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HILL CITY ELEMENTARY WINTER CARNIVAL

JANUARY 27TH

6:00 - 7:30 PM

*Bingo, bowling,
/imbo, and more*

ELEMENTARY GYM

*snacks and
prizes provided*

Come and Join us for a night filled with fun.

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For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

RADIO STATIONS

KKIN	Aitkin	930 AM
KKIN	Aitkin	94.3 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

**Honeywell's Instant
Alert 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 Patty at (218) 697-2394, ext. 104

Itasca Alliance Against Sexual Assault Now Serving Aitkin County



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

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24-hour Assistance
218-326-5008
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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 Greg Bounds at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2011.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Martha Lentz, Mike Murphy, Jodi Gulbraa, Greg Bounds, Sue Kaslow, and Tom Fasteland. Board Members absent: None. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Maintenance Supervisor Eric Hill, and Stanley Mikles.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Oct. 24, 2011;
 - *October 2011 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 11/09/11;
 - *Investments and wire transfers;
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
 - *Reviewed Cash Receipts.
3. Approved the 2010-2011 Audit Report.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Reviewed the updated bus driver list for the 2011-2012 school year.
6. No Student Council meeting to report.
7. No System Accountability meeting.
8. The School and Community Health Committee met on October 28, 2011. They reviewed the Walk to School Day on which about 90 students participated, discussed NESC Wellness Grant, and the Health Fair will be on March 23, 2012. The next meeting date was set for December 16, 2011.
9. Approved the 2011-2013 HCUE Master Agreement.
10. A Community Education report dated November 28, 2011 was handed out listing the classes being offered.
11. Maintenance reported the school is ready for winter and all of the ball fields have been aerated.
12. No Technology Coordinator update.
13. Discussion was held on the Athletic Communication Guidelines.
14. Approved the final seniority list for the 2011-2012 school year prior to the HCUE contract settlement.
15. Approved hiring Adam Johnson as 50% time and Chad Lathrop as 50% time Athletic Director effective January 1, 2012 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year with a salary to be set according to the current Master Agreement.
16. Approved hiring Laurie Holm as Girls' Basketball Score Bookkeeper, Alan Olson as Girls' and Boys' Basketball Scoreboard Operator, Mary Holsman as Boys' Basketball Score Bookkeeper, and Patty Valley

and Sandy Olson as ticket takers for winter sports for the 2011-2012 school year with a salary of \$25.00 per night.

17. The Board Workshop that was scheduled for November 30, 2011 is rescheduled to Monday, December 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
18. The Regular Board Meeting in December is December 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
19. The 2012 MSBA Leadership Conference is January 12-13, 2012.
20. Set the date for the Organizational Meeting in January 2012 for Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
21. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Workshop Session of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Vice Chairman Jodi Gulbraa at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011.

Roll call showed the following members present: Jodi Gulbraa, Sue Kaslow, Tom Fasteland, Martha Lentz, and Mike Murphy. Board Members absent: Greg Bounds. Also present were Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum and Business Manager Ellie Hill.

1. The following was reviewed: levy limitation, fund balances, and budgets.
2. Discussion was held on the negotiations of upcoming contracts.
3. Workshop adjourned at 7:22 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.

**2011 Minnesota Comprehensive
Assessment (MCA's)**

The 2011 MCA results for Hill City School District are available on the Minnesota Department of Education website. You can go to <http://education.state.mn.us/mde/index.html>, then choose "Just for Parents," "School Performance," and finally "How is my school doing?" for results. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like a paper copy, please feel free to contact Patty Sawdey at (218) 697-2394, ext. 104.



ABC AWARDS



(Academic, Behavior, Citizenship)

November 2011

Kindergarten

Brooklyn Harcey	Outstanding Behavior
Easton Kingsley	Good Citizenship and Super Effort
Emily Grimsbo	Math Award (100 Club – Counting to 100)
Jesse Porter	Math Award (100 Club – Counting to 100)
Isabella Meyers	Super Helper Award
Loren James	Improved Participation Award
Adrian Kingsley	Great Attitude Award

1st Grade – McDonald

Hayden Passig	Academic Award - Writing
Avery Grossman	Academic Award - Reading
Kenton Nickels	Academic Award – Math – 100% all year
Nick Meyers	Behavior Award – Super Effort in School
Saige Ahonen	Citizenship Award – Super Helper

1st Grade – Murphy

Ally Zapzalka	Academic Excellence
Tyler Kruk	Behavior Award – Being a great example to others
Isaiah Adkisson	Citizenship Award – Willing to help others

2nd Grade

Hunter Johnson	99% on math tests
Tory Landrus	Motivated Reader
Jonniya Borders	100% on math facts
Natalie Pederson	Reading/Writing improvement
LeRoy Porter	Resident Awesome Artist
Isaiah Pinksa	Fantastic reading fluency

