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Hill City School Health Fair

March 30, 2012

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Elementary Gym

- ▶ 7th, 8th & 10th Grade Health Projects
- ▶ Blood Pressure Checks
- ▶ Nutrition Information
- ▶ Healthy Snack Ideas & Samples
- ▶ Smoking Cessation Information
- ▶ Stress Management Information

Come see all the exhibits!!

BOOK FAIR
Luau
It's a Reading Celebration!

Buy one
get one free!

Mon 4/16/12 through Fri 4/20/12
8:30 am through 3:00 pm
Hill City School Library

Buy One, Get One Free Fairs will not receive a themed Planning Kit.

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Committee Assignments for 2012

Committee

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Legislative Representative
Negotiations Committee

System Accountability Committee
Community Education Advisory Council
Meet and Confer

Staff Development
School and Community Health Team
Recertification Committee
ARCC
Comparable Worth
NESC Board
Safety/Transportation Committee
Athletic Advisory Committee
Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Representative

Greg Bounds
Sue Kaslow (Tom Fasteland, Alt.)
Sue Kaslow, Martha Lentz, and
Greg Bounds (Tom Fasteland, Alt.)
Martha Lentz (Mike Murphy, Alt.)
Jodi Gulbraa (Greg Bounds, Alt.)
Mike Murphy and Tom Fasteland
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Jodi Gulbraa (Martha Lentz, Alt.)
Tom Fasteland and Martha Lentz
Mike Murphy
Sue Kaslow
Tom Fasteland
Jodi Gulbraa
Tom Fasteland
Greg Bounds, Tom Fasteland
Sue Kaslow (Jodi Gulbraa, Alt.)

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



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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

Corrected minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Jodi Gulbraa at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2012.

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

1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
2. Approved the transportation quotes/contract.
3. Approved the extended unpaid medical leave for Mendy Oukrop until medically cleared to return to work for up to six months.
4. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2012.

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

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Jan. 23, 2012;
 - *Minutes of the Special Meeting of Feb. 6, 2012 with correction;
 - *January 2012 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 02/09/12;
 - *Investments and wire transfers;
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
 - *Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. No comments and requests from visitors.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. No transportation report.
6. Student Council approved the purchase of new tiaras for Homecoming and Winterfest, they also discussed fundraising and various methods to support active duty service people.
7. No System Accountability report.
8. Martha Lentz reported that the School and Community Health Committee met on February 17, 2012. They finalized plans for the Health Fair to be held on March

30, 2012. They also are wrapping up the health grant from NESC. Also discussed was the county possibly discontinuing the "which star is yours" program. Internet safety for parents is to be presented this Friday by Jeff Madsen and Superintendent/Principal Yocum.

9. Approved the 2009-2012 Amendment of the Transportation Contract with Rassier School Bus Services, Inc.
10. Community Education Report dated February 27, 2012 was presented.
11. No Maintenance Supervisor report.
12. No Technology Coordinator update.
13. Approved the Bell Schedule as presented for the 2012-2013 school year.
14. Postponed action on the request for unpaid days from April 20 through April 27, 2012.
15. No Old Business.
16. No action was taken on the Resolution Proposing to Place Instructional Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence.
17. No action was taken on the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of Teaching Contract for Probationary Teacher.
18. Approved hiring Marc Olig as After School Recovery Science tutor for two hours per night from 3:15 to 5:15 starting February 28, 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year with a salary of \$11.73 per hour.
19. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Greg Bounds at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Greg Bounds, Martha Lentz, Jodi Gulbraa, Tom Fastland, Mike Murphy, and Sue Kaslow. Board Members absent: None. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, and two Nortran representatives, Roy Bain and Dale Juntunen.

1. Approved the Agenda.
2. The transportation quotes were reviewed. No action was taken at this time.
3. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 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.

