

August

Ulen-Hitterdal Public School

2024

# Monthly Newsletter

BACK TO SCHOOL 24-25

~~Welcome Back!~~

Dear Ulen-Hitterdal School Community,

As we stand on the cusp of another exciting school year, I am filled with great anticipation and enthusiasm. It is my pleasure to welcome back all our students, families, and dedicated staff to Ulen-Hitterdal School for the 2024-2025 academic year.

With an enrollment of approximately 300 students ranging from PreK to 12th grade, our school community is small yet remarkably vibrant. Every year, I am constantly amazed by the energy, curiosity, and dedication that our students bring to the classroom, and the unwavering commitment of our staff who work tirelessly to support, prepare, and inspire each and every student.

At Ulen-Hitterdal, our mission is clear: to provide an environment where students not only learn but thrive. We are devoted to nurturing a supportive atmosphere where each child feels valued and empowered to reach their fullest potential. Our outstanding staff members are here to guide, challenge, and celebrate with our students as they grow academically and personally.

This year, we look forward to continuing our focus on excellence in education while fostering a community where every member feels connected and inspired. Together, we will build on our strong foundation and work towards new milestones and achievements.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Let's embrace the opportunities and challenges that this school year will bring with optimism and enthusiasm.

Here's to a successful and rewarding year ahead!

Warm regards,

Dustin Flaten  
Superintendent  
Ulen-Hitterdal School District

First Day:

Tuesday,

September

3rd!



**Greetings,**

**As the Dean of Students, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Ulen-Hitterdal Public School for what will be once again an exciting, productive year. We are thrilled to embark on this journey with you, working to support, inspire, and prepare students for success that will allow them to achieve great things as lifelong learners and productive citizens. The school district's staff has worked tirelessly through the summer to be able to greet our students from day one and to remain true to the mission of providing a quality education for all of our students while doing it in such a way as to provide a personal connection to each and every student.**

**The purpose of this "Back to School Newsletter" is to provide important and relevant information for all of our students and families. We hope that this newsletter will be the first step in communicating with you some of the important components of the school day and it's procedures to bring a sense of comfort and understanding regarding some of the functional processes, expectations, and overall operations within the Ulen-Hitterdal Public School system.**

**Please note that the school exists to serve our hard-working students, invested families, and supportive communities. We take this responsibility very seriously and we hope to provide everything that you would want from a school and more. At this time, we would like to personally invite you to attend our annual Open House that will take place on Wednesday, August 28 from 5:30 to 7:30. For those attending, you will have the opportunity to experience our academic surroundings and meet with our school staff who will be able to address any questions or concerns that you may have.**

**Thank you for entrusting us to serve the students of Ulen-Hitterdal. We look forward to yet another great year within the Ulen-Hitterdal Public School District.**

**With Appreciation,**

**Ted Critchley  
Dean of Students  
Ulen-Hitterdal Public School**



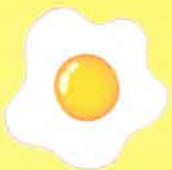
## OPEN HOUSE

Open house for students and parents will be Wednesday, August 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We strongly encourage both parents and students alike to attend to familiarize themselves with the school's schedule, surroundings, and teachers. In addition, Open House will provide opportunities to explore and potentially draw your interest to other activities, events, and opportunities that will be on display in the commons area. There will also be a 7th grade orientation meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium to discuss the transition from elementary to high school along with information for new high school students enrolled to Ulen-Hitterdal High School.

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation routes are being finalized and will be sent out in the next few days for you to know what bus number along with what time the bus will be arriving to pick up each student using our school's transportation system.

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH



### FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH



This year all students will be granted a free breakfast and lunch during their academic day at no charge. Students wanting additional food beyond the one free breakfast and lunch will still need to have a family meal account that parents/guardians must fund to pay for extra portions and/or a la carte food items provided by the school food service department. Deposits can be made to the family meal account online via the school district's website at <https://www.ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us/> Under the Parent heading one should click JMC Parents.

For questions and assistance, call the district office at 218-596-8853. You may also drop off a personal check or cash to be deposited into your family meal account. This payment can also be done at Open House Night set for August 28th. Families who qualify for free or reduced meals must have money in their family meal account in order to purchase additional food items. No charging will be allowed for any of these accounts.





## FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Free and reduced lunch applications are still encouraged to be filled out. These free and reduced lunch forms are more formally known as Application for Educational Benefits. In the past, many have associated this application as a way of providing meals during the day for those who qualify. We are offering free breakfast and lunch this year. However, your child may qualify for other benefits. This may help the school qualify for additional educational funding.

The Application for Educational Benefits can be picked up in the school office or completed via JMC under the parents section of the school district website. This application can be completed at Open House on August 28th from 5:30 - 7:30.