3rd Grade

Hunter Lou Ahonen	Marvelous Math Student Award
Hailey Blanchard	Marvelous Math Student Award
Hunter Gerber	Helpful Student Award
Tucker Holm	Super Speller Award
Matt Clarke	Super Speller Award
Gwen Smith	Super Speller Award
Seth St. Martin	Super Speller Award

4th Grade

Zeke Bourman	Quarter 2 – 100% Vocabulary & Sept. Reading Log – 335 minutes
Hannah James	Quarter 2 – 100% Vocabulary & Oct. Reading Log – 600 minutes
Asher Grigsby	Quarter 1 – 100% Vocabulary
Bentley Jenkins	Sept. Reading Log – 335 minutes
Megan Lucas	Sept. Reading Log – 326 minutes
Rylee Mindrum	Oct. Reading Log – 628 minutes
Nathan Berg-Moore	Oct. Reading Log – 605 minutes

5th Grade

Katira Lutterman	Academic Award
Thomas Eisenmenger	Behavior Award
Taya Gilmer	Citizenship Award
Jarrett Lathrop	Dependability Award
Caitlyn Dunham	Effort Award
Kierra Nickels	Einstein Award – Grade 5
Izabella Bishop	Einstein Award – Grade 6

6th Grade

Fifth Grade Math:

Taya Gilmer	90% Math Club
Kierra Nickels	90% Math Club
Sigrid Jewett	90% Math Club
KC Martin	90% Math Club
Katira Lutterman	90% Math Club
Brianna Finke	90% Math Club
Delaney Finke	90% Math Club
Tanner Hopkins	90% Math Club
Thomas Eisenmenger	Behavior Award

Sixth Grade Math:

Izabella Bishop	Academic Award
Izabella Bishop	90% Math Club
Nathaniel Hilton	90% Math Club
Hailee Smith	90% Math Club
Nathaniel Hilton	Behavior Award



ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #32:
Planning
and
Decision
Making**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they know how to plan ahead and make choices.

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. "Planning and decision making" is one of five social competencies assets.

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

Planning, Deciding, and Acting

Six-year-old Tommy Tighe had a dream:

He wanted to create world peace. "Ever since I was four, I had a vision that I could cause peace in the world," he said. "I want to make a bumper sticker that says, PEACE, PLEASE! DO IT FOR US KIDS," signed Tommy."

So he developed this plan:

1. Call about the cost of printing bumper stickers.
2. Make a plan for a loan so that the printer can get paid.
3. Have bumper stickers printed.
4. Figure out how to tell people about the bumper stickers.
5. Get addresses of world leaders.
6. Write a letter to all of the presidents and leaders of other countries and send them each a free bumper sticker.
7. Talk to everyone about peace.
8. Call the newspaper and tell them about my business.
9. Arrange for a talk at my school.

Once he decided the plan was a good one, he acted on it. Soon Tommy had a picture of Mikhail Gorbachev, former president of the former Soviet Union, that included his autograph saying "Go for peace, Tommy." Tommy also sold a bumper sticker to former U.S. president Ronald Reagan.

He has since sold more than 2,500 of his bumper stickers and repaid his \$454 loan. Not only has he done well, his story appears in the best-selling book *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, and he also appeared on the Joan Rivers Show. When Joan Rivers asked if his bumper stickers really made a difference, he replied, "So far I've



had it out two years and got the Berlin Wall down. I'm doing pretty good, don't you think?"
(By the way, if you'd like to order one of Tommy's bumper stickers, send \$3.00 to Tommy Tighe, 17283 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.)

time together

Three ways to strengthen your child's planning and decision-making skills:

1. *When your child receives long-term assignments, offer to help her or him plan and make decisions in order to finish the assignment on time.*
2. *Give your teenager full responsibility for cooking a family meal once a month. Give your younger child specific tasks in meal preparation.*
3. *Model planning and decision making. Have lists and calendars visible in your home.*

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

Who Plans? Who Decides?

Write the names of family members who plan, decide, and do each of the following:

	Who plans?	Who decides?	Who does?
Family relaxation activities			
Meals			
Holiday celebrations			
Household chores			
Extracurricular involvement			

Who does most of the planning, decision making, and follow-through?
How can all family members be included in all areas?

Helpful Hints

Tips that build planning and decision-making skills in your child:

- Model planning and decision making daily. Talk about your experiences.
- Allow your child to make plans and decisions daily. Discuss their process and results.
- Remember that when children know how to plan, they're more apt to make their dreams come true.
- Celebrate your child's progress and accomplishments in decision-making and planning.

Quick Tip:

Planning and decision-making skills need daily practice.

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What steps do you go through before making a decision?
- How do you feel about your planning skills? How can we support and improve them?
- Which decisions are you currently struggling with? What plans do you need to make?