Hill City Elementary

GARDEN FRESH PROGRAM



Tips for Positive Mealtime Interactions

Encourage through words:

- Encourage children to taste a variety of foods
- Praise and reinforce children for trying and tasting f/v
- Understand consequences of bribing, forcing or rewarding children
 - Rewards can backfire – devalue vegetable and increase value of the reward
 - Nagging or cajoling can increase resistance to new or desired food
- Identify and emphasize fruit and vegetable choices at meals

Encourage through behavior:

- Model positive eating habits (eating f/v)
 - Actions speak louder than words – children are aware of what adults do and say
 - A positive role model can help a child overcome their hesitation to try foods
- Eat meals and snacks with children
- Serve/offer age appropriate portions to children
- Understand "normal" childhood eating behaviors
 - Expect food waste
 - Irregular eating habits
 - Expect spills and a mess
 - There will be squirming
- Involve children in meal preparation (age appropriate tasks)

Encourage through the environment:

- Offer f/v every day at breakfast, lunch and snack
- Substitute or reduce availability of foods that compete with f/v
- Offer repeated opportunities for children to try new f/v
- Create a calm and supportive meal time environment
 - Reduce distractions during meals
 - No T.V. or videos during meals
 - No distracting loud/active music
 - Create regular, structured mealtime routines
 - Promote positive conversation at meals
 - Encourage and allow children to eat at their own pace
 - Promote good table manners
- Encourage children to serve themselves and regulate their own food intake

Division of Responsibility for Feeding Children

Adults are responsible for:

- * **What** food is offered
- * **When** food is offered
- * **Where** food is offered

Children are responsible for:

- * **How** much food is eaten
- * **Whether** they eat



ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

ASSET #35: Resistance Skills

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.

37%

*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. "Resistance skills" is one of five social competencies assets.

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

The Double Bind of Resistance Skills

Sometimes parenting feels like a struggle. At times, your child challenges the boundaries that you've set. Or your child starts to question your advice. What is going on?

Your child is practicing resistance skills. While we all want our children to resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations, our children don't easily learn what's important to resist and what's not. So they practice—at times—on everything. By saying no, they're figuring out what they don't want. And they're also discerning what they do want—what they want to say yes to.

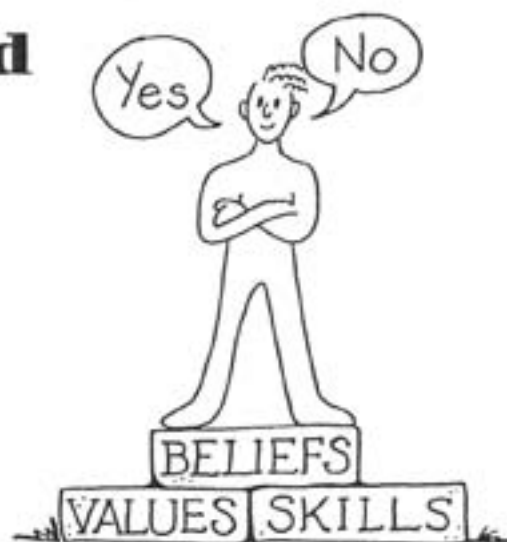
Teach your child resistance skills, but also teach your child the values that support why they would take a stand on an issue. A teenager who has had many conversations with her or his parents about drug use, premarital sex, safety, and personal boundaries will know what to do when asked to ride in a car with a person who has been drinking alcohol.

So as you build this asset in your child, focus not only on how to resist and assert, but also on what to value. What to say yes to. What is healthy. What is safe. Then when your child is confronted with a sticky situation, you can

Helpful Hints

Tips that help your child develop resistance skills:

- **Encourage your children to express their feelings, beliefs, values, and opinions at home.**
- **Allow them to tell you when they disagree with you.**
- **Point out two or three things youth are saying yes to by saying no.**



feel assured that he or she will make a good decision and stand firm in what he or she believes.

time together

Three ways to help your child build resistance skills:

1. **Model and role-play resistance skills.** Afterward, talk to your child about the experience and what was easy and difficult about it.
2. **Read stories and talk about people in the world (such as Rosa Parks and Gandhi) who resisted doing what everyone else was doing.** What were keys to their doing so?
3. **As you observe others, point out the different ways people use resistance skills: some are subtle, some are obviously assertive, and some are aggressive.** Talk about what's appropriate for different situations.

Quick Tip:
Saying no doesn't have to be negative.

