



Here's the Scoop

News and Events

March 2025



A Note from Mr. Fredrickson

Happy March! Technically, it's still winter, but after some brutal cold temperatures, it's nice to have the feeling of spring!

You'll hear a lot about March Madness this month. Book challenges, a March Madness book bracket and a dress up day on March 27. Look for more information from your child's teacher.

March is also the time of year we tend to reach out to stakeholders with a survey. PLSAS is committed to listening and responding to your experiences with our district. Our hope is to continuously improve our services to you and your children. Our partners at Studer Education are providing an opportunity for you to give anonymous feedback.

Please take a few minutes to complete the Parent/Caregiver Experience Survey at this link: [PLSAS - Spring 2025 Parent/Caregiver Experience Survey](#). Your feedback will be used to celebrate our successes and to create action plans for improvement. Your input is valuable. The survey will remain open until Friday, March 14.

Your partner in education,
Mr. Fredrickson

State Wide Assessments – MCA/MTAS

Hamilton Ridge third, fourth and fifth grade students will be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA or MTAS) tests following Spring Break during the last two weeks of April and the first 2 weeks of May. A complete schedule for each grade level is below.

Please schedule appointments and vacations around testing dates. Participation in statewide assessments is important as it provides both the school district and the state with information regarding how students are learning. This information can serve as a guide to grade levels or subject areas where additional support may be needed.

Additional information regarding participation in these assessments can be found on the Minnesota Department of Education website. Please contact your child's teacher or Kirsten Schoeller (kschoeller@plsas.org) with any questions. To opt your child out of the MCA/MTAS Assessments, please follow [this link](#) and return the completed form to HRE by March 21.

	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Reading	April 16 9:45 - 11:00am	April 16 10:30am - 12:00pm	April 22 1:15 - 2:45pm
Reading	April 17 9:45 - 11:00am	April 17 10:30am - 12:00pm	April 23 1:15 - 2:45pm
Reading		April 18 10:30am - 12:00pm	
Math	April 29 9:45 - 11:00am	April 29 10:30am - 12:00pm	April 29 1:15 - 2:45 p.m.
Math	April 30 9:45 - 11:00am	April 30 10:30am - 12:00pm	April 30 1:15 - 2:45 p.m.
Math		May 1 10:30am - 12:00pm	
Science			May 6 11:15am - 12:30pm
			May 7 11:15am - 12:30pm

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Yearbook Deadline is March 28. See Page 4.

Quick Links:

- [District Website](#)
- [HRE Homepage](#)
- [Lunch Menu](#)
- [PTC Website](#)

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Important Dates:

- Mar. 5** - 2hr Early Release
- Mar. 28** - No School; Grading Day
- Mar. 31 - Apr. 4** - Spring Break
- Apr. 9** - 2hr Early Release
- May 7** - 2hr Early Release
- May 26** - No School; Memorial Day
- June 4** - Last day of School; **3 Hour Early Release at 12:50pm**

Make sure you are getting text messages & emergency notifications from Hamilton Ridge and Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools? Simply text "Y" to 67587



MARCH BOOK MADNESS!

During the month of March, Hamilton Ridge will be hosting the March Book Madness Tournament! Hamilton Ridge students and staff will enjoy and share the love of reading great books, with a little friendly competition! Starting with an Elite Eight, each book selected by students and staff will go head to head until the final round and the book champion is selected! To celebrate the end of the tournament, students are invited to dress like their favorite book character on March 27th. May the best book win!



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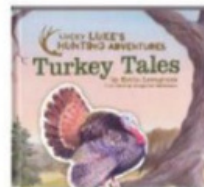
Hello Hamilton Ridge! Some of you may have noticed a white donation display rack in HRE's front entryway. We are currently collecting new hats, mittens/gloves & socks for families to take if needed. Please drop off donations in the main office.

THANK YOU!

Planning for School Year 2025-26

We are in the process of planning for the 2025-26 school year. If parents have input regarding their child's needs, please send an email to kschoellere@plsas.org for a link to the required electronic form. The deadline to provide input is May 1. Thank you!

