

# ELEMENTARY LAKER NEWS

## February 2022

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

SCHOOL HOURS 8:10 AM-2:40 PM

Dear Elementary Parents,

It's February and I Love to Read month...one of my favorite times of the year! Reading is such a fundamental skill for everyone and I Love to Read Month gives us a little twist of fun on a great life-long skill. Each of the elementary buildings have different activities scheduled throughout the month, so watch the Wednesday folders and your students' planners for more information. Both schools' activities promise to be lots of fun and promote the importance of reading.

With the I Love to Read celebration; our hope is to promote just that—the love of reading. Reading doesn't have to be *just* for work. It is meant for enjoyment and leisure just as much as the day to day activities of our lives. With that, I'd like to extend an invitation to all parents, grandparents, and community members to join us throughout the month of February to read to students. We would **LOVE** for you to share a story with us! Please connect with your child's teacher to set up a time. We have a few virtual and in person guest readers already scheduled, so please help expand our guest list! ☺

In addition to the celebrations focused on reading, we will have an opportunity to reconnect as a parent/teacher team with our winter conferences scheduled for February 3 and 7. This is a chance not only to revisit your child's goals set in the fall, but also celebrate the great learning taking place, address any concerns and/or make a plan to best finish out the school year. Your child is our priority and it's important to celebrate his/her accomplishments to this point!

Looking ahead, February is jam-packed with a variety of activities. Beyond our I Love to Read events, we reach a milestone of the 100th day of school, we'll participate in a Global Day of Play, share our musical talents, learn about dental health, recognize several other holidays and of course, we'll wait for Punxsutawney Phil to determine the arrival of spring based on his shadow. Whew! These are just a few of the many things taking place at school. Enjoy all that February has to offer...Happy Reading!

Jen Olson



- February 2  
HLWW 2 Hour Late Start – No morning preschool
- February 3  
HES/WES Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7 p.m.  
HES PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- February 7  
HES/WES Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7 p.m.
- February 10  
WES PTA Meeting 6 p.m.
- February 17  
HES Grade 3/4 Musical Program @ HLWW High School Auditorium 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- February 21  
HLWW No School – Presidents' Day
- February 26  
2022-23 Kindergarten Registration @ Winsted Elementary
- 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.

## February Student of the Month Theme



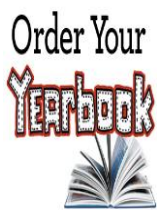
Click on the link below to find our Student of the Month honorees.

Humphrey

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

Winsted

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



It is time to order your yearbook. Order forms have been sent home. Please return envelope with payment before February 25.

## Phone Numbers

Please review your phone numbers in ParentVUE (specifically the emergency contact numbers). It is important that we have up to date information to contact you. Thank you!



## Preschool Open House and Registration

Register for the 2022-23 preschool classes, visit our classrooms and meet the teachers

Winsted Elementary

February 8, 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Preschool Room 142 @ Winsted Elementary

Humphrey Elementary

February 10, 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Preschool Room 168 @ Humphrey Elementary



## Message From The Health Office

COVID-19 vaccinations are recommended for eligible individuals by MDH and the CDC. COVID-19 vaccinations are not a requirement to attend school.

The District is asking families to report to the School District Nurse or health office staff, if your child(ren) has been vaccinated for COVID-19 and to provide a copy of the vaccination record, if you choose to. **This is not a requirement.**

This information will be kept confidential within the health office. Having this information will allow the health office staff to determine, more quickly and efficiently, close contacts.

## 2022-23 Kindergarten Registration

You and your child are invited to join us at Winsted Elementary or Humphrey Elementary. 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.

Winsted Elementary

431 4<sup>th</sup> Street North, Winsted

Saturday, February 26

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

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





Kayla Myhre, Humphrey Elementary

First grade students packed their bags and spent December traveling around the world to learn about different holidays. They visited Australia, Brazil, India, Sweden, China, France, Netherlands, and England. They were able to take a special craft home from each country. Here are some student highlights:

Jaxon B.: Making puppets.

Gavin: Getting to make all the crafts.

Grace: Making stuff.

Reagan: Making the kangaroo.

Jaxson M.: When we made pinatas!

Wilton: We got to make notes for Kris Kringle.

Friedrich: Making the crown we made for Sweden.

Lila: Learning about all the different things they eat on Holidays.

Harleigh: Learning about different types of Christmas.

Colton: Getting to fly to different places.

Brady: Making pinatas.

Lily: Making wreaths as a craft.

Abby: All the crafts.

Lainey: Doing crafts for each tradition.

Zeke: We learned about Santa and presents.

