



BRIDGE TO SUCCESS

# Hastings Public Schools

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## February 26, 2025 Student Representative Reports

**Victoria Steinke**

### Hastings Middle School Student Activities

#### **Athletics**

- Feb 25th: Final Ski and Snowboard club trip
- Gymnastics and Boys basketball wrapping up their seasons this month
- Feb 24th: middle school swim and dive starts
- Spring sports registration: track and field, tennis, swim and dive, etc.

#### **Arts**

- Feb 10th: 5th grade band concert
- Feb 20th: Orchestra concerts
- Feb 25-26: Auditions for spring play, *Sally Cotter and The Quest We Follow*, auditions after school

#### **Achievements**

- Rockstar awards

#### **More student events**

- Feb 13: 5th grade bingo after school
- Feb 14: 5th grade Buck Hill trip:
  - Students traveled to Buck Hill for an exciting day on the slopes. Students were able to choose skiing or tubing. Many of our 5th graders tried skiing for the first time, it was incredible to see students pick it up so quickly.
  - Overall, our students were able to experience a new activity (skiing) or a rare but familiar activity (tubing) and represented our community well.
  - Buck Hill staff mentioned several times about our students' great behavior and understanding of safety while on the trip.
- Rocked red and pink on Valentine's day!
- Feb 19th: Trivia at lunch

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## Jen Behnke

Kennedy Elementary had a status quo month!

- In the spirit of February being “I Love to Read” month, students have been invited to wear red on these Thursdays.
- For the next week, Students can attend the Scholastic Book Fair in the media center and find some great reads!
- Moving on to their monthly themes, this month’s is Friendship Skills! Students will learn strategies for inviting others to play, making amends for mistakes, and handling name-calling assertively. These skills help students make and keep friends.

Pinecrest Elementary has kept busy!

- At the beginning of the month, the PTA hosted a Bingo night for Pinecrest families! It was a great success.
- Students have been able to pursue interests in art and music with a host of activities:
  - Students are learning the structures of notes and how they sound in the music room, and kids also participate in the Panther Choir.
  - In the art corner, all grades have been learning different forms of art.

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## **Briseis Rusnacko**

### **HHS:**

Although we had a pretty cold February, there was warmth in the hearts of many students alike with lots of new stuff to get up to.