## MILK BREAK + SNACK CART

MILK BREAK is free for kindergarten. Preschool and Grades 1 to 6 are charged 30 cents when they have milk during their break. Please note that our milk break is NOT covered by the School Meal Benefits (Free/Reduced) Program nor by the USDA program.

The Ulen-Hitterdal School Wellness Committee offers a Snack Cart for Pre K-6 grade students. Ulen-Hitterdal would like to offer your child a healthy snack. We are able to order healthy options in bulk to reduce the cost for you.

The cost for K-6 will be \$50/student for the school year or \$25 for each semester. The cost for preschool will be \$20 for the year. Snack cart is not to be paid on a day-to-day basis, but if you need to arrange a different payment plan other than for the year or semester, please speak with someone in our school office. Students will not be allowed to take from the snack cart until the fee has been paid. The program will start on the first day of school. This is an optional program as your child may still bring his or her own snack. If you choose to send a snack with your child to school, we ask that you send a nutritional snack to have during this time. No candy or "junk food" will be permitted. Snack breaks will begin on the first day of school.

# DEVICES



Devices such as phones, watches, gizmos, etc. are not allowed in the classroom. If your child comes to school with such a device, it should stay in their locker until the end of the school day. If you need to get a hold of your child, please call the office and we will pass along the message or arrange for a phone call to take place.

# TITLE I SERVICES

High School students may have the opportunity to participate in Title 1 services during the upcoming school year. These services are specifically designed to support students in improving their comprehension levels in both reading and math while enhancing the students overall academic experiences in other curricular areas of study.

Our school has designated a series of class periods within each day specifically for Title 1 services. To accommodate your child's schedule, we are requesting your permission for them to participate in these services during a period that does not conflict with their designated study hall known as Titan Time. This will ensure that study hall will remain intact for all students.

It's important to note that students enrolled in Title 1 services will receive elective credit for their participation, which will then be recorded accordingly.

Materials may be sent home to provide additional details about the Title 1 program and the benefits it offers to participating students. To give your child consent to enroll in Title 1 services, please sign and return the consent form at your earliest convenience. Your prompt response will help us ensure that your child receives the support needed to excel academically. The school is excited to provide this opportunity of additional support to enhance student success while enrolled within the Ulen-Hitterdal school district.

# JMC

Please make sure your family information is current in JMC. You can log in at <https://www.ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us/high-school/> by clicking on the parents section and JMC.

You may also call the school office to update any information. The key points of information are current email addresses, phone numbers, and mailing addresses.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

As previously mentioned, our school website can be found at [www.ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us](http://www.ulenhitterdal.k12.mn.us) From the website, JMC can be accessed to monitor student progress, grades, lunch accounts, and other information. Our website serves as a great resource for lesson plans, schedules of events, school calendars, menus, educational links, and so much more. Please familiarize yourself with our website to be used as a resource for many of the events that occur each and every day throughout the school year.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow our school and activity Facebook accounts for important announcements, updates, reminders, and the opportunity to see the many great things that our students are doing on a daily basis.

# PHOTO RELEASE



Your child may be photographed while participating in Ulen-Hitterdal education activities, and the school district may want to use the photograph(s) to promote school district activities in publicly distributed documents (brochures, web page, social media, flyers, newspaper, and the like) or in photo displays in a public place, such as on bulletin boards, unless there is a stated objection by the parents. Please notify the school if you wish to opt out of the use of your child's photo. If you have any questions, please call the school.

# TITAN TIME

High School Titan Time has been moved to the end of the academic day allowing for students to meet with teachers, finish homework, and attend curricular meetings. Titan Time will consistently take place from 2:41 to 3:13.

Eligible Juniors and Seniors may opt out of Titan Time with a signed permission slip from a parent or legal guardian. To be eligible, juniors and seniors must meet the following requirements:

- Student must be passing every class with a "C" average or higher.
- Student must not be on the detention list. Student will be ineligible until the detention is served.
- Student has 3 or less absences in the quarter with 1 or fewer tardies.
- Student must properly sign out with their assigned Titan Time Instructor.



# SCHOOL NURSE



Ulen-Hitterdal School contracts with Clay County Public Health to have a registered nurse visit our school every two weeks. Cheryl Sapp is our Clay County Public Health School Nurse for the 2024-2025 school year. Should you have any questions concerning medications; diabetes health plans; or emergency health plans for students with allergies, asthma, seizures and any other medical needs, please contact Cheryl at 218-299-7196.

## MEDICATION

Minnesota state law requires that the physician and parent complete a medication authorization form if a student is taking prescription medication during school hours. The school is not permitted to give medication to a child if the proper authorization has not been filled out. The medication must be in its original packaging/container. A new authorization is required each school year.

If your child is to take over-the-counter medication, the authorization form must be completed and the medication must be in its original packaging/container. A new authorization is required each school year. These forms may be requested from the school office.

