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Change for Vets



At the Veteran's Day program on November 11th, Diana Magner's fifth grade class introduced their fundraiser: Change for Vets. For the next week, they collected change in jugs that they had placed in every classroom in the school. Then they hauled the change to Woodland Bank, where it was counted. At the close of the fundraiser, they had raised \$400! This was used to purchase four gas/grocery certificates which were mailed to some area veterans in our school district. The 5th grade would like to thank everyone for participating and helping to raise this money to help and honor some of our local heroes!

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Committee Assignments for 2013

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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
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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

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 27th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Brandi at (218) 697-2394, ext. 160.

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- 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 Tom Fasteland at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2013.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Martha Lentz, Tom Fasteland, Sue Kaslow, Mark Meyer, Brent Welk, and Jessica Lathrop. Board Members absent: None. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill, Auditors Robert Althoff and Scott Giere, and a few visitors.

1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 28, 2013;
 - *Minutes of the Closed Negotiation Strategy Meeting of November 6, 2013;
 - *October 2013 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 11/08/13;
 - *Investments and wire transfers;
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
 - *Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. Approved the 2012-2013 Audit Report.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Transportation is going well.
6. Student Council: They voted to join the State Division of Student Council. They will be helping set up for the Community Thanksgiving.
7. System Accountability Committee: Jessica Lathrop reported that they discussed the parent survey to be used on parent portal.
8. School and Community Health Committee: Martha Lentz reported on a presentation by Stacy Durgin on health improvement. Hill City School is doing well as we still provide recess and physical education to our elementary students. Also discussed was the school and community garden and problems with the care as gardening is done over the summer months. The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2014.
9. Safety/Transportation Committee: Eric Hill reported they discussed an after school emergency plan. Some of our emergency lighting is being replaced with energy efficient LED lights. Also discussed was the McNeil Environmental contract and how we are not being serviced by McNeil.
10. Negotiations Committee: Dates need to be set for negotiations.
11. Community Education Report: Jessica Lathrop reported that Community Education is still looking for a boys' elementary basketball coach. The school is still waiting to hear back on the Kids Plus Grant.
12. Maintenance Supervisor report: Approved to post for a temporary part/time janitor for 0 to 40 hours per week.
13. Superintendent/Principal Yocum reported there will be an area wide IASC meeting at Timberlake Lodge for all board members on December 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
14. Approved putting the old weight equipment out for bids.
15. Lisa Canella presented technology initiatives through i-pads in changing education.

16. Approved to allow the district to pursue i-pad technology in the classroom.
17. Nominated Sue Kaslow for NESC Board.
18. There was no interest by the Board Members for the ARDC board nomination.
19. Approved the final seniority list for the 2013-2014 school year.
20. Approved hiring Dale Majerus as Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2013-2014 school year with pay as per current HCUE Master Agreement.
21. Approved hiring Jordan Persons as Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2013-2014 school year with pay as per current HCUE Master Agreement.
22. Approved hiring Chad Lathrop as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2013-2014 school year with pay as per current HCUE Master Agreement.
23. Approved hiring Joni Tobeck as Early Childhood Teacher for Early Start, School Readiness, and Early Learning for the 2013-2014 school year as per grants, accept Joni's resignation as paraprofessional effective with the start of Early Learning, and to post for a paraprofessional.
24. Approved hiring Laurie Holm as Girls' Basketball Score Bookkeeper, Alan Olson as Girls' and Boys' Basketball Scoreboard Operator, Deb Murphy as Boys' Basketball Score Bookkeeper, and Patty Valley and Tami Meyer as Ticket takers for winter sports for the 2013-2014 school year with a salary of \$25.00 per night.
25. IASC Governing Board meeting on Tuesday, December 10 at 5 p.m. at Timberlake Lodge.
26. The Regular Board Meeting in December is December 17, 2013 at 6:01 p.m.
27. 2014 MSBA Leadership Conference will be held on January 16-17, 2014.
28. Setting the date for the Organizational Meeting in January 2014 was tabled until the December Board meeting.
29. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Workshop of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Tom Fasteland at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2013.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Martha Lentz, Jessica Lathrop, and Tom Fasteland. Board Members absent: Mark Meyer and Brent Welk. Brent Welk arrived at 7:25 p.m. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum and Business Manager Ellie Hill.

1. Business Manager Ellie Hill presented the Truth in Taxation documents.
2. The Workshop adjourned at 8:13 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.

Meet Our New Teachers

Jim Scherping, Business Education Teacher



Where did you teach last year and in what position? I taught last year in Floodwood in the High School EBD department.

Where are you from? A small northwestern MN town, Waubun.

What licenses do you hold? I hold a K-12 Business Ed. License and a k-12 EBD License.