## Celebrate the Joy of Reading

Angie Granrud, Winsted Elementary



There's so much to celebrate in the month of February – I Love to Read (all month), Valentine's Day (February. 14), and Random Acts of Kindness Day (February. 17). One of my favorite February celebrations is to celebrate the joy of reading all month long. A cold winter's day or evening is a great time to snuggle up with a blanket, a cup of hot cocoa, and a good book.

One way to celebrate reading throughout the month of February is to participate in the Great River Regional Library's reading program. Find out more about this program by following this link: <https://griver.org/library-news/2022-winter-reading-program>. The program is open to both students and adults. The more you read, the more chances you have to be entered into special library drawings at the completion of the reading program on February 28.

Another way to celebrate reading as well as kindness is to participate in Random Acts of Kindness day on February 17. Find a special person that you would like to read to and brighten their day with a good story and some time spent together. The special person might be a grandparent, a special friend, a neighbor, or someone who doesn't receive many visitors and needs a bright spot in their day. Not only will you fill someone else's bucket with your joy but you also will reap the benefits of feeling good about doing something for someone else.

Need some inspiration for what to read during the month of February? Remember, books aren't the only things we can read. Try reading a magazine about a topic that you are interested in. Books of poems can bring you many smiles with silly lines such as in the poems of Shel Silverstein. Does your family get the newspaper? Check out a newspaper article that interests you or maybe even the comics section. Try a new recipe by reading a recipe together as a family and you'll not only hone those reading skills but also get to try a yummy new recipe together as a family.

Reading is all around us! Make time during the month of February to celebrate the joy of reading together as a family and maybe even bring joy to others through reading.

## Help Me Grow Minnesota

Heidi Joy Bursch, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher

As an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher for the HLWW School District, one of the ways we find young children with developmental concerns is through our state-wide Help Me Grow program. This program is available for parents, family members, child care providers, and physicians.

Help Me Grow is an initiative of the State of Minnesota through the Department of Education, Department of Health, and Department of Human Services, that partners with all local service agencies. If you have concerns about your (or another) child's development and think that child might need extra help to learn and grow, do not hesitate to refer the child (ages birth-5 years).



Families of the child that is referred will be contacted by their local school district to arrange for a screening or evaluation to determine if their child is eligible for Infant and Toddler Intervention or Preschool Special Education services in Minnesota. The staff from the district you are working with (where you reside) will explain the process and work with you to find ways to best meet the child's needs or concerns.



Minnesota's Help Me Grow: Infant and Toddler Intervention services are provided for eligible children birth until three years of age who may be experiencing delays in their development for several reasons, including special health conditions. These services are designed to meet the unique developmental needs of each child and their family and are offered at no cost to families. Accessing these services as early as possible will ensure the best developmental outcomes for the child.

Minnesota's Help Me Grow: Preschool Special Education provides services based on the needs of preschool children who meet state eligibility criteria for developmental delay or other disabilities and who are experiencing challenges in their learning and development. Children may be eligible if they are not able to learn, speak or play like other children who are the same age. The special education services will be provided at no cost to families.

Help Me Grow: Preschool Special Education services are individually tailored to meet the unique learning needs of each child. It is important to get help to children as early as possible to promote the best possible developmental outcomes for your child.

If you would like more information about Help Me Grow, you can go to their website <http://helpmegrowmn.org/> or call 1-866-693-GROW (4769).

## Kindness Retreat

By: Morgan Larsen

Kindness means to be friendly, generous, and considerate of others. This is a character trait that is important for all students to understand and show in and out of the classroom.

On January 11, fourth grade students from Humphrey Elementary and Winsted Elementary got to go to the High School and participate in a Kindness Retreat. The Kindness Retreat was put on by the Youth Frontiers. The event was filled with small group discussions, whole group discussions, stories, games, singing and dancing.

The day was an amazing experience where students got to think of the type of school they want to attend and how they could achieve this type of school. In the end, students learned that it is up to them to create a school where kindness is shown in every space. Students left feeling inspired to show kindness no matter where they are!



## Apples, Bears, Cowboys-Oh My!

Mrs. Zimmermann, Winsted Elementary

The first half of our kindergarten year is focused on the letters and the sounds that they make. To make this more memorable for the students, Winsted Elementary enjoys adding in some themed special days to go along with the letters. There are opportunities to dress in costumes, do a craft, try new activities, cook, and taste a new snack! We know that our kids learn in different ways so this is our way of teaching the letters and sounds in multiple ways. On top of learning the letter names and sounds, the students get to experience things like weddings and luaus for the first time! Some of their favorite days so far have been our QU Wedding, Pickle Day, Cowboy/Cowgirl Day, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Day and Spider Soup Day!



