



# COMMUNITY NEWS

2024

*Serving Northern Minnesota Communities  
Hill City, Jacobson, and Swatara*

Articles in this  
Newsletter:

## HILL CITY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL Second Quarter 2023-2024

School News

**Grade 12**  
**A**  
Charlize Bjorhus  
Taleigha Cook  
Adrianna Leverty-Taylor

**Grade 11**  
**A**  
Dylan Blaisdell  
Bellona Dunham  
Destiny Hobson  
Steven Meyer  
Jacob Roper  
Matthew Washburn  
Abby Zapzalka

**Grade 10**  
**A**  
Madison Barnes  
Callee Gerber  
Jasmine Kingsley  
Madilyn Swanson

**Grade 9**  
**A**  
Emily Casper

School Board  
Minutes

**B**  
Alixandra Leach  
Joseph Swanson

**B**  
Quinton Borders  
Trevor Kingsley  
Kristina Marinaro  
Brielle Olson

**B**  
Jaeger Ahonen  
Mackenzie Benson  
Jacob Bockoven  
Reese Boleman  
Mariah Dahl  
Jackson Kingsley  
Kaydince Saxton

**B**  
Christen Boleman  
Dani Hannula  
Coltyn Harcey  
Nathan Kingsley  
Taylor Washburn

Ideas For Parents

**Grade 8**  
**A**

Haley Barnes  
Hannah Barnes  
Reid Johnson  
Kyleah Kaslow  
Vanessa Kingsley  
Artemis Mercado  
Tyler Pearson  
Kayleigh Richards  
Martin Sersha

**Grade 7**  
**A**  
Pearl Johnson  
Benjamin Jurvelin  
Jace Zapzalka

**Grade 6**  
**A**  
**B**  
Savanna Holm



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**Community  
Ed News/  
Classes**

**B**  
Avery Bailey  
Natalie Bray  
Jaxon Caldwell-Paulley  
Kendel Humphrey

**B**  
Waylan Bray  
Alissa Hannula  
Darius Karjala-Holbein  
Juniper Mercado  
Cassidy Rivard

**Lunch Calendar**

Activities Calendar  
found at  
isd002.org

*Congratulations!*

Jay Zapzalka, Chairman jzapzalkaisd002.org	Joell Miranda, Clerk jmiranda@isd002.org	Sarah Kingsley, Treasurer sakingsley@isd002.org
Mark Meyer, Vice Chair mmeyer@isd002.org	Ron Saxton rsaxton@isd002.org	Jeremy Nelson jnelson@isd002.org

### Committee Assignments for 2024



**Committee**

MSHSL  
 Negotiations Committee  
  
 Curriculum Committee  
 Community Education Advisory Council  
 Meet and Confer  
  
 Staff Development  
 School and Community Health Team  
 Recertification Committee  
 AARC  
 Comparable Worth  
 Safety/Transportation Committee  
 NESC  
 Athletic Advisory Committee  
  
 Itasca Area Schools Collaborative  
 Policy Committee

**Representative**

Mark Meyer  
 Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer,  
 Ron Saxton  
 Ron Saxton (Joell Miranda, Alt.)  
 Sarah Kingsley (Mark Meyer, Alt.)  
 Joell Miranda and Jeremy Nelson  
 (Ron Saxton, Alt.)  
 Ron Saxton (Joell Miranda, Alt.)  
 Sarah Kingsley and Ron Saxton  
 Jeremy Nelson  
 Mark Meyer  
 Jay Zapzalka  
 Mark Meyer and Jay Zapzalka  
 Mark Meyer  
 Jay Zapzalka and Sarah Kingsley  
 (Mark Meyer, Alt.)  
 Mark Meyer  
 Sarah Kingsley and Ron Saxton

### For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

**RADIO STATIONS**

RADIO USA	99.9 FM
KOZY Grand Rapids	1320 AM
KMFY Grand Rapids	96.9 FM
WTBX Grand Rapids	93.9 FM
KAXE Grand Rapids	91.7 FM
KBAJ	105.5 FM

**INSTANT ALERT**

Infinite Campus' Voice  
 Messenger system will  
 call parents between  
 5:00 - 6:00 a.m. for  
 school closings.

