

March

# COMMUNITY NEWS

2021

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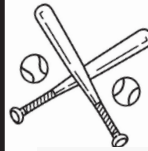
**Lunch Calendar**

ACTIVITY  
CALENDARS

## ~ Seniors



# 2021



\* More Seniors to Come over the next few months



Maycee Lathrop

**Tucker Holm**



TRIP:OR

# Hill City School Board



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## Committee Assignments for 2021

**Committee**

**Representative**

MSHSL  
Negotiations Committee  
  
Curriculum Committee  
Community Education Advisory Council  
Meet and Confer  
  
Staff Development  
School and Community Health Team  
Recertification Committee  
ARCC  
Comparable Worth  
Safety/Transportation Committee  
Athletic Advisory Committee  
  
Itasca Area Schools Collaborative  
Policy Committee

Mark Meyer  
Jay Zapzalka, Mark Meyer,  
Rich Kingsley (Sarah Kingsley, Alt.)  
Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)  
Mark Meyer (Bambi Lange, Alt.)  
Bambi Lange and Joell Miranda  
(Sarah Kingsley, Alt.)  
Joell Miranda (Sarah Kingsley, Alt.)  
Joell Miranda and Sarah Kingsley  
Bambi Lange  
Sue Kaslow  
Jay Zapzalka  
Mark Meyer  
Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer  
(Rich Kingsley, Alt.)  
Bambi Lange (Mark Meyer, Alt.)  
Sarah Kingsley and Bambi Lange

## For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

**RADIO STATIONS**

RADIO USA	99.9 FM
KOZY Grand Rapids	1320 AM
	93.1 FM
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  
KDLH  
KBJR  
WCCO

### 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 usually sent out 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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MEDICAL/LEGAL SUPPORT & FOLLOW-UP PEER COUNSELING COMMUNITY REFERRALS & EDUCATION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.  
2  
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Sue Kaslow at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call by clerk showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Joell Miranda, Bambi Lange, Mark Meyer, Jay Zapzalka and Sarah Kingsley. Board Members absent: None.

1. Approved Agenda as Presented
2. Correction and Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 16, 2020.
3. Approved the November 2020 Bills.
4. Approved Current bills through December 9, 2020.
5. There were No Wire Transfers.
6. There was a second reading of Annual Mandatory Policies. 410- Family and Medical Leave Policy. 413- Harassment and Violence. 414- Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse. 415- Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults. 506- Student Discipline. 514- Bullying Prohibition Policy. 522- Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process. 524- Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy. 616- School District System Accountability. 806- Crisis Management Policy.
7. BerganKDV presented Audit.
8. Approved to set the 2020 Payable 2021 Levy.
9. Curriculum Committee: None to report

10. Policy Committee: Second reading of Annual Mandatory Policies.
11. School and Community Health Committee: None to Report.
12. Safety/Transportation Committee: Meeting was cancelled before Thanksgiving. Will be scheduling another after the Christmas Holiday.
13. Negotiations Committee: Principal, Adam Johnson, intent to negotiate. Withdrawn until January Regular Board Meeting.
14. Community Education Report: Attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
15. Early Childhood Report: None to Report
16. Building & Grounds Report; None to Report.
17. Principal's Report: 4 cases of COVID since last Board Meeting. All were isolated well. Numbers are declining currently. Students, Staff and Community continue to do a great job and are working to keep our school open. MDH adopted new shorter length of required quarantine days. Before holiday break there will be door decorations competition and other fun activities. COVID relief funds were sent and were on target.
18. Superintendent's Report: Working on getting back to business as usual. There is a start and a stop but we try to push forward. Teachers and staff here in Hill City are working hard to balance the constant shift of students in distance learning, quarantines, in school, etc. Teachers are now being represented in the weekly meeting with MDH.
19. Set the 2021 Organizational meeting to

be held on January 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

20. Accepted the withdrawal from the School Board from Tanya Grimsbo. She will no longer be accepting a seat on the Board.
21. Approved to take applications to Appoint a Community Member to the Vacant Board seat. Applications are to be turned into Pat Rendle, Superintendent by 12:00 p.m. January 4, 2021.
22. Approved hiring Mendy Oukrop as Credit Recovery Teacher Aide for 1.5 hours per day while school is in session on Mondays for second semester, starting January 26, 2021. That will be with pay of \$14.96 per hour.
23. Meetings to be attended and meetings attended: IASC Meeting was attended and found interesting that we are so fortunate here in Hill City in regards to COVID and keeping school open. Sue will be attending ARCC Board Meeting through February for strategic planning. Celebrating Sue Kaslow for 35 1/2 years of outstanding School Board Service to ISD 002.  
**THANK YOU SUE!!!!!!**
24. Approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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.

