

Lincoln-McKinley Primary School

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School starts at 8:00 AM.

School ends at 3:10 PM Mon.-Thurs.
and 12:00 PM on Support Fridays.

Welcome Message from Mrs. Brekhus

Dear students and families,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I am so excited to begin this journey together. I look forward to all the learning, laughter and growth ahead.

As we start the year, let's remember that **we are stronger together**. Building a positive school community starts with each of us-by including others, helping one another, celebrating differences, and **choosing kindness every day**.

When students feel **safe, welcomed and valued**, they are better able to focus, take learning risks, ask questions, and do their very best academically. Creating a sense of safety and belonging is not only important for our school community-it helps create the foundation for **stronger learning and greater academic success**.

Let's work together to make our school a place where everyone feels safe, supported and encouraged to grow. A simple smile, kind work or a helping hand can make a big difference.

I can be reached at brekhuse@blueponyk12.com or by calling 406-395-8554 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Here's to an amazing year filled with **learning, kindness, connection and community!**

Welcome back, everyone! Let's make it our best year yet!

Contact us



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K-5 Student-Parent Handbook

Changes

Havre Public Schools' K-5 Elementary Schools share a handbook for common practices across all three schools. These practices are designed to make our schools safe and positive learning environments for all students. Some clarifications and revisions to this handbook are highlighted below:

- Late Work/Missing Work - Any missing assignment will be marked as an M in the gradebook. Students, whether present or absent, will have one week to complete the assignment and turn it in for credit.
- Personal Social Event Invitations - Invitations to personal social events will not be allowed to be passed out at school. This is to protect student safety and wellbeing.
- Electronic Transportation - Electronic transportation, such as electric bikes and scooters, will follow the same rules as bikes. They are considered the personal property of the student.
- Emergency Medicine - Policy 3416 Havre School District Administering Medicine to Students has been approved by the school board in accordance with MCA 20-5-421. This policy allows the emergency administration of epinephrine, also known as an Epi Pen, to students and nonstudents on public school grounds that exhibit actual or perceived anaphylaxis.

The K-5 Parent-Student Handbook can be found on the web page of each of the individual elementary school on the Havre Public Schools website or by following this link: [K-5 Parent-Student Handbook](#)



All families can access monthly updates regarding Havre Public Schools through the Pony Post link on the HPS website. The purpose of the Pony Post is to keep our community informed about events occurring within our district. We are excited to share all the great things happening at Havre Public Schools! Click on the link below to view September's Pony Post.



Students will be receiving grades on a regular basis in their specialty courses (library, music, counseling, & P.E.) These grades will be recorded in Infinite Campus.

REMINDER

Personal items such as toys are to be left at home. Personal technology is not to be used throughout the day. If these items become a distraction to the learning environment they will be confiscated.



Each person wishing to enter the school during the school day to volunteer or have lunch must check-in each time they come to the school. Please have a valid ID upon check-in.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

DID YOU KNOW...?

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in your child's success at school!

Each day of learning builds on the previous one. When students are present consistently, they gain the full benefit of their education—academically, socially, and emotionally.

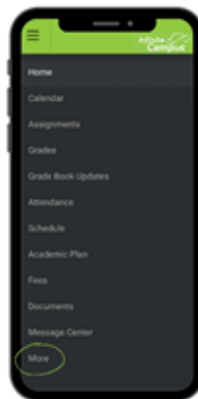


Absence Requests

Parents and guardians can use the Absence Request tool in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to submit a request that informs the office in advance when their student is not going to be in school. After logging into Parent Portal, open the menu, select "More" from the bottom of the menu list, then select "Absence Request" and fill in the information needed.

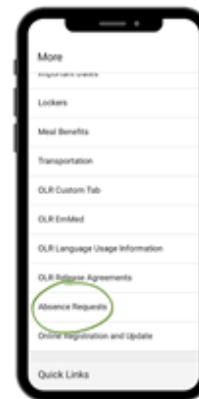
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Select 'More' from the navigation



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Select 'Absence Requests'



3

Fill out a simple form and submit



Celebrate your
Pony Pride
during
Homecoming,
September 28th-
October 3rd!

