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May 20, 2026 Student Representative Reports

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McAuliffe Elementary

- May 4th - 4th Grade Arbor Day Presentation by Theodore Lucas, City of Hastings Parkkeeper/Forester
- May 4th - ALL Elementary School Choir Concert at HMS
- May 8th - 4th Grade Field Trip to Science Museum of MN & Omni Theater
- May 11th - 4th Grade Puberty Presentations by Dr. Schill & Mary Ellen Fox
- May 12th - 4th, 3rd & 2nd Grade Music Demonstration Concerts
- May 14th - 1st Grade Walking Field Trip to Pleasant Hill Library
- May 18th - Native Author Storytelling - Native Students meet with authors Thomas & Elizabeth Peacock
- May 21st - ALL Grades Empower Me Presentations by Jacob Wetterling Foundation
- May 22nd - 3rd Grade Walking Field Trip to Pleasant Hill Library (Beard & Glazier)
- May 26th - 4th Grade Author Visit Juliana Brandt
- May 28th - Young Authors Field Trip for Members of Young Authors Class
- May 28th - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Children's Theater for The Wizard of Oz
- May 28th - 1st Grade Walking Field Trip to Pleasant Hill Library
- May 29th - 2nd Grade Field Trip to MN Zoo
- May 29th - 3rd Grade afternoon Walking Field Trip to Pleasant Hill Library in(Lawrence & Munson)

June:

- June 1st - School Wide Carnival Day
- June 3rd - End of Year Staff Breakfast
- June 3rd - K walking Field Trip to Pleasant Hill Library
- June 3rd - 4th Grade Picnic
- June 3rd - 3rd Grade Picnic
- June 4th - 4th Grade Walk of Fame & Last Day of School

Pinecrest Elementary

- May 1st - 4th Grade Arbor Day Presentation
- May 1st - Mrs. Matzek's Kindergarten Classroom Plays
- May 4th-8th - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 4th - District Wide Elementary Choir Concert
- May 7th - LEAP Field trip to YMCA and Conzemius Park
- May 8th - Middle School Counselor visit 4th Grade Classrooms
- May 8th - Ms. Baldwin's Kindergarten Classroom Plays
- May 11th - 4th Grade Puberty Presentations
- May 13th - Kindergarten Field Trip to Children's Museum and Como Zoo
- May 14th - Hastings Public Library visits 4th Grade
- May 14th - All school BOGO Book Fair and Playground Party
- May 15th - Grades 2-4 Music Demonstrations for Families
- May 18th - Pleasant Hills Library visits 3rd Grade
- May 19th - Kite Day in Mrs. Pyle and Mrs. Miller's 1st Grade Classrooms
- May 20th - Kite Day in Mrs. Senske and Mrs. Voge's 1st Grade Classrooms
- May 20th - 2nd Grade Field Trip to LeDuc Mansion for Mrs. Davis's and Mrs. Larson's classrooms
- May 20th - Pleasant Hills Library visits Mrs. Braun's and Mrs. Majchrzak's 2nd Grade classrooms
- May 21th - Pleasant Hills Library visits Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Senske's 1st Grade classrooms
- May 21th - Pleasant Hills Library visits Mrs. Pyle and Mrs. Voge's 1st Grade classrooms
- May 21th - 2nd Grade Field Trip to LeDuc Mansion for Mrs. Braun and Mrs. Majchrzak's classrooms
- May 22th - K-4th Grade Empower Me Presentations
- May 27th - Pleasant Hills Library visits Kindergarten classrooms
- May 28th - Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Braun and Mrs. Larson's 2nd Grade Classroom performing plays for 1st Grade Classrooms
- May 29th - 4th Grade Field Trip to DQ and Roadside Park

June:

- June 1st - 4th Grade Field Trip to Lions Park
- June 1st - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Roadside Park
- June 2nd - Kindergarten Field Trip to Roadside Park
- June 2nd - 2nd Grade Field Trip to Westwood Park
- June 3rd - All School Carnival
- June 3rd - 4th Grade Family Picnic
- June 4th - 1st Grade Field Trip to Roadside Park
- June 4th - 4th Grade Tailgate and Outdoor Games Party
- June 4th - 4th Grade Celebratory Walk

Aidan Suarez Garcia

Hastings High School

As the year comes to an end, so does my last time in this chair. Nevertheless, Hastings High School is still busy, grinding out these last days we have. Speaking of the last days, graduation is planned for Friday, June 5th, at 7 PM. This will be at Todd Field; if the weather prevents it, we'll move to the high school gymnasium. And as a reminder, you will not need a ticket to get in; everyone is welcome!

