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COMMUNITY NEWS

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It is hard to believe it is already the middle of March!

The school year has really flown by.

With that in mind, the MCA tests are taking place in April. Students in grades 3-8, 10, and 11 will all be taking at least one test in reading, math, or science. On the isd002.org page, you will be able to find the calendar for the testing dates.

MR.

With spring coming, Baseball and Softball are both starting. As soon as the snow melts, the season will get rolling.

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The Robotics team competed at the FIRST competition in Duluth, where students from Hill City and Northland had to build and program a robot that was able to shoot balls into hoops at various heights. The Storm Robotics team had some great rounds in a very cool event.

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The Speech team continues to compete as well. Sub-sections are coming up soon and hoping we can have some teams compete at the section round.

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The end of quarter 3 is on March 25th. Parents, please continue to use Infinite Campus and Parent Portal to check on student's grades.

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The 3rd grade class is currently in Elite 8 of their reading competition. This is an awesome program where students can continue to show their reading skills and continue to grow.

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The elementary classes participated in Read Across America week. During the week, students were able to wear their favorite socks, pajamas, and hats and were visited by older students and the Cat in the Hat.

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The 2nd grade held their own personal zoo, where they displayed their animal projects. There seems to always be something cool happening around the building.

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We are planning on having a kindergarten registration soon.

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Please be on the lookout for this on the Facebook page and in the next newsletter.

MINUTE...

Have a great spring everyone and let's finish the school year strong!

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Committee Assignments for 2022

Committee

MSHSL

Negotiations Committee

Curriculum Committee

Community Education Advisory Council
Meet and Confer

Staff Development

School and Community Health Team

Recertification Committee

Comparable Worth

Safety/Transportation Committee

Athletic Advisory Committee

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Policy Committee

Representative

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For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

RADIO STATIONS

RADIO USA	99.9 FM
KOZY Grand Rapids	1320 AM
KMFY Grand Rapids	96.9 FM
WTBX Grand Rapids	93.9 FM
KAXE Grand Rapids	91.7 FM
KBAJ	105.5 FM

INSTANT ALERT

**Infinite Campus' Voice
Messenger system will
call parents between
5:00 - 6:00 a.m. for
school closings.**

TV STATIONS

WDIO/WIRT
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KBJR
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Community Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder, if you would like an article put in the Community Newsletter, it must be turned in to the school office by the 15th of the month to be put in the following months' newsletter. Newsletters are posted on the website around the 25th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Jessica at (218) 697-2394, ext. 101.



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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Acting Chair at 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Bambi Lange, Rich Kingsley, Joell Miranda and Jay Zapzalka, Mark Meyer and Ron Saxton. Board Members absent: None. Also in attendance: Ellie Hill, Eric Hill, Paul Nixon-Vromann, Pat Rendle and Adam Johnson.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the Consent Agenda
3. Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 31, 2022.
4. Approved the January 2022 bills.
5. Approved the current bills through February 10, 2022 and presented for payment.
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7. Reviewed Investments and Wire Transfers.
8. Approved the January 2022 receipts.
9. Recognitions: None
10. Open for Consent Items: None
11. Transportation Report: None
12. Curriculum Committee: Last Meeting was February 9, 2022.
13. Policy Committee: None
14. School and Community Health: Community Garden Community February 23, 2022.
15. Safety/Transportation Committee: Next meeting will be next month.
16. Negotiations Committee: Meeting to be set to start negotiations on Superintendent.
17. Community Education Report: Report is attached to the Official Minutes and made

a part thereof. Early Childhood Report: Heating unit in the early childhood entry way needs to be repaired.

18. Building & Grounds Director Report: None
19. Principal's Report: None
20. Superintendent's Report: None
21. COVID was discussed.
22. Approved a MOU of HCUE for daily subbing rate.
23. Approved MOU for long term sub-pay plan.
24. Accepted a Letter of Resignation for Adam Johnson as the Athletic Director for the 2022-2023 School Year.
25. Approved to post for Athletic Director for the 2022-2023 School Year per the HCUE contract.
26. Approved hiring Jessica Boatman as Storm Assistant Softball Coach starting the 2021-2022 School Year per the HCUE agreement.
27. Approved hiring Amber Whitebird as one of the two Storm Junior High Softball Coaches starting the 2021-2022 School Year per the current HCUE agreement.
28. Approved hiring Brianna Finke as one of the two Storm Junior High Softball Coaches starting the 2021-2022 School Year per the HCUE agreement.
29. Accepted the Letter of Recognition from Angela Klennert as Head Volleyball Coach.
30. Approved posting for Head Volleyball Coach for the 2022-2023 School Year per the HCUE contract.
31. Approved to post for Credit Recovery Coordinator.
32. Approved to post for English Credit Recovery Teacher.
33. Approved to post for Math Credit Recovery Teacher.
34. Approved to post for Social Studies Credit Recovery Teacher.

