
The Hopkins Herald

MARCH EDITION: ELLEN HOPKINS ELEMENTARY

INFORM. INSPIRE. INVOLVE.

THE GREAT LITERACY EXPEDITION



The Ellen Hopkins Read-a-thon started March 2nd

Our Read-a-thon kicks off this month as students embark on “The Great Literacy Expedition” inspired by the legendary Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race! Just like mushers racing across Alaska, our readers will build stamina, determination, and teamwork as they log their reading minutes. Parents were sent an email from 99Pledges with their child’s personal donation link. Be sure to check your inbox! ✉ Letters with additional information were sent home, too.

[Read Across America Calendar](#)

[Read-a-thon 99Pledges](#)

Let’s cheer on our readers as they race toward their goals one page at a time! 🏁🌟

SQUEEZE THE DAY!

Help us 'squeeze the day' 4 Luv of Dog Rescue! 🍋🐾🐶 During evening conferences on March 9th and March 12th from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., our leadership students will be hosting a lemonade stand. Original lemonade is \$1 and adding boba is \$2. Proceeds will be donated to Luv of Dog Rescue. See you then!

yearbook♥

Yearbook orders are now open for the 2025-26 Ellen Hopkins Elementary Yearbook. Use the easy [online link](#) to order your copy today and capture lifelong memories.



National World Down Syndrome Day is Saturday, March 21st. On **Monday, March 23rd** we want to celebrate by wearing your most colorful or mismatched socks and wear blue and yellow clothing!

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IMPORTANT DATES



MARCH 9 PTAC MEETING
6:00-7:00PM MEDIA CENTER

MARCH 12 2ND GRADE FIELD TRIP
12:00-1:30 PM

MARCH 13 2ND GRADE FAMILY EVENT
1:45-2:30 PM

MARCH 23 **ROCK YOUR SOCKS**
WEAR YOUR MOST COLORFUL
OR MISMATCHED SOCKS AND
WEAR BLUE AND YELLOW
CLOTHING FOR NATIONAL
WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



Instagram
@hopkinsspuds

MARCH 9, 12, 17 **FAMILY-TEACHER CONFERENCES**
4:00-7:20PM

MARCH 18 **EARLY DISMISSAL**

MARCH 19, 20 **NO SCHOOL**

MARCH 27 3RD GRADE FAMILY EVENT
1:00-1:45 PM

MUSIC PROGRAMS
2ND GRADE 8:20 A.M.
3RD GRADE 9:20 A.M.
4TH GRADE 10:20 A.M.
1ST GRADE 11:50 A.M.



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HERE**

ENROLL

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT IS OPEN
FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR!**

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SPRINKLES, SMILES, AND SPECIAL GUESTS!

Our Donuts with Grownups morning at Ellen Hopkins Elementary was a "sweet" success! Kindergarteners loved showing off their morning routines, coloring masterpieces together, and enjoying delicious treats and juice. A huge **THANK YOU** to Sandy's Donuts for sponsoring this event and making our morning extra special!



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FROM 3RD GRADE PLANTING TO 4TH GRADE HARVEST!

ACTIVITY FROM NOVEMBER 2025 TO BENEFIT STUDENTS NEXT YEAR!

Mrs. Tareski's third grade class had the opportunity to plant garlic in the Ellen Hopkins Community Garden back in November. Students helped prepare the soil, measure and make holes for the garlic, and carefully plant each clove.

Ms. Heather also taught the class that garlic needs a cold period to encourage growth, which is something Minnesota winters provide very well! In the spring, students will begin to see garlic scapes emerge. These twisty spirals are not only beautiful, but also edible. After the scapes are harvested, the garlic plants will begin to form the bulbs we all enjoy using to season our food.

While the students planted the garlic as 3rd graders, they will return as 4th graders to harvest it. Even better, the garlic grown in the garden will be shared with the community for everyone to enjoy.



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KINDNESS OLYMPICS

Ms. Emanuel's Kindergarten class had a "Kindness Olympics". Students created their own medal and Ms. Emanuel awarded each student a gold medal that had something to do with their character and being kind. We played ceremony music, clapped for our friends, and Ms. Emanuel even announced each award with her microphone. We love celebrating kindness!



100
DAYS OF
SCHOOL





READ-A-THON

50 STATES \$50 CHALLENGE

In our school library, we've been talking a lot about Digital Citizenship. While we often focus on the "don'ts" of the internet, I want to show my students the power of the "dos"—specifically, how we can use our digital footprints to connect, build community, and do good! 🇺🇸

The Goal: I've challenged my students to see if we can get a \$50 donation from every single state in the U.S. to support our annual Read-a-thon!