## **Open Gym Softball and Baseball**

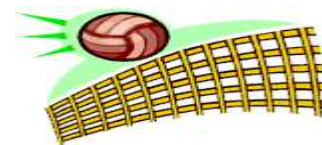
**Sunday's 9:00 - 10:00 am**



*Adult Basketball Open Gym*  
**Join us every  
Sunday evening from  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**



*Youth Basketball Open Gym*  
**Join us every  
Sunday evening from  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the  
Hill City School Gym**



*Adult Volleyball Open Gym*  
**Join us every  
Wednesday evenings from  
7:00 pm 9:00pm**



# HILL CITY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

## Second Quarter 2020-2021

### Grade 12

#### A

Hunter Lou Ahonen  
 Matthew Clarke  
 Tucker Holm  
 Maycee Lathrop  
 Avangelina Solie  
 Seth St. Martin  
 Shyan Yanez

#### B

Hunter Gerber  
 Andrew Major  
 Colton McManigle

### Grade 8

#### A

Bellona Dunham  
 Adrianna Harcey  
 Trevor Kingsley  
 Steven Meyer  
 Kaija Neary  
 Abby Zapzalka

#### B

Destiny Hobson  
 Kennidy James  
 Matthew Washburn

### Grade 11

#### A

Ruby Booth  
 MacKenzie Casper  
 Thorin Dunham  
 Mackenzie Finke  
 Ava Klennert  
 Dari Okerstrom  
 Cayleb Shelby

#### B

Payden Gould  
 Tyrell Lego  
 Julia Nordquist

### Grade 7

#### A

Madison Barnes  
 Callee Gerber  
 Jasmine Kingsley

#### B

Mackenzie Benson  
 Reese Boleman  
 Madilyn Swanson

### Grade 10

#### A

Saige Ahonen  
 Emma Finke  
 Riley Holm  
 Raven Miranda  
 Kira Schuety  
 Randi Wilson  
 Ally Zapzalka

#### B

Kyle Grimsbo  
 Tanner Harcey  
 Michelle Smith  
 Niyelle Solie  
 Andrew St. Martin

### Grade 6

#### A

Nathan Kingsley

#### B

Dani Hannula  
 Coltyn Harcey

### Grade 9

#### A

Emmett Bray  
 Cheyenne Brinson  
 Taleigha Cook  
 Brooklyn Harcey  
 Easton Kingsley  
 Adrianna Leverty-Taylor  
 Jax Neary  
 Shaley Pearson  
 Annika Spangler  
 Lainee Spangler

#### B

Emily Grimsbo  
 Loren James  
 Allison Kimball



*Congratulations!*

# ideas for parents

**Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child**

**FAST FACTS**

**ASSET #14:  
Adult Role  
Models**

*Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when parent(s) and other adults model positive, responsible behavior.*

**27%**

*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. "Adult role models" 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.

## What a Difference a Hero Makes

**A**s a single parent, Eileen felt strongly that her 10-year-old son, John, needed a male role model in his life. Her father and two brothers enjoyed being with her son, but all three lived out of state.

One day, Carlos, a neighbor, mentioned how much he and his wife missed being around children. Their two children had recently left for college, and Carlos was wishing he could find another child to spend some time with.

That was the beginning of an important relationship that developed between Carlos and John. The two would attend special events together or just hang out to talk. For one of John's birthdays, Carlos wrote and taped a story called 'John's Fictitious Adventure.'

'The more time they spent together, the more John's self-esteem grew,' Eileen says. 'Grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins are important, but an adult who singles out a child and chooses to spend time with that child makes a unique difference.'



### time together

*Three ways to be an adult role model for your child:*

- 1.** *Treat your child with love and respect.*
- 2.** *Model appropriate behavior during difficult times. When you make mistakes, admit them.*
- 3.** *Spend time together. Often. Be involved in your child's life on a daily basis.*

### Kids' #1 NEED

*What 10- to 15-year-olds need most is positive social interaction with adults, says Dr. Peter C. Scales, a Search Institute author and researcher. These interactions expose young people to real-life heroes.*

### Reflect Back



**Think back to your childhood. Who were your role models when you were a child? A teenager? A young adult? How about now?**



## What Teens Want to Know from Adults

Sometimes adults can feel awkward around children and teenagers and not know what to talk about. They usually don't see themselves as 'heroes' or even 'role models.' Yet when adults take time to be themselves with young people, children and youth learn a lot. Psychologist Tore Hayden asked several hundred young people what they would like to talk about with adults:

1. Family matters and decisions
2. Controversial issues
3. Emotional issues
4. Big questions and the "whys" of the world
5. The future
6. Current affairs
7. Personal interests
8. What their parents were like at their age

**Quick Tip:**  
You are your child's most important role model.

### talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Which famous people do you admire most? Why?
- Which adults (whom you know) do you look up to? Why?
- What have you learned from adults that has helped or inspired you?