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- How easy is it for you to say no? Why?
- What is difficult for you to resist? Why?
- How do you act when you have trouble resisting? How do you act when you find it easy to resist?

Observe and Talk

Observe how your child reacts emotionally when resisting something. Talk about your observation with your child.

Ways to Resist

Resisting negative peer pressure and dangerous situations isn't always easy. With your child, discuss these possible ways to resist. Which of them does your child like? Dislike? Why?

- Walk away from the situation.
- Calmly say no.
- Share your feelings.
- Use humor.
- Stand up for yourself.
- Ignore the person or situation.
- Confront the person.
- Call a friend to help you.
- Stay away from the situation from then on.
- Invite a peer mediator to help.
- Tell a caring adult.

More Stuff You Can Use

Helping Kids Learn Refusal Skills. This booklet gives creative, practical advice on how to help kids develop resistance skills. (Available from Hazelden Publishing, P.O. D6, Center City, MN 55012; 1-800-328-9000.)

FINAL WORD

"Saying no is like giving yourself a present . . . It establishes boundaries. It gives you self-definition and self-respect."

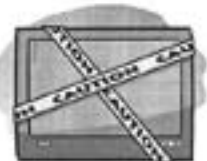
—Louise Hart, Ph.D., author of *The Winning Family*

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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. Make a costume box for your child. Fill it with hats and old clothes.
- 2. Have your child choose a business and write a funny ad for it.
- 3. Test your child's knowledge. Who is the president of the United States? Who is the prime minister of Canada?
- 4. Ask your child what the most interesting thing he learned today was.
- 5. Help your child plan ahead. Talk about next weekend. What needs to be done to prepare for a family activity?
- 6. When you read aloud, choose an exciting place to stop. Ask, "What do you think will happen next?"
- 7. Watch an age-appropriate movie about another country with your child.
- 8. Start a family scrapbook. Collect photos, souvenirs, certificates and other mementos. Look through it often.
- 9. Ask your child to look for examples of tolerance and intolerance in the newspaper or on TV today.
- 10. Talk with your child about perseverance.
- 11. How many times can your child jump rope? Hold a contest.
- 12. Have each family member make a list of personal strengths. Read them aloud. Add to each other's list.
- 13. Tell your child you love her today.
- 14. Think of "what if" questions: "What if we walked on our hands?" "What if cats could talk?"
- 15. Talk about how you use numbers in your daily life.
- 16. Can you and your child communicate without words? Try it and see.
- 17. Ask your child to put dry beans between damp paper towels. Keep moist. In a few days, check to see if they've sprouted.
- 18. Have your child listen to different types of music. Ask him to describe how it makes him feel.
- 19. Make a "family flag." Think of things that represent your family. Use fabric paints to draw these on a piece of cloth.
- 20. Make a bookmark. On a piece of thin cardboard, have your child draw a scene or write a quote from a book.
- 21. Have your child paint to music. Play different types of songs for each painting. Compare how each looks.
- 22. Watch a nature program on TV together.
- 23. Help your child create a joke collection. Fill a notebook with jokes you hear. Cut jokes out of magazines or newspapers.
- 24. It's TV-Turnoff Week. Can your family switch off the set for seven days?
- 25. Talk to your child about how recycling paper is one way to help save natural resources.
- 26. Make a fort with your child out of couch cushions or cardboard boxes.
- 27. Do a crossword puzzle with your child.
- 28. Choose a "Person of the Week." Read more about him or her.
- 29. Ask your child to guess how many times she blinks in a minute. Then try to count.
- 30. Head to a playground and swing on the swings with your child.



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 Tips 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



April 2012

Hill City Elementary School
Go Hornets!

Showcase the appeal of reading

As their skills improve, students make the transition from *learning to read* to *reading to learn*. The better they read, the easier it is to learn—and that learning is a huge asset on standardized tests.

