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## VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM AT HILL CITY SCHOOL

On Monday, November 12th, Hill City School was honored to welcome local veterans for a Veteran's Day program in our gym. The ceremony started with the American Legion color guard placing the flags, followed by Lisa Cannella's fourth grade class leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Mikles, Biology teacher and Vietnam veteran, delivered a moving Veteran's Day address, that was a beautiful memorial to the great Americans who have sacrificed for our great nation. Next, Mrs. Holm shared some background information on the Beerbower Memorial park and the penny drive the school held last year. We were lucky enough to have three special WWII veterans in our audience, Floyd Dropps, Adolph Carlson and Wayne Weller all took the Honor Flight to Washington, DC in September. Mr. Weller, class of 1938 and Navy veteran spoke briefly and introduced a video on the Honor Flight. Mr. Kneeland's band and choir added patriotic music





throughout the program. Breanna Benson, Brianna Mager and Hannah James read letters of thanks to our veterans, which was really special. Noah Bishop helped to wrap up the program with his beautiful performance of “Taps” on the bugle.

What a great success the day was, bringing together community members, parents and families, area veterans and Hill City School students and staff. The program was a collaboration between Michelle Nelson, who works for Itasca County Veteran’s Services and is a parent in our district, Laurie Holm, English teacher and Phil Kneeland, music teacher. It was a really special day and a wonderful chance for our students to show our veterans how much we appreciate all of their service. The program was a really moving tribute to our veterans and a chance to be proud of being from Hill City and to be grateful to be Americans.



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### Committee Assignments for 2012

#### Committee

MSHSL  
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

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Greg Bounds  
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Mike Murphy  
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Jodi Gulbraa  
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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

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

- emotional support groups
- medical/legal advocacy
- short-term counseling
- community referrals
- public education

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2  
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Jodi Gulbraa at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2012.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Jodi Gulbraa, Sue Kaslow, Martha Lentz, Tom Fasteland, and Brent Welk. Board Members absent: None. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum.

1. Approved the Agenda with deletion.
2. Approved the following:
  - \*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2012;
  - \*September 2012 bills presented for payment;
  - \*Current bills through 10/09/12;
  - \*Investments and wire transfers;
  - \*Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
  - \*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. No comments or requests from visitors.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Transportation report: things are rolling along fine. A couple more drivers have been hired.
6. Student Council: They will be paying for the prize the 10th grade won for their float in the homecoming parade. They also support the Rachel's Challenge Program.
7. System Accountability Committee: next meeting is in January 2013.
8. School and Community Health Committee will meet on October 26, 2012.
9. Negotiations Committee: none to report.
10. Community Education Report: Congratulations to Community Education Programmer Stacey Johnson on her new baby girl.
11. Maintenance Supervisor Report: None to report.
12. No Technology Coordinator update.
13. Approved the class fundraisers to date.
14. Approved hiring Lisa Anderson as Junior High Girls' Basketball coach for the 2012-2013 school year with a salary to be set according to the current HCUE Master Agreement.
15. Approved hiring Gerard Valley as 50% Athletic Director starting in October for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year with a salary to be set according to the current HCUE Master Agreement.

16. Approved Fiscal Year 2012 Committed for Severance to be \$241,063.87.
17. Veteran's Day program is at 9:00 a.m. on November 12, 2012.
18. MDE task force on Educational funding will be held on October 30, 2012 from 6-8 p.m.
19. MDE workshop at NESC on teacher evaluations will be on October 30, 2012.
20. Community Growing meeting will be on November 12, 2012 from 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.
21. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 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 Jodi Gulbraa at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Martha Lentz, Jodi Gulbraa, Tom Fasteland, and Sue Kaslow. Board Members absent: Brent Welk. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum and Jessica Lathrop.