Students cannot ride a bus without a bus pass. For bus registration, please call (406) 395-8556, or go to:

HPS Transportation and busing.

The process is not immediate and may take a day or two before passes are issued. Only one drop-off and pick-up stop is allowed per student.



After-School Change of Plans

If you need to change your child's afterschool plans, we prefer you send a note to school with your child. If for some reason there is a last-minute change, please call the school office before 2:00 PM.



Your child's safety is most important. Please use the crosswalks when dropping off and picking up.



Snack Time

We know kids need snacks during the school day to keep their energy high, help them focus in class, and stop hunger until their next main meal. In lieu of families purchasing snacks and bringing them to the classroom, we have asked for families to pay \$10 for our Snack Fund!

So far, we received \$1241.00 from all of you! Thank you!

We have ordered the following snacks:



15 boxes of Cheez-Its @ \$9.98 ea = \$149.70
8 boxes of Captain Crunch @ \$5.98 ea = \$47.84
11 containers of Pretzels @ \$8.48 ea = \$93.28
8 boxes of Cinnamon Toast Crunch @ \$7.98 ea = \$63.84
5 boxes of Life @ \$8.98 ea = \$44.90
11 boxes of Graham Crackers @ \$8.98 ea = \$98.78
15 boxes of Goldfish @ \$11.82 ea = \$177.30
6 boxes of Ritz @ \$10.28 ea = \$61.68
10 boxes of Apple Jacks @ \$7.48 ea = \$74.80
Total Spent: \$802.12 (\$10 savings)
Amount remaining in our fund: \$438.88



We also receive fresh fruits and vegetables from the cafeteria twice a week for our students!

Havre Elementary PTO

Havre Elementary PTO is busy supporting our schools with many projects that enhance student learning and the love of school. Our fundraisers support classroom materials, reading program incentives, field trips, classroom equipment and many other expenses that are not supported by the school's operating budget. Our first fundraiser will be Little Pony Pride. Starting

Sept. 11, students will be given order forms that can be returned to the school with payment anytime until the 24th. Little Pony Pride treats will be delivered on Sept 30th or Oct 1.

Then, in mid-September we will be starting the Otis Spunkmeyer Fun-raiser. Packets will be coming home with your students. **Forms with your name and phone number must be turned into the office with payment included by Thursday, Oct. 1.** Products will be delivered to Lincoln McKinley school around the 2nd week of November. Contact Christina Marsh, President, with any questions: 406-845-2749.



A Note from Our Counselors

September

Dear Families,

We want your child to be as successful as possible at school. Success in school is not just about reading and math. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others. We will be using the Second Step program in your child's classroom to teach these critical skills. The Second Step program teaches skills in the following four areas:

1. Skills for Learning: Students gain skills to help themselves learn, including how to focus their attention, listen carefully, use self-talk to stay on task, and be assertive when asking for help with schoolwork.
2. Empathy: Students learn to identify and understand their own and others' feelings. Students also learn how to take another's perspective and how to show compassion.
3. Emotion Management: Students learn specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings, such as anxiety or anger.
4. Problem-Solving: Students learn a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

If you have any questions about the Second Step program, please don't hesitate to contact Melissa Stokes or Alyssa Jensen for more information. We appreciate your support in teaching your child the skills that lead success in school.



SECOND STEP® ELEMENTARY

**Safe, Supported,
and Ready to
Learn**



We encourage you to watch videos about the Second Step program and get information about what your child is learning.

Join at www.secondstep.org by using the activation keys:

2nd Grade: SSP3 FAMI LY72

3rd Grade: SSP2 FAMI LY73

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 NO SCHOOL	5
6	7 ★ LABOR DAY ★ NO SCHOOL	8	9	10	11 FULL SCHOOL DAY	12
13	14	15 Literacy Under the Lights 6-7:30 PM Blue Pony Stadium	16	17	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20 	21 Native American Heritage Week	22 HELLO autumn	23	24 Little Pony Pride fundraiser orders due with payment	25 NO SCHOOL Boys & Girls Club CLOSED	26 
27	28 Homecoming Week WEAR MISMATCHED CLOTHES	29 WEAR BRIGHT COLORS	30 WEAR ALL BLACK FOR BLACKOUT	1 PONY PRIDE WEAR BLUE PONY GEAR Otis Spunkmeyer Fun-raiser orders due with payment	2 HOMECOMING	

National IT Professionals Day



We'd like to recognize the HPS IT staff:
Jeremiah Nitz,
Aaron Hanson &
Colton Robbins

They are responsive and diligent when it comes to the numerous tech "emergencies" that arise in the midst of a busy school year. They appreciated more than words can express! Thank you for ALL you do!

