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HILL CITY SCHOOL PROUDLY HONORS OUR LOCAL VETERANS



On Wednesday, November 11th we held our annual Veterans Day program here at Hill City School. We were honored to host more than 35 veterans, as well as many more community members.



Students and staff filled the gym with red, white and blue as the band and choir played beautiful, patriotic music. Lonnie Lee, a local Vietnam Veteran gave the Veterans Day address, and Dennis Lamke from the Palisade VFW introduced the writing and coloring contests that were completed by our students. Nate Andrews and Hunter Lou Ahonen read their winning essays, and the program closed with a beautiful and haunting performance of "Taps" by Noah Bishop.

Thanks to everyone for coming out to support our veterans!

See you next year!



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Committee Assignments for 2015

Committee

MSHSL

Negotiations Committee

System Accountability Committee

Community Education Advisory Council

Meet and Confer

Staff Development

School and Community Health Team

Recertification Committee

ARCC

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NESC Board

Safety/Transportation Committee

Athletic Advisory Committee

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Representative

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Sue Kaslow, Jay Zapzalka, and
Mark Meyer (Brent Welk, Alt.)

Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)

Mark Meyer (Joell Miranda, Alt.)

Mark Meyer and Bambi Lange
(Joell Miranda, Alt.)

Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)

Joell Miranda and Mark Meyer

Brent Welk

Sue Kaslow

Brent Welk

Sue Kaslow

Jay Zapzalka

Brent Welk, Jay Zapzalka, and Mark Meyer

Sue Kaslow (Bambi Lange, Alt.)

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

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 generally sent out by the 24th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Jessica at (218) 697-2394, ext. 101.

Itasca Alliance Against Sexual Assault Now Serving Aitkin County



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ITASCA ALLIANCE AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

OUR MISSION
To educate the community about sexual violence
and provide support for survivors

**Free and Confidential
24-hour Assistance
218-326-5008
218-927-6226
866-747-5008**

- emotional support groups
- medical/legal advocacy
- short-term counseling
- community referrals
- public 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Mark Meyer, Bambi Lange, Brent Welk, Jay Zapzalka, and Joell Miranda. Board Members absent: None. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Katie Godfrey, and Mendy Oukrop. Brent Welk left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2015;
 - *September 2015 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 10/09/15;
 - *Investments and wire transfers;
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
 - *Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. Approved the hiring of the following seasonal personnel for the 2015-2016 school year with a salary of \$30.00 per night: Tami Meyer as ticket taker for fall athletic events and David Lange as Field Down/Yard Judge.
4. Approved hiring Tami Meyer as Community Education Programmer starting October 1, 2015.
5. No comments and requests from visitors.
6. There was no report from the School Attorney.
7. Transportation Report: No report.
8. Swarm Student Leadership: Homecoming was very successful and concessions are going well.
9. Curriculum Committee: None to report.
10. School and Community Health Committee: They met on October 9, 2015. Updates on the Healthy Snack Cart, Girls' Health and Well Being Institute, and ECFE screenings.
11. Safety/Transportation Committee: Setting goals for the year to accomplish crisis procedures, door access, and safety data sheet updates.
12. Negotiation Committee: They will be looking at negotiation dates for some time in November and then early January for the new transportation contract.
13. Community Education Report: Jessica Lathrop has been working with Tami Meyer to bring her up to speed on the Community Education position.
14. Maintenance Supervisor report: The kitchen walk-in cooler broke down, but it was repaired and there was no food lost or spoiled.
15. Superintendent/Principal Report: IASC update: Superintendent/Principal Yocum and Bambi Lange

attended today's IASC meeting which focused on what a successful IASC should look like.

16. Approved to post and hire for a four hour 10-month janitor position.
17. Approved to post and hire for the lunchroom/playground/library aide position.
18. Approved to reduce the cook's helper/dishwasher position hours by a half hour, back down to 5 hours per day.
19. Approved to hire a temporary full time special education aide.
20. Approved hiring Holly Holt as full time teacher aide with pay as per current AFSCME Agreement.
21. Appointed Lange's Nursery and Landscaping for snowplowing services for the 2015-2016 school year at the rate of \$85.00 per hour for each piece of equipment.
22. Approved Fiscal Year 2015 Committed for Severance to be \$250,390.54.
23. 2016 MSBA Leadership Conference will be held on January 14-15, 2016. This will be revisited at the November Board meeting.
24. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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.

Sports Ticket Prices



Yearly passes for athletic events may be purchased from Jessica in the school office.

Season Passes will not be sold at the door!