### More Stuff You Can Use

**Heroes: Shaping Lives Through Family and Culture.** This book is a practical handbook of helping children find positive 'heroes.' (Available from Fairview Press, 2450 Riverside Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55454; 1-800-544-8207)

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

## FINAL WORD

"Without heroes, we are all plain people and don't know how far we can go."

—Bernard Malamud, novelist



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## HILL LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Hill Lake Township, County of Aitkin, and State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

The Election poll hours will be open from Noon until 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:

Supervisor – 3-year term

Clerk/Treasurer – 2-year term

The Board of Canvass will be held at 8:15 p.m. or as soon as the ballots are counted. The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:30 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location:

Community Center

(Old Woodland Bank Building) Hill City, MN  
Pauline Elling Hill Lake Township Clerk



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EOE



# Leapin' Leprechaun

March 17, 2021

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Come join the hunt for the leprechaun's gold at the Hill City School! We will be doing things a little different this year due to COVID 19. We will be spread out in the Commons. Families will gather supplies to create their very own leprechaun trap and make St. Patrick's Day crafts!

This event is for families with children ages 1 through 4th grade.

For questions please contact Tami at 218-697-2394 ext. 172 or email [tmeyer@isd002.org](mailto:tmeyer@isd002.org).

Just a reminder:

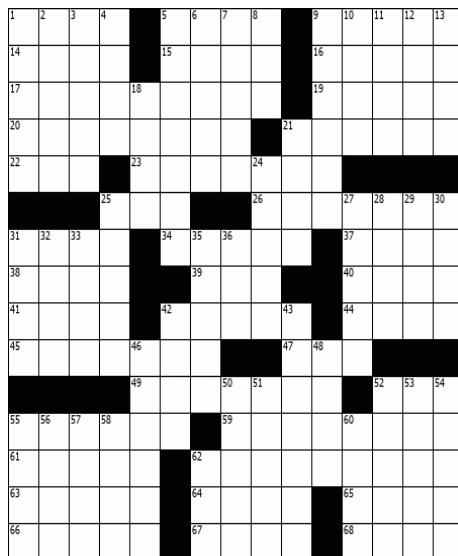


**Masks still need to be worn when you are in the School for any reason.**

**This also includes the Fitness Lab when you are working out and During any of the Open Gym Nights or Mornings.**  
Thank You for your Cooperation

### Across

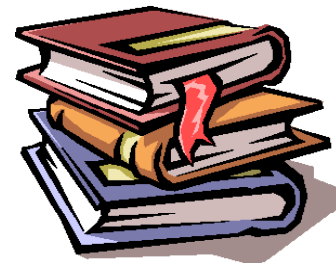
1. Beach toy
5. Salon treatment
9. Pollute
14. Teen's woe
15. Hideout
16. Arctic shelter
17. Conventions
19. Rent again
20. Octopus arm
21. Bother
22. Summer drink
23. Roped
25. Great success
26. Maker
31. Carbonated drink
34. Upper class
37. Coal pit
38. Woodsman's tools
39. Compass point (abbr.)
40. "Beware the \_\_\_ of March"
41. Track event
42. Agreements
44. Avian dwelling
45. Makes beloved
47. Id's partner
49. North African
52. Donkey
55. Hardly ever
59. Dissent
61. Escape
62. Card game for one
63. Evade
64. Still snoozing
65. Invitation letters
66. Make tea
67. Relinquish
68. Honey makers



### Down

- |                          |                      |                       |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Ziti, e.g.            | 21. Not there        | 46. Slumbering        |
| 2. Performed             | 24. Group of eight   | 48. Bothersome insect |
| 3. Foolish               | 25. Rapidity         | 50. Mud brick         |
| 4. Pre-Easter period     | 27. ___ acid         | 51. Angered           |
| 5. Appease               | 28. Ocean current    | 52. Ascend            |
| 6. Noblemen              | 29. Washington bills | 53. Dish out          |
| 7. Goes by taxi          | 30. Take five        | 54. Oozes             |
| 8. Married woman (abbr.) | 31. Identical        | 55. Lipstick shades   |
| 9. Ranting speech        | 32. Beasts of burden | 56. Loads (2 wds.)    |
| 10. Mellows              | 33. Act              | 57. Ill-mannered      |
| 11. Afflictions          | 35. Dog's tether     | 58. Outer limit       |
| 12. Christmas carol      | 36. Co. abbr.        | 60. Apparel           |
| 13. Handbag              | 42. Beseech          | 62. Cul-de-___        |
| 18. Artist Salvador ___  | 43. Beach            |                       |