What are your educational interests (classroom)? Technology and preparing students with 21 century skills, to improve their working lives. I want students to be problem-solvers, forward thinkers, and good citizens.

Extra-curricular interests (sports, clubs, groups, etc)? I am currently not coaching sports, in the past I have coached various levels of football and basketball. I am also the new BPA advisor, with Mrs. Holm.

Where did you graduate college? With what degree? I graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead with a degree in Business Ed. I hold a Master in Education from St. Mary's University, Minneapolis, and a license in EBD from Bethel University.

What are your interests outside of school? My family loves to hunt, fish, camp, etc...pretty much anything outdoors. Sports are a huge part of our lives as well.

Why Hill City School? What drew you here? I was a business teacher for many years in White Bear Lake, MN and when a Business Ed.. position opened up in Hill City I jumped at the chance to apply.

First impressions of Hill City School: Very friendly and positive place with a lot of school and community pride.

Anything else you'd like to share? I am very excited to be here!

Patti Schmidt, Special Education Teacher



What licenses do you hold? I have in two Special Education teaching licenses: Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities, and Specific Learning Disabilities.

Where are you from? I was born and raised in Grand Rapids, graduating from High School there. I spent a couple of years right after high school in St. Paul and then one year in Kansas, before moving back home to Grand Rapids.

Where did you teach last year and in what position?

The last two years I taught Special Education, Learning Disabilities at Deer River High School. During the 2010-11 school year I co-taught in a remedial math program at Grand Rapids High School.

Before beginning my teaching career, I worked for over twenty years as a Special Education paraprofessional in the Grand Rapids School system, spending time working in all disabilities areas and with students in all grade levels.

What are your educational interests (classroom)?

I remember as a student not being able to understand some of the ideas teachers were trying to get across, especially in math. I kept trying to finding ways to solve problems that weren't necessarily the accepted way to get to the answer. Sometimes it was like a window would open all of a sudden and I would get it. I like helping others who have similar struggles. If we don't understand using one method, we can try different approaches and hope that eventually we find a way to open the window.

Extra-curricular interests (sports, clubs, groups, etc.)?

I am a sports enthusiast. I am getting too old to play them anymore, but I love being able to support the sports, performing arts, and academic teams of the school.

Where did you graduate college? With what degree?

When my kids were in college, they challenged me to try it and see what it was like. I began attending Itasca Community College in 2003, graduating from there with an Associates of Arts degree in July 2004. With the encouragement from my husband, I continued my college career at Bemidji State University, graduating in 2006 with a Bachelor's of Science in Native American Studies. In 2008 I returned to school, taking graduate courses in a Special Education teaching program through the University of Minnesota at Duluth. I completed that program in 2010, earning my EBD and SLD teaching licenses.

What are your interests outside of school?

I am a northern Minnesotan through and through. I enjoy having four seasons and the variety of activities that go along with them. I enjoy many outdoor activities like hunting, hiking, fishing, and gardening, but I also enjoy curling up with a good book on a rainy summer day or cold, snowy winter day.

Why Hill City School? What drew you here?

I played city league softball in Hill City in the 1990s, and was familiar with the area. My father and his siblings grew up in Hill City, and my grandparents lived here when I was a young child. I have wonderful childhood memories of spending the Fourth of July watching the parade, digging in the sawdust pile for nickels, and watching fireworks at my uncle's house.

I love the feeling of closeness in the small community. There is a hometown pride that isn't found in larger towns. This is a wonderful school and community, and each supports the other!

First impressions of Hill City School:

The staff of Hill City School cares; about the children they work with every day, the children they have taught in the past, those that will be coming up in the future, and the families of all those students.

Along with an all star staff, Hill City also has a great group of students. They are involved in their education. These kids are setting goals for themselves and striving to reach them.

I can see many strong relationships have been built between the staff and students that go beyond the classroom and the sports fields. These relationships are reaching beyond the hallways of Hill City High.

Anything else you'd like to share?

I am very appreciative of the welcoming, supportive community that you have allowed me to become a part of. I really like the way the school and community work together for the benefit of all members. I am excited to have been invited to become a part of this community.

Colby Gallagher, Industrial Education



Where did you teach last year and in what position?

I was shared time between Sleepy Eye and Springfield in SW MN for Industrial Technology over the last two years.

Where are you from?

Originally from Owatonna, MN but I lived in New Ulm, MN for the last four years.

What licenses do you hold?

Technology Education 5-12
Career & Technical Certified- Automotive Careers

Extra-curricular interests (sports, clubs, groups, etc)?

I am currently involved with football and supermileage club.

Tell us about your family:

I have been married 3 years to my wife Jackie. We have a 16 month old daughter Brynna and two dogs, Charlie (choc.lab) and Avery (Springer).

Where did you graduate college? With what degree?

I graduated in 2009 from Bemidji State University with a Bachelor of Sciences in Technology Education.