Prices for the 2015-2016 school year are as follows:

Family Pass	\$60.00
College/Student Pass	\$25.00
Adult Pass (up to age 62)	\$35.00
Senior Citizen (age 62+)	\$15.00
Senior Citizen Couple	\$25.00

Single Ticket Prices

Adult (up to age 62)	\$ 5.00
Senior Citizen (age 62+)	\$ 3.00
Student	\$ 3.00

PTO Meeting Minutes October 7, 2015

Parents and Teachers present were: Joell Miranda, Tami Meyer, Diana Magner, Dorie Barnes, Kathy Carroll, Tara Mattson, Paula Vroman, and Dean Yocum. Joell called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

Teacher's Report: Preschool screening was at the end of September and for the first time there was 100% attendance. Rogue Valley performed for the kids today. They all seemed to enjoy the performance. The new math curriculum has been a learning curve but is going good. They are learning how using the iPad. Some are reading a book called "Fish in a Tree". They are reading this with students from other school. The healthy snack pilot program has been going good. The new laptop carts are being utilized by the different classrooms, this is the 2nd year for the arts grant. Shari Nelson, Stanley Mikles, Phil Kneeland, Diana Magner, Deb Murphy, and Katie Godfrey are paring up to do cross-over projects. Mid-quarter was yesterday. There has been a positive response to recess before lunch.

Election: It was decided to keep Joell as President and Tami as Secretary and if the need arises for a Vice President someone who is at the meeting will step into this position. **Monthly Report:** Tara handed out information on Title 1. She has changed things a little this year. Instead of taking groups of kids she is doing more 1 on 1 and 1 on 2. This has been working out a lot better. Next month we will have someone talk about the Wednesday afternoon program – (Marzono) Instructional Coaching. What the kids do while the teachers

are in their training/class and what the teachers are doing during this time. Tami has put the minutes from the last PTO meeting in the newsletter, it was decided to continue to do this.

Winter Carnival: The tentative date was set for January 25, 2015. Tami will check the basketball schedules and the school calendar to make sure this date works. We will start planning at the next meeting.

Spring Expo: We would like to keep it the same night as the Spring Concert. We will check with Mr. Kneeland. Some of the teachers requested starting earlier so that they can bring the kids to it. If we do food as a fundraiser than we need to advertise this better. We need to find some filler ideas for the slower time frames. We will form a committee in November or December to start working on the Spring EXPO.

Other Ideas: We want to set something up for not only the younger kids but get some organized activities for the secondary students also. Some ideas are: an athletic night, art night, game night and reading night. We will continue to work on this to get something set up for the winter months. Joell asked about the website. There is a group working on it. They are looking into what other schools use for their websites. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 4:00 pm in room 206. Childcare is available in the Early Childhood Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tami Meyer Secretary



**PTO Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2015**

Parents and Teachers present were: Joell Miranda, Tami Meyer, Diana Magner, Dorie Barnes, Kathy Carroll, Greg Tulla, Paula Vroman, and Amanda Zapzalka. Joell called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Teacher's Report:

•Some of the things they have been talking about during PLC are:

Grade specific groups (k - 3, 4 - 6 etc.)

Consistency Discipline

They did the first of the ABC awards

Picked the Students of the Month

Honor Roll Awards

Veteran's Day Program will be on the 11th at 9:30 am
The Palisade VFW is doing a coloring contest for the elementary kids and an essay contest for the middle and high school kids. There is cash prizes for the winners.

•Mrs. Magner's class will be doing "coins for vets" again this year.

•The end of the quarter is Friday. Conferences will be the evenings of the 17th and the 19th

•ECFE is still looking for more kids for the Tuesday classes.

•December 3rd is Make and Take from 3 – 5

•Elementary Holiday Concert will be on Friday
December 18th.

Monthly Report:

Diana talked a little about "Instructional Coaching", the Wednesday afternoon program that the teachers do. She will explain it in more detail at the next meeting and will have handouts and more information. Kathy talked about ECFE being specific to Minnesota. She talked about what it is and why it matters. And that there is a big push to keep it and that it is a very important program.

Winter Carnival:

The date is set for January 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Tami will talk with Steve St. Martin, Boys Basketball Head Coach, about them ending practice early. Tami will bring all the information on the carnival to the next meeting to set what we want to do. There is the new indoor recess equipment that we might be able to use also.