Indian Education For All



Integrating quality Indian Education for All content with rigorous, standards-based instruction in all curriculum areas
HPS will celebrate Native American Heritage Week September 21st-24th.
Please reach out to our IEFA Director,
Kerry Shabi at 406-390-6901 or
shabik@blueponyk12.com with any questions.

Support Fridays

- Lincoln-McKinley Support Fridays, though optional, are academic based. We will teach reading, math, and STEM along with rotations of PE, music, library and counseling. These Fridays, from 8 AM-12 PM, are a wonderful opportunity for students to continue learning and building foundation skills.
- If students are signed up for busing for the 26-27 school year, the buses will pick them up at their regularly scheduled time and place and return them to their drop off location after school is dismissed.
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided during these Support Fridays.
- Attendance on Support Fridays will not impact their daily attendance record.

HOLLY PATTISON PHOTOGRAPHY

School Picture Day

Havre High School

SEPTEMBER 1ST

Havre Middle School

SEPTEMBER 3RD

Sunnyside

OCTOBER 8TH

Lincoln-McKinley

OCTOBER 7TH

Highland Park

OCTOBER 6TH

-ORDER PHOTOS ONLINE
-PREVIEW BEFORE ORDERING
hollypattisonphotography@gmail.com

Havre Public Schools Presents: Literacy Under the Lights

Join us for an evening of reading, books, and other treats! Bring a blanket/lawn chair and your favorite story to share as a family!

Blue Pony Stadium
September 15th 6:00-7:30 PM

Questions? Please call Highland Park at 406-395-8555

*In case of inclement weather this event may be relocated to Highland Park. A message will be sent via Infinite Campus if this is necessary



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE HI-LINE

The Club will be closed Friday,
September 25th.

They will also be closed October
14th -16th.

YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE OTHER
AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS
IF YOUR STUDENT TAKES THE
BUS TO CLUB!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH: 4:15-7:00 PM
OR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Things You Need to Know

LINCOLN-MCKINLEY SCHOOL

DATES

September 4-7: Labor Day Weekend (ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED)

September 15: Literacy Under the Lights-Blue Pony Stadium: 6-7:30 PM

September 25: Designated Training Day (NO SCHOOL)

October 7: School Picture Day

October 8: K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:15-7:15 PM

October 9: K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

October 15 & 16: Prof. Assoc. Conventions (ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED)

October 21: Class Pictures & School Picture Retakes

November 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends- Set clocks back 1 hour.

November 18: Trimester One Ends

Nov. 25: Early OUT at 1:30 PM

Nov. 26-29: Thanksgiving Vacation (ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED)

December 3: Awards Assemblies (12:15, 1:00, 1:45 or 2:30 PM)

December 23-January 3: Christmas Break

January 4: All Classes Resume

February 15: 3rd Grade Patriotic Programs-12:45 PM Ferguson & Courchene

1:30 PM Flaten & McCormick, 2:15 PM Thomas & Ieinwand

March 3: Trimester Two Ends

March 11: Awards Assemblies, (12:15, 1:00, 1:45 or 2:30 PM)

March 18: K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:15-7:15 PM

March 19: K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

March 26-29: Easter Vacation (ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED)

April 8: Family STEAM Night-HMS 6:00-7:30 PM

April 22: K-5 Art Show 5:00-6:00 PM Sunnyside School

April 28: 2nd Grade Music program-2:15 PM Olson, Danielson, Moffitt

April 29: 2nd Grade Music Program-12:30 Mrs. Wendland & Mrs. Tommerup 2:15 PM
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May 28: Memorial Day (ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED)

June 2: Awards Assemblies-LM: (12:15, 1:00, 1:45 or 2:30 PM)

June 3: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL