

**ELEMENTARY LAKER NEWS**  
**March 2022**

HUMPHREY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 320-543-4680  
WINSTED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 320-543-4690

SCHOOL HOURS 8:10 AM-2:40 PM

Dear Elementary Families,

We are nearing the end of the third quarter and preparing for the last few months of school. The year has been busy to this point and doesn't show any signs of slowing. As we move forward into the last quarter, I'd ask that as we prepare for the "new" grade in the fall, that you partner with us in reviewing our school expectations—both social and academic, with your child. While there is still a lot of snow on the ground, spring fever has worked its way into the building and everyone is anxious for break. Please help us reinforce the importance for students to ask questions when having difficulty, to complete work in a timely way, and to be respectful, kind & courteous to others. As always, your partnership in your child's education is important and appreciated.

Our "I LOVE to Read Month" celebrations and activities in February were a big hit—dress up days, guest readers, mystery readers, BINGO with books, and much more offered a boost of excitement for reading. A quick note of thanks for those who volunteered to help us share the passion of a good book during "I LOVE to Read Month"—we appreciate you! It meant so much for our students to see you take time from your busy day, and we enjoy your visits. We also held a 100<sup>th</sup> Day celebration, prepped and performed for musical performances, experienced our first E-Learning Day of the year, and spent time learning about many different things in our classrooms. February was jam packed with learning and fun.

Before you know it, we'll be off for spring break at the end of March, and upon return we jump into the upcoming state testing for reading and math. Ah yes, state testing—please keep the weeks of April 18-22 April 25-29 clear from appointments that would take your third or fourth grader away from school. We will be participating, like all other schools across the state, in the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs). Reading will take place during the first week indicated, and we'll follow with our Math MCAs the second week. More news on those specific dates will be coming soon but these tests are a good indication of what your child has mastered at state expectations, as well as how well we are providing instruction. It is important that your child is present on those days, that he or she is well rested and has a good breakfast to help provide the best opportunities for success. We want them to be able to show everything they know...they've learned a lot!

Enjoy the anticipation and energy coming into the spring season and I look forward to continuing our partnerships together. Be well.

In Learning,  
Jen Olson



- March 5  
2022-23 Kindergarten Registration @  
Humphrey Elementary
- March 10  
WES Grade 1/2 Musical Program @  
HLWW High School Auditorium 1 p.m.  
and 7 p.m.
- March 24  
HLWW End of Quarter
- March 25  
HLWW No School – Teacher Workshop
- March 28 – April 1  
HLWW No School – Spring Break

## March Student of the Month

**EMPATHY:** *the ability*  
TO  
**UNDERSTAND & CONNECT**  
TO  
*THE Feelings of Another*

Click on the link below to find our Student of the Month honorees.

Humphrey

<https://www.hlww.k12.mn.us/page/4113>

Winsted

<https://www.hlww.k12.mn.us/page/4119>

### 2022-23 Kindergarten Registration

You and your child are invited to join us. This “in person” time is a chance for you to meet the staff, visit classrooms, participate in child-friendly activities, ask questions, capture a “class of 2035” photo of your child and finalize the remaining registration paperwork. Please plan to attend at the times listed below based on your child’s last name.

Humphrey Elementary  
803 Elm Avenue, Waverly  
Saturday, March 5  
9-9:30 a.m. A-E  
9:30-10 a.m. F-K  
10-10:30 a.m. L-P  
10:30-11 a.m. Q-Z



## March Birthday Celebrations

### Winsted Elementary

Matthew G. 3/2  
Azlynn M. 3/3  
Calie H. 3/4  
Hunter M. 3/4  
Holten C. 3/5  
Edward E. 3/6  
Jaceson H. 3/10  
Blake F. 3/17  
Lorenzo L. 3/18  
Jason K. 3/22  
Jack M. 3/23  
Fausto C. R. 3/25  
Ethan C. 3/26  
Zackary G. 3/27  
Peyton R. 3/29