Spring Expo:

It was decided that we need to go back to the start time of 1:00 pm. Joell or Tami will contact Mr. Kneeland as to when the Spring Concert will be. We will have to start planning soon. If there is going to be dinner served it will have to be advertised better. We need to come up with some things for the "down" time. Maybe baton or

dance could do a couple routines each. Other Ideas:
Snow Snakes Snow Sculptures

We decided to do an athletic night for 6th - 12th grades with a tentative date of March 11th. Mr. Tulla will see what activities the kids would want to do. We would like to see a contest of some kind involving 3 or 4 activities. Pairing up older kids with the younger ones. Next year we will try and do something in early November and then again in the Spring. We are going to try and set up some kind of Art for the 6th – 12th graders in January or February. Kathy talked about FRED – Fathers Reading Every Day. This is something that the Father's read to their children and get a book to take home. Maybe we could set something up for this also. We will check and see if during the Spring Book fair we can do a "New Book Drive" to get books to hand out during this event. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 4:00 pm in room 206. Childcare is available in the Early Childhood Room.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Tami Meyer Secretary

**Hill City Middle and High
School Christmas Concerts**
Thursday, December 17th
7:00 pm in the
School Assembly



Elementary Holiday
Concert

Friday December 18th,
1:30 pm
School Gymnasium



Hornet Hive

Hill City School Store

School Supplies

Pencils



Hornet Apparel

Pens

Binders

Coming Soon

Folders

Erasers

OPEN:

8:00 am - 8:20 am
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Christmas Make and Take

When: Thursday, Dec. 3rd 3:30-5:00 pm

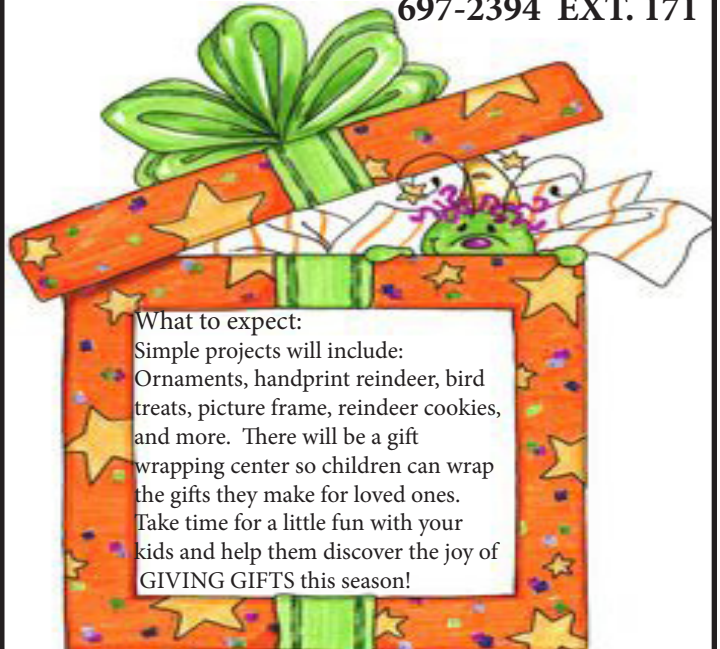
Where: Early Childhood and Community Rooms

Who: All families w/ children ages preschool - grade 3
CHILDREN MUST BE WITH AN ADULT

Cost: FREE

CALL KATHY FOR MORE DETAILS AT :

697-2394 EXT. 171



What to expect:

Simple projects will include:

Ornaments, handprint reindeer, bird treats, picture frame, reindeer cookies, and more. There will be a gift wrapping center so children can wrap the gifts they make for loved ones. Take time for a little fun with your kids and help them discover the joy of GIVING GIFTS this season!

Holiday Eating Tips



Holidays don't have to be a time for poor nutrition and activity. In fact, with just a little additions or modifications to your holiday, it can be a very healthy and active time for the whole family!

- Here is a list of our healthy holiday tips:
- Add a few extra fruits and vegetables to those holiday recipes and increase the vitamins and minerals your child will be eating.
- At a party or holiday event, indulge in your one favorite food. Take small portions of everything else.
- Keep your teeth extra happy this holiday and remember to brush them after meals.
- Reindeers love to eat lots of orange vegetables like carrots. It helps them see at night. Add an orange vegetable to your child's lunch or dinner!
- Are you baking some special holiday sweets? Try adding some raisins, nuts or bran for a healthier treat

City of Hill City
Regular Council Meeting
November 10, 2015

(These are Unapproved Minutes)

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

A. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. The following persons were present: Mayor Larry Baker, Council Members Tina Haugen, Audrey Baratto, Dave Lange and Nate Rollins

Staff present: George Casper, Diana McManigle, Jeff Madsen, Michael Boleman and Tom Fasteland. (Jeremy Nelson arrived at approximately 6:30 p.m.)

Public present: Neal Roettger, Nancy Grabko, Andy Nintzel and Britta Arendt.

2. Police Chief Madsen Police Chief Madsen had to attend the Council meeting in Remer at 7:00 p.m. so he had asked to “move up” on the agenda.