Author Kevin Lovegreen to Inspire HRE Readers & Writers; All Grades - March 5



On Wednesday, March 5, HRE is hosting the award winning author, Kevin Lovegreen. Born and raised in Minnesota, the outdoors, hunting and fishing have always been a big part of Lovegreen's life. Writing books for outdoor-loving kids has been one of his missions. Each grade level will meet with Lovegreen for a reading and Q & A opportunity.

Music Class at HRE

Over the next few months, HRE students will be performing for family and friends. Please follow the link to the [HRE Music Newsletter](#) for more dates and times. There are also fun pictures, videos and a recap of the lessons for each grade level!

1st Grade Informances
 March 10th 1:30 Giles
 March 11th 1:30 Goracke
 March 12th 1:30 DiMarco
 March 14th 1:30 Bates

2nd Grade Concert
 April 24th at 10 AM

3rd Grade Concert
 April 24th at 2 PM

All performances take place at Hamilton Ridge Elementary



Supporting Families = Supporting Kids

Empathy: An Important Skill To Teach Children

Key Strategies to Teach Your Child Empathy:

- Acknowledge and validate emotions: let your child know their feelings are important and that it's okay to express them.
- Use "I" statements: when talking about a situation, explain how you feel using "I" statements to help them understand their perspective.
- Read stories with complex emotions: discuss the character's feelings and how their actions impact others
- Role-play different scenarios: practice taking turns playing different roles to understand different perspectives
- Ask open-ended questions: encourage critical thinking by asking questions like "How do you think they felt?" or "What could they have done differently?"
- Teach emotional vocabulary: help your child identify and name their emotions, as well as the emotions of others
- Encourage acts of kindness: promote helping others and doing kind things for others, even small gestures
- Be a positive role model: demonstrate empathy in your own interactions with others
- Discuss real-life situations: use situations from your family, school, and community to talk about empathy

Important Points to Remember:

- Start early: empathy can be developed at a young age
- Be patient: developing empathy takes time and practice
- Be consistent: incorporate empathy into your daily interactions
- Adapt to your child's age: adjust activities and conversations to match their developmental level



Upcoming Meeting:

The next PTC meeting is on Mar. 4 at 6:30 in the Media Center at HRE [Facebook Event](#)

Restaurant Nights:

- **Edelweiss** - Tues., March 4 from 7am-2pm - 10% of all sales will go back to Hamilton Ridge [Facebook Event](#)
- **Nothing Bundt Cakes** - Tues., March 18 ALL DAY (8am-7pm) - 10% off all walk-in sales come back to HRE when you show the [flyer Facebook Event](#)

Donuts with Grownups:

5th Grade: March 7

Yearbook: See Page 4

Save the Date: Spring Fling is May 16!

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Stay up to date with what's happening with PTC, by following the [PTC Facebook page](#), and check out the [meeting calendar](#), or the [events calendar](#).



As the Hamilton Ridge staff, we believe

... in providing a safe environment where everyone belongs

... in building and nurturing strong relationships

... that we are always learning

... that we are better together

... that all our students are all our students

... in having fun

Contact Us:

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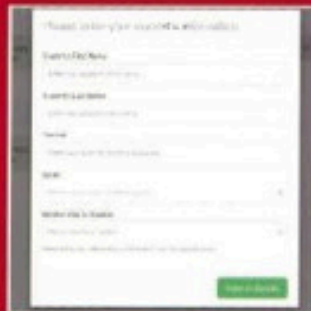
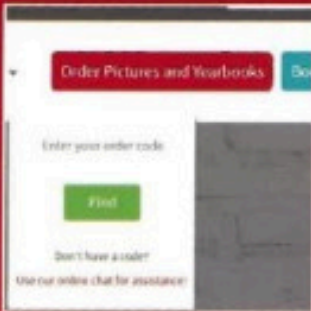
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