More Stuff You Can Use

The Life Smart Kid: Teaching Your Child to Use Good Judgment in Every Situation gives practical ways to help young people develop decision-making skills. (Available from Prima Publishing, 3075 Atherton Road, Rocklin, CA 95765; 1-800-632-8676.)

FINAL WORD

"Be an active listener and help your children make intelligent choices. Then be prepared to support them in pursuit of their goals."

—Darlene Powell Hopson, Ph.D., and Derek S. Hopson, Ph.D., authors of *Different and Wonderful: Raising Black Children in a Race-Conscious Society*

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

- 1. Create a special holiday just for your family.
- 2. Help your child set a goal and write a plan to achieve it this year.
- 3. Have your child name a food she loves. Where does it come from?
- 4. Compliment your child on a recent accomplishment.
- 5. Help your child plan three healthy breakfasts.
- 6. Trace around your child on a big piece of paper. Have him research and draw what his insides look like.
- 7. Play Go Fish with your child.
- 8. It's National Soup Month. Make soup with your child—and enjoy the book *Stone Soup* together.
- 9. Ask your child to tell you her favorite time of year.
- 10. It's National Clean Off Your Desk Day. Make it "Clean Up Your Homework Place Day," too!
- 11. Ask your child to draw a picture of himself.
- 12. Ask your child about the qualities she looks for in friendships. Talk about why values are important.
- 13. Count and walk backward today.
- 14. Set aside some time this month to do something together that you enjoyed as a child.
- 15. Watch a funny TV show with your child. Then have him draw a comic strip showing what it was about.
- 16. Explain why Martin Luther King's birthday is a holiday. Look for stories or speeches by and about Dr. King.
- 17. Ask your child to record a story.
- 18. Teach your child an important skill, like cooking a simple meal.



- 19. Make a temperature chart. Record the high and low temperature every day. Notice how the temperature changes.
- 20. Can you name an animal that starts with every letter of the alphabet? (You can leave out X!)
- 21. Make an "I am special" scrapbook with your child.
- 22. Teach your child to make paper snowflakes.
- 23. Pretend to go back in time with your child. Pick a period of time and reenact an event together.
- 24. Have your child teach you something she needs to learn for homework. It's a great way to reinforce learning.
- 25. Plan an activity the whole family will enjoy.
- 26. Pretend a circus is coming to town. Talk together about what you would see, hear and taste.
- 27. Have family members do activities with the hand they don't favor.
- 28. Use empty cans to create a game of indoor golf.
- 29. Make a chore chart with your child. List chores he's responsible for and when they should be completed.
- 30. Visit the library. Check out a biography about someone interesting from another country.
- 31. Send your child on a treasure hunt. Make a map that will lead to a small treat.

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The Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



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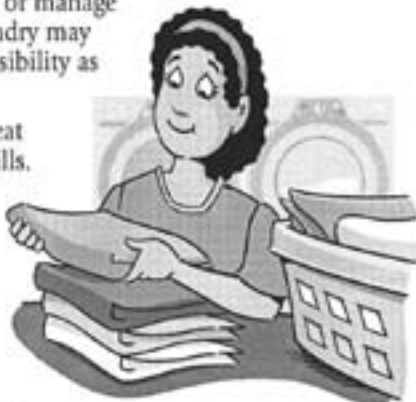
Hill City Elementary School
Go Hornets!

Expect more responsibility in 2012

Adults who can't balance a checkbook or manage basic life skills such as cooking or laundry may not have been expected to take responsibility as young children.

The beginning of a new year is a great time start teaching your child these skills. Here's how:

- **Expect your child** to get up by herself in the morning. Even a first grader can learn to set an alarm clock.
- **Teach your child** how to do laundry. A young child can help sort clothes before washing and fold and put them away when they're dry. An older child can learn how to use a washing machine.
- **Help your child** manage money. Whether it's money from a birthday gift or an allowance, expect your child to put some aside for savings. Talk to your child about the importance of saving money for college.
- **Ask your child** to help. Every family member should do something that helps out the whole family. A young child can set or clear the table. An older child can learn how to prepare a simple meal. Be sure to say thank you when your child's help makes your home run more smoothly.
- **Volunteer.** Make time for your family to volunteer together. Doing something for others builds responsibility.



Source: W. Damon, *The Path to Purpose: Helping Our Children Find Their Calling in Life*, Free Press.

You can promote the trait of honesty

Most children know the difference between *honesty* and *lying*. But sometimes kids want to cover up an action or impress a friend. To promote honesty:

- **Be a role model.** Children are good "lie detectors." They notice when parents tell the truth—and when they don't.
- **Reward honesty.** When your child tells the truth—especially in a difficult situation—compliment him!
- **Avoid labels.** If your child lies, don't call him a "liar." Instead, express confidence that he can make better choices in the future.
- **Talk about it.** Note examples of honesty and dishonesty—and their effects.
- **Prevent lying.** It's better to say what happened ("You broke my vase") than to ask unnecessary questions ("Did you do this?"). Create opportunities for telling the truth—not lying.