- Remer had expressed an interest in possibly having the Hill City Police Dept. working approximately 10 hr. per week in Remer to enforce their city ordinances. (Madsen had met with Remer’s Clerk and the Remer Mayor had given Hill City a letter about this). Madsen had contacted the League of Minnesota Cities and said that they had sample contracts for this sort of thing. Madsen felt that a committee should be formed with 2 of Hill City’s Council members, 2 of Remer’s Council members and the Clerks from both cities to see if this is feasible and to work some details.

- Madsen gave the Council a copy of the Police monthly report.

- Madsen also let the Council know that with contract for the Police Chief that Madsen just wants it to follow suit with what the rest of Hill City employees receive in their contract in the Union.

3. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Rollins to approve the Consent Agenda noting that Resolution #2015-118 really is #2015-18, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Council member Rollins and Mayor Baker agreed to be on the Police Department committee in working with the city of Remer.

4. Public Forum

A. Andy Nintzel & Britta Arndt – Grand Rapids Herald Review

Andy Nintzel and Britta Arndt from the Grand Rapids Herald Review were present to introduce themselves to the Council. They stated that they wanted to improve communications with Hill City and to try and get more coverage for the Hill City area. Andy and Britta will be serving as the “point people” for the Herald Review and Hill City. They would like to be notified of any items that are of interest, such as the possibility of Hill City providing some police coverage for the city of Remer, so that they can provide coverage of this.

B. Nancy Grabko – Housing Rehabilitation Grant
Nancy Grabko from CFS (Community Fundraising Solutions), was present to go over the DEED Small

Cities Development Program (SCDP) grant which she is writing for the City of Hill City to fund owner occupied rehabilitation of homes in Hill City. The pre-application for grant funds is due in by Thursday, November 12, 2015. It should be known by mid-December if CFS can go forward with the full grant application. If the grant is approved, the grant will be funded in early summer 2016. If the grant is approved Hill City is looking at rehabilitating 17 homes in Hill City with up to \$21,500.00 towards each home. To make the grant more comprehensive, Aitkin County HRA will be partnering with the City of Hill City for rehabilitation of their 12 low income homes in Hill City also. An inspector did a “curb side” inspection of 139 home in Hill city and discovered that 47 homes were in standard condition, 84 homes were suitable for rehabilitation and 8 house were dilapidated. The amount of leveraged resources plays a significant role in determining whether the project is funded or not. Aitkin county HRA has committed \$50,000.00 towards this grant, Lakes and Pines has committed approximately \$10,000.00 towards this grant and Hill City has \$6,752.78 in reserve from the last SCDP grant that the city had. Nancy Grabko asked the Council if the city could commit \$20,000.00 towards this grant.

Motion made by Lange to commit \$20,000.00 towards the SCDP grant, second by Baratto. Motion carried with all member present voting in favor.

Motion made by Rollins to approve Mayor Baker to sign the application for the SCDP grant, second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Nancy Grabko also stated that she gets paid out of the Administrative funds of the grant that is no cost to the city.

C. Jonathan Bishop – Water/Sewer at 331 Stoner Ave. Jonathan Bishop was not present so there was no action on this.

5. Addition or Corrections to the Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

6. Reports

Maintenance/Water/Sewer/Parks/Airport/Streets

- George Casper reported that the new chlorine pumps are in and that the State would like to see the levels a little higher. Rural Water will be coming here to assist in this.

- There will be one more water hydrant flushing done next week (11/18/15). The plan is to flush every hydrant in town.

- Casper stated that a full sewer discharge has been done.

- Casper said that he was checking out the two new proposed RV sites on the north end of Hill Lake Park by Water Street. Per the State, no RV site can be within 25 feet of a Public Street. It is believed that Water Street at the north end of the park is considered a cart-way and not a street.

- Casper said that the culvert replacements and the dishing of the streets have been done.

Fire Department

- Fire Chief Nelson reported that the Fire Dept. had made some changes. They eliminated the Fire Marshall and added a 4th Captain. The four Captains will be in charge of training next year. Fire Chief Nelson also passed out the pay scale for the officers and the Captains to the Council.

Motion made by Baker to approve the Fire Dept. eliminating the Fire Marshall position and adding a Captain, second by Rollins. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor,

Motion made by Rollins to approve the new pay scale for the Fire Dept. Officers and Captains, second by Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

- Fire Chief Nelson also reported that there were 3 calls last month and 1 so far this month.

Police Department

This report was made at the beginning of the meeting. Mayor

- Mayor Baker state that we had made it through summer and now George's busy time for plowing was about to begin. Baker also said that everyone was doing a great job.