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# ELEMENTARY SUPPLY LIST

## 2024-2025



### Pre-Kindergarten Supply List

- Backpack large enough to fit folder and other items
- 1 two-pocket folder with name on it
- 1 container of Clorox
- Wipes
- 1 box of Kleenex
- Extra set of clothes in a Ziploc bag with name on it
- Small blanket for rest time (4 / 5 year olds only)
- Gym shoes to leave at school (4 / 5 year olds only)
- 24 Pack of Crayola Crayons

### First Grade Supply List

- 24 ct. Crayola crayons
- 24 ct. Crayola colored pencils
- 10 ct. Crayola washable markers (basic colors,)
- 24 Ticonderoga #2 pencils
- 4 pink pearl or paper mate erasers
- 2 highlighters
- 10 glue sticks
- hard shell pencil box
- 2 sturdy pocket folders
- 1 spiral notebook
- 4-6 dry-erase Expo markers (student use,)
- Crayola Watercolor paint 16 pan set
- gym shoes
- backpack
- container of Clorox wipes (to share)
- Large box of Kleenex

### Donations:

- Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Headphones
- for Chromebooks
- Ziplock Bags (Sandwich & Gallon)

### Kindergarten Supply List

- 2 Boxes Crayola Crayons (Box of 24)
- Crayola Markers (Box of 10)
- Pencils (24)
- Set of Watercolor Paints (16 Pack)
- Fiskars Blunt Tip Scissors
- 1 Large Pink Eraser
- 10 Jumbo or 20 Regular Glue Sticks
- 5 Dry Erase Markers
- Pencil Box (No Bags)
- 1 Red 3-Prong Folder
- 1 Blue 3-Prong Folder
- 2 Fun Folders for Communication
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- Boys: Ziploc Snack Baggies
- Girls: Ziploc Quart Baggies
- Backpack
- Gym Shoes
- Extra Change of Clothes
- Pants, Shirt, Socks, Underwear

### Donations:

- Cleaning Wipes
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Cotton Balls

## Second Grade Supply List

- 2 Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
- #2 Ticonderoga Pencils (Box of 24)
- 10 Jumbo or 20 Regular Glue Sticks
- Hard Shell Pencil Box
- Classic Crayola Washable Markers (Box of 10)
- Crayola Crayons (Box of 24)
- Crayola Watercolor Paints (16 Count)
- Westcott or Fiskars Kid Scissors
- 2 Pack Pink Erasers
- 2 Fun Two-Pocket Folders (Take Home Folders)
- 5-Three Prong Folders(1 Purple, 1 Green,1 Blue,1 Black & 1 Yellow)
- 1 Composition Notebook
- Backpack
- Gym Shoes
- Large Box of Kleenex (To Share)
- Boys: Ziploc Quart-Size Baggies
- Girls: Ziploc Gallon-Size Baggies

### Donations:

- Ziploc-Snack/Sandwich Baggies
- Container of Clorox Wipes (To Share)

## Third Grade Supply List

- 24 sharpened pencils
- 24 count crayons
- 12-pack colored pencils
- 2 composition (*not* spiral bound) notebooks - wide ruled
- 4 folders (red, blue, yellow, and your choice,)
- box of Kleenex
- scissors
- 2-pack glue sticks
- 4-pack Expo dry erase markers
- 2-pack Pink Pearl erasers
- hard plastic pencil box
- earbud headphones

### Last names

A-F: quart Ziploc bags,  
G-L: gallon Ziploc bags,  
M-Z: container  
Clorox/Lysol wipes

## Fourth Grade Supply List

- 1 Sturdy Folder 1
- 12 Count Package of #2 Pencils (Not Mechanical)
- Wide-Ruled Notebook
- Box of Kleenex
- 1 Container of Clorox Wipes
- \$10 to Cover the Rest of the Supplies

### **Fifth Grade Supply List**

- 1 Wide-Ruled Notebook
- 1 Binder (1 1/2 inch)
- Box of 48 Pencils (No Mechanical)
- 100 Page Composition Book
- Wired Headphones (No Bluetooth)
- Backpack
- Gym Shoes (Leave at School)
- Kleenex (To Share)
- Clorox Wipes (To Share)
- Optional: Scientific Calculator (TI-30XS)



### **Sixth Grade Supply List**

- 1 wide-ruled notebook
- 1 Binder (1 1/2 inch)
- Box of 48 Pencils (No Mechanical)
- 100-page composition book
- Wired Headphones (No Bluetooth)
- Backpack
- Gym Shoes (Leave at School)
- Kleenex (To Share)
- Clorox Wipes (To Share)
- Optional: Scientific Calculator (TI-30XS)

### **Music Class Supply List (Only for 4th, 5th & 6th)**

- Two Pocket Folder
- #2 Pencils (no mechanical)