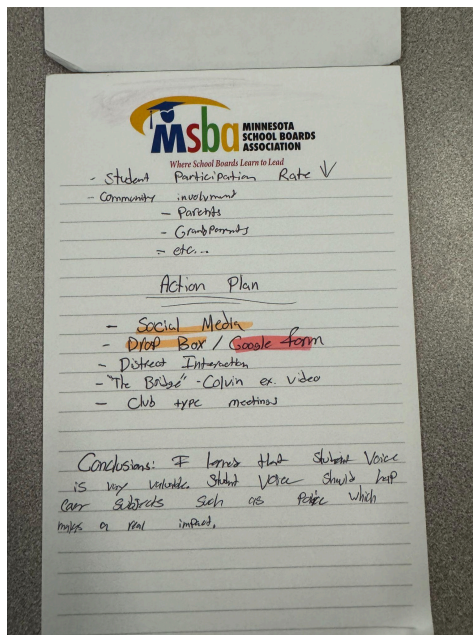
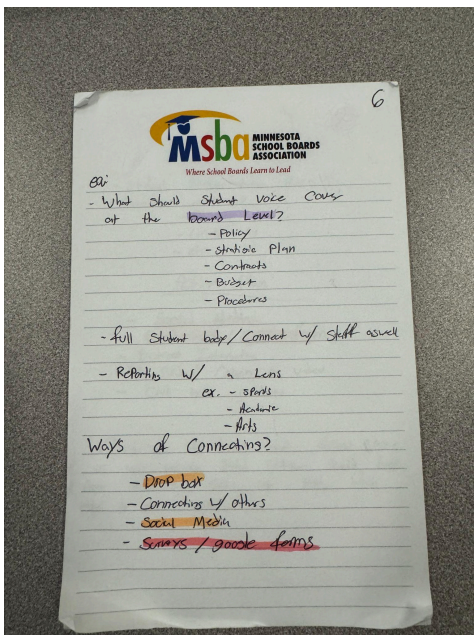
Immediately proceeding graduation, the newly graduated have their all-night grad party. With a night of fun and one of the last times the Class of 2026 will be together, all under HHS.

While still on the topic of seniors, the senior sunset has been moved to next Monday, the 27th, due to some scheduling conflicts. Also, next week is the seniors' last week of school. This means even more senior privileges. Seniors are allowed an open campus, meaning that they can go off school grounds for lunch as long as they are back on time. In addition, this week is the last Raider Connect of the year. Raiders, let's make use of it and finish strong!

Now, for all those who are not seniors, you get to go to school for another week. How exciting! This week, students are wrapping up classes with finals and other activities.

For music, this month has been filled with hard work and amazing music created by students. With some excellent concerts to prove their hard work, there is also a choir concert tonight, where most of your student representatives will be performing.

Dropbox



Student Voice Feedback Survey

The purpose of this survey is to collect perspectives from Hastings High School students and ensure that student voices reach the School Board. Your responses will help the Student Representatives better represent the interests and experiences of HHS students.

Would you like to stay anonymous?

- Yes
- No

If you selected no, please fill out the following:

1. Name (first and last name)
2. School email address

Answer Here (Optional):

Your voice:

Are there any issues that you think need to be addressed to District Leaders? This can include administrators, district officials, and school board members.

If you choose not to be anonymous and want direct feedback. This means meeting with one of your student representatives in person.

Answer the following:

- Yes
- No

Reflection:

Are there any ways that this form can be improved?


Thank you for taking time out of our day to help us with our mission of making student voice heard and used to create real change.

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STUDENT VOICE

By: ISD 200 Student Representatives

There is a QR code option found below. Also, there is a physical dropbox down at the attendance window to write your ideas!



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ALP

Hastings Alternative High School students have had an exciting and productive spring filled with hands-on learning, community service, and student achievement. For Earth Day, students participated in a community clean-up effort along Featherstone Road and at a local park. Students worked together to pick up trash and help keep the community clean before spending some time enjoying basketball and the playground at the park. The activity encouraged teamwork, environmental responsibility, and community pride.