Clerk

- Clerk McManigle let the Council know that her computer backup/surge protector had quit working and did the Council want her to try and get it fixed or purchase a new one. The Council told her to purchase a new one.

- Clerk McManigle said that with the newsletter going out later this month, and the office having the new credit/debit card program up and running, that the office needed some assistance in getting the credit/debit card link loaded onto the city's web site. Mayor Baker will be coming in to get this link on the web site.

- Clerk McManigle let the Council know that the State had notified the city that the Pay Equity report for the city will be due Jan. 31, 2016 for wages and benefits paid as of Dec.31, 2015.

Council

- Council member Haugen wanted to thank everyone for their work with the Hill Lake Park as the parks numbers were up from prior years.

- Council member Baratto stated that the offices were not being cleaned as they should be. Clerk McManigle was to email all of the Council of who the "cleaning person's" supervisor was.

Committees

There was nothing reported

7. Old Business

A. PD coverage in Remer

This was already discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

B.Union Contract

- Neal Reottger was present and had questions for the Council about the levy amount of the city and the fact that it hasn't been increased the levy in 7 to 8 years. He also wanted to know if the Council knew how

much over levy the city was spending each year. Neal stated that he did not believe that the Council should try to cover part of the overage of spending through the employee's Union contract. There was more discussion between the Council and Neal.

- The Council had met previously in a closed meetings to make changes to the proposed Union Contract submitted to them. (Mayor Baker was absent from these meetings so was not aware of what the changes were). Another closed meeting needs to be set-up with the Council and with the Union for further negotiations. Motion made by Rollins to approve the changes that the Council had made to the Union Contract, pending Mayor Baker approves the changes, and submit the changes to the Union for further negotiations, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

8. New Business

A. Approve Liquor licenses

Motion made by Lange to approve all Liquor licenses pending all necessary paperwork, information, etc. has been submitted, second by Rollins. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

B. Water/Sewer Assessments

Motion made by Rollins to approve the delinquent Water/Sewer assessments be submitted to the County if not paid before November 24, 2015, second by Baratto. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

C. Police Chief's Contract

- The Police Chief's contract will be looked at when the Union employee's contract is looked at.

D. Building Permit – Harry's Bar

- Motion made by Rollins to approve the Building Permit for Harry's Bar, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Motion made by Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m., second by Haugen.

Respectfully Submitted

Diana McManigle, Clerk/Treasurer
Larry Baker, Mayor



ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #12:
School
Boundaries**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when school provides clear rules and consequences.

46%
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. "School boundaries" 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.

Working Together to Form Boundaries

An assistant principal of a middle school in Colorado was fed up with discipline problems. So many students were behaving badly that he expelled 97 of them.

Then the assistant principal was suspended. Why?

Because while some parents and teachers supported his action, many thought the expulsions were too extreme and poorly handled. They demanded his suspension because they felt he was using unusually harsh punishment to enforce school boundaries.

All schools need boundaries. They need to set clear standards and expectations for how students should act and learn. Yet setting these standards isn't easy—and neither is enforcing them. Many schools grapple with how to discipline students in appropriate and effective ways.

As a parent you can help the process by working with your child's school. Encourage your school to create a conduct code at the beginning of the year, review the code with the students, and send a copy of it home to inform parents. Suggest that students help in



creating the code. For example, Streetwater High in National City, California, created "The Link Crew"—twelfth graders who explained the dos and don'ts of behavior to new students and talked with students with whom teachers were struggling. Grades and attendance improved, and fewer new students spent time in the principal's office.

When parents and educators work together, they can create a supportive environment for establishing and enforcing school boundaries. And the more families, schools, and communities work together to establish consistent boundaries, the better off our children will be because they will know what to expect.

Helpful Hints

Tips that make creating clear school boundaries easier:

- **Get involved in a parent-teacher policy organization.**
- **Focus on the positive and build on what's working.**
- **When conflicts occur, don't be pushy. Calmly state your concern and suggest solutions.**

Evaluate Your Child's School

Inform yourself about school boundaries by visiting your child's school and asking yourself these questions:

- Overall, how are students behaving?
- How do adults and students interact with each other?
- When conflicts occur, how are they resolved?
- How do the school boundaries you observe match the boundaries you have at home?

What's Your View?

Public Agenda interviewed more than 1,100 Americans about education reform. They found that:

- 54% say teachers are doing either a "fair" or "poor" job dealing with discipline.
- 52% say it is a serious problem that local public schools aren't teaching good work habits, such as being on time and doing homework.
- 49% say the worst-behaved students are getting most of the attention.