### Humphrey Elementary

Rilee S. 3/2  
Colton B.-V. 3/3  
Beckett K. 3/3  
Boden S. 3/4  
Mason P. 3/10  
Dominic S. 3/10  
Elizabeth O. 3/11  
Samuel S. 3/11  
Piper K. 3/13  
Surina S. 3/13  
Hannah M. 3/14  
Brayden N. 3/15  
Lloyd A. 3/16  
Victorinah B. 3/16  
Addison G. 3/16  
Jaxson M. 3/18  
Georgia P. 3/20  
Brecken S. 3/22  
Maggie A. 3/23  
Gunnar H. 3/23  
Myles K. 3/25  
Elwin E. 3/26  
Evi W. 3/27  
Maya B. 3/28  
Logan L. 3/28  
Grayson B. 3/29  
Brayden B. 3/30  
Alivia D. 3/30



happy  
birthday



It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to communicate absences and/or late arrivals to the office by 8:45 AM on the day of the absence. Please contact the school for absences using these office contacts.

Humphrey Elementary  
320-543-4680 or [tknuth@hlww.k12.mn.us](mailto:tknuth@hlww.k12.mn.us)

Winsted Elementary  
320-543-4690 or [jstifter@hlww.k12.mn.us](mailto:jstifter@hlww.k12.mn.us)

## Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is a free and simple check of how your child is growing, developing and learning. At a screening appointment a trained professional will check: vision, hearing, height, weight, immunizations, large/small muscles, thinking, language, communication skills, social and emotional development.

Screening helps identify children who may benefit from early childhood services before they enter school and connects them with appropriate resources and programs.

The State of Minnesota requires all children attending kindergarten in 2022-23 school year to be screened. To make an appointment contact HLWW Screening Coordinator at 320-543-4670 ext. 4 or email [euter@hlww.k12.mn.us](mailto:euter@hlww.k12.mn.us).

### Screening Date **March 11**

The Early Childhood Screening is held at HLWW High School Resource Center, 8700 County Road 6 SW, Howard Lake.

## Our FAVORITE Books!

Mrs. LaMott – Third Grade

With “I Love to Read Month” behind us and “Read Across America Day” and Dr. Seuss’ birthday coming up, the third graders have been discussing our favorite books and why they are our favorites. We have talked about what makes a good book and why we continue to read certain books versus other types of books. Students were challenged by a BINGO board to read different genres of books and read in many places during the month of February. Here are the titles of some of our FAVORITE books!

Carter K. – *The Babysitters Club series*

Will B. – *Wing of Fire*

Brinley B. – *Ghosts*

Gracelyn D. – *The Babysitters Club series*

Ava E. – *Babysitters Little Sister series*

Logan E. – *Wings of Fire The Lost Heir*

Matt G. – *Wings of Fire series*

Tanner I. – *Wings of Fire series*

McKenna K. – *Survivors*

Jack K. – *Wings of Fire series*

Dirkstin L. – *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

Lynzie L. – *Drama*

Xander L. – *Pokémon*

Malikye L. – *The Babysitter Club series*

Paxton M. – *Wing of Fire graphic novels*

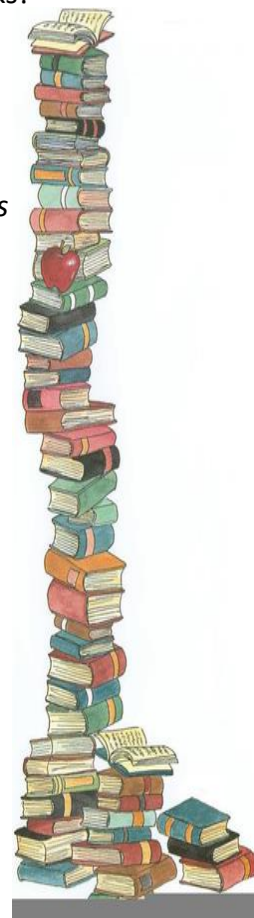
Sophia M. – *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

Ellis N. – *Wings of Fire graphic novels*

Mason R. – *The Babysitters Club series*

Lillian S. – *Charlotte’s Web*

Jace G. – *Cat Kid*



**Wright County Child Foster Care** - There is an average of 140 children within Wright County who are in out of home placement nightly. We currently have a pressing need for foster parents especially for teens, sibling groups, emergency on call providers.

We have an amazing team that supports our children in placement and foster parents who are caring for our Wright County children. But we need our communities to help as children in foster care are not someone else’s children, they are our community’s children.