What are your interests outside of school?

I am interested in all varieties of hunting and fishing.

Why Hill City School? What drew you here?

I came here for the small school atmosphere where the students can greatly benefit from Technology Education. Also my family owns a cabin outside of Palisade, so I was familiar with the area and have enjoyed spending the different seasons here.

First impressions of Hill City School:

Small but nice! Everyone has been very helpful with transitioning into the district and making me feel welcomed.

Anything else you'd like to share?

We are constantly looking for projects big and small for Construction, Small Engines and Welding. If you have anything you'd like done, contact me at the school and we can discuss it.

ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #6:
Parent
Involvement
in Schooling**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when their parents are involved in their education and school.

29%
*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. "Parent involvement in schooling" is one of six support assets.

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

Becoming a School Partner

It's a downward trend. As children start kindergarten, parents are quite involved with their education. We attend parent-teacher conferences, cheer on our children at school concerts and events, and hang up schoolwork in the family kitchen gallery: the refrigerator.

As children become older, parents grow farther away from school. Kids seems to be doing well without our involvement. They're supposed to be independent. Right?

Yes, but not by a parental retreat. Kids need their parents to stay actively involved in their education throughout middle and high school.

Parents can easily stay involved in small ways that will make a big difference. For example:

- Maintain ongoing communication with your child's teacher(s). Call to check in every other month. Call before trouble appears.
- Join a parent teacher organization. If you can't volunteer a lot of time, say so.
- Volunteer to help out in small ways. Check with the teacher or the school's volunteer coordinator.



- Attend all conferences. If you can't make it on the designated date, arrange to meet at another time.
- Talk with your child about her or his homework—focus more on the issues and topics than specific assignments.

time together

Three ways to get more involved with your child's education:

1. Encourage your child's teacher to meet with both you and your child so that everyone can have a say in expectations and goals.
2. Go to a museum to look at exhibits that are related to your child's class.
3. Together create a thank-you note or small gift for your child to give to the teacher.

The CHALLENGE

Most youth don't have parents who are active in their schooling. Only 29% of young people experience this asset. And involvement drops dramatically across the middle and high school years, from 44% of 6th graders having this asset to only 17% of 12th graders.

Benefits of Staying Involved



When parents participate in their children's education—even in small ways—children can reap great benefits. Search Institute researchers found that when parents stay involved, young people are:

- *Motivated to do well in school.*
- *More committed to pursuing education after high school.*
- *Less likely to use alcohol, become violent, or engage in anti-social behaviors.*
- *More likely to be involved in positive school activities.*

Quick Tip:
Ask your child daily about what happened in school.

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

More Stuff You Can Use

The U.S. Department of Education has a number of free publications on family involvement in learning available by calling 1-800-415A LEARN.

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- *In what ways would you like me (us) to be involved with your school?*
- *What do you like about other parents who help out at school?*
- *What would make school more enjoyable to you?*

FINAL WORD

"Forge a partnership with your child's other educators from the start."

—Jacquyn Saunders, author of *Bringing Out the Best*, a parenting book

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Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Parents Can Use to Help Children Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

1. Help your child set a goal for this year.
2. Make a *rebus* with your child—a story that replaces some words with pictures.
3. Ask your child how she feels today. Talk about feelings.
4. Try eating with chopsticks tonight.
5. Have a family dinner by candlelight this week. Have each person share their favorite part of the day.
6. Ask your child to figure out how many miles your car goes on one gallon of gas.
7. Ask a librarian to recommend some award-winning books.
8. Ask your child to pick five words to describe himself.
9. Find something small enough to fit in your pocket. Have your child write a story about it.
10. Get in your pajamas early tonight and have a pajama party with your child.
11. Make an "emergency reading kit" for the car.
12. Talk about Internet safety with your child.
13. Discuss your child's courage. List times when she tackled challenges, such as learning to ride a bike.
14. Talk with your child about times when it's important to say "no," even to an adult.
15. Let your child pick what to wear and where to study today.
16. Ask your child about his earliest memories as a child.
17. Help your child set up dominos in a pattern and then have her knock them down.

18. Ask your child to read you an article while you make dinner.
19. Show your child which way is north, south, east and west.
20. Research another culture and plan an evening to celebrate it.
21. Watch for people who are laughing throughout your day.
22. Practice estimating. How many cookies in the package? How many carrots in the bag?
23. While in the car today, ask your child to guess how many passengers will be inside cars as they approach.
24. Help your child plan ahead. Talk about next weekend. What needs to be done to prepare for a family activity?
25. Look through a photo album with your child. Tell stories about the people in the pictures you see.
26. Ask your child what he would do if his friends dared him to steal a candy bar.
27. Set aside a half hour for writing with your child.
28. Enjoy some physical activity with your child.
29. Make a *chore chart* with your child. List chores she's responsible for and when they should be completed.
30. Ask your child, "What is one thing you are looking forward to?"
31. Ask your child how he helped others today.