Do you agree with these statements when you think about the education your child is getting? Why or why not? Contact the president of your school-parent group (such as a PTA or PTO) and raise these issues. Or talk to the principal or a teacher. Discuss how parents and educators can work together and make school boundaries an issue people feel good about.



Quick Tip:
Children learn better when school boundaries are clear.

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Are the rules at your school clear? Why or why not?
- Do you feel your school's consequences for violating rules are fair? Why or why not?
- How would you make school boundaries and consequences more clear?



More Stuff You Can Use

A Parent's Guide to Innovative Education. This book offers positive strategies for how parents and children can bring out the best in their schools. (Available from The Noble Press, Inc., 1020 South Wabash Avenue, Suite 4D, Chicago, IL 60605; 1-800-283-3572.)

Final Word

"Schools should be safe, orderly, and conducive to teaching and learning." —Jean Johnson and John Immerwahr, authors of *First Things First: What Americans Expect from the Public Schools*

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Parents Afternoon Out!

Do you have some last minute shopping you just wish you could finish? Or maybe you would just like a peaceful afternoon before all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season starts. Whatever the reason, feel free to drop off your child to spend the day with us, GO KIDZ, at Hill City Assembly of God. We will be decorating Christmas cookies, we will be making a Christmas present and we will be playing some games and watching the movie "HOME".

This is for any child ages 4-5th grade
It will be held December 19th, 1-5pm

There is no charge, but you do need to register, by December 13th, so we will have enough supplies.
Please email Pastor Patty at

pattyv1960@gmail.com

Hope to see ya there!

Haypoint Jackpine Snowmobile Club Safety Training

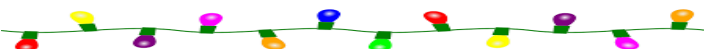
Once again this will be a CD based youth safety class. You must complete the CD training prior to the classroom review/performance test. The classroom review/performance test will be held on **Saturday, January 9, 2016 8:30 am - 1:00 pm** at the clubhouse on Hwy. 200 E. **A parent or guardian must accompany the student to register.** Cost is \$5.00 per student which is paid to the DNR after completion of the classroom. Class will be limited to 35 participants. Participants must be 11 years old and **MUST** have a printout of the voucher of completion of the CD with them the day of the classroom training. Each student will receive a snowmobile certification card when successfully completing this course or upon their 12th birthday. CD's may be obtained at the school office.

You must call (218) 256-9888 to pre-register.

Another option this year is an online course.

For additional information contact:

Jeff Hidde (218)256-9888



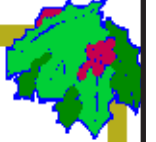


The Itasca Holiday Program

provides Toys and Food for needy families in the Hill City Area at Christmas Time.

You can help to support this endeavor by sending a donation to:

**Hill City Area Food Shelf
PO Box 437
Hill City MN 55748**



Hill City UMW Bazaar!

**Saturday, December 5
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Methodist Church
300 Ione Avenue
Hill City, MN**



Lunch will be available for \$5.00
Sloppy Joes and Homemade Pie
Items will include: crafts, cards,
bakery items, plants, white elephant, etc.



Hill City Archery



Tournament

Hill City School

Saturday January 9, 2016

Public welcome to attend.

The fun begins approx. 8am and ends approx. 5pm.

Approximately 500 students competed in our tournament last year from these area schools: MIB, Assumption Catholic (Hibbing), Northwoods, Grand Rapids, Mesabi East, Northern Lights Charter School, Ely, Cross Lake, Cromwell & Hawley

Don't forget to visit our concession stand that will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, taco in a bag, hot dogs and much more !! We will also be having a bake sale which will have a wonderful selection of baked goods for you & your family to enjoy!!

To find out more information, contact Joell at 218/259-6026

Sponsored by: Hill City Comm Ed, SCI & Hill City Archery Club



Basketball Open Gym

You will now be able to purchase a Season Pass for Open Gym or it is \$1.00 per night.

Season Pass Begins
December 6, 2015

Students:\$15.00 & Community:\$25.00

Purchase your Season Pass Today from Tami Meyer or See Season Pass Ad for mail-in instructions.