1. Approved the agenda as presented.
2. Adopted the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election of November 6, 2012.
3. Adopted the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Special Election at the General Election of November 6, 2012.
4. Adopted the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties.
5. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 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 SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

## FIRST QUARTER 2012-2013

### Grade 12

**A**

**B**

Taylor Becker  
Caitlin Crandall  
Chantel Huff  
Miranda James-Smith  
Matthew Lutterman

### Grade 11

**A**

Izaiah Bishop  
Nathan Oukrop

**B**

Tyler Hesse  
Jordan Johnson  
Courtney Welk

### Grade 10

**A**

Brittany Benson  
Hallie Bishop  
Alexandra Blanchard  
Emily Bounds  
Tess Hatfield  
Jenna Ihle  
Jessica Ihle  
Samantha Katzenberger  
Mandi McNeil  
Phillip Niesen  
Monika Olson  
Tina Pontius  
Parker Semmler  
Dale Simmens  
Haylee Smith  
Marcus Wagner  
Lacey Washburn  
Kyle Yotter

### Grade 8

**A**

Lane Gerber  
Kailey Gilmer  
Selket Jewett  
Hayley Lathrop

**B**

Brendon Gould  
Madison Lathrop  
Mark Meyer  
Logan Mickelson  
Brady Wagner  
Andrew Yotter

### Grade 9

**A**

Noah Bishop  
Allyssa Butler  
Autumn Hess  
Chanay Huff  
Eric Watkins

**B**

Chase Ahonen  
Sarah Blanchard  
Emmalee Gerber  
Kelsey Harstad  
Christopher James  
Jordan Thompson  
Mason Watkins  
Carly Welk

### Grade 7

**A**

Izabella Bishop

**B**

Jeremiah Butler

*Congratulations!*



**Elementary**

**Holiday Concert**

**Friday,**

**December 14th**

**1:30 pm**

**Large Gym**



**Secondary**

**Holiday Concert**

**Wednesday,**

**December 19th**

**7:00 pm**

**Assembly**



## HILL CITY AREA FOOD SHELF GRANTS

We are delighted to have received the \$5000 grant to be used for "capital" improvements and especially the challenge grant that will bring us .50 for every dollar donated now through March 31st which will be used entirely to buy food from Second Harvest North Central Food Bank.

Hill City Area Food Shelf recently received a \$5,000 "Lutheran Community Economic Outreach Bridge Grant" from the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. The funding was awarded to our local food shelf based on its effectiveness in addressing basic needs of the local community such as food, clothing or shelter.

Hill City Area Food Shelf has also elected to participate in a complementary two-to-one challenge grant program sponsored by the Foundation. For every dollar raised by our community by Mar. 31, 2013, the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation will provide an additional 50 cents—up to \$5,000—in support of the organization's ministry.

"Difficult economic conditions and high unemployment rates have caused many Americans to seek support for basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter from local nonprofits," said Kathy Larson, grants program manager for the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. "This grant program is designed to help effective organizations maintain their financial stability in the face of increased demand on their resources."

Founded in 1982, the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation is a private foundation that operates exclusively for charitable, educational and religious purposes. Grants are provided for projects and missions that reflect Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' charitable interests. The primary charitable interest of the foundation is assisting nonprofit organizations and those they serve in achieving economic security and sustainability. To learn more about the foundation and its programs, visit: [www.thrivent.com/foundations](http://www.thrivent.com/foundations).

# ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

**FAST FACTS**

**ASSET #39:  
Sense of Purpose**

*Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they report that their lives have purpose.*

**55%**

*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. "Sense of purpose" is one of four positive identity assets.*

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

## Finding Purpose by Looking Within

**"The unexamined life is not worth living,"** said Socrates. And with the wild schedules and frantic pace we live today, it's easy not to take the time to find out what really matters.

Yet for young people to have a sense of purpose in life, they need to look within. What gives their life meaning? What gets them excited to wake up in the morning? What dreams do they have for the future?

Each person—including your child—gets 168 hours a week to choose what to do with their time. Which subjects is your child taking in school? Are they meaningful—or easy? What extracurricular activities does your child do? Are they giving your child purpose—or are they just something to pass the time? What about your family time? Is it meaningful interaction time, or is everybody so tired that you'd prefer just to veg out together in front of the television?

The difference between young people who have a sense of purpose in life and those who don't boils down to one thing: they take charge of their lives. If they don't know what gives them meaning or purpose, they set out to find it. If they know what gives them purpose, they are out there doing it—every day. As a family, you can encourage that journey by giving family members time to reflect, discuss, and try new things of interest. Together you can find purpose as a family, and as individuals.

**Quick Tip:**  
Tell your child what gives your life purpose.



## time together

Three ways to help your child find a sense of purpose:

1. Identify areas of interest, talent, and curiosity. Encourage your child to get involved in activities that will build on those interests and talents.
2. Network with other adults and young people who have similar interests. See if you can participate in some meaningful activities together.
3. Interview a neighbor or family member who seems to have a strong sense of purpose. How did that person find that purpose?