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How Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

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Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



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Hill City Elementary School
Go Hornets!

Make learning resolutions for 2014

It's the start of a new year—and about halfway through the school year. So it's a good time to take stock and make any needed adjustments.

Talk with your child about how the school year is going. If you and your child set learning goals at the start of the year, review those. Is he making the progress you both would like? How can he make the rest of the school year even better?

Then make some learning resolutions. Here are a few to get you started:

- **Reduce screen time.** Briefly review all the time your child spends in front of a screen. How much time does he watch TV? Play computer games? Set a goal of reducing his total screen time to no more than two hours a day.
- **Spend more time reading.** There is no skill that will help him more in school. Reading gets better with practice. Make sure your child is reading every day. Encourage him to read about his interests: sports, his favorite musician or a hobby.
- **Return to routines.** Has your child's bedtime begun to slip later and later? Is your family's regular study time now not quite so regular? Go back to the routines you established at the beginning of the school year. Routines like these make life easier—and help kids do better in school.



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, "Daily Media Use Among Children," <http://kff.org/other/report/generation-m2-media-in-the-lives-of-8-to-18-year-olds/>.

Choose the best books to read aloud

No matter how old your child is, reading aloud is a wonderful way to spend time together—and to continue boosting reading skills. Choosing books to read with your child can be fun and rewarding. But it can also be overwhelming with so many shelves of library books.

To make better book selections, ask yourself:

- **Does this book relate** to my child's interests? Is it similar to something we have enjoyed in the past?
- **Will this book teach** my child new words? Each time you read a book with your child, you are helping her expand her vocabulary.
- **Is this story** one that my child could tell later? One reason that fairy tales remain popular is that they tell stories children love to hear again and again.

Source: M. Strickland and L. Abbott, "Experiencing the Early Reading Experience: Books, Strategies, and Concepts," *The Reading Teacher*, September 2010.

Calculators can help improve 'mental math'

Even though calculators are never far away, basic math skills are still important. Mental calculations stimulate thinking and build high-level math skills.

You can use a calculator to help your child practice mental math. Give him two three-digit numbers and ask him to estimate the total. After five seconds, let him use a calculator to check his answers.



As he gets faster, make the challenge even greater. While he does the math in his head, you use the calculator.

Source: D. Adams and M. Hamm, *Helping Students Who Struggle with Math and Science*, Roman & Littlefield Education.

Review the components of respect with your child

Learning to be respectful will help your child succeed in school and for the rest of her life. To build your child's respect for people and belongings:

- **Be** a role model.
- **Look** for examples of respectful people.
- **Treat** books and toys with respect.
- **Make** sure your child feels cared for and trusted—this builds her self-respect.

Source: S. McChesney, "Respect: How to teach it and how to show it," *teachology*, <http://teachology.com/08d4jwv>.

A healthy breakfast gets the day off to a good start

Research shows that children who eat breakfast have better attendance, concentrate better and have higher math scores.

For days when there isn't time to sit down for breakfast, have healthy grab-and-go options ready, like granola bars, dry cereal and fruit.



Source: Healthy Children, "The Case for Eating Breakfast," <http://family.com/054d6ay>.

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Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



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Q&A How can I teach my child about self-control?

Q: My six-year-old daughter just can't seem to control herself. If I tell her to clean up her room or start her homework, she dissolves into a full-blown tantrum. Her teacher says her behavior is not much better in school. What can I do?

A: No one—including your daughter—can be happy with her current behavior. Children need limits to feel safe. And while they're young, they need you to set the limits so that they can learn to control their own behavior.

Helping children learn self-control is a slow process. But it's not too late to start:

- **Help your child use her words** when she is feeling strong emotions. If she gets angry, she can say, "It makes me angry to have to turn off the TV." Those words are a signal to herself to stop, take a deep breath and calm down.
- **Prepare her for difficult situations.** Tell her that you understand how disappointed she is, but it's time to turn off the TV. Then remind her to stop, take a deep breath and stay calm.
- **Praise her when she stays in control.** Remind her that she is showing mature behavior, and that you are proud of her.
- **Model correct behavior.** "I'm upset because there's so much traffic. But I am going to take a deep breath and stay calm so I am in control."



Parent Quiz

Do you help your child use time wisely?

January is all about time. We turn over a new page on the calendar—and start a new year. This is a good month to review whether you are helping your child learn to use time wisely. Answer "yes" or "no" to each question.