# HOMework HELP



After School HOMEWORK HELP

Is available for students in  
6th – 12th Grades

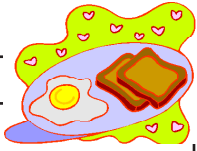
Tuesday's and Thursday's After school

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Room 209 Mrs. Murphy

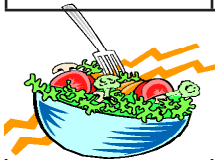


# ISD #2 Breakfast Menu March 2021



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	1 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	2 Maple Pancakes	3 Cereal Bar	4 Strawberry Bagel	5 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	
<b>Fruit, Juice and Milk served Daily</b>	8 Cereal Bar, Banana	9 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	10 Blueberry Muffin, Cheese Stick	11 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Graham Cracker	12 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	<b>Offer-vs-Serve</b> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of
14	15 Muffins, Yogurt	16 Maple Pancakes	17 Cereal, Grahams	18 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	19 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.
21 Menu subject to change at anytime	22 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	23 French Toast Loaf, Applesauce	24 Cereal Bar	25 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Graham Cracker	26 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	4 meal compo- nents are offered daily. Students must select a
28	29 Strawberry Pancakes	30 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	31 CC Muffin, Cheese Stick			One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.

# ISD #2 Lunch Menu March 2021



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	1 Stuffed Crust Pizza, Corn, Peas, Applesauce, Pineapple	2 Chicken Rice Soup Hot Ham & Cheese Veggies & Dip Applesauce	3 Salami & Cheese Sandwich, Pears Baked Chips, Veggies & Dip,	4 Spaghetti & Meatballs, Corn, Garlic Bread, Pears, Kiwi	5 Shrimp Poppers, Cali Veggie Blend, Rice, Roll, Pineapple, Orange	
<b>Offer-vs-Serve</b> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	8 Chicken Poppers, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Roll, Mixed Fruit, Apple	9 Sloppy Joes on a Bun, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Applesauce, Orange	10 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Chex Mix, Carrots & Dip, Apple	11 Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Breadstick, Peaches, Orange	12 Chicken Fajita w/ Fixings, Corn, Pineapple, Apple	13 <b>Fruit &amp; Milk Served Daily with Lunch</b>
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	15 Breaded Chicken Sandwich, L.T.O, Potato Wedges, Peppers & Dip, Applesauce	16 Turkey Taco w/ Fixings, Rice, Pineapples, Kiwi	17 Uncrustable, Banana, Peppers & Dip	18 Chicken Drumsticks Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Peas & Carrots, Mixed Fruit	19 Personal Pizza, Corn, Veggies & Dip, Kiwi, Orange	20
5 meal compo- nents are offered daily. Students must select a	22 Chicken Strips, Mixed Veggies, Rice, Roll, Pears, Apple	23 Chilli, Corn Bread, Veggies & Dip, Mixed Fruit, Kiwi	24 Ham & Cheese, Veggies & Dip, Baked Chips, Apple	25 <b>Farm 2 School</b>	26 Hot Dog or Brat on a bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Orange Applesauce	27
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	28 Cheese Burger on a Bun, Potato Wedges, Carrots, Peas, Orange	30 Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Goldfish, Veggies & Dip, Apple Mixed Fruit	31 Turkey Salami & Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Carrots & Dip, Applesauce			Menu subject to change at anytime

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**ISD #002 Hornet Activities March 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 GBB vs McGregor AWAY AB JH 5:45 BBB vs Bigfork HOME AB 5:45	2	3 BBB vs Northland- HOME AB 5:45	4 GBB vs South Ridge HOME AB JH 5:45	5 BBB vs Deer River HOME AB 5:45	6
7 Softball & Baseball 9-10 Basketball 5-8 OPEN GYM	8	9 NO ACTIVITIES FROM 6:00 - 8:00 pm	10 Volleyball 7-9 pm OPEN GYM	11 BBB vs Isle HOME AB 5:45 GBB vs Isle HOME AB 5:45	12 BBB vs LFBF HOME AB 5:45	13
14 Softball & Baseball 9-10 Basketball 5-8 OPEN GYM	15	16	17 Volleyball 7-9 pm OPEN GYM 	18	19	20
21 Softball & Baseball 9-10 Basketball 5-8 OPEN GYM	22 School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	23	24 Volleyball 7-9 pm OPEN GYM	25	26	27
28 Softball & Baseball 9-10 Basketball 5-8 OPEN GYM	29 	30	31 Volleyball 7-9 pm OPEN GYM	Seniors: You Only Have <b>39 Days</b> Left of High School	----- 	----->