- 35. Approved to post for a Science Credit Recovery Teacher.
- 36. Meetings to be Attended and Meetings Attended: Lake Country Power Meeting was discussed. Next Regular Board Meeting is March 28, 2022.
- 37. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Joell Miranda Clerk

These are Unofficial Minutes. Complete Minutes of the above Board Meetings and all Board Meetings are on file in the administration office and may be viewed at any time during regular business hours.



Hill City 4th of July

SPAGHETTI FEED FUNDRAISER

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD
4-6 PM
(OR UNTIL WE RUN OUT OF NOODLES)

WHERE: HILL LAKE CAFE



ATV TRAINING

April 30th at 10:00 a.m.
OPEN TO ALL AGES



Pre-Registration is required along with the pretest.

You will be told about the Pre-Test when you call to Register.

Class will be given by State Certified Instructors from North Woods Quads

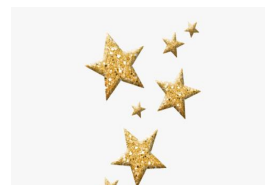
Call to Save your spot!!!
Ginny: 218-360-1913

Hill City High School
Prom 2022

Saturday, April 30th
@ Timberlake Lodge
Grades 10-12 (9th if invited)
Theme: Enchanted Forest

Grand March starts at 6:30pm. Pasta buffet dinner at 7:00pm with the dance to follow. Post-Prom from 12am-5am at Timberlake Lodge Grand Splash with breakfast to follow.
3 Months Sun pictures from 5-7pm.

Tickets: \$30 (Dance only)
\$45 (Dance and Post-Prom)
Go to the office to purchase your tickets
Tickets need to be purchased by April 13th.



ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #15:
Positive
Peer
Influence**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when their best friends model responsible behavior.

60%
*of youth surveyed by Search Institute have this asset in their lives.**

What Are Assets?

Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed. "Positive peer influence" is one of six boundaries and expectations assets.

* Based on Search Institute surveys of almost 100,000 6th- to 12th-grade youth throughout the United States.

Photos of Friends: Snapshots of Responsibility

The best way to encourage children to choose positive, healthy relationships is to model them ourselves. Take out an old yearbook or photo album. Look at pictures of the friends you had as a teenager.

Think about the friends who acted in ways you admired. Most people can remember at least one person who always sensed when things weren't going well and called, sent a note, or showed up to find out what was wrong. Often, these are the people who turned out to be lifelong friends.

How about people who weren't such true friends? Was there someone who spread rumors about you, or talked behind your back? Did you ever have a friend who tried to get you to do things you didn't want to do? The pain of these kinds of experiences often teaches young people a lot about how they want to be treated by others.

No one forced you to like people who were



good to you, or feel angry at people who hurt you. You had to make your own choices about who your friends were. In the same way, we can't control who our children choose as friends. They are exploring their world, themselves, and the people around them. Sometimes they're attracted to people we don't approve of (and that, deep inside, they probably don't approve of either). Other times they say the 'good' kids are boring. However, if we model responsible relationships, talk to our children about how others act, and are involved in their lives, gradually they'll see that friends who act, talk, and think in positive ways will bring out the best in them.

Helpful Hints

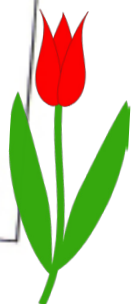
Tips that encourage your child to choose responsible friendships:

- **Get to know your child's friends and their families. Point out what you like about them.**
- **Get to know the parents of your children's friends. Share your values and rules with them and ask them about theirs.**
- **Don't jump to conclusions based on what friends look like.**
- **Be honest with your child when you're concerned about a relationship.**

time together

Three ways to help your child choose responsible friends:

- 1** *Make sure your kids get to know your friends. The best way to teach is to be a role model.*
- 2** *Include your child's friends in some family activities. Get to know them.*
- 3** *Talk about your childhood friends and why some friendships ended.*



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Lacs Band District II, Aitkin County Corrections,
Aitkin County Health & Human Services)



What's Responsible?

Our children may need our guidance in choosing friends who model responsible behavior. Use this "responsible" checklist with your child to evaluate each friend. Discuss with your child what each word means:

- Reliable**
- Equal**
- Self-controlled**
- Principled**
- Open-minded**
- Nurturing**
- Sensible**
- Intuitive**
- Brave**
- Lovable**
- Ethical**

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

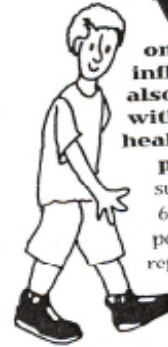
- Which of your friends do you most want to be like? Why?
- What bothers you about your friends? Why?
- How do you feel when you're with your friends? Do they bring out the best in you?

More Stuff You Can Use

Positive Peer Groups gives information on how to help youth work together to solve their own challenges. (Available from Johnson Institute, 7205 Ohms Lane, Minneapolis, MN 55439-2159; 1-800-231-5165.)

Quick Tip:
Examine your own friendships before you examine your child's.

Worth a Cheer



We often think of "peer pressure" only as a negative influence, but we can also think of time spent with friends who model healthy behavior as peer pressure. Of youth surveyed by Search Institute, 60% say they experience positive peer pressure, reporting that their best friends do well in school, don't use alcohol or other drugs, and don't get in trouble at school.