1. **Do you develop** your child's sense of time? "Seven more days until Grandma comes."
2. **Do you create** a "count-down calendar" when your child is looking forward to something special? Cross off the days together.
3. **Do you use** the same method when he has a big project due? "Nine days until the Science Fair!"
4. **Do you break** big projects into small steps so it's not too overwhelming?
5. **Do you do** things at predictable times? Maintain regular bedtime and study time routines. Keep a calendar for things everyone has to do.

How did you do?

Each yes means you are helping your child develop a sense of time—and how to use it wisely. For each no, try that idea from the quiz.

•The great aim of education is not knowledge, but action.™
—Herbert Spencer

What teachers really think

Parents often wish they knew what teachers were thinking. What do they want students—and parents—to do? Teachers hope parents will:

- **Take responsibility** for study time. Teachers rely on parents to enforce rules about homework time.
- **Have high expectations.** Help your child set realistic goals, and expect that he will meet them.
- **Understand teachers' schedules.** Teachers want to communicate with parents, but sometimes their time is limited. Ask your child's teacher about the best way to get in touch with her.
- **Avoid absences.** Missing an occasional day is understandable. Missing a week should be due to an unusual circumstance.

Source: E. Taibbi, "What Teachers Wish Parents Knew," *Psychology Today*, <http://tinyurl.com/6td4b6>.

Ask questions to help your child stay organized

For many children, getting organized to do homework is tough. Ask your child these questions every day to help her focus:

- **Is the assignment clear?**
- **When is it due?**
- **Is it something you should finish today or is it a long-term assignment?**

Keep three traits in mind when it comes to discipline

The secret to great discipline involves three things: being *firm*, *fair* and *consistent*.

Imagine your child forgot her homework—again. Stay *firm* about your expectations. It is her responsibility to remember all of her things. Together, think of a *fair* way to help her remember her belongings, such as posting a checklist near the door. Be *consistent* in holding her responsible—and in complimenting her success!

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Organizations and Events

Come one come all to the **Jacobson Community Center's Annual** meeting on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 1:30 for coffee and conversation. The meeting is at 2:00 to discuss the past year and plan for 2014. We need your input to make next year the best.

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 on January 14th at 1:00 p.m. Hostess is Karen Mlaker and we will meet at the Jacobson Community Center. Want to join us? Call Marsha 326-6865.

Ball Bluff Township

Ball Bluff Board Meeting Thursday, January 9, 2013, 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 Vickie Herman 752-1511.

ECR Library Out Reach Program

Dec. 31st and January 14th and 28th at 10:00-10:30 at Jacobson Community Center

Jacobson Fire & Rescue

Interested in Joining the Jacobson Volunteer Fire and Rescue?

There will be free training for new recruits in January.

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 Food Shelf

Jacobson Food Shelf will be open on the first and third Thursday at Carmel Lutheran from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. January 2nd and 16th. For information or emergency service, call 218-426-4799 or 218-426-4712.

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. evenings at 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Carmel Lutheran Church

Everyone welcome.

Sunday mornings:

10:00 children's Sunday School
(1st & 3rd Sun)

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.

Interim Pastor Mark Wagner

218-246-3179

Elementary Winter Carnival

Monday, January 27

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
The little gym at the School

Come join us for a fun filled night of games. We will have bingo, toss games, candy walk, and much much more.

We will have prizes and snacks. This is a family event not a drop off event so please stay with your children.

Sponsored by PTO and Community ED

Attention readers and poetry lovers!

Here's an opportunity for you to pick up a great book,

“Where the North Winds blow: Poetry of Minnesota”, by Stacy Vellas.

There are several copies available.

For information contact

Dorothy Biskey (218) 697-2750

**READ
THE
BOOK**



"Do you need help applying for health insurance on the MNsure.org website? Lakes and Pines Community Action Council has appointments available with Joan Madsen Kirchner, a MNsure Certified Navigator, at the Hill City Community Center. The next available date is Friday, December 27th, Appointments are required. Call (320) 679-1800 ext. 160 to set up an appointment.

Or, if you have computer access you can log on to mnsure.org directly. If you run into a problem on the website you can get help through the MNsure assister line at 855-366-7873 or leave a message with a Lakes and Pines navigator, 800-832-6082, ext 119 and someone will get back to you.

To apply for health coverage you need to know your household income-your best estimate of your household's 2 week, monthly or annual income. You don't have to bring last years tax forms, but if you have them it could help. You will need to enter the Social Security numbers for household members applying for coverage, and those in your household not applying for coverage, to speed up the process. You need to know if your employer or your spouse's employer offers health coverage for you or your family and what the premium cost is to you for individual coverage, even if you don't accept it. You can have the employer to fill out the "Employer Coverage Tool" found at healthcare.gov.

"<https://www.mnsure.org/images/employer-health-coverage-form.pdf>

Hill City Baptist Bluegrass/Gospel sing-along

Friday January 3, 2014, 6:00 pm.

This is a potluck event and *EVERYONE* is invited!