**TV STATIONS**

WDIO/WIRT  
 KDLH  
 KBJR  
 WCCO

**Community Newsletter Deadline**

Just a reminder, if you would like an article put in the Community Newsletter, it must be turned in to the school office by the 15th of the month to be put in the following months' newsletter. Newsletters are usually uploaded to the website around the 25th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Jessica at (218) 697-2394, ext. 101.



Support Within Reach serves Aitkin county residents. Our mission: To reduce the impact and harm of sexual violence in the communities we serve. Free and confidential 24 hour Crisis Line:

**Call 218-326-5008 or 1-866-747-5008**

MEDICAL/LEGAL SUPPORT & FOLLOW-UP PEER COUNSELING COMMUNITY REFERRALS & 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 at 6:00 p.m on January 22, 2024.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

All Members were present except Sarah Kingsley.

1. Approved Agenda as Presented
2. Correction and Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 18, 2023 and Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2024.
3. Approved the December 2023.
4. Approved Current bills through January 1, 2024.
5. There were Wire Transfers.
6. Recognitions: The retirement of Tara Mattson. Tara has taught for 36 years at Hill City School. Thank you Tara, for everything that you have dedicated to the school, students, and community. Recognized the retirement of Deb Murphy. Deb has taught for the 14 years and was a Para for 19 years previous. Thank you, Deb for everything that you have dedicated to the school, students, and community. Recognized the resignation of Katie Vanderport. Thank you Katie for the past 5 years of service.
7. Be it resolved by the School Board of Hill City District 2, Hill City, and the State of MN has hereby accepted gifts/donations from the Dept. of Agriculture for the Hill City FS2 Full Tray Grant.
8. Erin Boleman moved from step/lane 2-2 to step/lane 2-4 and Jaime Hilton moved from step/lane 5-1 to step/lane 5-2.
9. Comments and requests from visitors: Senior Class Representatives.
10. Curriculum Committee: Industrial Tech and Foreign Language are up for curriculum reviews. Mrs. Vanderschaaf is looking to upgrade the Spanish curriculum to be interactive and engaging, with activities that offer reading, writing, listening, and speaking drills. Also, she wants to ensure the content is centered on Latin culture, so the students can learn about different traditions and customs. She is beginning the process of researching multiple options. Mr. Gallagher is looking into updating the tech 7 and 8 curriculum, as well as the woods curriculum. We will be meeting as a team to review our options soon.
11. Policy Committee: Set next Meeting date.
12. Library Oversight Committee: Jeremy Nelson, Principal Erickson, Superintendent Johnson, Librarian, and Teachers will be working to go through the books.
13. School and Community Health Committee: Met on the 18th. Discussed health curriculum and body image discussion along with vaping updates.
14. Fitness Center Committee: New email is up and running for people to contact.
15. Safety Committee: No report. Trying to schedule a meeting in February.
16. AIPAC: waiting to hear back from MDE on proposal.
17. Negotiations Committee: None

18. Transportation Report: NorTran contract expires at the end of the 23-24 School Year.
19. Community Education Report: None
20. Early Childhood Report: None
21. Facilities Director Report: ICS power point presentation.
22. Principal's Report: Attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
23. Superintendent's Report: Attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
24. Approved the recommendation of the ICS and the Project Oversight Committee for the approval for the administration to execute a contract with TNT Construction Group.
25. Approved Sourcewell Agreements.
26. Approved Jamar Company as Hill City's Purchasing Agent.
27. Approved a resolution.
28. Approved hiring a bus paraprofessional for the remainder of the 23-24 School Year as per the AFSCME contract.
29. Discussed the 24-25 School Year Calendar.
30. Adopted the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Position and reasons thereof.
31. Discussed preliminary staffing needs for the 24-25 School Year.
32. Discussed Meetings to be Attended and Meetings Attended.
33. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Joell Miranda Clerk  
 These are Unofficial Minutes. 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.