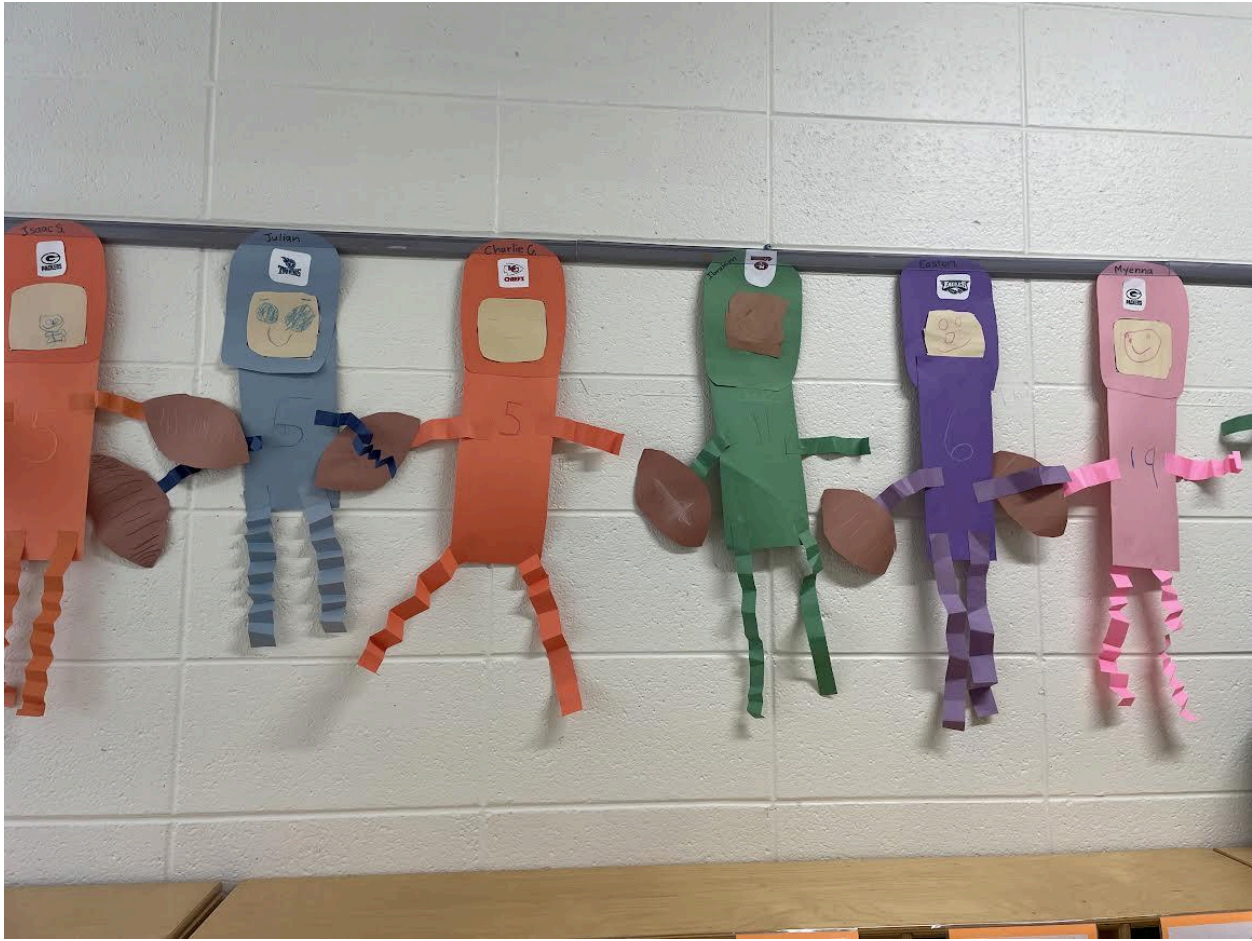
- Hastings High School introduced their second semester with an amazing new class, Raiders in Action! This class is taught by Mr. Colvin and it is our school's brand new student led TV Show, airing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Me and Victoria work on the show and many students have had a blast watching and creating it every week.
- The Girls and Boys Hockey seasons both came to an end this month.
- Alpine and Nordic Skiing had James McNamara and Micah Trost went to state a few weeks ago.
- Boys Wrestling has state tomorrow! Let's hope for the best.
- Our Show Choirs hosted the 25th annual Swingin On the River Competition this past weekend, and from what I heard, people had a blast. Riverside got First place at the BK Gold and Rock the North competitions as well.
- We end this week off with conferences and yet another 3 day weekend.

### **Tilden:**

- This month at Tilden Preschool has been all about football, Valentine's Day, I Love to READ, and caring for our teeth!
- Preschool registration opens for 25-26 on February 24. They encourage families to register early, as spaces fill up quickly.
- Preschool conferences will take place on 2/27 & 2/28.
- ECSE Birth to 3 staff continues to provide services for children and their families in the child's natural environment.
- ECSE 3-5 staff are busy making plans for kids who are transitioning to kindergarten.



Teeth!!



Football!!

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## Aidan Suarez Garcia

### McAuliffe Elementary

Elementary conferences are scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, February 26th, and Thursday, February 27th, as well as the morning of Friday, February 28th. In celebration of Black History Month, McAuliffe has highlighted a selection of books for students to explore in the Media Center. As part of "I Love to Read" month, the school is also participating in an educational fundraiser to promote reading and replenish funds for the Parent Teacher Connection (PTC), which supports activities for students, teachers, and families. Additionally, McAuliffe's 4th graders had the opportunity to visit the Minnesota History Center and Orchestra Hall in January for a hands-on educational experience.



### ALC

Students toured Minnesota State College Southeast in Red Wing, gaining valuable insights into future opportunities. We also celebrated two graduates in January, with one student already starting at Dakota County Technical College in the Construction Management program. Creative scheduling helped us add three new students for the second semester. The academy has experienced significant growth this year, with enrollment rising from 15 full-time and 24 part-time students in the first semester to 23 full-time and 30 part-time students as of today, reflecting its growing popularity and the expanded educational options it offers.