Come just to enjoy the entertainment or
bring your instrument and play along!

SNOW PLOWING

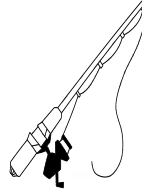
That fluffy white stuff in your way? Give me a call! I offer snow plowing services in Hill City, Jacobson, Swatara, Spang, and surrounding areas.

Services include:

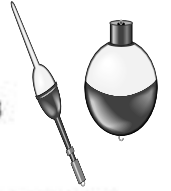
Driveways
Sidewalk Shoveling
Roofs
General Removal



Home: 218-697-8376
Cell: 1-218-398-2273
(Prefer calls after 3 p.m.)



IT'S COMING SOON THE HILL CITY AREA LION'S CLUB ICE FISHING CONTEST



The Hill City Area Lions Club will be hosting their 15th Annual Ice Fishing Contest on February 6th, 2014 from Noon - 3. pm on the south end of Hill Lake in Hill City, MN.

This is a fun filled family event and all are welcome to attend. The proceeds from the contest will go to the area communities. The cost is \$10 per hole up to 2 holes per person, but you may buy as many tickets as you wish. Tickets will be sold on the ice as you enter the contest.

The first 75 children 12 and under will be given a free rod and reel combo. There will be cash awards for the largest game fish, 1st largest \$200, 2nd largest \$100 and 3rd largest \$50. During the contest there will be continuous door prize drawings with over 150 door prizes to be given. During the contest there will also be some special door prizes given out so bring something odd or look up your wedding date as these will be fun prizes.

At the end of the contest, all tickets will be returned to the bucket for the Grand Prize drawings. The Grand Prize drawings will be for an 8" Eskimo Stingray Power Auger, a Vixlar EL-5 gear pack, a Quick Fish III portable fish house, a Buddy heater with hose and tank and finally a fishing bag filled with fishing gear.

There will be food and beverages available by the Hill City Senior Class, holes for fishing will be provided and you must use only the holes which are pre-drilled. The contest will be held in a designated area and all contestants must fish within that area. Fish houses are not allowed with in the contest area but may be set up outside of the circle. There will be bon fires to warm up and visit by as well as restrooms available.

So please come on out and enjoy the day with family and friends, and Thank You from the Hill City Area Lions Club.

Announcements

The Hill City Thrift Shop
will be closing on 12/28/13 at 5:00.

Our Grand Re-Opening will be
Thursday - Saturday, January 9-11, 2014,
under new management. No early sales.

Stop in for free coffee and cookies.



Hill City Junior Olympic Volleyball Fundraiser Tournament January 11, 2014



The Hill City Junior Olympic Volleyball program would like to welcome you to participate in a Co-Ed volleyball tournament.

When: January 11, 2014 - start time 9:00 am

Where: Hill City School

Cost: \$60 per team - due on or before the tournament date

Makes checks payable to **Hill City Community Ed**. Checks can be mailed to:

Community Ed Coordinator
Hill City School
500 Ione Ave
Hill City MN 55748

Registration: Team registration **deadline** is Wednesday, January 8th. Register your team with John Weyer at johnpeterweyer@yahoo.com or 218-256-2830

Rules:

- The number of teams participating will dictate tournament format (elimination, pool, or combo of both)
- Games will be played to 25 points. In instances where a 3rd game needs to be played, that game will be played to 15 points
- Teams will officiate their own games
- Net height will be played close to men's regulation height
- Each team must have at least 2 females on the court at all times

A full line of concessions will be available. All proceeds will go directly to the Hill City Junior Olympics Volleyball program.

Any questions or concerns please contact:
John Weyer at johnpeterweyer@yahoo.com
Or 218-256-2830





LEUKEMIA &
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PENNIES FOR
PATIENTS™



Hey Parents!

It's time to empty that coin jar, clean out those couch cushions and check your pockets for **Pennies for Patients!** Students are making change to beat cancer in this 23rd annual community service and cancer education program.

Beginning in January.....

Our school will be collecting spare change and other donations to support Pennies for Patients, a cancer education program and Fundraiser benefiting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Did you know?

- Every **4 minutes**, someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer. Every **10 minutes**, someone dies.
- **Leukemia** is the most common cancer in children less than 20 years old.
- Is it estimated that **1 of every 403 children** in the Midwest will be diagnosed with a cancer before age 15.
- LLS invests millions of dollars from Pennies for Patients in **research** and **patient services**. Every penny counts!
- In the early 1960s, only 1 in 25 children survived leukemia. Today, **more than 8 in 10** with acute lymphoblastic leukemia survive.
- Estimates indicate that there is **\$10.5 billion** in loose change sitting idle in American households!
- **Kids helping kids** makes all the difference!