### Newsletter Sponsors:

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McGregor Lions Club, Palisade Lions Club,  
& Aitkin County Family Collaborative: (Aitkin  
ISD #1, Hill City ISD #2, McGregor ISD #4, Mille  
Lacs Band District II, Aitkin County Corrections,  
Aitkin County Health & Human Services)

## Words to Ponder

**“You may have a success in life, but then just think—what kind of life was it?”** said Joseph Campbell, scholar and professor of mythology. “What good was it—you’ve never done the thing you wanted to do in all your life. I always tell my students, go where your body and soul want to go. When you have the feeling, then stay with it, and don’t let anyone throw you off.”

Joseph Campbell called this sense of purpose “bliss,” and advocated that people take time to identify what their bliss is. Follow your bliss, and don’t be afraid, and doors will open where you didn’t know they were going to be,” he said. What bliss are you following? What about your child?



## talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What gives you purpose in life? Why?
- Which mentors or role models who have a strong purpose in life do you admire? Why?
- If you could do only one thing with your life, what would it be? Why?

## Helpful Hints

Tips that help your child find a sense of purpose:

- **Cut down on television, computer, and telephone time to give your child time to develop her or his own interests.**
- **Spend an afternoon together just daydreaming and discussing the daydreaming. What happens?**
- **Compare passion lists. Have family members each write down five things they’re passionate about and then talk about them.**

## More Stuff You Can Use

**Kids Who Make a Difference.** This book shows young people from all ethnic, economic, and geographic backgrounds who found a sense of purpose and did extraordinary things. (Available from MasterMedia Publishing Corporation, 515 NW Saltzman Road, Suite 752, Portland, OR, 97229; 1-800-334-8232.)

## FINAL WORD

**“To live means to have ... a mission to fulfill—and in the measure in which we avoid setting our life to something, we make it empty.”**

—José Ortega y Gasset, philosopher

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## December 2012

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

1. Glue a picture of your child to a piece of paper. Have her draw things that represent what is special about her.
2. Let your child read the label on a food your family eats. What vitamins does it contain? How much fat is in it?
3. Do something nice for your neighborhood, like picking up litter.
4. Talk to your child about how recycling paper is one of the ways we can help save natural resources.
5. Pretend to go back in time with your child. Pick a period of time and reenact the event together.
6. Help your child figure out the average height of the people in your family.
7. Teach your child to disagree respectfully.
8. Play Go Fish with your child.
9. Create an art gallery with your child. Frame his artwork.
10. Ask your child, “What is your favorite book? Why?”
11. Create and keep a family logbook. Everyone can jot down and read thoughts, reminders and accomplishments.
12. Read a favorite fairy tale to your child.
13. Ask your child to alphabetize your music or movie collection.
14. Ask your child “what if” questions. “What if it never rained?”
15. Make a costume box for your child. Fill it with hats and old clothes.
16. Give your child weekly tickets worth a half hour of TV time each. Let her cash in unused tickets for special treats.
17. Plan a compliment day when your family gives genuine compliments.
18. Visit an art museum with your child and talk about the paintings.
19. Ask your child, “What if dogs could talk?”
20. Start a family collection of reading reviews. When someone reads a book, they write a review in a special notebook.
21. Play an age-appropriate board game with your child.
22. Plant an herb garden in pots on your window sill. Let your child taste the leaves and describe the flavors.
23. Plan a “no-TV” evening.
24. Allow a few minutes after lights are out for quiet conversation with your child.
25. See who in your family can name the most relatives.
26. Pick a category, such as animals. Then pick a letter, such as b. How many items from that category begin with that letter?
27. Hide an object and give your child clues to help him find it.
28. Plan a reading dinner. Allow everyone to bring a book to the table. Spend some time reading, then share your thoughts.
29. Let your child put a leafy stalk of celery into colored water. Have him watch the color rise into the stalk over the next week.
30. Make a list of 10 things your child learned in school this year. Post it on the refrigerator.
31. Help your child organize her room.



**Helping Children Learn**  
Five Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



# Helping Children Learn®

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

Hill City Elementary School  
Go Hornets!