Source: K. Stephens, "Lying, Fibs, and Tall-Tales: Teaching Children To Be Truthful," *My Small Wonders*, www.mysmallwonders.com/resources/pdf/LYING01PELibeary.pdf.

How was school today?

Ask your child about his day—with a twist. At dinner time, suggest that your child describe three things that happened at school. The twist is that one of them must be made up, and other players have to guess which it is. Encourage your child to include plenty of details. A parent or older sibling can help your child prepare if needed.

Exercise observation skills

Scientists are keen observers. They notice and remember details. To help your child develop this trait:

- **Ask** her to describe the front of a building she knows well, such as your house or apartment building.
- **Encourage** her to be specific. How many stories high is the building? What color is the front door?
- **Together**, check the reality against the details she remembered.

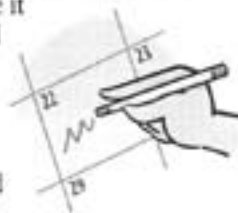


When you're out for a walk, say, "What color are the shutters on the Smiths' house?" See if she can remember without looking.

Source: S. Berman, *Thinking Strategies for Science*, Corwin Press.

Keep tabs on the calendar

Start the new year by placing your school calendar where you see it every day. If your child needs to miss school, talk with his teacher about making up work. Remember that excused and unexcused absences take a toll on learning. Keep track of how often your child is absent or tardy.



Source: H.N. Chang and M. Romero, "Present, Engaged, and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades," *National Center for Children in Poverty*.

Helping Children Learn

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January 2012

Q&A What can parents do when children dislike school?

Q: Lately, my son has been telling me he hates school. How can a parent sort out what's truth and what's exaggeration? And how can I help him without taking over his life?

A: Not all kids who say they hate school actually do. Sometimes, they're just looking for attention (or for a chance to put off homework).

It's important to listen to your son. Find a time when you can have an uninterrupted talk. Say, "You've said you hate school. What's making you feel this way?"

Then consider what he says. Is he struggling in science? Are kids mean to him on the bus? Is he feeling overwhelmed because he's in too many activities?

Once you figure out what's causing the problem, you can help him find solutions. For example:

- **If he's having trouble in a class**, ask his teacher for advice. Is he turning in homework? Does he need remedial instruction?
- **If he feels kids are mean to him**, ask for specific details. Then talk with his teacher. Ask how you can work together to help your son cope with this situation.
- **If he feels overwhelmed** by his activities, decide what could be cut.

Reassure your son that you will help him. Talk positively about school, his teachers and what he is learning.



Pacing bolsters test success

Tests require a good sense of timing. If kids work too quickly, they're likely to make careless mistakes. If they work too slowly, they won't finish in time.

Help your child learn how to pace herself. Start by talking about activities in which pacing is important. A 30-minute TV show can't last 27 minutes (or 33 minutes). If a child gets to the bus a minute late, she has still missed it!

When your child is doing homework, have her try to guess how long it will take. At first, you might need to help. "Do you really think you could do 15 math problems in five minutes?" Then see how close her estimate is to the time it really takes.

Source: G. Durham, *Teaching Test-Taking Skills*, Rowman & Littlefield Education.

Support your child's teacher

Children's school success starts at home—and kids' attitudes about school start there, too. What you say can influence how your child feels, so speak positively about your child's teacher. If you have a problem or concern, make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher rather than speaking negatively at home. After all, you both have the same goal in mind: your child's success.

Catalog + calculator = math

Use old catalogs to teach your child the skill of estimating and give him practice in using a calculator. Here's how:

1. **Have** your child look through a catalog and choose three or four items he wishes he could buy.
2. **Ask** him to estimate the items' total cost.
3. **Have** him use a calculator to check his work. How close was his estimate?



Parent Quiz

How is your child doing in school?

The school year is about at the midway point. To see if you have a good idea of how well your child is doing, answer the following questions *yes* or *no*:

1. **Do you talk** with your child about graded tests and projects when she brings them home?
2. **Do you ask** your child to talk about why she thinks she received a grade and what she has learned—whether it's a good grade or a poor grade?
3. **Do you contact** your child's teacher to learn what is going on if your child has a problem with a subject?
4. **Do you check** your child's report card, paying attention to conduct and behavior grades as well as academic grades?
5. **Do you review** your child's state test results with her teacher?

How did you do? Each *yes* answer means you are keeping up with your child's progress in school. For each *no* answer, try that idea from the quiz.

•A child educated only at school is an uneducated child. •
—George Santayana

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What is Early Childhood Screening?