We will be raising money in honor of student Heroes from MN, ND and SD who are survivors of leukemia or lymphoma (www.schoolandyouth.org/mn/heroes).

Here is one student's story.

Hero Ashley



My name is Ashley, and I was diagnosed with ALL (acute lymphoblastic leukemia) in January of 2011. I am done with treatment! I love love love the Minnesota Vikings and their cheerleaders! When I grow up, I want to be a nurse to take care of sick kids and then be the first ballerina on the moon! I love entertaining people and making them smile. I enjoy being a Hero for LLS to help raise money for research. "If you see a child with no hair, please be nice. It's ok to ask questions. Thank you for being my friend and for your support!"

Along with spare change, you can also send checks payable to LLS or Pennies for Patients. Every penny counts! And if you are ever in need of resources to help someone with a blood cancer, please contact us. We would be honored to help. For more information, contact our school coordinator, Jessica Lathrop at 218-697-2394 Ext 172 or Kelly from LLS at Kelly.Fegley@LLS.org, (888) 220-4440 or www.schoolandyouth.org/mn.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD! We can now donate online! Please pass this link along to your family and friends or post on your social media pages!

OUR SCHOOL'S LINK: <http://mn.sy.illsevent.org/HillCitySchool>



Kids Plus Korner

Kids Plus Student Board met and we gathered a couple new members!! YaY!!

We started on plans for the Winterfest Lock-in, (date is still in planning stages) but it sounds like it's gonna be FuN!!! Any volunteers that would like to help, even for just a bit of your time, please contact Jessica, we would sure appreciate your help!!!

Also...GOOD NEWS!!! The Northland Foundation (founders of Kids Plus) have awarded us with a

\$5000.00 grant!! To be used in being able to continue our Kids Plus events and with hopes of bringing back our Summer Camp Program, with new and improved

ideas! So, a great big - huge - **THANK YOU!!!!**

goes out to them! All of these events take time and money, and this is definitely a step in the right direction!

Thank you again **Northland Foundation!**

*Please Continue to watch for more Kids Plus Events and if you wish to help by volunteering time with your/our kids let us know! And if your a student in 7-12 grade there's Always room for you to join us, just watch and listen for our Meeting announcements!!
jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us or 218-697-2394 Ext. 172*

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

MONDAY-FRIDAY 6-8:30am

SUNDAY 6-8pm

WEDNESDAY 6-8pm

Students:\$10.00/session \$15.00/Yr

Community:\$20.00/session \$40.00/Yr

Family Pass: \$30.00/session \$60.00/Yr.

Session 2 Begins January 2 (If you have not purchased a full year then a new pass will be required at this time or before)

Return or Send Payment and this Form to the

School: You will receive your pass at your next visit to Open Gym

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

500 Ione Ave. Hill City MN, 55748



Basketball Open Gym

You will now be able to purchase a Season Pass for each session of Open Gym or the Whole Year.

Session 2 begins January 2, 2014

If you have not purchased a whole year Season Pass, a Session 2 pass will be required at that time or before.

Each session will be:

Students:\$10.00 & Community:\$20.00

(or \$15.00/year) (or \$40.00/year)

Family: \$30.00 (or \$60.00/year)

Family Pass for all members living within the household.

Purchase your Season Pass today from Jessica Lathrop 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 Jessica at:
697-2394 ext. 172 or jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us



Adult Volleyball Open Gym

You will now be able to purchase a Season Pass for each session of Open Gym.

Session 2 will begin January 2

If you have not purchased a whole year pass then a new one will be required at that time.

Students:\$10.00 & Community:\$20.00

(or \$15.00/year) (or \$40.00/year)

Family: \$ 30.00 /session or \$60.00/year

Purchase your Season Pass today from Jessica Lathrop or see *Season Pass Ad* for mail-in Instructions.

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

For more information please contact Jessica at:
697-2394 ext. 172 or jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us



JUDO (8 week class)

Judo is a self-defense sport in which students will learn basic holds, throws, break falls, safe falls, and balance. Learn confidence and self discipline all while having fun! If you've never taken Judo before now is a great time to start. Wear comfortable clothes.

Class will now only be offered on Wednesdays.

Fee: \$10.00 payable to Hill City Comm. Ed.
Instructor: Tony Erickson

Days: Wednesdays (Only)
Starts: Session 3 Wednesday January 15th
Ends: Wednesday March 8th
Times: Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Please bring forms and fee to start of practice or return them to the school with your child.

For Assistance with fees or Questions call Jessica
218-697-2394 X 172 or jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us



After School Art!

After School Art is being offered twice a month! It will be the *SECOND* and *FOURTH* Thursday of each month

3:15-4:30

Please Join us!

**It's a Great Program to
Expand your Creativity and
Share your Talents!**

Who: **ALL** students are invited!

