



HASTINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Hastings Families;

It was great to see everyone last week at our open house! We love seeing the excitement with which our students introduce their teachers and school to their families. Visits from older brothers and sisters who have moved on from Hastings are always a special treat as well. Seeing families together at our school reminds me how important it is to keep building our school community in positive, inclusive ways.

To that end, the Hastings School Council is hosting a Back-to-School Potluck Dinner on **Wednesday, October 11, from 6:00-7:30 PM**. Come enjoy a meal with your school family, and get to know other Hastings families. Please bring a main dish or dessert to share.

Speaking of building our school community, Wednesday, October 4, will be our first school meeting of the year. This is a special time when our entire student body gets together to greet each other, share learning experiences, and raise school spirit. We encourage students to either wear their Hastings Hawks spirit wear or the color purple, our school color.

We will also be kicking off our at-home reading incentive program. At Hastings, we strive to collectively read for more than 1,100,000 minutes every year. At the beginning of each month, the children will bring home a reading calendar. Please help your child record how many minutes he or she spent reading, and how many minutes you spent reading to your child. Be sure to turn your calendars in at the end of the month so they can be added into the monthly total for our school. If our students exceed 100,000 minutes in any given month, they will also earn a new book for our library. Last year, Hastings students earned 10 new books for our library!

Thursday, October 5, is the first Hastings Parent Group meeting of the year. Meetings run from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Hastings Library. Child care is always provided. Everyone who has a child at Hastings School is a member of the Hastings Parent Group. Please come to learn about HPG, and opportunities for you to get involved.

Remember that **Friday, September 29**, is an early release day. All students will be dismissed at 11:55 AM.

Sincerely,

Leigh Becker
Principal