December 2012

## Help your child develop 'expert' reading habits reading together

Reading experts have identified critical skills that improve readers' comprehension and vocabulary. You can work on them with your child. As you read together:

- **Make predictions.** Ask what might come next. This will help your child pay attention to the details in a story. Look for clues in the story that give hints about what might happen. When he has finished reading, talk about his predictions. Were they correct? If not, see if there were some clues he missed.
- **Look for interesting words.** Children who read often have bigger vocabularies than those who don't. As your child reads, point out new words. "Wow! This is a funny word. Can you figure out what it means?" See if the story helps him understand the meaning. If not, look up the definition in a dictionary together. Help him make a list of the words he's learned so he can use them when he speaks or writes.
- **Relate reading to your child's life.** If a character learns a lesson, ask if your child has had a similar experience. If he has special interests—dinosaurs, sports, space—help him find books on those topics at the library. And don't forget, books make great gifts!



Source: C.C. Block and S.E. Izael, "The ABCs of Performing Highly Effective Think-alouds," *The Reading Teacher*.



## Your child's attendance is important both before and after winter break

December is a great month for getting together with family and friends. But don't steal time from your child's education. As you schedule events, avoid plans that will keep your child out of school.

You may think missing a few days is not a problem, but learning builds day by day. If your child misses the introduction of new facts and skills, she may fall behind.

Your child's absence can cause a problem for her teacher, too. She

will have to take valuable class time to help your child catch up.

The rest of the class will suffer as well. Studies show that every child in the class learns less when teachers have to help students catch up on work they missed because they were absent.

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.

## Promote proper punctuation

Have your child write a short story without punctuation. Then read it together. Does it make sense? Probably not! Punctuation is important. Help your child add the needed periods, commas and question marks. Now it should make sense when he reads it aloud.

## Involve your child in setting consequences

Your child got mud all over the floor when she didn't take her boots off. You're really angry, but before you scold her, take a deep breath. Then ask her, "What should we do?"

She might say, "I don't know." Your reply should be, "That won't help." If you wait a minute, she might offer to clean up the mess she made.



When kids decide on a consequence, they're more likely to follow through.

Source: R. Guarendi, *Discipline that Lasts a Lifetime*, St. Anthony Messenger Press.

## Discussing online safety can protect your child

Even though people are always connected through technology, kids often don't have the maturity to be wise in cyberspace.

Talk about cyberbullying and online safety with your child. Schools have specific rules when it comes to computers, cell phones and social media, so review those and discuss them with your child. Establish specific rules for your family, too.

Decide as a family when your child is ready for a cell phone or social media accounts. Remember that your child may use a library computer to access the Internet, so be sure that she knows the rules of what is acceptable online behavior.



# Helping Children Learn

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Q&A How can I help my child adjust to a new situation?

**Q:** My husband and I divorced this year. He won't be here for the holidays. His absence has been hard on my daughter, and her grades are starting to suffer. How can I get through the holiday season and get my daughter back on track?

**A:** Being separated from a parent is always hard—especially during the holidays.

Let your daughter know that it is OK to miss her father. Say something like, "You love your Daddy very much. Of course you're going to miss him. Whenever you feel sad, you can talk with me."

Let the school know what your child is going through and how she feels. Her teacher may find she will confide in her. Ask how you can work together to support your daughter until she gets her grades back on track.



As for the holidays, talk about some fun holiday traditions you want to continue—baking, decorating or watching a favorite holiday video. Together think of some new traditions to start this year.

Reach out to other family members and friends. If you can, schedule some one-on-one time for your daughter with a grandparent, a relative or a family friend. Build a support system for your child—and for yourself.

## Parent Quiz

### Are you giving gifts that really matter?

Looking for just the right gift? Perhaps you can't find it in the store or your budget is too tight for much extra spending. Luckily, the gifts children want—and need—most are things that don't cost a penny. Are you giving your child these gifts? Answer *yes* or *no* to each question:

\_\_\_ 1. Do you give your child the gift of time? Spend time with him whenever you can.

\_\_\_ 2. Do you give your child the gift of reading? Set aside time to read together every day.

\_\_\_ 3. Do you give your child the gift of responsibility? Give him things to do that help keep your home running smoothly.

\_\_\_ 4. Do you give your child the gift of your love? Each day, say, "I love you" to your child.

\_\_\_ 5. Do you give your child the gift of fun? Do things just because they are silly and make you both laugh.

