Hastings
Public Schools

Student Board Representative Reports

November 18, 2026

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Hastings Middle School

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- **Athletics:**
  - 7th and 8th grade girls volleyball wrapped their season up, winning approximately 90% of their matches!
  - The girls tennis team went undefeated with a 5-2 victory over South St. Paul
  - Brody Vedders earned a 5th place medal at the Cross Country conference in White Bear Lake
  - Elianna Lucking earned All-Confrence honors with the Cross Country varsity team and qualified for state by finishing sixth overall and is on track to go to state
- **Outdoor Club**
  - Members of the HMS Outdoor Club took a trip to the Cottage Grove Ravine where they caught over 40 fish in over an hour
  - Biking excursion October 8th
  - Guest speaker Mike Versland came in October 29th and taught the members about deer hunting and wildlife

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- **Music**
  - Caitlin Cullen, Lola Jacobson, Brayden Quiring, Greta Peterson, Gabi Lucking, Matthew Leko, and Eli Hamann were all selected for the **Minnesota Junior Winds Honor Band!**
- **Clubs**
  - Gamers Club activated on October 20th
  - Future Teachers started organizing opportunities for 7th and 8th graders too work with elementary students and teachers
- **Fall Reading Challenge**
  - Launched on October 20th, students are able to enter weekly prize drawings by completing reading activities
    - First winners were 8th grader Amelia Caponigri and 5th grader Vivyann Swanson
- **Eagle Bluff**
  - Spectro Alloys generously donated $1,000 to help support the 8th grade Eagle Bluff field trip

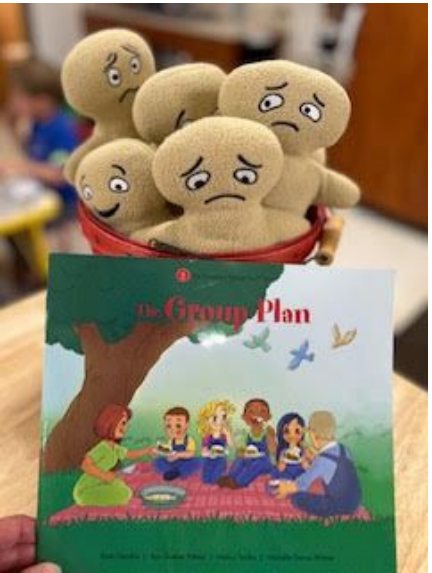
Tilden & Pinecrest Elementary

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- The children are learning to recognize and name feelings
- Learning skills through hands on play
- Building friendships and social skills
- Honoring our Veterans













Pinecrest Elementary

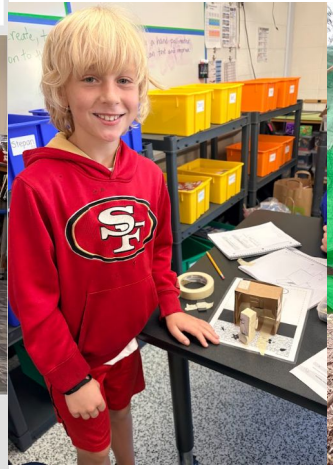


- Students have been using problem solving skills by learning about the different areas in STEM.
- PTA hosted a family movie night
- Kare 11 had a meteorologist who talked to 2nd graders











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Kennedy Elementary

- 11/6 First Grade Field Trip: MN Zoo
- 11/16-17 4th Grade Field Trip: Carpenter Nature Center
- 11/12 2nd Grade Field Trip: Pleasant Hill Library
- They will have their fall break 11/26-27 and no school 11/28 regarding staff development





Some of Kennedy's featured November artists!

Adopt-A-Classroom:

Teachers received $1,000 grants funded Ruth & George Doffing dedicated to providing valuable resources for enhancing student learning inside the classroom!



McAuliffe Elementary

- 11/16 Culver's Night PTC 5-7pm
- 11/26-27 Fall Break
- 11/30 Staff Development
- Fun Run Assembly





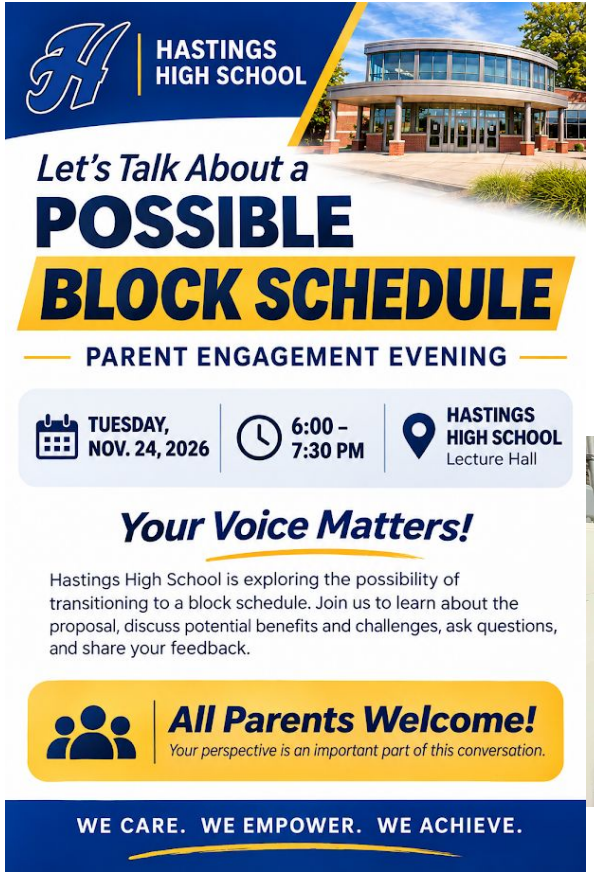




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- Students represented school spirit through color coded grade colors during Homecoming week
  - Homecoming week concluded with a festive Raider assembly
- Students are amplifying the Raider Way by being **Safe, Respectful, and Responsible**
  - Students earn **Raider Recognition** tickets if they show the Raider Way
- New **HMS PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)**
  - Welcomes families to become involved in assisting teachers!
- **Physical Education students of the month!** (First picture on right)



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- Ms. Nicholson's 8th Grade Science "Chefs"
  - Students who "cook" (90% or higher) on a test earn the title of "Chef" and get a hat with their name on it where they are added to the classroom kitchen (first picture on right)
- **WEB (Where Everyone Belongs)** leaders introduce 5th graders to Middle School life!
  - Much like 11th and 12th grade Link Crew leaders, 7th and 8th grade WEB leaders welcomed the 5th graders too HMS (second picture on right)





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- They had a visit from the Hastings Fire Department
- October 1st they held a fall themed event for families
- The preschoolers have been working on their motor skills though crafts.



COMMUNITY CENTER PRESCHOOL



Pinecrest Elementary

- They had a hotdog Picnic for families and students
- Author Visit By Heather Boschke (book “Little Birdie Buddies”)
- Readathon where Mr. Bakker had to wear a wig all day









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WIN time:

- Beginning of October, students used their WIN time (What I Need) to target specific learning areas with their teachers. Their goal: to make time for students to grow in specific skills
- Fall Break: Nov. 26-27



Parent Teacher Conferences:

- October conferences were held last week
- Students were sent home with a feedback form from teacher, provided to parents if any extra questions, comments, or concerns are left

McAuliffe Elementary





- Students had their annual Fun Run & back to school picnic
- Registration is open for Kids Campus
- PTC Meeting on October 20th 6:30-7:30
- Just finished their Scholastic Book Fair

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