



Here's the Scoop

News and Events

May 2025



A Message from Mr. Fredrickson

Kids these days! I'm sure many of you have heard a phrase similar to this. Adults questioning the actions of the generation before. There is even a quote from the Greek philosopher, Aristotle, grumbling about kids.

The reality, however, is our school is full of amazing young humans. Watching them on a daily basis is a true joy. Do kids sometimes do foolish things or make poor choices? Yep, that is to be expected and how they learn and grow.

I am proud to give a shout out to two HRE 5th graders Hailey Schlosser and Dalton Hillman. They were honored at the annual Prior Lake-Savage Optimist Luncheon last week. Between their recognition, and recognitions of students from each of the other schools in our District, I was amazed at what our young people are doing to support their communities.

Whether it is volunteering in homeless shelters, supporting food drives, volunteering at animal rescue shelters, or voluntarily cleaning the house for their family, it is clear that "Kids These Days" are demonstrating a desire to make a difference in the world.

Thank you for sharing your kids with us. It is a true honor to be their principal!



SPRING Fling

May 16

5 to 7 p.m.

Fun for the
entire family!!

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Important Dates:

- **May 7** - 2hr Early Release
- **May 26** - No School;
Memorial Day
- **June 4** - Last day of
School; **3hr Early Release**
at 12:50pm



Fun in the Sun Game Day!

Friday, May 16th will be Fun in the Sun Game Day at Hamilton Ridge. Kindergarten, 1st, and 3rd grade will have their game day in the morning from 9:30-11am. 4th, 5th, and 2nd grade will have their game day in the afternoon from 2-3:30pm.

This is a celebration of the end of the year run by volunteers and the PE staff where students will participate in three different games with their specialist group. Classroom teachers will get to come out with their classes and cheer them on during some friendly competition.

On this day, please make sure your student wears or brings the following:

- TENNIS SHOES
- shorts or sweats -t-shirt (some classes are wearing specific shirts, classroom teachers will get this info out if it is the case) and sweatshirt if needed
- water bottle -sunscreen if needed (this would be self applied, teachers can not apply sunscreen)
- extra shoes to change into after event if grass/field is wet

Parents are invited to come cheer on their student(s) and are welcome to come straight out to the field to spectate. You do not need to come check in at the office. Classes will be doing activities with their own grade level. **We ask that on this day, parents don't join their students for lunch due to the lack of space in the cafeteria.**

Students are expected to return to the classroom at the conclusion of Fun in the Sun Day. Thank you for respecting our learning time.

Would you like to volunteer for this event? Please see our sign up genius below if you are interested in helping run our game day. All volunteers must have a [background check](#) (link) completed through the front office if they would like to help out.

[Sign up to Volunteer for Grades K, 1 & 3](#)

[Sign up to Volunteer for Grades 2, 4 & 5](#)

Music Class at HRE

Spring is the season of performances at HRE. Students will be proudly 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!



4th/5th Grade Spring Concert
Choir Concert (optional)
May 6 at 7:00 p.m.

5th Grade Graduation
May 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Kindergarten Graduation
May 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Attendance = School Achievement

As we wrap up the school year, please remember that attendance still matters. There are fun and exciting activities scheduled and lots of learning for all grades yet to be had this spring. We appreciate you working in collaboration with the school to have a successful end of the year.

End of Year Book Check-Out/Return

It's hard to believe that Friday, May 16 will be the last day students will be able to borrow books for the school year! Please return any school library book beginning Monday, May 19 on your students media day. Families will see a fee on Infinite Campus for any lost or damage books. Thanks for all of your help with this!



Welcome Class of 2038!

May 13, 2025 Kindergarten Tour Day
Hamilton Ridge Elementary
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Join the Fun!

- Scavenger Hunt
- Visit classrooms
- Meet teachers
- Bus ride

Kindergarten Enrollment

- If you haven't enrolled your child yet for Kindergarten, now's the time!
 ☞ Enroll online [here](#)
- If your child will not be attending kindergarten for the 2025-26 school year, please let us know by contacting Rikki Lambert at rlambert@plsas.org.
- Be sure to check out our [Preparing for Kindergarten](#) flyer—it's full of ideas to help prepare your child for kindergarten.

Great Start to Kindergarten

- **July 28 - August 8, 2025**
- During this time, your child will meet with our teachers and other students. The session will take about 30 minutes and will help us place your child in the classroom that best supports their learning needs. Specific dates and information will come later in June.

Staff & Students at Hamilton Ridge are cordially invited to the

5th ANNUAL

Fancy Lunch!

Monday, May 12th

Come dressed in your fanciest clothes and enjoy listening to musicians while you eat your lunch.

5th Grade Art Show

Opening Night: Tuesday, May 6th
6:00-8:00 pm

This event is in conjunction with the Spring Choir Concert. If you are not in choir, you are encouraged to attend during the first hour. Choir members will have an opportunity to share your artwork with family and friends after the concert.