Time: 3:15-4:30pm

Where: The Art Room

Cost: \$10 per month or \$35.00 for the remainder of the year
(There is a \$110.00 Cap on Yearly Registration for Families with Multiple Children)

This program does not require registration but it is helpful to determine the amount of supplies needed.

If you have any questions or need assistance with fees please contact Jessica at 697-2394 x. 172 or at jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us

JUDO

Registration: First Practice
for Each Class
FEE: \$10

Students Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Contact information:

Home Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

_____ has my permission to participate in the Judo Class.

_____ Wednesdays Class Available Only

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

Return this form, with fee made payable to:
Hill City Community Education
the night of the First Practice or to school with your Child

For assistance with class fees or questions concerning this class, please contact:

Jessica Lathrop Hill City Community Education
697-2394 Ext.172 or jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us

After School Art!

3:15-4:30pm

\$10 per month or \$35 for the remainder of the year

(There is a \$110.00 Cap on Yearly Registration for Families with Multiple Children)

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Contact Information:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ Rest of the Year

_____ Month by Month

_____ has my permission to participate in the After School Art program.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

If you have any questions or concerns please contact
Jessica at 697-2394 x. 172 or at
jlathrop@hillcity.k12.mn.us





ISD #2 Breakfast Menu January 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO SCHOOL	2 Oatmeal/Cereal Yogurt Fruit, Juice	3 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Fruit, Juice	4
5 Breakfast - OFFERED DAILY: Milk	6 Blueberry Muffin Yogurt Apple, Juice	7 Oatmeal/Cereal Cheese Stick Juice, Milk	8 French Toast Egg Patty Fruit, Juice	9 Oatmeal/Cereal Yogurt Fruit, Juice	10 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt Orange, Juice	11
12 Offer-vs-Serve	13 Flatbread Oranges Juice, Milk	14 Oatmeal/Cereal Cheese Stick Juice, Milk	15 Pancakes Sausage Fruit, Juice	16 Oatmeal/Cereal Yogurt Fruit, Juice	17 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Banana, Juice	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21 Oatmeal/Cereal Cheese Stick Juice, Milk	22 French Toast Sausage Fruit, Juice	23 Oatmeal/Cereal Yogurt Fruit, Juice	24 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt Apple, Juice	25
26	27 Muffin Cheese Stick Juice, Fruit	28 Oatmeal/Cereal Cheese Stick Juice, Milk	29 Pancakes Egg Patty Juice, Fruit	30 Oatmeal/Cereal Yogurt Fruit, Juice	31 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick Orange, Juice	Menu subject to change at anytime



ISD #2 Lunch Menu January 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO SCHOOL	2 Quesadilla Corn Apple/Pear Slices	3 Hamburger/Bun Tots, Peas Pears/ Peaches	4
5 Lunch - OFFERED DAILY: Milk, Salad Bar Choice of Fruit	6 Unbreaded Chicken Patty/Bun, Cheese Rice, Broccoli	7 Ham Au gratins Peas, Fruit Dinner Roll	8 Minestrone Soup Turkey or Ham- Sandwich	9 Chicken Taco Corn Salad Bar	10 Macaroni Hotdish Green Beans Salad Bar	11
12 Offer-vs-Serve	13 Chicken Nuggets Corn, Bun Mixed Fruit	14 Turkey Rice Soup, Ham & Cheese Sand	15 Chicken Pasta Mixed Veggies Fruit	16 Pizza Peas, Fruit Salad Bar	17 Fish Patty/WG bun Coleslaw Beans	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21 Burrito Carrots, Fruit Salad Bar	22 BBQ Chicken/ Bun, Peas Sweet Potato Fries	23 Chicken Fajita Peppers, Fruit Salad Bar	24 Sub Sandwich Corn Chips Fruit	25
26	27 Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun, Peas Tots or Fries	28 Wild Rice Soup Turkey Sandwich Salad Bar, Fruit	29 Chili Cornbread Oatmeal Cookie	30 Beef Taco Corn, Fruit Salad Bar	31 Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Coleslaw Potato Salad	Menu subject to change at anytime

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 Hill City, MN 55748

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Local Boxholder Hill City, MN 55748



ISD #2 Activities January 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO SCHOOL	2	3 BBB vs Ely AB Home 5:45 GBB vs Ely AB Home 5:45	4
5 Cardio 6-8 pm VB Open Gym 4-6 Gym A BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	6 Cardio 6-8:30 am GBB vs Deer River ABC Away 5:45	7 Cardio 6-8:30 am BBB vs Cherry ABC Home 5:45	8 Cardio 6-8:30 am VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	9 Org. Bd Mtg 7pm GBB vs Greenway ABC Away 5:45 BBB vs Fond-du-lac AB Away 5:45	10 Cardio 6-8:30 am BBB vs Southridge AB Home 5:45	11
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