# rSchools

**This is a reminder:**

**If you would like to know what is happening at school please log into our website:**

**[isd002.org](http://isd002.org)**

**The "School Calendar" is all about what happens within the school and Field Trips and pretty much everything including some practice times.**

**The "Activity Calendar" is all Sports related activities. You can find all kinds of other information on the website as well. cHeck iT oUt!!!!**

## NOTICE HILL LAKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS:

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual Township Meeting for Hill Lake Township** will be held on **Tuesday March 12, 2024.**

The Annual meeting will commence at 6:30 pm to conduct all necessary business as prescribed by law.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (19th) at 6:30 pm.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the following location:

**Hill City Town Hall Community Room**  
**125 Lake Ave.**  
**Hill City, MN 55748**

Pauline Elling  
Clerk / Treasurer

ElderCircle offers in-person exercise sessions in Hill City and Jacobson! Times and locations below. Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) is a low-impact fitness program designed specifically for older adults to build muscle strength, improve balance and increase flexibility to maintain or regain an active lifestyle.

Sessions are 90 minutes, held twice a week, led by trained volunteers.

Open to adults of all ages at no cost.

◊ Hill City Fire Hall

- Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:00 - 10:30 am

◊ Jacobson Community Center

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays,  
10:30 am-12:00 pm



If you are interested in either attending as a participant and/or serving as a volunteer, please contact: Lori Whitted at [lori@eldercircle.org](mailto:lori@eldercircle.org) or 218-999-9233 x278

## JACOBSON COMMUNITY CENTER ST. URHO'S DAY 42ND ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Supported with Choice Dollars from Thrivent Financial

**MARCH 16, 2024**  
**7:30 - 11:30 AM**

**\$10.00 DONATION**  
**KIDS AGE 6 AND UNDER FREE!**



**Wear purple and green to our celebration of the  
Legendary Patron Saint of Finland, ST. URHO!**

THE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST FEATURES HOT  
CAKES\* AND SAUSAGE SERVED WITH COFFEE AND  
ORANGE JUICE AND, OF COURSE, GRAPES!

\*GLUTEN FREE PANCAKES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

THE JACOBSON COMMUNITY CENTER  
IS LOCATED 3 MILES SOUTH OF  
STATE HWY 200  
ON THE GREAT RIVER ROAD  
(AITKIN COUNTY RD 10)  
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TEXT OR CALL 612.280.5125

## 3rd Space

Filling the gap between school and home  
for working families.

3rd Space is...

- A safe place for children 4 years of age through 5th grade to go to after school.
- A learning place for children. A place where they can get homework help and work on the basics of reading and math in fun interactive ways.
- A fun place for children to do creative activities and acquire new skills.
- A connecting place for children to develop relationships with caring volunteers and Hill City Police Department Officers.
- A free place. There is no cost to our families due to generous donations from our local organizations.

3rd Space recognizes that each family's needs are unique. Your family might need 3rd Space five days a week. Others might only need 3rd Space a few days a week. That's okay.

We can accommodate.

The first step is to register your child(ren). It's simple and easy to do. Just email [CynthiaSchroeder25@gmail.com](mailto:CynthiaSchroeder25@gmail.com) and request an application.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Molaison at 218.301.4613.

# PAINTING EVENT! TUESDAY, MARCH 26 AT 6:00



Create your own masterpiece with step-by-step instruction

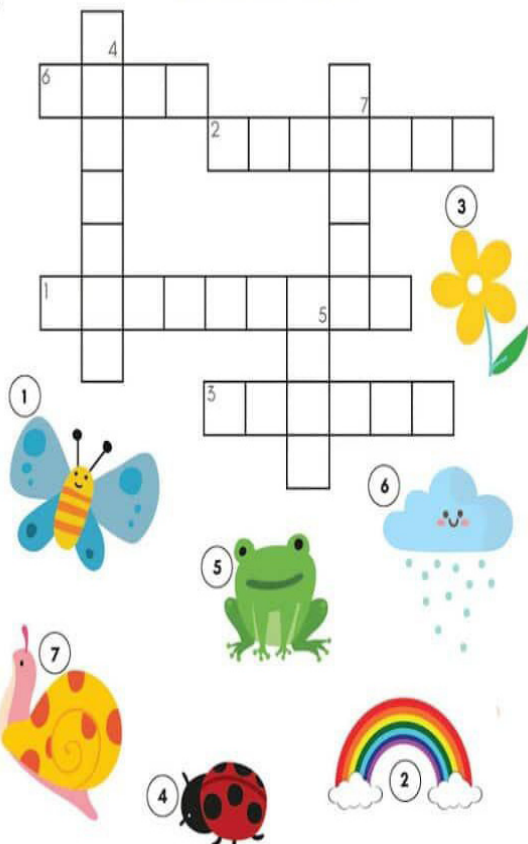
All materials provided

Enjoy refreshments provided by the districts Community Ed. while you paint!