One way to keep your child's nose in a book is to make reading interesting. Here's how:

- **Choose carefully.** What subjects and formats does he love? Perhaps he'd like a how-to book about making paper airplanes or a comic about superheroes. Or consider a subscription to a children's magazine that focuses on a fun subject.
- **Use resources.** It can be a struggle to find interesting books if your child is a reluctant reader. Talk with librarians and bookstore salespeople—and of course, your child's teacher. Read reviews online and in print. Do your best to find appealing materials.
- **Read together.** Find a chapter book—an adventure or a mystery—that captures your interest. Read a chapter a night to build suspense. You'll know you've succeeded when your child begs you not to stop reading.
- **Be creative.** Read aloud to your child—enthusiastically! You might feel silly "getting into character" at first, but it will capture his attention and help him understand the story. When you put the book down for the night, your child may even pick it back up.



Source: E.P. Vuko, *Teacher Says*, The Berkley Publishing Group.



Parents' awareness can block bullying

Bullying is a serious problem that deserves your attention—even if your child is not bullied or a bully. To prevent bullying:

- **Recognize bullying.** Bullying comes in many forms. It can be physical, verbal or written, such as in emails or text messages. It can also be silent, when a child is left out on purpose.
- **Supervise your child's activities.** Bullying often occurs when adults aren't around. You may be able to prevent bullying just by being nearby.
- **React to bullying.** If your child knows someone who is being bullied, she should inform you or another responsible adult about the situation. If you suspect that your child is being bullied—or bullying others—seek help quickly before the problem gets worse.

Source: "What Family Members Can Do," StopBullyingNow! www.stopbullying.gov/parents/index.html

Stick to bedtime routines

As the days get longer, it may be tempting to move your child's bedtime back. But children in elementary school need 10 to 11 hours of sleep.

Kids who lack sleep may:

- **Struggle** to pay attention in class.
- **Fall** asleep during the school day.
- **Have** more discipline problems.
- **Be** more prone to depression.

Source: "Children and Sleep," National Sleep Foundation, www.sleepfoundation.org/article/sleep-topics/children-and-sleep.

Support the dress code

With the arrival of spring, you may be changing your child's wardrobe. Before you select what she'll wear:

- **Review** the school dress code. Are flip flops, halter tops, low-hanging pants and spaghetti straps allowed?
- **Discuss** why there is a dress code. Which clothes or shoes might be distracting? Offensive? Inappropriate? This is a good time to discuss respect for self and others.



Writing connects families

The written word is a valuable way to communicate with your child. You can:

- **Keep a journal** about special things your child does and says. Reminisce together.
- **Send letters** to your child in the mail.
- **Write captions** in photo albums and scrapbooks for your child to read.
- **Put amusing messages** or jokes in your child's lunch box.



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Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



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Q&A How can parents decide if a child should repeat a grade?

Q: My child has had a difficult time in school this year. I'm thinking about having her repeat this grade rather than moving on with her classmates. What do you suggest?

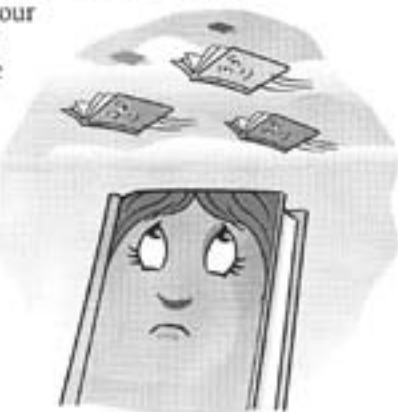
A: Make an appointment to talk with your child's teacher about your concerns. He will want to work with you to make the best decision to get your child back on track.

Research says you shouldn't retain your child if you can avoid it. Children who are held back unnecessarily can feel like failures. They often develop social and emotional problems. And their chances for dropping out of school later on are greater.

Students who are held back rarely achieve as well as peers who were performing at the same level, but were not held back. Merely repeating a grade may not solve the problems causing a child's poor performance.

With your child's teacher, look for alternatives to retention. Ask about tutoring or partial retention. That's when a child moves on with the rest of her class, but returns to the lower grade for instruction in a specific skill.

Source: J.L. David, "What Research Says About Grade Retention," *Educational Leadership*.



Manners make socializing at school easier for kids

Good manners aren't just nice. They help students feel confident and comfortable around others. In addition to using *please* and *thank you*, children should learn to:

- **Greet** others with a friendly hello.
- **Say**, "Excuse me," if they bump into someone or need to interrupt.
- **Start** requests politely with, "May I?"
- **Share** and take turns.
- **Apologize** for mistakes.
- **Clean up** after themselves.