Why it matters:

All funds go directly toward:

- Fresh, diverse books for our school library.
- New literacy materials for our classrooms.
- Special reading activities to keep the kids excited about books!

How you can help:

We want to fill up our "50 States of Reading" map! 🗺️

If you'd like to help us prove that the internet is a tool for amazing things:

- Donate \$50 (or whatever you can!) via the link below.
- Comment with your State so we can check you off the list!
- Share this post with friends across the country to help us reach the finish line.

 Link

Let's show these students how far a little digital kindness can travel!

Mr. Cox
Media Specialist

MARCH 1-7, 2026

CELEBRATING SCHOOL SOCIAL *Work Week*

A huge thank you to Mrs. Lindahl and Mrs. Benson for the care, guidance, and support they provide to our students each day. They work tirelessly to support our students' well-being, helping them feel safe, heard, and ready to learn. We are so grateful for the compassion, care, and dedication they bring to our Ellen Hopkins community!

LINDAHL

HOMETOWN: NEW HAVEN COUNTY, CONNECTICUT

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE ME: WARM, AFFECTIONATE, THOUGHTFUL

BEST THING ABOUT HOPKINS: WORKING ALONGSIDE JAMIE BENSON EACH DAY AND BEING A PART OF OUR AMAZING SOCIAL WORK CREW IN THE DISTRICT!

MY PERFECT WEEKEND: QUIET AT HOME W/MY HUSBAND, READING, CRIBBAGE, YOGA, PICKLE BALL AND A CHURCH POTLUCK AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE!

BENSON

HOMETOWN: LAKEFIELD, MN

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE ME: CARING, AWKWARD (I EMBRACE IT), AND AMBITIOUS

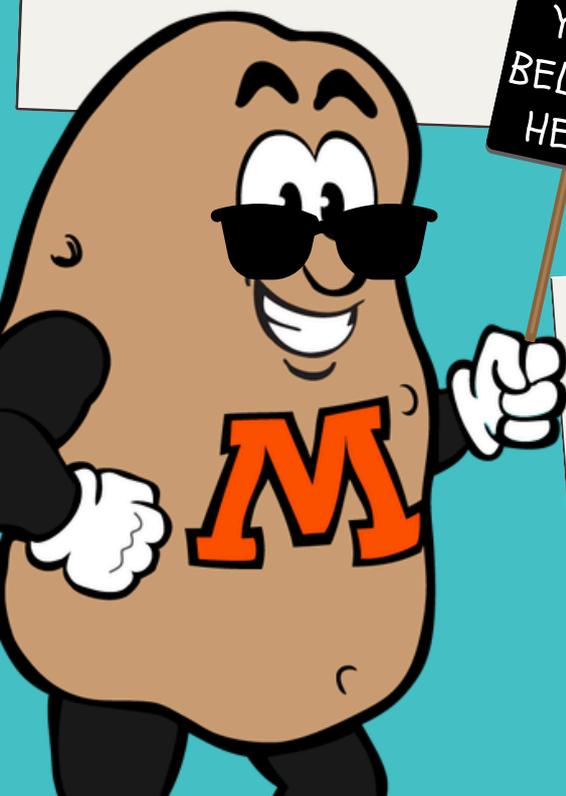
BEST THING ABOUT HOPKINS: I LOVE TO SEE THE KIDS GROW AND REALIZE THEIR GREATNESS.

MY PERFECT WEEKEND: SLEEPING IN, SLOW START TO THE MORNING, MY KIDS NOT FIGHTING, A DAY OF THRIFTING, AND A MN VIKING WIN!





YOU BELONG HERE



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

FOURTH GRADE



Stokka

4th Grade Teacher

Hometown: Battle Lake, MN

3 Words To Describe Me: flexible, adventurous, introvert

Interesting Fact: Growing up, my parents owned a bowling alley.

Most Enjoy About Hopkins: My Fourth Grade Teammates!!!

My Perfect Weekend: My perfect weekend would be laying on a lounge on a beach by the ocean listening to the ocean waves while alternating between reading and napping.

My Favorite Children's Book: When I was a kid we read a lot of Mercer Mayer, Little Critter books.