## SIGN UP HERE



### SPRING CROSSWORD



*Leapin'  
Leprechaun  
March 14, 2024  
4:30 - 6:00 pm*

Come join the hunt for the leprechaun's gold at the Hill City School! Families will gather supplies to create their very own leprechaun trap and make St. Patrick's Day crafts!

This event is for families with children ages 1 through 4th grade.

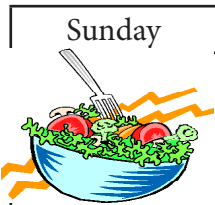
For questions, please contact Tami at 218-697-2394 ext. 172 or email [tmeyer@isd002.org](mailto:tmeyer@isd002.org).

# ISD #2 Breakfast Menu March 2024



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
					1 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	
3 <b>Fruit, Juice and Milk served Daily</b>	4 Muffins, Cheese Stick	5 Cereal, Oatmeal, Grahams	6 Cinnamon Mini Bagel	7 Biscuit with Sausage Gravy	8 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	<b>Offer-vs-Serve</b> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of
10	11 Strawberry Bagel	12 Muffins, Yogurt	13 French Toast, Sausage Links	14 Cereal, Oatmeal, Grahams	15 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.
17 Menu subject to change at anytime	18 Muffins, Cheese Stick	19 Cereal, Oatmeal, Grahams	20 Breakfast Pizza	21 <b>FARM 2 SCHOOL</b>	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	4 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a
24	25 Cereal, Oatmeal, Grahams	26 Breakfast Burrito	27 Apple Frudel	28 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.

# ISD #2 Lunch Menu March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
					1 Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Mixed Veggies	
<b>Offer-vs-Serve</b> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	4 Chicken Nuggets, Rice Pilaf, Cali Veggies, Roll	5 Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Cali Veggies	6 Turkey Taco with Fixings, Corn, Black Bean Salsa	7 Cheese Burger on a Bun, Potato Coins, Green Beans	8 Fish Sticks, Coleslaw, Fries, Roll	9 <b>Fruit &amp; Milk Served Daily with Lunch</b>
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	11 Chicken Quesadilla with Fixings, Rice	12 Sloppy Joes on a Bun, Hashbrown Pattie, Corn	13 Chili, Corn Bread, Salad	14 Hot Dogs, Brats on a Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad	15 BBQ Pork Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, Apple	16
5 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a	18 French Bread Pizza, Marinara Sauce, Green Beans	19 Turkey Hoagie Sandwich, Veggies with Dip	20 Beef Taco with Fixings, Rice, Refried Beans	21 <b>FARM 2 SCHOOL</b>	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	23
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	25 Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Veggies & Dip	26 Beef Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans	27 Shrimp Poppers, Mac & Cheese, Roll	28 Pizza, Corn	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	30 Menu subject to change at anytime

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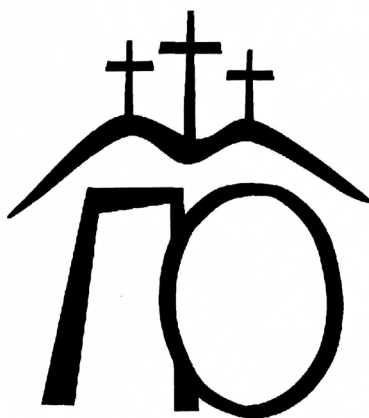
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# THE 2024 EASTER EVENT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH, AT 6PM  
AT HILL CITY ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
(102 LAKE AVENUE).



COME EXPERIENCE THE EASTER STORY THROUGH THE BIBLE AND ACTIVITIES.  
THE ACTIVITIES ARE DESIGNED FOR KIDS AGES 4 THROUGH 5TH GRADE, BUT EVERYONE IS WELCOME!  
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