Phrase compliments wisely

Kids need praise to develop self-esteem. But too much praise can sound meaningless. Make sure your compliments are genuine and specific. Instead of "Good job," you might say, "Your room looks great. I like the way you organized your sports stuff."

Source: A. Davidson and R. Davidson, *How Good Parents Raise Great Kids*, Time Warner Books.

Set up a scavenger hunt

On rainy April days, boost your child's interest in learning with a simple game. Make a list of questions whose answers can be found in your home (in reference books or online). Then assign family members to teams. Which team can find the answers first? Here are some examples:

- **What** breed of cat has no tail?
- **What** colors are in Italy's flag?
- **How** many bones does a person have?
- **What** is Mark Twain's real name?



Source: M. Cheney, *How to Develop Your Child's Gifts and Talents in Reading*, Contemporary Books.

Parent Quiz

Are you helping with spelling words?

By this time in the year, both students and parents may be getting bored with the same old spelling list routine. Answer the following questions *yes* or *no* to see if you're helping your child stay on track with studying spelling words:

1. **Do you and your child** set aside some time each day to review the week's spelling words?
2. **Do you look** for interesting ways to study spelling words? Your child might write each word in a different color. Or you could turn out the lights and use a flashlight to "write" the words.
3. **Do you encourage** your child to keep a small notebook as his private dictionary? In it, he can write words he finds while reading.
4. **Do you and your child** break up the list and learn a few words each day?

How did you do? Each *yes* answer means you are finding ways to help your child learn spelling words. For each *no* answer, try that idea from the quiz.

"When our spelling is perfect, it's invisible. But when it's flawed, it prompts strong negative associations."
—Marilyn vos Savant

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Gray	Missy	177
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Oukrop	Mendy	145
Owens	Julie	177
Rasmusson	Sandy	101
Richter	Karen	121
Rollins	Kristy	112
Sawdey	Patty	104
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Smith	Kirsten	145
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Ulseth	Angie	121
Valley	Gerard	107
Vanderschaaf	Victoria	117
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**EASTER PARTY at
Jacobson Community
Center****March 31, 2012
3:00 games and prizes
4:00 potluck
SEE US ON FACEBOOK****Meetings****Jacobson Civic Club**

Will meet on April 9 at 1:00 P.M. Marsha Loscheider and Helen Key will hostess. Want to join us? Call Marsha 326-6865

Ball Bluff Township Board Annual Meeting

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at the Jacobson Community Center. All Ball Bluff residents are welcome.

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. Call Arlene Ryan for more information 752-1515

**Jacobson Seniors Spring Luncheon
Thursday, April 5, 2012**

Ham dinner and potluck at noon
at the Jacobson Community Center
from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Come for lunch or the whole time.

Jacobson Book Club

meets April 18 at the Jacobson Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Interested? Call Joan Remus 218-752-1008

East Central Regional Library

stops at the Community Center every other Tuesday morning from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee has been provided by the Community Center following the library time. If anyone would like to stop by to check out a book or chat, join us. April 10th and 24th. If you don't have a library card, we help you with that.

CHECK US OUT ON jacobsonnews.com

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 Food Shelf

During April, the Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge. We will be collecting money and food during these months and reporting the total dollars and pounds to both of these organizations. We will get a proportional match from both organizations, based on the amounts we collect during the time the programs cover.

Monetary donations can be sent to Jacobson Food Shelf, P. O. Box 616, Jacobson, MN 55752. Food donations can be dropped off at Carmel Lutheran Church on Sundays from 12 to 1 p.m. or by appointment—call 218-426-4799 to set up a time. All donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Jacobson Food Shelf will be open on the first and third Thursday at Carmel Lutheran from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. April 5th and 19th. For information or emergency service, call 218-426-4799 or 218-752-6634.

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.

Easter Breakfast at 9:00 AM on Easter Morning
April 8th. No Sunday school and Worship service
10:30 AM, everyone welcome

Carmel Lutheran Church

Easter Service April 8 at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday mornings:

10:00- Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sundays

11:00-Worship, 12:00-Fellowship

Quilters and crafters meet each week at 9:30 a.m.