Early Childhood Screening is a simple, careful check regarding:

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|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|----------|
| *Height/Weight | *Immunizations | *Speech/Language | *Vision |
| *Health History | *Motor Skills | *Nutrition | *Hearing |
| *Parent Summary | *General Development | | |

This screening is required by law for kindergarten entrance in Minnesota public schools. The purpose of this screening is to identify any health or developmental needs your child may have. Children may be screened between the ages of 3 and 5, however, early screening is encouraged to best meet the needs of your child. The school district is reimbursed part of the cost of screening by the state and reimbursement rate is higher the younger the age of the child.

The Hill City Spring Early Childhood Screening is scheduled for:

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Call for an appointment: 697-2394 ext. 102

*Baby Step Coupons given for screening
(3 for age three, 2 for age four, 1 for age five)

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ATTENTION:

Aitkin County Public Health will be offering flu shots to Hill City students and families on **Wednesday, January 11** from **3-6 pm** in the Hill City School office. Parents must accompany their children for the flu shot; please bring health insurance cards. Aitkin County can bill the following insurance providers: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Health Partners, Medica, Medical Assistance, any Minnesota Health Care Program and Medicare. Cost for the shot is \$30 if you do not have one of these insurance providers.

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**JACOBSON
COMMUNITY CENTER
ANNUAL MEETING**

**January 9, 2012
1:30 p.m. appetizers
2:00 p.m. meeting
All members are
encouraged to come**

Ball Bluff Township Board

Will meet at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at the Jacobson Community Center.

Jacobson Community Center Hall and Kitchen is available for rental. Call Vickie Herman 752-1151.

Jacobson Fire & Rescue

Meetings are at the Fire Hall at 7:00 1st Thursday monthly: Business Meeting with Relief Association to follow on even months.

3rd Thursday monthly: Fire and First Responder Training

Jacobson Civic Club

Will meet on January 9 at 1:00 P.M. Karen Mlaker and Bonnie Bagge are hostesses. Want to join us? Call Marsha 326-6865.

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 5th and 19th. For information or emergency service, call 218-426-4799 or 218-426-4712. All donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.

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

Sunday mornings:

9:30-Adult & children's Sunday School

11:00-Worship, 12:30-Fellowship

Quilters and crafters meet each week at 9:30 a.m. WELCA meets the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Vicar Mark Wagner

Pastor Judy Anderson-Bauer
218-492-4456.

Jacobson Seniors We 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

CHILI FEED AND COOK-OFF

**January 21, 2012 at 5-7 p.m. \$5.00 for non-fire personnel
silent auction**

**Held at and sponsored by Carmel Lutheran Church
Proceeds go to Jacobson Fire Dept. . Match requested from
Thrivent Chapter 31300**

City of Hill City Council Meeting

December 12, 2011

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular monthly Council meeting was held in the Community Room. Members present: Larry Baker, Audrey Baratto, Dave Lange and Ken Rollins. Scott Martin was absent. Mayor Baker presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion made by Lange to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of 11/08/11 and the Truth and Taxation meeting of 12/01/11 as presented, second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Kim Clement, Executive Director of Kinship of Aitkin County, was present and gave a presentation of the Kinship program and to let the Council that this program was coming to the Hill City area starting next Spring.

Jim Barker and Mike Olson were present in regard to the large water/sewer billing for the property located at 220 Highland Ave. which was tabled from the 11/8/11 Council meeting. After discussion on this billing and Barker and Olson were not happy with the Council just waiving the sewer charge with the water usage charge (\$1,266.00) standing.

Motion made by Lange to assess the water usage charge against 220 Highland Ave., second by Rollins.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Chris McNeil was invited to the Council meeting as it was brought to the City's attention that he has not been being charged for sewer since he had hooked into the sewer system in November of 2009 due to miscommunications. The Council stated that they would be willing to waive one full year of charges due to the miscommunications but Mr. McNeil stated that he wanted to pay the bill in full since November 2009 without any penalties or interest.

Fire Chief Jeremy Nelson was present and reported to the Council the results of the Fire Department election of officers. The results were: Fire Chief – Jeremy Nelson, Asst. Fire Chief/Traing Officer – Mike Boleman, Fire Marshall – Jeff Madsen, Secretary – Dick Kaslow, Captains – Alan Myers, Tom Fasteland and Mark Meyer.

Motion made by Baker to approve the election of Fire Department officers, second by Baratto.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

The City is awaiting final "sign-over" of the Delores Bergeron property (433 Ione Ave.) as an addition to the Hill Lake Park. Fire Chief Nelson stated that the Fire Department would be willing to use the house and garage for training in a controlled burn as soon as the City had final ownership.