Environmental Science students also had the opportunity to learn from local forestry expert Mr. TJ Lucas, who recently appeared on WCCO News for his work during Arbor Day. Mr. Lucas visited the school to share his knowledge about forestry, conservation, and environmental stewardship, giving students valuable real-world insight into environmental careers and practices.

Plant Science students continued their hands-on learning experiences with a visit to Mr. Dewall's greenhouse. During the tour, students explored the intricate balance involved in horticulture and learned more about plant care and greenhouse operations. In preparation for Mother's Day, students also created beautiful potted plants and painted decorative flower pots, showcasing both their creativity and plant science skills. Students and staff have had a great time participating in these engaging classroom activities throughout the quarter.



In addition to these classroom highlights, Hastings High School's Credit Recovery program continues to make strong progress. As of May 18th, students have completed over 200 credit recovery courses, demonstrating dedication and hard work toward academic success.

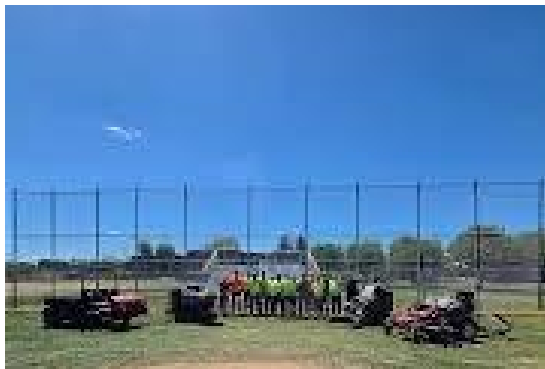


HOA

The Hastings Online Academy (HOA) is currently serving 129 students, including 52 full-time students and 77 part-time or dual-enrolled students. The program continues to provide flexible learning opportunities that support a wide variety of student needs and educational goals.

Hastings Middle School

- **Dakota County Art Competition:** A 5th-grade student at HMS, earned 1st place in a county-wide art contest sponsored by the Dakota County Art Advisory Committee. Her oil painting, created for the "Voices of Nature" theme, will be displayed at county libraries throughout the year.
- **Statewide Video Challenge:** Hastings Middle School students earned 3rd Place in the 2026 statewide Escape the Vape video challenge. Their video, titled "Animal Analogy," was chosen from over 260 entries across Minnesota to promote awareness regarding the dangers of vaping.
- **Level Up Awards:** Hastings Middle School recognized a new group of students and staff with the Level Up Award. Recipients were honored for demonstrating personal growth and consistently embodying the Raider Way.
- **Math:** Students in Ms. Fitz's 5th grade math class engaged in a data-analysis activity using Skittles. After a break from MCA testing, students estimated, sorted, and counted candy to create picture graphs and two different types of bar graphs. They analyzed their data to determine color frequency and totals before enjoying their treats!
- **Baseball Field Upgrades:** Significant improvements have been completed at two middle school baseball fields. Schaffer Field received a major renovation. The project was made possible through the support of volunteers and the HYAA!



Shyla Henson

Kennedy Elementary

- End-of-The-Year Carnival: May 29th
 - Volunteers are greatly appreciated
- Featured Artists for May: Ruby C, Franklin F, Blake N, Samnang K, Carson M, and Claire D



- Scholastic Book Fair: May 18th-May 22nd
- Kindergarten Carpenters Nature Center Visit!
 - Learned about spring pollination



- Bridges Presentations with Third Grade students
 - A Kennedy dad named Nick Haltvick, a Bridge Construction Engineer with MnDOT, taught the students about bridges



- Second Grade Minnesota Historical Center field trip



- Fourth Grade Arbor Day presentation
 - Special guest, Mr. Lucas, a Park Keeper/Forester for Hastings, gave a presentation to the students about Arbor day (an annual day that encourages people to care for and plant trees) and gave the students their very own seed to plant at home!



Tilden

- Annual Bike Day with the Hastings Police Department
 - Preschoolers learned valuable bike safety skills alongside practicing their bike riding confidence



- Early Childhood End-of-Year Family Picnic - May 14th
 - Preschoolers celebrated the exciting school year with family
 - Carpenter Nature center also made a very fun visit!
- Parent Education family meeting
 - families shared ideas and reflected on them through a “Take Away Tree”
 - Highlighted the strong connections and supportive learning community within the Early Childhood programs