WELCA meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Vicar Mark Wagner & Brenda

PHONE 218-246-3179 Cell 218 341-1832

EASTER PARTY

For all ages

At 3:00 p.m.
Jacobson Community Center
Pot Luck at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 31, 2012
Everyone Welcome
Free Admission



Easter Egg Hunt,
Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Drawing for
Girls bike and Boys bike
Prizes and more!

Donations accepted



Elementary Art Camp

Grades K-6
Saturday, April 14th
1-4 pm

Hill City School Commons
and Art Room

\$5 per student
\$1 for t-shirt for tie-dyeing
(or bring your own white shirt)



Hosted by Hill City High School Art Club

Registration

Name: _____ Grade: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____
Phone: _____
 \$5 registration \$1 t-shirt Bring own shirt
_____ Size of shirt needed

Registration due by Wednesday, April 11
Thank you for supporting the Hill City Art Club



Fish Fry

**Hill City Fire
Relief Association
Annual Fish Fry**
April 14th 5PM-7PM
Hill City Fire Hall

Requested Donations

Adults- \$8.00

Children

(6-12)- \$4.00

(5 and Under)- FREE



includes; Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Buns and Beverages

Rock Meadow Farm and Gardens Green House

Opening
Saturday May 7th, 2012

Location: 61951 Winding Rd Swatara MN

Hours:
Mon - Sun: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Mothers Day Baskets, Planters and
Memorial Baskets available

Flowers, Vegetables and other fun plants for all gardening
enthusiasts.

We also are in Grand Rapids at the Farmers Market located
across from the M & H gas station (old Kremers parking Lot)
on Wed 's & Sat 's from 8am to 1pm thru Oct.

Contact:

Luann Grover 697-2808 \ 244-7186
or Kristi Neary 697-2772 \ 259-4250
for any questions.



Rockin' For Rylie Benefit

Saturday, May 19th at the Hill City Fire Hall

Pulled Pork Dinner from 5:00-7:00pm

Dance from 7:00-11:00pm

Raffle drawing to be held at 7:00 pm, 10 - \$500 Gift Certificates are the prizes!!

Businesses included are: Hilltop Sports, L&M Supply, Red Willow, Salmela Jewelers, Acheson Tire, Timberlake Lodge, Floor to Ceiling, Mississippi Diamond Jewelers, Cole Hardware, & Rivertown Furniture

Hill City Fire Relief Association Gambling License # B-01157

Raffle tickets are available at Roadside, Harry's Bar, Buckshot Bar, Hilltop Sports and Jessica's Salon. Tickets will also be sold at Hill City Fire Dept. Fish Fry on April 14th from 5:00-7:00pm.

Rylie Jo Pederson is a happy 1 ½ year old little girl from Hill City. She is the daughter of Nic and Teresa Pederson and younger sister to Natalie and Samantha. On May 25, 2011 she was diagnosed with Pre-B Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and has been going through extensive treatment since. She had a bone marrow transplant on Feb. 3, 2012 with her brave older sister as the donor.

Rockin' For Rylie T-shirts (\$10) and bracelets (\$2) are also available.



16 Year olds can donate with parent permission. Forms can be picked up in the school office.

****MARK YOUR CALENDARS****

**AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOODMOBILE
AT
HILL CITY SCHOOL**

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 4, 2012

12:00 - 6:00 p.m.



Kids Plus Summer Camp

Starts the week of June 5 and ends the week of August 14

Grades K-6

Cost: \$25 for the year or \$1/day
(includes a craft each day and snack)

Hill City

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9 am-12 pm



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

Kids Plus Summer Camp Fee: \$25 season or \$1/day

Students Name: _____

Age _____ DOB: _____

Contact Info: Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phnoe: _____

Email: _____

_____ has my permission to participate in the Kids Plus Summer Camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

For more information please contact Stacey Johnson at 218-697-2394 x.172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us



Attention: Students Ages 7-16

How would you like to attend summer camp? FREE?