Join us every Sunday evening from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Hill City School Gym

For more information please contact Tami at 697-2394 ext. 172 or tmeyer@isd002.org



*If you wish to Purchase
an Open Gym Season Pass..*
Which includes:

OPEN GYM

SUNDAY 6-8pm (Basketball)
WEDNESDAY 7-9pm (Volleyball)

and (Excluding Holidays)

CARDIO ROOM

SUNDAY 6-8pm
WEDNESDAY 6-8pm

The season will start December 6, 2015

Students: \$15.00/Year
Community: \$25.00/Year

Return or Send Payment and this Form to the
School You will Recieve your pass at your next Visit to Open Gym

NAME: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____

500 Ione Ave. Hill City MN, 55748



*Adult Volleyball
Open Gym*

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*Join us every
Wednesday evening from
7:00pm 9:00pm in the
Hill City School Gym*

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697-2394 ext. 172 or tmeyer@isd002.org

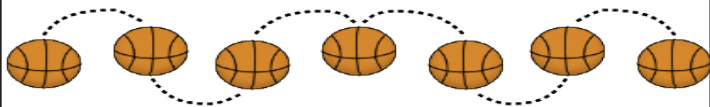


Looking for something to do this winter?

*Why not volunteer your time to Coach our
Elementary Boys or Girls Basketball Team...*

*Its only 1 to 2 days a week for a couple of
months, so if you are interested -*

*Please contact Tami Meyer at
tmeyer@isd002.org or 218-697-2394
Ext. 172*



AARP MN Driver Safety Program

4 Hour Refresher Class

Taking this class is an easy and sure way to reduce your motor vehicle insurance premiums. State law requires all auto insurance providers to reduce premiums by 10% for policyholders who are 55 or older, when a certificate of class completion is provided to them. If you have never taken the class before, you need to take the initial 8-hour class first, and then every three years the 4-hour refresher is taken. No tests are given. All participants will be issued a certificate at the end of the class. You must have a valid driver's license with you at the beginning of the class so that a certificate can be issued.

4 hr Refresher Class: **January 20, 2016** 5-9pm

Location: Hill City School, Room 206

Min. # Required: 8

Max. #: 30

Cost: \$12 for members

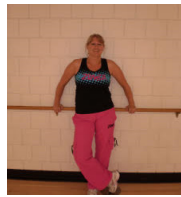
\$14 for non members

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Register by sending in this form or calling the Community Ed. office, but you should bring your payment to the class. For questions concerning this class, please contact Tami Meyer Hill City Community Ed. at 697-2394 X172.



Zumba Fitness



Ditch the workout and join the party! Zumba is a dance fitness class based on Latin and International music. A complete body workout and toning using dance and fitness moves to salsa, meringue, cha-cha and many other rhythms. Easy to follow moves - no dance experience or partner is necessary. Comfortable clothing and workout shoes are recommended - you will sweat! Bring water bottle and towel.

Instructor: Katie Thies, a licensed Zumba instructor through Zumba Fitness (Also Teaches at the YMCA)

Date: Mondays, Nov.23rd-Jan.18th.

No class Dec.7th (8 Weeks Sessions)

Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Location: **Northland High School Cafeteria in Remer**

Fee: \$65 (Per 8 Week session) (10 min to hold class)

ZUMBA

Name _____
Email: _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

Phone _____
Fee enclosed: _____ \$65.00 _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Participants signature _____

Date _____

Mail forms and fees to : Northland Community
Education 316 main street East room 127
Remer, MN 56672 or

* Drop off at the **Northland High school or
Elementary office & mark Community
Education.**

Community Education nor School District 118 will be held liable for injuries incurred at the school.



Jacobson Community Center

Christmas Party

Saturday
December 5, 2015

4:30 p.m.

Potluck
Entertainment

Santa's coming!

Everyone Welcome

Admission Free



3 miles south of
Highway 200 on the
Great River Road



All Seniors are invited to Jacobson Seniors' Holiday Party

Thurs. December 10, 2015

**For a noon Potluck
Pork roast provided
Everyone welcome
Come anytime after 10:00
for cards or conversation.
R.S.V.P. Arlene 752-1515**

Organizations and Events

Jacobson Community Christmas Party

December 5, Saturday

Potluck

4:30 p.m.

Entertainment

Santa's Coming

Everyone is Welcome

Admission Free

At Jacobson Community Center



Jacobson Seniors Holiday Luncheon

December 10, Thursday At noon
Potluck: we provide the pork roast,
You bring complimentary potluck

Join us from 10:00 on

Holiday Bingo following lunch

All Seniors are welcome

At Jacobson Community Center

Jacobson Seniors

Seniors regularly meet every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a potluck at noon. Come for the cards, coffee and conversation

Jacobson Civic Club

Will meet at 1:00 at the Colony Square Party Room. Hostesses, Charlotte Henningsgaard and Shirley Carlson. December 14, 2015. Want to join us? Call Marsha 218-259-3111.

Ball Bluff Township

Ball Bluff Board Meeting Thursday, December 10, 2015, at the Jacobson Community Center for the Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. All residents are encouraged to come and participate.

Jacobson Community Center Hall and Kitchen

is available for rental. Call Karen at 752-6555.