Council member Baratto asked about the status of the clean-up of the Kendrick property. Council member Rollins stated that the grass never did get mowed due to all of the debris in the yard. Also, the garage that needs to be torn down has not been done as no one seems to know who the "legal" owner of the property is at this time. The owner is believed to be the bank, but no one seems to know what bank. Council suggested that Police Chief Madsen could probably find out this as he has had to do this in the past with other property. Also, Council member Baratto stated that she has heard that kids have been going in and out of the Kendrick house and that this should be taken care of also.

Council member Baratto also stated that awhile back she had requested samples of Disciplinary forms and Performance Review forms and had not received them. Clerk Gillson said that

she knows she had given Baratto the Disciplinary forms as they have already been used, and she thought that she had given her the Performance Review forms but could very well be mistaken and would reprint Baratto more samples of the forms. The Council talked about the Performance Reviews and said that they would probably wait to do them until next year when the Union Contract will be up for negotiations.

Council member Rollins told the Council that ATV maps with the new ATV trail extensions on will be coming out soon that have spaces on them for advertising and that he would like the City to purchase a space to advertise the availability of the Hill Lake Park for camping.

Motion made by Rollins to purchase an advertising space on the ATV Trail Map, second by Lange.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Motion made by Baratto to approve a LG555 donation from the Hill City Lions Club for the Hill Lake Trail in the amount of \$3,000.00, a LG555 donation from the Hill City Lions Club for the Haypoint Jackpine Snowmobile Club in the amount of \$3,000.00, and a LG555 donation from the Hill City Fire Relief Assoc. in the amount of \$5,000.00 for \$2,500.00 towards the Fire Dept. Equipment fund and \$2,500.00 towards the Fire Dept. Building/Maint. Fund, second by Rollins. Council member Lange stated that in the future the Hill City Lions Club should clarify on the LG555 form that their donation towards the walking trail should state "walking trail" versus just trail since in the area we do have ATV trails, snowmobile trails and the walking trail.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Clerk Gillson explained to the Council that the 1st Responders operate solely on donated funds versus the use of taxpayers money and would like to open them a Money Market account for the excess funds they have acquired.

Motion made by Baratto to open the 1st Responders a Money Market account, second by Baker.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

The Hill City Chamber of Commerce had requested a key of their own for the Community Room. The Council denied this as this could potentially cause a problem with the Community Room use scheduling. The Council state that the Chamber can get a key a day or so before their meetings and bring the key back the next day.

Motion made by Lange to approve the 2012 Budget a presented, second by Baratto.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Motion made by Baker to approve the submitted Resolution to finalize the 2012 Property Tax Levy at \$243,922.45 (same as it has been for the past three years), second by Baratto.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Motion made by Rollins to approve the bills as presented, second by Baratto.

All members voted yes, Motion carried

Motion made by Rollins to adjourn the meeting a 6:47 p.m., second by Baker.

Diana Gillson
Clerk/Treasurer

THANK YOU!!

The medical crew, pilots and mechanic of LifeLink III, Helicopter Emergency Medical Service based out of Hibbing, MN would like to extend their gratitude to Pat Korst, owner of Hill Lake Cafe. Pat took time away from her own family on Thanksgiving Day to shop, prepare, cook, and deliver a wonderful, homemade Thanksgiving Feast to the LifeLink III crew while they worked. The crew stated, "the food was spectacular" and "she is an awesome cook." They (crew) want to express their gratitude for Pat's greatfulness of cooking and delivering this meal to them.

Thank you Pat and Hill Lake Cafe!!

PROUD OF OUR COUNTRY

If you have had the opportunity to drive through Hill City on Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, September 11th, Veteran's Day, or December 7th, you will have noticed Hwy 169 lined with American Flags. The show of patriotism, pride, and gratitude is the direct result of the unparalleled dedication David Lange shows for our community. Thank you David, for reminding us of the importance that each and every one of those days represent in the history of this country and our lives. Your actions give all of us another reason to be proud of our small town.

Anne & Jim Bjerkness

Hill Lake Cafe

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Special
4:00 p.m. 'til gone

Prime Rib
or
Chicken Oscar
or
Shrimp Alfredo

New Hours on Sundays
1:00 AM til 2:00 PM

After School Art!

Attention!! Starting in January we will be offering after school art twice a month!

The schedule for after school art is as follows:



Jan. 12, Jan. 26

Feb. 9, Feb. 23

March 8, March 22

April 12, April 26

May 10, May 24

Who: All students are invited!

Time: 3:15-4:30pm

Cost: \$5 per month or \$35 per year

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

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

After School Art!

3:15-4:30pm

\$5 per month or \$35 per year



Name: _____

Grade: _____

Contact Info: Home Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

____ All 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 Stacey at 697-2394 x172 or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us.



YOGA

Yoga is now being offered in Hill City!