Hill City Kids Plus has received a grant from the Carl Pohlad Foundation and is able to send Hill City Students to an accredited camp of their choice. Priority is given to students who have not previously been to camp and by need basis. To find an accredited camp go to: <http://find.acacamps.org>. Campers are also allowed to attend the Long Lake Conservation Center's Camping Programs.

Application Deadline is: May 25th
Applications can be picked up in the school office.

For more information, contact Stacey at 218-697-2394 x172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us
Grant funding provided by: Carl & Eloise Pohlad Family Foundation

Honor Wall at Hill City School



Hill City School is looking to honor our community members that are currently serving in the military.

If you or a family member is currently serving in the military we would like you to give us some information so we may honor them by placing that information in our school.

Please give us a brief summary of what branch they are serving, rank, location and a picture. (All pictures will be returned if you put your name and address on the back of the picture). Please drop information off at the school office or mail to:

Hill City School
Attn: Stacey Johnson
500 Ione Ave
Hill City, MN 55748



If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Stacey Johnson at 218-697-2394 ext. 172 or sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

COACHES NEEDED!



Coaches are needed for the following
teams for the summer season.

T-Ball

If you are interested in coaching or would like
more information on the program please
contact Stacey at 218-697-2394 ext. 172
or at sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us



G.P.S. CLASS

At

LONG LAKE CONSERVATION CENTER

May 5th, 2012

9:00 a.m. - Noon



Class will be held at the School House

LLCC will provide GPS units for class participants. Bring your own if you
want to use it.

Fee: \$5.00/person includes use of equipment and refreshment

Locator signs will be posted. Locator maps are available at

<http://www.llcc.org/VisitorInfo.html>

Pre-registration is required. Please email (info@llcc.org) or call to
register. LLCC is located at 28952 - 438th Lane, Palisade, MN. Phone
800-450-5522 or 218-768-4653.



FIREARM SAFETY CLASS

Sponsored by: **Moose-Willow Sportsman's Club
Lions Club and MN DNR**

We're thinking ahead – let's get ready for the fall hunting sea-
son now! Mandatory MN State Firearm Safety Training is
required of all 12-15 year old students who wish to purchase a
Minnesota Archery or Firearms Deer License. Students must
attend the full training in order to receive their safety certi-
ficate. Students must be 12
years old or older by
September 1, 2012. Adults
may take the course for certification as well. If you have any
questions, you may contact Mark at 697-8296. Students will
NOT bring guns to class.



Where: Hill City School room 206
When: 7 sessions, Mon. & Wed.
Starting April 16
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ages: **MUST** be 11 yrs. old or older
Adults welcome
Cost: \$7.50
(fee is paid at the end of class sessions)

Registration: Registration is REQUIRED (see attached)

Fire Arm Safety Registration is REQUIRED



Register at the door or drop
off at school office,
attn: Comm Ed.

Students Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ DOB: _____

Contact info: Home Ph: _____

Work Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

_____ has my permission
to participate in the Firearm Safety Class.

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

For questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @
Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 x172
sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us or Mark at 697-8296.

After School Art!

Attention!! We are offering after school art twice a month!
The schedule for after school art is as follows:

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.



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

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



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 6:15-7:15 pm

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

Right-Way Driving



will be having
classroom driver's education
at the Hill City School
beginning:

July 23rd

**Classes will be held Mon-Fri
from 9 am - 12 pm for 2 weeks
Pick up registration forms in
the school office.**

Classroom fee: \$100

Behind the wheel fee: \$44/hr

Car rental for test: \$25

(prices subject to change)

Questions Contact: Right-Way Driving at 327-4880 or
Stacey at Hill City Comm Ed at 697-2394 X172 or
sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us

REMEMBER: You **MUST** have your
permit for 6 months and be 16 yrs old
before you can get your license!