**How well are you doing?** Each *yes* means you are giving your child gifts that are priceless.

•Above all, an education prepares you to make choices in life—to evaluate information, knowledge, experience and wisdom. •  
—Arne Duncan

## Your child can develop responsibility by helping

"I have so much to do!" December is a busy month for everyone. Your child can build responsibility by helping you. He could:

- **Make** dessert for your holiday dinner.
- **Check** the newspaper for money-saving coupons.
- **Set** the table.
- **Fix** breakfast for the rest of the family.



## Encourage your child to plan ahead for projects

Your child may not have a science project to do now, but she can still get ready. Have her keep a notebook where she can collect questions she has about science, articles that interest her, photos from magazines and other ideas. Have her check out one book about science each week when you visit the library. When it's science project time, she'll have a head start!

## Look for ways for your child can help others this season

The holiday season is the perfect time for your child to learn about his community by helping others. Encourage him to:

- **Make a card** for a senior citizen.
- **Watch a pet.** If a neighbor is going away for a few days, offer free care.
- **Give a gift.** Many organizations hold different kinds of drives. See if your child can make something small to contribute to their collection.
- **Offer your time.** Call a few local organizations to see what help they need over the holiday season. Set up a time to help as a family.

Source: M. Ungar, *The We Generation: Raising Socially Responsible Kids*, Lifelong Books.

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**Organizations and Events****Jacobson  
Community  
Center  
Christmas  
Party**

**Saturday, December 1, 2012  
5:00 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome**

**Jacobson Seniors  
Annual Holiday Party & Potluck  
Thursday, December 6, 2012  
Everyone welcome  
Come early to meet friends  
Lunch will be served at noon**

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 December 10 at 5:00 p.m. Hostess is Charlotte Henningsgaard and we will meet at her home in the party room. Want to join us? Call Marsha 326-6865.

**Ball Bluff Township**

Ball Bluff Board Meeting Thursday, December 11, 2012, 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 752-1151.

**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

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly: Business Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly: 1<sup>st</sup> 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. December 6 and 20. 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.**

**Hymn sing Dec. 16 at 5:00 p.m with  
potluck to follow**

Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday mornings:

9:30-Adult Sunday School

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

11:00-Worship, 12:00-Fellowship

Quilters and crafters meet every Tuesday at

9:30 a.m. WELCA meets the second

Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Council meets 3rd Thurs. of the month @  
7:00 p.m.

Lay Minister Mark Wagner  
218-246-3179

## Haypoint Jackpine Snowmobile Club Safety Training

Once again this will be a CD based youth safety class. You must complete the CD training prior to the classroom review/performance test. The classroom review/performance test will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the clubhouse on Hwy 200 East. **A parent or guardian must accompany the student to register.** Cost is \$5.00 per student which is paid to the DNR after completion of the classroom. Class will be limited to 35 participants. Participants must be 11 years old and **MUST** have a printout of the voucher of completion of the CD with them the day of the classroom training. Each student will receive a snowmobile certification card when successfully completing this course or upon their 12th birthday. CD's can be obtained at the school office or by calling Jeff Hidde. **You must call (218) 697-2502 to pre-register.**

For additional information contact:  
Jeff Hidde 697-2502



Jacobson Community  
Center  
**Christmas Party**  
Saturday  
December 1, 2012  
5:00 p.m.  
Potluck  
Entertainment  
Santa's coming!  
Everyone Welcome  
Admission Free

3 miles south of  
Highway 200 on  
the Great River  
Road

## Christmas with Santa

@ Buckshot Bar & Grill

sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce  
and Buckshot Bar & Grill

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>

Noon until 3 PM

Get your picture taken with Santa.  
First Picture is free, \$3.00 for each additional picture.

We will have Hot Chocolate here to  
keep you warm ☺ (no charge)

Hope to see you here.  
Happy Holidays to you and your families. Stay Safe!!



## Hill City UMW Bazaar!

Saturday, December 1  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

at the Methodist Church  
300 Ione Avenue  
Hill City, MN 55748

Lunch will be available for \$4.00  
Sloppy Joes and Homemade Pie

Items will include: crafts,  
cards, bakery items, plants,  
white elephant, etc.