Here are some ideas you can use at home to reinforce letter sounds at home that even older kids enjoy:

- I Spy with letters "I Spy something that starts with the letter Pp"
- Make pretend grocery lists "I'm going to the store to get peanuts, pumpkins, and pizza, what else can I buy?"
- Go on letter hunts in your house

# Kindergarten

## I Love To Read Month

For the month of February there will be a dress up day each Wednesday.

February 2 – **Lakers are readers** – wear a shirt with words on it or your Laker gear

February 9 – **lasso up a good book and read** – western wear

February 16 – **snuggle up and read** – wear your pjs or comfy clothes

February 23 – **Character dress up day** – more information will be provided at a later date

## PTA News

**Book Walk** - Do you have gently used books you're looking to donate? We can take them off your hands!

Humphrey and Winsted PTA groups have begun collecting gently used books at both schools to be able to give each child in both elementary schools a 'new to them' book in February for I LOVE TO READ MONTH. You can drop off any gently used books in either of the elementary school's entryways.

You can drop off at Humphrey Elementary until February 4 and at Winsted Elementary until February 9. If you are interested in helping sort through books, Humphrey will be sorting on February 7 during conferences, any amount of time is helpful. Winsted will be sorting on February 10. If you are interested in helping please email us for more details.

[humphreypta@gmail.com](mailto:humphreypta@gmail.com)

[winstedpta@gmail.com](mailto:winstedpta@gmail.com)

**Movie Night** - Humphrey Movie Night sadly had to be postponed last month due to weather. A new date is coming soon!

**Upcoming Meetings** – Please join us if you can!

Humphrey PTA - February 3, 6:30 p.m. Humphrey Commons

Winsted PTA - February 10, 6:00 p.m. Winsted Elementary



# Happy Birthday

## Humphrey Elementary

Declan L. 2/2  
 Alonso M.S. 2/2  
 Lindsay T. 2/6  
 Friedrich K. 2/9  
 Gavin R. 2/9  
 Jackson P. 2/11  
 Evelyn H. 2/12  
 Owen W. 2/13  
 Mathias T. 2/14  
 Tyson H. 2/15  
 Carter O. 2/18  
 Mason H. 2/19  
 Raya S. 2/20  
 Abbiegale T. 2/20  
 Hailey G. 2/24  
 Kyla B. 2/25

## Winsted Elementary

Nevaeh R. 2/3  
 Lofton L. 2/4  
 Alissa S. 2/4  
 Grayson P. 2/5  
 Gabriel V. A. 2/5  
 Gentry Q. 2/7  
 Beau W. 2/9  
 Wyatt W. 2/11  
 Cameron P. 2/15  
 Peyton P. 2/15  
 Megan H. 2/17  
 Parker H. 2/19  
 Jack K. 2/19  
 Alyce N. 2/19  
 Julian B.-T. 2/20  
 Kaydence B. 2/20  
 Leo R. 2/22  
 Roan K. 2/24  
 Michelle M. 2/25  
 Ashlyn S. 2/25  
 Noah S. 2/27  
 Kensington M. 2/28



## Humphrey Elementary

Enzo L. 8/1  
 Lexy P. 8/1  
 Brooklyn S. 8/1  
 Finnley S.-T. 8/1  
 Ernest B. 8/2  
 Lily S. 8/7  
 Jaxon S. 8/8  
 Anastazja S. 8/11  
 Kaleb D. 8/12  
 Aubrey E. 8/14  
 Reagan G. 8/15  
 Liam M. 8/15  
 Kinley F. 8/16  
 Alexandra B. 8/17  
 Cassidy J. 8/17  
 Zayden H. 8/18  
 Finn K. 8/18  
 Allyson S. 8/19  
 Emerson D.-B. 8/21  
 Fallon M. 8/21  
 Chloe P. 8/21  
 MacKenzie B. 8/23  
 Khopyer B. 8/24  
 Annabelle L. 8/24  
 Bailee Z. 8/25  
 Treyden N. 8/28  
 Elijah S. 8/29

## Winsted Elementary

Audrey B. 8/1  
 Zoey P. 8/1  
 Russell S. 8/4  
 Alex C. 8/10  
 Amira C. 8/15  
 Ivaly N. 8/16  
 Arabella S. 8/17  
 Vayda M. 8/18  
 Jonathon P. 8/21  
 Lucille H. 8/22  
 Gabriel M. 8/31

## 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 Dates

**February 25**

**March 11**

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