The art show will be on display during school hours through May 16th.

Honor a Teacher or Staff Member!

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Tax Deductible!

Laker Educational Foundation

Supporting Families = Supporting Kids

How Parents Can Help Their Kids Persevere

April's SEL (Social Emotional Learning) theme was PERSEVERANCE and GRIT. Mrs. Stier was able to get into classrooms to discuss what perseverance and grit mean, why they are important, how students can show perseverance and grit in the classroom at Hamilton Ridge and how we can encourage our classmates to persevere through challenges.

How Parents Can Help Their Children Persevere

1. Foster a Growth Mindset

- Emphasize effort over ability
- Embrace Mistakes
- Model perseverance

2. Encourage Goal Setting and Progress

- Set Achievable Goals
- Celebrate progress
- Keep a progress chart

3. Create a Supportive Environment

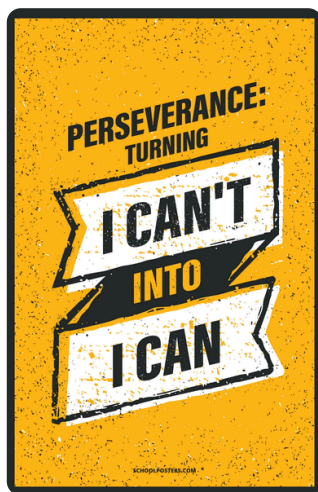
- Provide positive reinforcement
- Encourage problem-solving
- Offer emotional support

4. Model and Encourage Persistence

- Model perseverance in your own life
- Encourage your child to try new things
- Help them break down tasks

5. Focus on the Process, Not Just the Outcome

- Encourage your child to focus on the process of learning and growing
- Help them learn from their mistakes
- Celebrate their effort, even when the outcome isn't perfect



Restaurant Night:

- **McDonald's Re-do** – Thursday, May 29 from 4:30-7:30pm – 50% of all mobile app sales will go back to Hamilton Ridge [Facebook Event](#)

Pizza! Pizza! Pizza!

- Pre-order your frozen pizzas using [this form](#).
- Each frozen pizza is 14 inches and costs \$20 and are made by The Pointe. \$6 from each pizza will go directly to Hamilton Ridge! Your choices are: Pepperoni, sausage or cheese.

Pick Up Info:

***The Pointe parking lot – by the outside patio. Drive on up. If it is raining, please come inside to pick up pizzas.

***Pick up date:

Saturday, May 10 from 11am - 2pm

***THIS IS ONLY DATE FOR PICK UP SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP DURING THIS TIME FRAME

***Payment is upon pick up, cash or check ONLY. Checks made out to Hamilton Ridge PTC.

Save the Date: Spring Fling is May 16! Look for an email from last week with the subject line: From the HRE PTC – Spring Fling Info!! [Facebook Event](#)

We need you!

We are looking for fresh ideas on the PTC Board for next school year. Please email hamiltonridgeptc@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the Board.

- Note that all roles come with training and support from current members! And I promise we are a lot of fun
- 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.

[PTC Facebook Page](#)



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:

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

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

HONOR A TEACHER OR STAFF MEMBER THIS SPRING!

WHAT'S THE ULTIMATE WAY TO SHOUT "THANK YOU" TO THAT AMAZING PERSON (OR PEOPLE) IN YOUR STUDENT'S LIFE? TREAT THEM TO A FANCY COFFEE OR A LUNCH|DINNER!

FOR EVERY \$30 TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO THE LAKER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, YOUR FAVORITE STAFF MEMBER(S) WILL SCORE A PERSONALIZED SHOUT-OUT AND A \$25 GIFT CARD TO A LOCAL HOTSPOT!
FEELING EXTRA GENEROUS? HOW ABOUT BUMPING IT TO \$60? YOUR CHOSEN STAFF MEMBER WILL SNAG THAT PERSONALIZED GREETING AND A FABULOUS \$50 GIFT CARD!

TO DONATE....ACCESS OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.LAKEREDUCATIONALFOUNDATION.COM AND CLICK ON THE LINK LOCATED UNDER THE "DONATE" TAB ON THE HOME PAGE OR SCAN THIS QR CODE!



**DEADLINE IS MAY 28, 2025
AT MIDNIGHT!**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION , INCLUDING A LIST OF FUNDED GRANTS, ACCESS OUR WEBSITE:
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**PLHS STUDENT
ADVISORY GROUP**

PRESENTS

Cultural Fair

PRIOR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, MAY 10 2025

2:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Adults: \$5
Students: \$3
Kids: free

Event Highlights

All proceeds go
to helping fund
the new Prior
Lake High School
mural

5/10

**2:30-DOORS OPEN, FOOD
4:00-START LIVE PERFORMANCES**



Lost and Found items will be donated mid-May