All ages are welcome to participate. Participating in Yoga has many benefits for your mind body and soul. Some of the benefits of yoga are, but not limited to:

Increase in Strength

Increase in Flexibility

Better Posture

Helps with Fatigue, Tension and Stiffness

Help lower Blood Pressure

Increase range of joint motion

Yoga will be taught by certified instructor Elizabeth Ulseth

Where: Hill City School Gym

Who?: Everyone!

When: Monday nights 6pm starting Nov. 14th

Cost: \$5 per class

Any questions/comments or concerns please contact Stacey Johnson at Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 ext. 172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

WALKING IN THE SCHOOL

Did you know Walking can...

- * Burn Body fat
 - * Control your appetite
 - * Increase your energy
 - * Help relieve stress
 - * Lower high blood pressure
 - * Slows aging
 - * Improves efficiency of your heart and lungs
 - * Relieves most cases of chronic backache
 - * Helps promote restful sleep
 - * Helps control and prevent diabetes
- AND MUCH MORE!**



The school will be open on all school days for anyone interested in walking the halls from **7:00-7:45am.**

All walkers must sign in at the office the morning of your walk

BASKETBALL OPEN GYM



Every Sunday Night
6-8pm
Hill City School
Gymnasium

Cost is \$1.00 per night



Guitar Lessons

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play the guitar? Now's your chance! Lessons will be provided throughout the year.



Instructor: Phil Kneeland

Where: Hill City School

Cost: Private session \$15/ half hour
Semi-private session \$10/half hour
(fees made payable to Phil Kneeland)

Please contact Phil Kneeland at (218) 697-2394 ext. 186 to set up lesson dates and times.

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

AARP MN Driver Safety Program (formerly 55 Alive)

Register by: Feb. 6th

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. (Contact Stacey for a full schedule of local classes if needed)

4 Hour Refresher: February, 9th 5-9pm

Location: Hill City School, Room 227

Min. # Required: 8

Max. #: 30

Cost: \$12 for members
\$14 for non members

(payable at the door to AARP)



For questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @ Hill City Comm. Education at 697-2394 X172.

AARP Driver's Safety Class

Register by: Feb. 6

\$12 for members

\$14 for non members

(payable at the door to AARP)

Name: _____

DOB: _____

Contact info:

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____



CLASS: _____ **4 Hour Refresher**

Signature _____

Date _____

Send Registration forms to:

Hill City School Comm. Ed.,

500 Ione Ave, Hill City, MN 55748

For questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @ Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 X172.

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 (sweat shirt and sweatpants).



Jan.-March JUDO
K-Adult
FEE: \$18

Register early, class size is limited to 20 students.

Fee: \$18.00 payable to Hill City Comm. Ed.

Instructor: Colleen Bishop, Sandan

Ages: K-adult

Days: Wednesdays for eight weeks

Starts: **Wed., Jan. 18th**

Ends: **Wed., Mar. 7th**

Times: Class one 6:00pm-7:00pm

Open to all! Class for beginners

Class two 7:00pm-8:00pm

For those ages 10 and up or those who have coaches permission

Register by: Wed., Jan. 18th

Max # Allowed: 20

For assistance with class fees or questions, please call
Stacey Johnson @ Comm. Ed. at
697-2394 X172 or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us.

Students Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Contact info: Home Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

_____ has my
permission to participate in the Judo Class.

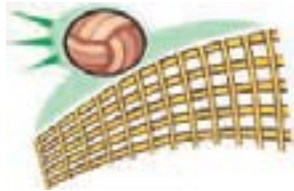
_____ **Class One 6-7pm** for beginners and ages 10
and under

_____ **Class Two 7-8pm** for those 10 and older

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

**Return this form, with fee made payable to Hill City Community
Education, to the school office**

For assistance with class fees or questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey
Johnson @ Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 X172 or
sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us



Adult Volleyball Open Gym

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

Fee:\$1.00 per time

For more information please contact Stacey
at 697-2394 ext. 172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING GRADES 7 - 12 FREE

Tuesday Afternoons:
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mr. Johnson's Room

Thursday Afternoons
3:30-4:30
Mr. Olig's Room

(Dates are subject to change)

For more information contact Stacey at Hill City Comm. Ed.,
697-2394 X172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

Hill City Junior Olympic Volleyball Fundraiser CO-ED Volleyball Tournament Saturday, Jan. 28th

The Hill City JO volleyball team is hosting a CO-ED tournament on Sunday Jan. 16th. The tournament is open to any team interested in playing.