ISD #2 Lunch Menu April 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Brk: Brk Pizza Chicken Nuggets Potato Coins Peas/Fruit/Milk	3 Brk: Cereal/Toast Minestrone Soup Cheese Sandwich Saltines/Fruit/Milk	4 Brk: Cinn Roll Sub Sandwich Salad Bar Fruit/Milk	5 NO SCHOOL	6 NO SCHOOL	7
8 Breakfast - <small>OFFERED DAILY: Cereal Assortment Orange Juice or Fruit Cheese Slice or CheeseStick</small>	9 NO SCHOOL	10 Brk: Cereal/Toast Stuff Crust Pizza Corn Fruit/Milk	11 Brk: Lumberjack Goulach/Bread Green Beans Applesauce/Milk	12 Brk: Cereal/Toast Taco Salad Bar Fruit/Milk	13 Brk: Cinn Roll Tomato Soup/Grill Cheese Sand/Vegie Sticks/Pears/Milk	14
15 Lunch- <small>OFFERED DAILY: Bread Offer-vs-serve for Grades 4-12</small>	16 Brk: Brk Bagel Chicken Patty/Bun Green Beans Applesauce/Milk	17 Brk: Cereal/Toast Ham Au GRATINS Peas & Carrots Fruit/Milk	18 Brk: Brk Burrito Chicken Fajita Salad Bar Fruit/Milk	19 Brk: Cereal/Toast Chili/Saltines Grill Cheese Sand Fruit/Milk	20 Brk: Cinn Roll Hot Dog or Brat Baked Beans Coleslaw/Fruit/Milk	21
22	23 Brk: Brk Round Corn Dog/Fries Mixed Vegies Bread/Fruit/Milk	24 Brk: Cereal/Toast Italian Dunkers w/sauce/Green Beans/Fruit/Milk	25 Brk: Fr Toast Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potatoes Corn/Fruit/Milk	26 Brk: Cereal/Toast Fish Patty/Bun Coleslaw/Carrots Orange Slices/Milk	27 Brk: Cinn Roll Quesadillas Salad Bar Fruit/Milk	28
29	30 Brk: Brk Pizza Chicken Strips Carrots/Cookie Bread/Fruit/Milk					Menu subject to change at anytime



ISD #2 Activities April 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	2 Family Bd Game Night 3:10-6:00	3	4 Bloodmobile 12-6 p.m.	5 NO SCHOOL	6 NO SCHOOL	7 Community Easter Egg Hunt 10 am
8 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	9 NO SCHOOL	10	11 Basketball Awards Night 5:30-7 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00 pm	12 Family Bd Game Night 3:10-6:00 Base vs Cr-Iron A Away 4:30	13 SB vs Carlton A Away 4:00 Base vs Carlton A Away 4:00	14 Elementary Art Camp 1-4
15 Archery 3:45 - 6 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	16 BOOK FAIR SB vs McGregor AC Home 4:30 Base vs McGregor A Home 4:30	17 BOOK FAIR Sys Acct Mtg 2:30 p.m. SB vs Northland A Away 4:30	18 BOOK FAIR VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00 pm	19 BOOK FAIR SB vs Isle AC Home 4:30 Base vs Isle A Home 4:30	20 BOOK FAIR Base vs Northland AC Away 4:30	21
22 Archery 3:45 - 6 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	23 Fam Bd Game SB vs Nashwauk AC Home 4:30 School Bd Mtg 6:30 p.m.	24 Base vs Cherry AC Away 4:30	25 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00 pm	26 Family Bd Game Night 3:10-6:00 Base vs Littlefork AC Home 4:30	27	28 SB vs DR Tny A Away TBD Base vs DR Tny A Away 9:00 Base vs Nash Tny C Away TBD
29 Archery 3:45 - 6 Open Gym BB 6:00 - 8:00	30 Family Bd Game Night 3:10-6:00 SB vs Cromwell A Home 4:30					



Hill City Baton Twirlers

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

Grades: K-12
Cost: \$25
Dates: Wednesdays, March 28 - May 30
Time: 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm
Where: Gym B
Register by: March 21
Instructors: Jessie Ahonen & Erin Boleman
Contact #: 244-4259

For assistance with class fees or questions concerning this class,
call Stacey at Comm Ed @ 697-2394 X172,
siohnson@hillcitv.k12.mn.us

Baton Preregistration by: March 21 FEE: \$25

Students Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Contact info: Home Ph: _____

Work Ph: _____

Cell Ph: _____

Email: _____

_____ has my permission
to participate in the Baton Class.

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

**Return this form with fee, made payable to Hill
City Community Education, to the school office
- no later than March 21 -**

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