ECR Library Outreach Program will be meeting every other Thursday at 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. at the Jacobson Community Center Dec 3

and 17 and 31. Want to join the book club? It meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Community Center. Call Harriet for more information, 752-6699.

Jacobson Food Shelf

On **December 3 and 17**, the food shelf will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. at Carmel Lutheran Church. On the 17th, we will be giving out Christmas boxes for each household and presents for the children in the families. If anyone would like to donate towards the cost of these groceries that would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be brought to Carmel Church on Sundays between 10:30 and 1:30. Checks may be made out to Jacobson Food Shelf, 60346 240 Ave., Jacobson, MN 55752 or PO Box 616.

For further information or help, call 218-426-4799 or 752-1062 or 752-6618.

Jacobson Fire & Rescue

Interested in Joining the Jacobson Volunteer Fire and Rescue?

Call Chief Dale Thompson 752-6560

Meetings are at the Fire Hall at 7:00

1st Thursday monthly: Business Meeting

3rd Thursday monthly: 1st Responder & Fire Training

Jacobson Churches

Jacobson Community Church

The public is invited to the "little white church in downtown Jacobson."

Sunday mornings:

9:30 a.m. to 10:20 Sunday School for all ages

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Worship

Bible study on Wed. nights at 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

More details will be posted later on our Face book page or on the Jacobson News website.

Carmel Lutheran Church Everyone welcome.

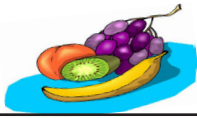
**Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m.
December 24, 2015**

Sunday mornings:

11:00-Worship, 12:00-Fellowship

WELCA meets the 1st Wednesday of the month @ 9:30. Council meets 2nd Thurs. of the month @ 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Mark Wagner 218-246-3179



ISD #2 Breakfast Menu December 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast - Offer-vs-Serve Build a healthy Meal. Select a		1 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Yogurt	2 Mini Waffles Cereal, Graham Cracker, Cheese Stick	3 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Cheese Stick	4 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	5
6) full or 1/2 serving of fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal	7 Bl. Muffins, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Yogurt	8 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Cheese Stick	9 Maple Pancakes, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Yogurt	10 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Yogurt	11 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	12 Fruit, Juice & Milk Served Daily with Breakfast
13) components. 5 meal comp. are offered daily. Students must	14 Apple Cinnamon Muffins, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Yogurt	15 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Yogurt	16 Strawberry Pancakes, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Cheese Stick	17 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Cheese Stick	18 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	19
20) select a min. of 3. One of the meal components	21 Muffin Variety, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Yogurt	22 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Cheese Stick	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 Menu subject to change at anytime
27) must be a fruit or veggie.	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL		



ISD #2 Lunch Menu December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Tomato Soup, Gr. Cheese, Gold Fish Crackers, Salad	2 Shrimp Poppers, WG Dinner Roll, Coleslaw, Veggies	3 Chicken ala King, WG Buttermilk, Biscuit, Peas	4 Hamburger, WG Bun, Tater Tots, Green Beans	5
6	7 Chicken Strips, Cali Veggie Blend, Sw. Potato Tots	8 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Gr. Beans or Corn Garlic Breadstick	9 Ch. & Rice Soup, Goldfish Cracker Ham & Cheese Sandwich	10 Beef Taco w/ Fixings, Refried Beans, Corn	11 Fish Patty, WG Hoagie Roll, Peas, French Fries	12 Fruit & Milk served daily with Lunch
13	14 Chicken Nuggets, Rice, Peas & Carrots	15 Chicken w/Rotini Pasta, WG Breadstick, Marinara, Gr. Beans	16 Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, WG Roll	17 Turkey Taco, Fixings, Bl. Bean Salsa, Peas	18 Stuffed Crust Pizza, Salad Bar, Cookie	19
20	21 WG Br. Chicken Patty, WG Bun, Lettuce, Tomato Tater Tots, Carrots	22 Turkey HotDog, WG Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26
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Local Boxholder Hill City, MN 55748



ISD #2 Activities December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BBB vs McGregor Home 5:45 AB JH	2 VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A&B	3 GBB & BBB vs Sebek Away 6:00 AB	4	5
6 BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	7 GBB vs Laporte Home 6:00 A JH	8 BBB vs Northland Home 5:45 AB JH	9 VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A&B	10 GBB & BBB vs Walker Away 6:00 AB	11	12 GBB & BBB vs Ely Home 5:45 A
13 BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	14 BBB vs Deer River Away 5:45 AB JH	15 GBB & BBB vs Wrenshall Away 5:45 A	16 VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A&B	17	18	19
20 BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	21 BBB vs E. Central Away 5:45 AB	22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26
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