



HLWW Elementary Laker News

November 2024



Greetings Elementary Families!

October was full of activity, and creative imaginations, I know we'll continue to be busy during the month of November. Hold on tight!

The end of the quarter is November 1, which means on November 4, staff will be working on grading, progress reports and readying items for upcoming conferences. (This is a non school day for students). As you review your child's progress and chat at conferences, which are slated for November 21 & 25, remember to

spotlight your child's areas of strength of the first quarter, and look to support areas your child might still have struggles. Our ultimate goal is to keep students moving forward and flourishing from now until the end of the year.

November 5 is election day. Please exercise your right to vote. Our fourth graders will have the opportunity to work through the election process as well. Some of our fourth grade students will be talking with their grade level peers about how they want to serve the school and be a student voice on student council. Each fourth grader can participate, and everyone will be given the opportunity to vote for the student(s) who best represent them. We look forward to hearing more from these young leaders!

November also holds Veterans Day, our VIP breakfast events, American Education Week, two rounds of parent/teacher conferences, a book fair, and our big school fundraiser with Apex as just a few of our many activities. Whew!

- It's important to note that we are grateful for all military veterans, past and present, for both their service and sacrifice. If you or a family member are involved in service, we extend a heartfelt THANK YOU!!!

- American Education Week gives us an opportunity to say thank you to all of the different people involved in making school a great place to learn and grow.
- We have partnered with Scholastic to host our book fair during fall conferences. We have so many choices of great books, whether you're looking for your child, a younger/older sibling, or even something for yourself. Come check it out! We will also have the e-wallet options for students to shop. More details will follow as we get closer to the fair.
- We also plan to kick off our only formal school fundraiser the week of November 11th and ask for your help in our 6th year of the Apex Fun Run. Combined with leadership & character trait support, students will collect pledges for a fun run at the end of the month. These generated funds to support classroom & school wide field trips and projects, assemblies & speakers, as well as enhanced opportunities for learning for all of our students. We are also earmarking a portion of these funds for playground updates. Thanks, in advance for your enthusiastic support & financial backing! PS--We will be looking for volunteers to help with our fun run on November 25 (HES) and November 26 (WES). If you are able to help, please be sure to complete the volunteer background check process (<https://hlww.k12.mn.us/district/volunteer/>) and communicate your interest to your child's classroom teacher or the school office. THANK YOU!!

While the month is busy, it's important to stop for a moment, take some time to reflect, and offer gratitude. I would like to share my appreciation for all the family support at each of the elementary buildings. We are very thankful to our volunteers who've given their time and/or talents; the hard work and effort by students and staff to meet and exceed daily goals; a district full of committed educators; and a community full of support. You make such an impact. I share my sincere thanks to YOU for your support, dedication, and teamwork to foster student growth!

Here's wishing you a fantastic start to the holiday season!

Warmly,
Jen Olson

 *Humphrey Elementary Students Of The Month*

 *Winsted Elementary Students Of The Month*

What Is Reading Corps?

Heidi Joy Bursch, K-4 Intervention, Humphrey Elementary

Often, I am asked, what exactly is Reading Corps? Reading Corps is a proven program that began in Minnesota over 15 years ago. Reading Corps instructors are trained to help children learn to read, so they can "read to learn" throughout their education. Reading Corps aims to help every child



become a successful reader. More than 2,000 tutors are serving 40,000 students in elementary and preschools across twelve states and the District of Columbia. Reading Corps provides:

- Research-based tutoring
- Daily reading practice on skills your child needs
- Reports that show your child's progress
- Reading activities to try at home – you'll see their progress first-hand!
- Check-ins after they "graduate" to be sure they're still successful
- Reading interventions that are 20 minutes long, so each student is tutored 60-100 minutes per week.

Our Reading Corps tutors are closely working with the Reading Corps supervisors and school staff to ensure that proper interventions are being implemented consistently for each student to find the most success. Students are chosen as a means to provide a temporary boost for those who need that extra little spark for fluency and/or reading development.

THANKFUL FOR

Kailee Byrd, First Grade, Winsted Elementary
As we enter the 2nd quarter of the 2024-25 school year, first graders have been learning a lot! We've been learning to count to 120 in many different ways, learning place value using 10s and 1s blocks, different 2D/3D shapes, and addition/subtraction facts! We've also been learning to read as well as some great science and social studies projects. As we've been working on art projects and thinking about November, I asked students what they are most thankful for this year, here is what they shared.....