Are you interested in more information? Contact Marisa Ferguson 763-682-7484 or email her at [Marisa.Ferguson@co.wright.mn.us](mailto:Marisa.Ferguson@co.wright.mn.us). You are invited to attend the upcoming orientation on April 4 and May 2 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at Wright County Government Center located at 3650 Braddock Avenue NE, Buffalo.

## Community Education For You

Community Education is based on the idea that schools belong to everyone and should serve all people through lifelong learning opportunities. Information about Community Education activities can be found online <https://www.hlww.k12.mn.us/page/3234>.

### HLWW District 2687 Preschool “A 4 Star Rated Preschool”

Parent Aware’s Star Ratings help parents find programs that go above and beyond to prepare children for school and life. The one to four star rating system measures best practices identified by research that help children succeed in kindergarten and beyond. Programs earning a Four Star shows that it is equipped to offer the very best in quality early learning and kindergarten readiness, assuring parents that it is doing all it can to prepare their children for school.



HLWW Community Education is accepting Preschool Registrations for the 2022-23 school year for children ages 3, 4 and 5. Classes begin the week of September 12, 2022. Ages are based on child’s age on September 1, 2022.

Click on the link to register your child for the 2022-23 program <https://www.hlww.k12.mn.us/page/3312>.

### Fun Reading Activities at Home

Janie Quam, Special Education Teacher, Humphrey Elementary

Are you looking for more activities to enhance your child’s academic progress in reading? By working with your child at home, your child will make gains.

#### Reading Activities:

- 1. Play story charades:** Take turns with your child thinking of a story you’ve recently read together then acting it out. The non-acting person tries to guess the story.
- 2. Create your own books:** Another one of my favorite fun activities for reading is creating our own books. I cut a couple pieces of printer paper in half the short way, as well as one piece of cardstock. I layer them with the cardstock on the outside as the cover, and the printer paper inside as the book pages. Then fold them in half and staple along the fold.
- 3. Create a Scavenger Hunt:** Using simple text your child can read, create a scavenger hunt around your home. Tape notes in various places around your house telling your child where to find the next clue. At the end of the trail of clues, have a special book waiting as the prize.
- 4. Pull a Story Out Of A Hat:** Write silly sentences on several strips of paper. A few silly examples to get you started: Toss them all together in a hat. Have your child pull strips out, one at a time, and read them aloud. This activity will have them giggling their way through a whole story!
- 5. Become a cartographer:** Help your child draw a map of the setting of his favorite book and label all of the most important places.



## PTA NEWS

### Book Walk

The Book Walk had another successful year! All students in preschool to grade four went home with a “new to them” book. Students had the opportunity to shop and talk with friends about the books while deciding what they wanted to take home. Thank you to parents, teachers, and Half Priced Books in St. Louis Park for granting us this opportunity.

### Movie Night Rescheduled

Humphrey’s Movie Night has been rescheduled for Friday, March 11. We will be switching up the movie being played to ENCANTO. Doors open at 5:30 and the movie starts at 6:00pm. More information will be coming home soon in your child’s Wednesday folder.

### Spring Apparel Sale

If you’re looking for some Laker gear to wear to your child’s Spring and Summer sporting events we have you covered! More information will be coming home in your child’s Wednesday folder.

### Upcoming Meetings

Humphrey and Winsted PTA – No March Meeting

## Baking a Chocolate Cake

Winsted Third Grade, Miss Haney’s Room

It is the season of treats, especially chocolate! In February, we have been focusing on the skill of sequencing in third grade. We thought there was no better way to show off our skills than to sequence how to bake a chocolate cake! Here are what some of Miss Haney’s students came up with:

**Noah:** First, get chocolate cake batter. Next, you need eggs. Then, mix it up. Finally, put it in the oven.

**Dawson:** First, put in the powder. Next, put in the eggs. Then, put in water. Finally, you get to eat it!

**Jaden:** First, you stir in the pudding. Next, you shape it. Then, you put it in the oven for 1 hour. Finally, you eat it.

**Sophie:** First, you put it in the oven. Then, you take it out. Next, you add the frosting. Finally, you eat it.

**Madison:** First, add the ingredients in a bowl. Next, you put it in the oven. Then, you add frosting. Finally, eat it up!