Final Word

"A friend is an extension of yourself, without which you are not complete."—Susan Polis Schutz, poet

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SPRING FLING

Egg Hunt

When: SATURDAY, APRIL 16
1:00 PM

Where: HILL CITY SCHOOL

Prizes: 6 BICYCLES!!

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Hill City Baton



Bring your baton and a smile.
Parents are welcome to attend the first class for a short informational session.

Grades: K-12

Cost: \$30

Start Date: April 11

Time: 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Instructors: Erin Boleman &
Jessie Ahonen

FOR ASSISTANCE WITH CLASS FEES OR QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS CLASS, CALL TAMI AT COMM ED 697-2394 X172 OR EMAIL AT tmeyer@isd002.org



ISD #2 Breakfast Menu April 2022



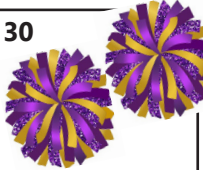
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
					1 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	
Offer-vs-Serve Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	4 Assorted Muffins, Cheese Stick	5 Strawberry Bagel	6 French Toast Sticks	7 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	8 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	9 Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch
10	11 Blueberry Muffin, Yogurt	12 Apple Frudel	13 Breakfast Pizza	14 NO SCHOOL	15 NO SCHOOL	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL	19 Cinnamon Mini Bagel	20 French Toast Sticks	21 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	22 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	23
24	25 Cereal Bar	26 Muffins, Yogurt	27 French Toast Sticks	28 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	29 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	30 Menu subject to change at anytime





ISD #2 Lunch Menu April 2022

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Offer-vs-Serve Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of				1 Fish Sticks, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Tater Tots	2	
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	4 Chicken Breast Sandwich, L,T, Mac & Cheese, Veggies & Dip	5 French Bread Pizza w/ Red Sauce, Green Beans	6 Chicken Fajitas w/ Fixings, Corn, Salsa	7 Sloppy Joes, Potato Salad, Beans	8 Shrimp Poppers, Coleslaw, Breadstick, Fries	9
5 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a	11 Chicken Strips, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli & Carrots, Roll	12 Biscuits w/ Sausage Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Tri Taters	13 Sub Sandwich, Baked Chips, Baked Beans, Cookie	14 NO SCHOOL	15 NO SCHOOL	16 Fruit, Juice and Milk served Daily
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	18 NO SCHOOL	19 Chicken Poppers Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Corn, Roll	20 Taco with the Fixings, Rice, Black Beans	21 Ham & Cheese Chicken Noodle Soup, Veggies & Dip, Goldfish	22 Cheeseburger on a Bun, Fries, Corn	23
24	25 Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Broccoli & Ccarrots	26 Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Veggies & Dip, Goldfish Crackers	27 Tortilla Chicken Wrap, Potato Salad, Fresh Veggies	28 FARM 2 SCHOOL	29 Stuffed Crust Pizza, Salad bar, Corn	30 Menu subject to change at anytime

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org		ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE	CHECK rSCHOOLS CALENDAR FOR "HOME" FIELD		1 SB vs LaPorte A & JH HOME 4:30	2 SB vs PR-B JV HOME 5:30
3	4 SB vs Cromwell A Only AWAY 4:30	5 SB vs Floodwood A Only AWAY 4:30	6 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 6:45	7 SB vs Nevis A Only HOME 4:30	8 SB vs McGregor A & JH AWAY 4:30	9
10	11 Spring High School Band Concert 7:30 pm	12 SB vs Hink-Fin A & B AWAY 4:30	13 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 6:45	14 NO SCHOOL	15 NO SCHOOL SB vs Carlton A, B & JH AWAY 4:00	16 Community Egg Hunt 11:00 Playground
17	18 NO SCHOOL	19	20 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 6:45	21	22 SB vs Nash-Kee A & JH HOME 4:30	23
24 This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org	25 SB vs Deer River A & JH HOME 4:30	26	27 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 6:45	28 SB vs LFBF A Only AWAY 4:30	29 Elementary Spring Music Sharing Program 1:30	30 



		CHECK rSCHOOLS CALENDAR FOR "HOME" FIELD	ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE		1	2
3 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 5:30	4	5	6	7	8 BB vs McGregor A & JH AWAY 4:30	9
10 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 5:30	11 BB vs Nevis A Only AWAY 4:30	12	13	14 NO SCHOOL BB vs Deer River A & JH HOME 4:30	15 NO SCHOOL BB vs Carlton A & B HOME 4:00	16 BB vs MIB JH Only HOME 4:30
17 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 5:30	18 NO SCHOOL	19 BB vs Mesabi East A, B & JH AWAY 4:30	20	21	22 BB vs W-H-A A & JH AWAY 4:30	23 BB Tourney 9:00 am A Only HOME
24 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 5:30	25 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00	26	27	28 	29 BB vs Mille Lacs A, B & JH AWAY 4:30	This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org