Scarlett: for helping others	Aubree: making friends
Victoria: school	Merlin: playing with friends
Camden: good friends	Benson: to have friends
Dawson: my friends	Alliana: Victoria and Happy
Shi: my brother	Madden: to go to a hotel
Aiden: to go on a trip	Emmitt: treats
Oliver: be nice	Noelle: being nice
Greg: Oliver	Bellamy: playing with my friends
James: Gemma	
Brielle: helping others when they fall down	
Gemma: to make treats for people	
Lucy: to play with people and help them cheer up	

Kinderbuddies, From A Different Perspective

Jeff Goudy, Fourth Grade, Winsted Elementary

One of the many reasons as to why students tell me they enjoy 4th grade is the fact that they get to have a "Kinderbuddy." A Kinderbuddy is a kindergarten student that they spend some time with

once a month doing various activities together. Some of those activities might include: reading, writing, making ice cream, creating crafts, or just doing some "get to know each other" activities. Since we have been doing Kinderbuddies for quite some time now, the 4th grade students of today were once those small, innocent, and eager to learn kindergartners just four short years ago. They know what it was like to meet and befriend a big, smart, and social 4th grader. I decided to ask some of my 4th graders what they remembered from when they were on the "other side" of Kinderbuddies:

I remember making ice cream.

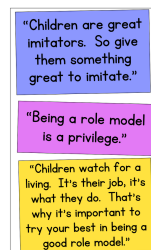
I remember thinking how big my 4th grader was.

I remember getting stories read to me.

I remember them wearing a mask.

I remember when they helped me write.

These are just some of the memories that my class shared. I know the positive impact that older students can have on younger students as I have witnessed it over the years. I am going to challenge my students this year to be the type of older role model they wished/wanted to have four years ago.



Quotes that we are going to think about this year!

Veterans Day

Annette Hystad, Special Education, Winsted Elementary
Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11th each year in the United States. This is a time to honor and express gratitude to those who have served our country in the Armed Forces. According to Army Reserve Family Programs (ARFP), here are four ways children can thank veterans this Veterans Day:

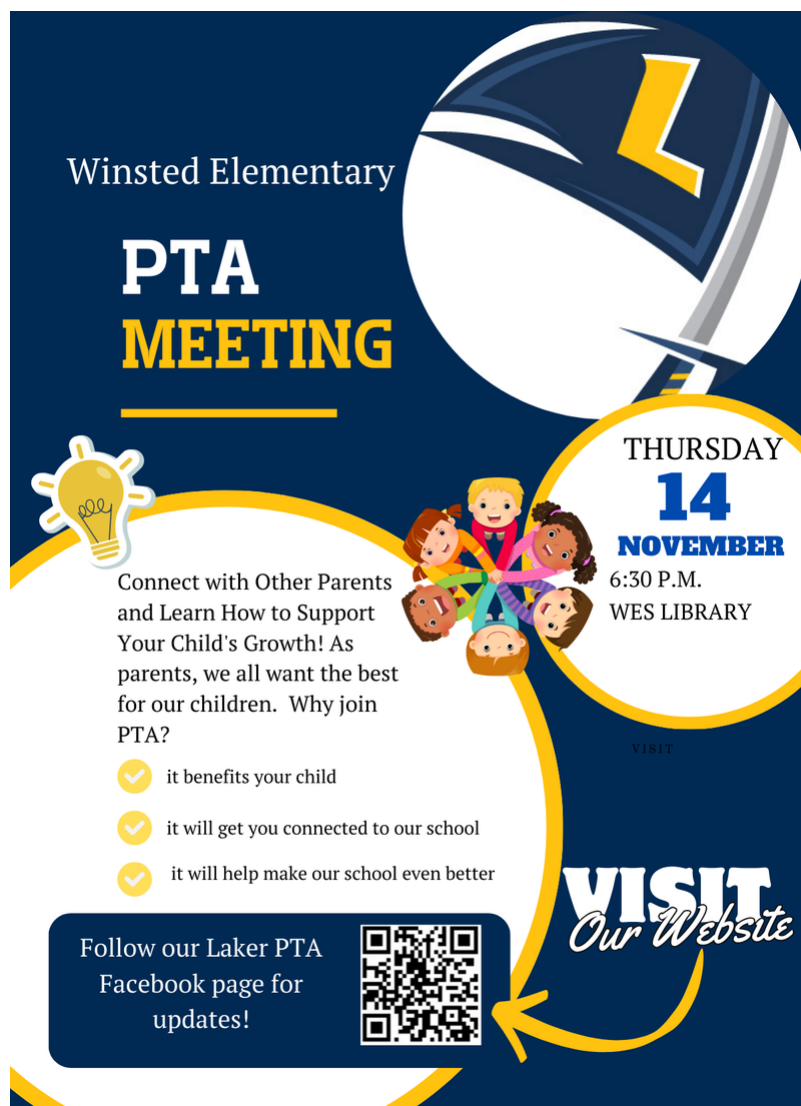


- 1. Write Thank-You Letters:** Children can write heartfelt letters or create cards expressing their gratitude. They can mention specific things they appreciate about the veterans' service and sacrifices. These letters can be dropped off at the local VFW or American Legion as well as at Nursing Homes around the community.
- 2. Create Art Projects:** Crafting art projects like drawings, paintings, or decorations can be a personal way for children to show their appreciation.
- 3. Make Care Packages:** Children can help assemble care packages with useful items or treats that veterans and/or deployed service members might enjoy. This can be a hands-on way to

show appreciation. A list of deployed service members can be obtained from your local VFW or American Legion.