# Hill City Growing Forward – selects topics for December 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.”

– [Mother Teresa](#)



Over 70 community members participated in the first Hill City Growing Forward meeting recently to explore how to make Hill City a healthier place to live. Through conversations during the kick-off meeting about the Hill City area, the group concluded their time together by identifying 12 changes they would like to see in the next 3-5 years. Residents voted and the top three changes the group will continue to discuss are:

- A multi-use building for community purposes such as a clinic, youth activity center, library, and resource center. There is an existing building that may serve this purpose.
- Develop more tourism opportunities by having better curb appeal and developing and maintaining a community web site.
- Increase school, community and business partnership opportunities for community service and mentorship.

A second Hill City Growing Forward meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:45 pm at the Hill City School**. All community members are invited and encouraged to attend this second meeting to take the 3 changes and:

- Identify Barriers and Resources for each of the changes
- Establish Desired Outcomes – our community vision
- Create Sustainable Action Plans

Child care and transportation is available at no charge. Call Kathleen at 218-697-2793 to make arrangements.



# Community Education Webpage

Check out the new webpage  
go to [www.hillcity.k12.mn.us](http://www.hillcity.k12.mn.us)  
and find us under the  
community link. This is  
where you can find:  
**Classes Offered**  
**Registrations**  
**Schedules**  
**And more!**

If you have any questions or comments please  
contact Stacey at 697-2394 ext.172 or at  
[sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us](mailto:sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us)

## 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). Please drop information off  
at the school office or mail to:

Hill City School  
Att: 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](mailto:sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us)

### AARP MN Driver Safety Program (formerly 55 Alive)

**Register by: February 12th**

Taking this class is an easy and sure way to reduce your motor  
vehicle insurance premiums. State law requires all auto insur-  
ance 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: Feb., 13th 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: February 12th**

**\$12 for members**

**\$14 for non members**

(payable at the door to AARP)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
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.

# BASKETBALL OPEN GYM



Every Sunday Night  
6-8pm

Hill City School  
Gymnasium

Cost is \$1.00 per night



## Adult Volleyball Open Gym

Starting Sept. 12th

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](mailto:sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us)

## Dance Team

If you are interested in dance and have school spirit this team is for you! An instructor from the Dreams Do Come True Dance Studio will be teaching dance and routines that will be used at our high school sporting events.



**Fee: \$20 per month** (payable to Hill City Comm Ed)

**Instructor:** Dreams Do Come True Dance Studio Instructors

**Ages:** 3rd-8th grade

**Starts:** Tuesday., Nov. 13th

Practices will continue to be Tuesday evenings with some additional events

Schedules will be handed out during practice.

**Times:** 6:00pm-7:30pm

For assistance with class fees or questions, please call Stacey @ Comm. Ed. at 697-2394 X172

## Dance Team

FEE: \$20 per month



Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate on the Dance Team.

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 @ Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 X172

# After School Art!

After School Art is being offered twice a month!

The schedule for after school art is as follows:



Dec. 6 & Dec. 20  
 Jan. 10 & Jan. 24  
 Feb. 14 & Feb. 28  
 Mar. 14 & Mar 28  
 Apr. 11 & Apr. 25  
 May 9 & May 23

**Who: All students are invited!**

**Time: 3:15-4:30pm**

**Cost: \$10 per month or \$50 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 or need assistance with fees please contact Stacey at 697-2394 x. 172 or at [sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us](mailto:sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us)

# After School Art!

3:15-4:30pm

\$10 per month or \$50 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 x. 172 or at [sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us](mailto:sjohnson@hillcity.k12.mn.us)



## ARCHERY Archery and Beyond \$5

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the After School Archery Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature Date

For questions concerning this class, please contact Stacey @ Hill City Community Education at 697-2394 x172 or at [sjohnson2hillcity.k12.mn.us](mailto:sjohnson2hillcity.k12.mn.us)



## Archery and Beyond

Develop your hidden talent. Participants will learn archery basics from NASP, National Archery in the Schools certified instructors. Learn range safety and proper shooting techniques. No equipment needed. Come join the team or come try out the six session course and decide whether or not you would like to join the Hill City Archery Team and compete, locally, regionally, state and possibly beyond! There is an additional fee to join the team of \$50 with a family cap of \$80 (payable to Hill City Archery Club), which includes team t-shirt and competition fees. Team forms and schedules will be available at the first night of practice. The season ends with the State Competition on March 23.