**Alissa:** First, add 50 scoops of sugar. Next, add 5 scoops of flour. Next, add chocolate. Finally, cook it for 5 minutes and eat it.

**Ava:** First, get chocolate ice cream and chocolate. Dump the ice cream into a pot. Then, melt the chocolate and dump it on the ice cream. Finally, put the batter in and now you have a cake!

**Amee:** First, put the cake batter in the bowl. Next, crack two eggs in the bowl. Then, put it in the oven at 360 degrees. Finally, take it out and cut and eat it.

**Carter:** First grab five pieces of bread. Next, grab icing and stick them together. Then, put it in the oven for 2 minutes. Finally, put icing all over it and put it in the fridge for 2 minutes.

**Jon:** First, you put batter and chocolate in a bowl. Next, you mix it up. Then, you put it in the oven for 20 minutes. Finally, you eat it.

**Alyce:** First, preheat the oven to 25 degrees. Next, get a bowl, frosting, sugar, flour and a spoon. Then, make your batter. Finally, put it in the oven for 2 hours, frost it, let it set for 25 minutes and eat it up.

**Sami:** First you need some air. You need to mix the air next. You cook the air for 72 hours. Finally, you can eat the cake.

# NO SCHOOL



Spring Break!

## March 28-April 1

## Musical Musings

by Dawn Kalvig, Humphrey Elementary Music Teacher

Students in grades three and four at Humphrey Elementary performed their musical revue "On the Radio" on February 17. This show traced the influence that radio had on popular music selections from the 1920's through the 1990's in the United States. Student's favorite music from the show included "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Hound Dog" and "Footloose." After a few years of not being able to perform for an audience, the students rose to the occasion and put on a delightful show.

There are a few more Humphrey performances to keep in mind as well. Grades one and two will be doing a show on Thursday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the HLWW High School Auditorium. The kindergarten show will be on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the HLWW High School Auditorium. Please be sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

Another piece of exciting news from Humphrey Elementary is that we will be hosting an Artist in our School Residency for a two-week period from February 22-March 3. Carol Moore, a watercolor artist and educator from Buffalo, MN, will be working with our students. She will be teaching kindergarten through grade four students about great watercolor artists and their famous paintings. Carol will also be showing students how to use several techniques used in watercolor painting. Our students will then put these techniques into practice and create their own watercolor paintings.

Each class will have the opportunity to work with Carol in two 50-minute sessions. We are delighted to have this avenue of learning available to our students. The Teaching Artist Residency was made possible at Humphrey Elementary and financed through a grant from the Central Minnesota Arts Board. I am excited to see what our students can create in their watercolor paintings.

A huge thank you and shout out goes to Jen Olson for supporting this project for our Humphrey Elementary artists in training. Another thank you and shout out to our awesome team of parent volunteers who came into our school to help the students during the residency: Heidi Gruenhagen, Katie Koch, Tonya Kieser, Aubrey Wren, Katie McClellan, and Sabrina Singer-Towns. It truly takes a village to educate students - thank you for your willingness to be a part of Humphrey's village.

## FUN FACTS

### From Speech Therapy at Winsted Elementary

- By 18 months of age, a baby should have a vocabulary of 50-150 words and be able to combine words in speech.
- Children learn 80% of language by the age of 3.
- By the first grade, roughly 5% of children have noticeable speech disorders.
- 5% to 10% of Americans may have communication disorders

### DID YOU KNOW?

**Speech Disorder:** A speech disorder is a condition in which a person has problems *creating or forming* the speech sounds needed to communicate with others.

**Language Disorder:** A child may have a language disorder if they have difficulty getting their meaning across through speech, writing, or even gestures. Some children have a language disorder even though they produce sounds well and have clear speech.

### What can Speech-Language Pathologists (SLP's) & Speech-Language Pathology Assistants (SLPA's) Do?

An (SLP) and some (SLPA's) can also treat:

- Stuttering
- Apraxia
- Feeding and swallowing issues
- Auditory processing disorders
- Voice disorders (vocal nodules, nasal emission)

Nancy Thul, MS CCC-SLP is the Speech Language Pathologist who supervises Christina Kittock (SLPA) this year at Winsted Elementary two days per week. Christina is also at Humphrey Elementary three days per week supervised by Darla Mackedanz, MS, CCC-SLP.