4. **Share Stories:** Children can learn about the history of Veterans Day and share what they've learned with friends or family, helping to spread awareness and gratitude.
5. **Volunteer:** If there are local veteran-related organizations or charities, children and their families can volunteer their time or resources to support veterans in need.
6. **Help with a Fundraiser:** Participate in or organize a fundraiser to support veterans' causes. Children can be involved in activities like bake sales or car washes to raise money.

Each of these actions helps foster a sense of appreciation and respect for the sacrifices veterans have made.



Winsted Elementary


PTA MEETING

THURSDAY
14
NOVEMBER
6:30 P.M.
WES LIBRARY

Connect with Other Parents and Learn How to Support Your Child's Growth! As parents, we all want the best for our children. Why join PTA?

- ✓ it benefits your child
- ✓ it will get you connected to our school
- ✓ it will help make our school even better

Follow our Laker PTA Facebook page for updates!



VISIT
Our Website

The flyer features a dark blue background with yellow and white accents. At the top right is a circular graphic of a flag with a yellow 'L'. In the center is a group of diverse children holding hands. A yellow lightbulb icon is on the left. A yellow arrow points from the QR code to the 'VISIT Our Website' text.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR VIP BREAKFAST

WHAT: "VIP (Very Important Person) Breakfast"

WHO: parents, guardians and special guests of K-4 elementary students

WHEN: Tuesday, November 12 @ Winsted Elementary

WHEN: Wednesday, November 13 @ Humphrey Elementary

TIME: 7:20-8:20 a.m.



Please come and enjoy a light breakfast of pastries, fruit, and juice or coffee with your child. After you've had a chance to spend a little time with your special someone, we'll send you on your way back home or off to work with a big THANKS for spending part of your morning with us, and of course a few smiles and hugs. 😊

WE HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT!!

Get Involved With The Humphrey PTA

Are you looking for a way to support our students and staff this year. Join us for our next PTA meeting on November 7, 6:30 p.m. at Humphrey Elementary! It's a great opportunity to stay connected, share ideas, and help support our wonderful staff.



Be sure to follow the Lakers PTA Facebook page for updates on school events, ways to support our teachers and how you can get involved. If you have any questions we're always here to help! Feel free to email us at humphreypta@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting Humphrey Elementary!



Free Little Library 📖

Laura Heuer, Kindergarten, Winsted Elementary

Do you know that both Humphrey and Winsted Elementary have a Free Little Library in the front of our schools? Feel free to check it out at any time to look for a book for your child or for any member of your family. We are always collecting books to add to the library. If you have any book donations (books should be in good condition and can be for babies to adults), feel free to drop them

off in our box found in the front entryway vestibule.

Indigenous People's Day

Madi Shea, Second Grade, Humphrey Elementary

Monday, October 14th was Indigenous People's Day. The day is celebrated around the US and commemorates indigenous histories and cultures. In my class, we focused on how indigenous peoples used corn and the importance of it for many years. Corn, also referred to as maize, was and is a staple food and ingredient as well as a sacred plant to indigenous peoples. Corn has been used by indigenous peoples for many different uses. Students were shown photos of glass corn, a beautifully colorful corn. We talked about patterns and colors then created our own corn craft!

Students used construction paper patterns to cut out the husk and cob. The cob was glued to the front of the husk. Then, students were given a handful of Froot Loops cereal- they really practiced self control by not eating any! Their direction was to glue the Froot Loops to the corn to create their own glass corn. Some students chose to do a pattern while others opted for a less organized pattern. Throughout this activity, students not only learned about Indigenous People's Day, corn, patterns, and were hands on with a craft!



Save the Date:

**You are invited to join your kindergartener
for an ABC Celebration!**

Who: Parents of Humphrey kindergarten students

What: Alphabet parade and indoor picnic

Where: Humphrey Elementary School

When: November 12, 2024 11:20 am-12:45 pm

Elementary Important Dates

November 1 - Winsted PTA Family Fun Night 6:00-8:00 p.m.,
Cafeteria/Commons

November 4 - HLWW No School - Staff Workshop Day

November 7 - Humphrey PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m., Media Center

November 12 - Winsted VIP Breakfast, 7:20-8:20 a.m.

November 13 - Humphrey VIP Breakfast 7:20-8:20 a.m.

November 14 - Winsted PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m. Media Center

November 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:45-7:15 p.m.

November 25 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:45-7:15 p.m.

November 27-28-29 HLWW No School - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

December 5 - Winsted Grades 3-4 Musical Program, 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m., HLWW Laker Theater



HLWW Activities Schedule



November Lunch Menu



HLWW Elementary Schools

Jennifer Olson - Elementary Principal

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