**Dates:** Nov 27, Nov 29, Dec 4, Dec 6, Dec 13, Dec 18

**Times:** Session 1 (4th & 5th graders) 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Session 2 (6th grade and up) 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Fee:** \$5 – payable to Hill City Comm. Education

**Grades:** 4th – 12th grade

**Contact:** Michelle Nelson 218-244-9719

Parents are welcome to observe, but must remain in the bleachers at all times. We respectfully request that you make arrangements for younger siblings not to be in the gym during practice.





# ISD #2 Lunch Menu December 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Brk: Brk Bagel Corn Dog/Baked Beans/Salad Bar Applesauce/Milk	4 Brk: Oatmeal/Cereal BBQ Pork/Bun Corn/Carrots/Tater Rounds/Fruit/Milk	5 Brk:Fr Toast Stick Beef/Bean Burrito w/Fixings/Apple or Fruit Mix/Milk	6 Brk: Oatmeal/Cereal Spaghetti w/meat Spinach Salad Bar StrawberryCup/Milk	7 Brk: Cinn Roll Shrimp Poppers Coleslaw/Broc & Caul/Orange/Milk	1/8
9 <b>Breakfast - OFFERED DAILY:</b> Cereal Assortment Orange Juice or Fruit Cheese Slice or CheeseStick	10 Brk: Brk Bagel Hamburger/Bun Sweet Potato Tots Applesauce/Milk	11 Brk: Oatmeal/Cereal Chick Noodle Soup Grill Cheese Oranges/Milk	12 Brk: Lumberjack Turkey Sub Carrots & Celery Peaches/Milk	13 Brk: Oatmeal/Cereal Taco w/fixings RF Beans/Apple or Pineapple /Milk	14 Brk: Cinn Roll Chicken Nuggets Rice/Gr Beans Pears/Milk	15
16 <b>Lunch- OFFERED DAILY:</b> Bread Offer-vs-serve for Grades 4-12	17 Brk: Brk Bagel Chili/Corn Bread Mix Vegies/Mix Fruit or Apple/Milk	18 Brk: Oatmeal/Cereal Hot Dog/Baked Beans/Coleslaw Carrots/Fruit/Milk	19 Brk:Fr Toast Stick Pork Roast/Mash Potato/Corn/Fruit Mix or Orange/Milk	20 Brk: Cinn Roll Sausage Pizza Salad Bar or Corn Pears or Apple/Milk	21 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	22
23	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	28 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	29
30	31 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>					<b>Menu subject to change at anytime</b>



# ISD #2 Activities December 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Cardio 6:00 - 8:00 Open Gym 6:00 - 8:00	3 <b>HC Growing Forward Mtg 6:30 p.m.</b>	4 BBB vs McGregor ABC Away 5:45	5 Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	6 GBB vs Crosby-I ABC Away 5:45	7 BBB vs Deer River ABC Home 5:45	1 8
9 Cardio 6:00 - 8:00 Open Gym 6:00 - 8:00	10 GBB vs Mesabi E ABC Away 5:45	11 BBB vs Northland ABC Home 5:45	12 Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	13 GBB vs Northland ABC Away 5:45	14 Elem Holiday Concert 1:30 pm	15 Frosty Fling Dance 7 - 11:30 pm
16 Cardio 6:00 - 8:00 Open Gym 6:00 - 8:00	17 GBB & BBB vs Fond Du Lac AB Home 5:45 School Bd Mtg 6:30	18 BBB vs Northome AB Home 5:45	19 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00 Cardio Room 7-9 Secondary Holiday Concert 7 pm	20 GBB vs Cromwell ABC Home 5:45 BBB vs Cromwell ABC Away 5:45	21 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	22
23 Cardio 6:00 - 8:00 Open Gym 6:00 - 8:00	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	25 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Cardio Room 7-9 VB Open Gym 7:00 - 9:00	27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	28 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	29
30 Cardio 6:00 - 8:00 Open Gym 6:00 - 8:00	31 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>					



## Open Cardio Room

Every **Wednesday** evening from  
**7-9pm** and **Sunday Evening**  
from **6-8pm**  
Hill City School

### Cardio room includes:

Treadmills, Ellipticals, stationary bicycles and a flat screen tv so you won't miss your shows!



## Fee:\$1.00 per time

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

For assistance with class fees or questions, please call Stacey @ Comm. Ed. at 697-2394 X172.