Registration: To register your team, please contact Josh Hirschey at jhirschey@hillcity.k12.mn.us or 218-697-2394. Registration deadline is Thursday, January 26th. Tournament fee of \$60.00 per team is due on the registration deadline **make check payable to Hill City Community Ed**, please send check to:



Community Ed. Coordinator
Hill City School
500 Lone Ave
Hill City, MN 55748

Rules:• This year's tourney will have a double elimination bracket or be divided into pool play depending on the number of teams participating

- Teams will officiate their own games
- Matches will be best 2 of 3. If 3rd game is played the score will be to 15 points
- Net height will be played close to men's regulation height
- Each team must have at least 1 male and 2 females on the court at all times.

Any questions or concerns please Contact Josh Hirschey at jhirschey@hillcity.k12.mn.us 697-2394 ext. 123.

Intro to Photoshop

Have you ever wondered how they edit photos and create awesome projects? Here is your chance to learn. The High School art teacher is doing a one night how to on using the program photoshop.



When: March 12th

Time: 6pm

Where: School art room

Fee: FREE!

Questions please contact Stacey Johnson at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us or 697-2394 x 172





ISD #2 Lunch Menu January 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Brk: Brk Bagel Chicken Nuggets Fries/Green Beans Peaches/Milk	4 Brk: Lumberjack Ham/Augratins Mixed Vegies Cherry Crisp/Milk	5 Brk: Cereal/Toast Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce/Corn Fruit/Milk	6 Brk: Cinn Roll Shrimp Poppers Coleslaw/Broccoli & Rice/Fruit/Milk	7
8 Breakfast - <u>OFFERED DAILY:</u> Cereal Assortment Orange Juice or Fruit Cheese Slice or Cheese Stick Milk	9 Brk: Brk Pizza Chicken Patty/Bun Peas & Carrots Apples/Milk	10 Brk: Cereal/Toast Veggie Beef Soup Ham n Cheese Sand Fruit/Milk	11 Brk: Brk Burrito Hamb Gravy Mashed Potatoes Corn/Fruit/Milk	12 Brk: Cereal/Toast Taco w/Salad Bar Corn/Bread Pineapple/Milk	13 Brk: Cinn Roll BBQ Pork/Bun Baked Beans/Coleslaw Applesauce/Milk	14
15 Lunch- <u>OFFERED DAILY:</u> Bread Offer-vs-serve for Grades 4-12	16 Brk: Brk Round Corn Dogs Potato Coins/Mix Vegie/Fruit/Milk	17 Brk: Cereal/Toast Tomato Soup Grill Cheese/Vegie Sticks/Fruit/Milk	18 Brk: Fr. Toast Cheeseburger/Bun Fries/Green Beans Peaches/Milk	19 Brk: Cereal/Toast Chicken Fajita w/Salad Bar/Vegie Apple Slices/Milk	20 Brk: Cinn Roll Beef Quesadilla Sour Cream/Corn Pears/Milk	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 Brk: Brk Bagel Chicken Strips Potato Coins/Raisins Coleslaw/Milk	25 Brk: Brk Sand Lasagna w/Meat Sauce/Toss Salad Fruit/Milk	26 Brk: Cereal/Toast White Chick Chili Ham/Cheese Sand Peaches/Milk	27 Brk: Cinn Roll Pork Chow Mein Rice/Noodles Fruit/Milk	28
29	30 Brk: Brk Bagel Unbread Chic Patty Bun/Cheese/Corn Peach Crisp/Milk	31 Brk: Cereal/Toast Goulach/Bread Green Beans Mixed Fruit/Milk				Menu subject to change at anytime



ISD #2 Activities January 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	2 NO SCHOOL	3 GBB vs Cromwell ABC Away 5:45 BBB vs Cromwell ABC Home 5:45	4 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	5 GBB vs LFBF AB Away 5:45 BBB vs Greenway ABC Home 5:45	6	7
8 Open Gym VB 4:30 - 5:50 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	9 Organizational School Bd Mtg 6:30 p.m. GBB vs Deer River ABC Away 5:45	10 BBB vs Cherry ABC Home 5:45	11 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	12 GBB vs Greenway ABC Away 5:45	13 GBB vs SouthRidge AB Home 5:45 BBB vs SouthRidge AB Home 5:45	14
15 Open Gym VB 4:30 - 5:50 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	16	17 Bloodmobile 12-6 p.m. Sys Acct. Mtg 2:30 GBB vs Laporte AB Away 6:00 BBB vs Laporte AB Away 6:00	18 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	19 GBB vs Nashwauk ABC Home 5:45	20 BBB vs Bigfork ABC Away 5:45	21
22 Open Gym VB 4:30 - 5:50 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	23 NO SCHOOL	24 GBB vs Floodwood AB Away 5:30	25 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	26 BBB vs Northome AB Away 5:30	27 WINTER CARNIVAL 6-7:30 p.m.	28
29 Open Gym VB 4:30 - 5:50 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	30 GBB vs Isle AB Away 6:00 BBB vs Isle AB Away 6:00	31 BBB vs Nashwauk ABC Away 5:45				

