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News and Events

January 2025



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Important Dates:

- **Jan. 8** - 2-Hour Early Release at 1:50 pm
- **Jan. 20** - No School; Staff In-Services (all day)
- **Jan. 24** - No School; Grading Day
- **Feb. 5** - 2-Hour Early Release at 1:50 pm
- **Feb. 11, 13, 20** - Conferences
- **Feb. 17** - No School; President's Day
- **Mar. 5** - 2 Hour Early Release at 1:50 pm
- **Mar. 28** - No School; Grading Day
- **Mar. 31** - Apr. 4 - Spring Break
- **Apr. 9** - 2 - Hour Early Release

A Note from Mr. Fredrickson

Happy New Year! I hope 2025 brings you and your family many joys and your children a continued great experience at Hamilton Ridge. On New Year's Eve I spent some time reflecting on 2024 and the thankfulness I feel for our partnership and your children kept coming to mind.

January is often called, "Re-Month" in schools - the month is often spent reconnecting, reminding and reviewing. As part of Re-Month I am taking this opportunity to remind families to be aware of the contents of the [Elementary Parent/Student Handbook](#). While most of this handbook remains consistent from year to year, this past fall contained updates that came from recently passed School Board Policies. Please make sure you and your child are familiar with the policies regarding electronic devices and dress/appearance

Policy 525.1 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices (link)

- At the elementary level, cell phones and other electronic devices, including smart watches and earbuds/air pods, should be turned off and put away throughout the school day. Ideally, electronic devices should be left at home.

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Check This Out - Having Fun in Music!



So many good things going on in Music at HRE. Please follow this link to the [HRE Music Newsletter](#) for upcoming music performances, fun pictures, videos and a recap of the lessons for each grade level!

Must Have the Winter 5

Ask your child about the Winter 5! They will tell you it is the outdoor gear they need to play in the snow/on equipment during recess and for outdoor learning. The Winter 5 includes boots, snow pants, a jacket, hat and gloves or mittens. Pack this gear up the night before to make sure it is ready to go!

2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

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Important Health Office Information

Hello parents! Welcome to 2025! Here are some helpful reminders regarding the Health Office:

- If your child has received a medical restriction from a doctor (due to injury, etc.) please fax (952-461-7849) or email the restriction to tstmichaels@plsas.org. The restriction must be signed by the doctor/provider in order to make accommodations (sitting out of gym, using crutches/boot, using elevator, etc.) Parent notes are accepted but only good for 1 day, then sufficient documentation will need to be provided by the doctor/provider.
- The Health Office is tracking influenza/COVID like illness along with communicable diseases. Please continue to list symptoms on the attendance line when calling in for your student. You may also receive a phone call from the nurse to gather more information.
- If your child has a fever (100 degrees or higher), diarrhea, or vomiting, they will need to remain home until they are symptom free for 24 hours without symptom reducing medication.
- The Health Office is in need of donations of clothes and tennis shoes. If you have recently cleaned out your child's closet and would like to donate, we are in need of gently worn pants (sweatpants/leggings sizes 4-6 & 10-14). If your student was sent home in borrowed clothing, please wash and return them to the Health Office.

Join the Legacy Book Club at HRE!

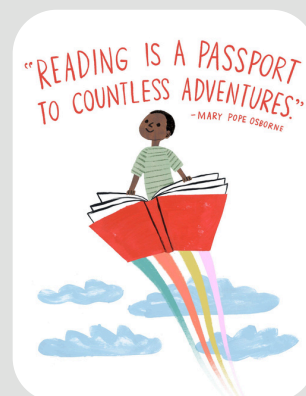
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Thank you for supporting Hamilton Ridge!

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Policy 504 Student Dress and Appearance (link)

- In PLSAS we believe that establishing expectations for dress and grooming helps create an environment that supports educational goals and reflects community standards. Our dress code is designed to enhance the learning experience for all students. Please follow the link for guidelines for appropriate and inappropriate clothing that apply during regular school hours.
- To maintain a positive and inclusive educational environment, clothing should align with community standards. Clothing with objectionable symbols, signs or words with derogatory messages or provoke harassment are prohibited, as defined by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and [Policy 413](#).
- Apparel or footwear that could damage school property or disrupt the educational process is not allowed.

Please view the [Parent and Student Handbook](#) for each policy in its entirety. As always, please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Your partner in education,
Sam Fredrickson, Principal

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Supporting Families = Supporting Kids

Self Control – Managing Emotions



December's SEL (Social Emotional Learning) theme was SELF-CONTROL. Mrs. Stier was able to get into almost every classroom before winter break to teach a mini lesson on self-control including what self-control is, why self-control is important, how we can demonstrate self-control at Hamilton Ridge and taught the Stop-Think-Act method to help with self-control.

The **Stop-Think-Act** method is a strategy that can help us manage our emotions and make better decisions when feeling strong emotions. The steps of the method are below.

Before you react...

Stop: Pause. Take a breath, and think about what you are going to do. Avoid acting on impulse.

Think: What is the problem? What actions could you take to solve it? What is the best path forward?

Act: Do what is best for yourself and others. Act carefully and responsibly and change it up if needed.

Check in with your child(ren) and ask "How are you showing self-control at school?" Together, we CLIMB THE RIDGE!



Upcoming Meeting:

The next PTC meeting is on January 7 at 6:30 in the Media Center at HRE: [Facebook Event](#)

Restaurant Nights:

- **Davanni's** - Wednesday, January 15th from 4 pm-7 pm - 20% of sales will be donated to our school. This is good for dine-in, take-out, or delivery! (Please mention you are part of the fundraiser when you order, in the note section of an online order or tell the employee over the phone.) [Facebook Event](#)
- **PLate** - Sunday, January 26th from 3pm - 8pm - 15% NET SALES ALL DAY! Dine in and take out [Facebook Event](#)



Donuts with Grownups Schedule:

- 3rd Grade: January 10
- 4th Grade: February 7
- 5th Grade: March 7

Stay Up to Date:

If you want to be in the know 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.

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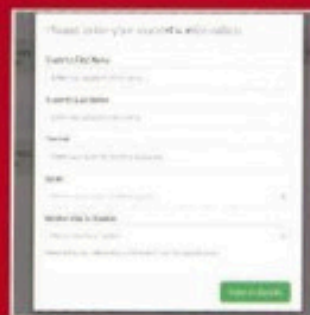
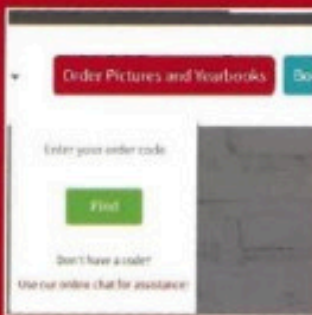
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