

STORIES FROM OUR COMMUNITY
TOPIC: HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING INSTABILITY

Please join Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools and the surrounding communities to learn about how we are addressing homelessness and housing instability in our county from both a school and community perspective.

NOV. 7
6:00-8:00 PM

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
13611 N Berens Rd NW, Prior Lake



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JOIN THE
LAKER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
AND SUPPORT OUR PL&S STUDENTS

**SIP
And
SUPPORT**

PAU HANA
14435 STATE HWY 13
SAVAGE, MN 55378

11/14/24
6:00PM - 9:00PM
TICKETS - \$100

SILENT AUCTION

CURATED COCKTAILS
SMALL PLATES

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR EVENT DETAILS,
TO PURCHASE TICKETS
AND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LEF

Flyer was prepared and paid for by the Laker Educational
Foundation and is not affiliated with ISD 719

Supporting Families = Supporting Kids

Every month, we have an SEL (Social Emotional Learning) theme that we focus on with our students at Hamilton Ridge. October's theme was ASSERTION. Mrs. Stier, Dean of Students, was fortunate enough to get into every classroom and teach a mini lesson on assertion including how to show assertion, setting boundaries, understanding the difference between tattling and reporting, and our Stop-Walk-Talk strategy. The Stop-Walk-Talk strategy is a school-wide program that teaches students how to stand up to unwanted or inappropriate behavior. It helps students learn to solve problems on their own and know when to ask for help. The steps are:

Stop

Students learn to firmly tell the other person to stop what they are doing by looking towards them and using a hand signal and saying "stop".

Walk

Students turn away from the other person and problem behavior and walk away to another activity or group of friends.

Talk

Students find an adult to talk to about the problem. The adult will listen to the student's side of the story and resolve the issue.

Ask your child(ren) how they have shown assertion at school.



Hamilton Ridge PTC Update

Climb the Ridge Fundraiser: A huge THANK YOU to all of our amazing HRE families on a successful fundraiser! Our school raised \$26,664.85 which will be used for hosting family fun events, purchasing ESTEM projects and outdoor equipment, and funding scholarships and school/teacher needs. Join us for a PTC meeting or follow us on social media for purchasing updates!

PTC meeting is on November 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the media center at Hamilton Ridge. [Facebook Event](#)

Restaurant Nights:

- **Monday, November 4** from 4-8 at Freddy's in Savage: [Facebook Event](#)
- **Tuesday, November 19** at Scooter's in Prior Lake from open to close: [Facebook Event](#)



Movie Night: Thursday, November 7 from 6:30-8:00: [Facebook Event](#)

- Join us for a family friendly movie night at school. Before the event, HRE students will visit our own HRE polls to vote on the movie on election day. The "candidates" are: Despicable Me 4; Inside Out 2; Garfield Movie; IF
- Note: Parents/Guardians are required to stay, this isn't a childcare event

Donuts with Grownups Schedule:

- 1st Grade: November 1
- 2nd Grade: December 6
- 3rd Grade: January 10
- 4th Grade: February 7
- 5th Grade: March 7

Stay up to date: If you want to stay up to date with what is happening, you can follow the [PTC Facebook page](#), and check out the [meeting calendar](#), or the [events calendar](#).

Contact Us:

School Hours 9:20 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

Attendance Line 952-461-7801

Main Office 952-461-7800 **Fax:** 952-461-7849

Health Office 952-461-7806, Tiffany St. Michaels, LPN tstmichaels@plsas.org

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Kirsten Schoeller, Lead Administrative Assistant kschoeller@plsas.org

Sheri Reis, Administrative Assistant, Attendance & Finance sreis@plsas.org

Prior Lake Bus Company (after hours) 952-440-1166



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

24-25 NO SCHOOL DAYS:

*October 2 (EARLY RELEASE)

October 16 - 18

*November 7 (EARLY RELEASE)

November 8

November 27 - 29

*December 4 (EARLY RELEASE)

December 23 - January 1

*January 8 (EARLY RELEASE)

January 20

January 24

*February 5 (EARLY RELEASE)

February 17

*March 5 (EARLY RELEASE)

March 28

March 31 - April 4

*April 9 (EARLY RELEASE)

*May 7 (EARLY RELEASE)

May 26

*June 4 (EARLY RELEASE)

24-25 ELEMENTARY

CONFERENCES:

November 19, 21, 25

February 11, 13, 20



Tips to help get your child to school on time, every day:

1. Set attendance goals with your child and track your child's attendance on a calendar.
2. Help your child get a good night's sleep.
3. Prep the night before to streamline your morning.
4. Try to schedule dental or medical appointments before or after school hours.
5. Schedule extended trips during school breaks.
6. Don't have your child stay home unless they are truly sick.
7. If your child is saying they don't want to go to school, please notify your child's teacher.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

- Illness (10 days)
- Doctor/Dental
- Funeral
- Religious Holiday
- Vacation (5 days)

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

- Missed bus
- Overslept
- Didn't want to come
- Sporting events



Absences add up!
Missing just 2 days a
month means a child
misses 10% of the
school year.

**REMEMBER TO CALL
THE ATTENDANCE LINE**

952-461-7801