My Favorite School Lunch: Chicken Patty

My Favorite Color: kelly green

My Hobby: reading, playing the piano, bike riding, hiking, do-it-yourself projects

If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be: Event Planner

Favorite Meal or Snack: spaghetti with a garlic breadstick and caesar salad or fresh mango

Favorite Concert: Eric Church at Red Rock Amphitheater

A Goal For My Students: To learn that kind words and actions do not cost a thing.

Hometown: Middle River, MN

3 Words To Describe Me: organized, consistent, direct

Interesting Fact: I have been skydiving before...despite not being a risk-taker at all!

Most Enjoy About Hopkins: My team and the awesome 4th graders

My Perfect Weekend: It's a beautiful fall day with temps in the upper 60s, sleeping in, nothing on my to-do list, eating out, reading, and nothing planned!

My Favorite Children's Book: Babysitter Club books

My Favorite School Lunch: I LOVE taco in a bag!!

My Favorite Color: Blue

My Hobby: I love to read and follow my kids in all of their activities

If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be: Maybe a travel blogger?

Favorite Meal or Snack: I love a really good cheese burger with grilled onions or a fried egg, followed up with ice cream!

Favorite Concert: Toss up between Aerosmith/KISS and Garth Brooks...but I also love to rock out at Hairball!

A Goal For My Students: To be kind, respectful, responsible students who show grit and determination while learning.



Wothe

4th Grade Teacher

Hometown: Moorhead, MN

3 Words To Describe Me: Creative, Funny, Outdoorsy

Interesting Fact: I once pet the Obama family dog.

Most Enjoy About Hopkins: Days when my class has a great flow.

My Perfect Weekend: Being outside on a beautiful day

My Favorite Children's Book: Hands that Love

My Favorite School Lunch: Chicken Nuggets with Sweet and Sour Sauce 1990s Style

My Favorite Color: Orange

My Hobby: Riding Bicycles

If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be: Bicycle Ambassador

Favorite Meal or Snack: Tacos

Favorite Concert: Pepper

A Goal For My Students: To be mentally flexible and increase their patience



Anderson

4th Grade Teacher

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

FOURTH GRADE



Hometown: Aitkin, MN

3 Words To Describe Me: friendly, creative, dedicated

Interesting Fact: I've wanted to be a teacher since I was in 3rd grade!

Most Enjoy About Hopkins: It is evident that everybody here CARES about all of the kids we work with. There is such a kind, calm, and welcoming energy in this building. :)

My Perfect Weekend: A weekend with my family, hanging out in our backyard & visiting a brewery or local Market.

My Favorite Children's Book: Words on Fire by Jennifer Nielson (young adult)

My Favorite School Lunch: Cheesy French Bread OF COURSE

My Favorite Color: Terracotta & Melon

My Hobby: Watercolor painting, embroidering, reading

If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be: Local children's book/toy store

Favorite Meal or Snack: Salted Chocolate Caramel covered Pretzels

Favorite Concert: Taylor Swift 1989 World Tour

A Book I Gave 5 Stars: I want each student to build their self confidence, especially when working on new and tricky things!



Bordwell

4th Grade Teacher



Haugo

4th Grade Teacher

Hometown: Wausau, WI

3 Words To Describe Me: flexible, talkative, loves to laugh

Interesting Fact: I grew up in WI but I am NOT a Packers fan.

Most Enjoy About Hopkins: Working with my amazing team and seeing our students make progress towards reaching their goals.

My Perfect Weekend: Spending the weekend with my family.

My Favorite Children's Book: Little House on the Prairie

My Favorite Color: Orange

My Hobby: Traveling

If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be: Professional traveler

Favorite Meal or Snack: pasta

Favorite Concert: Chris Stapleton

A Goal For My Students: My goal is for them to love to read by the end of the year.

Groovy



PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO 4 LUV OF DOG RESCUE

SQUEEZE THE DAY!

Lemonade Sale

MARCH 9 **4:30-7 PM**
&
MARCH 12 **DURING**
CONFERENCES

\$1

FOR ORIGINAL

\$2

ADD BOBA

PLEASE BRING EXACT CHANGE IF ABLE

Come enjoy:

Yellow & Pink
Lemonade

Add on BOBA if
you like



4 LUV OF DOG RESCUE FUNDRAISER

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM LEMONADE SALE WILL BE
DONATED TO 4 LUV OF DOG RESCUE SHELTER**



**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR 4TH
GRADE LEADERSHIP GROUP!**



2026-27 KEYS TO KINDERGARTEN

THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

DOROTHY DODDS
4400 24TH AVENUE SOUTH

ELLEN HOPKINS
2020 11TH STREET SOUTH

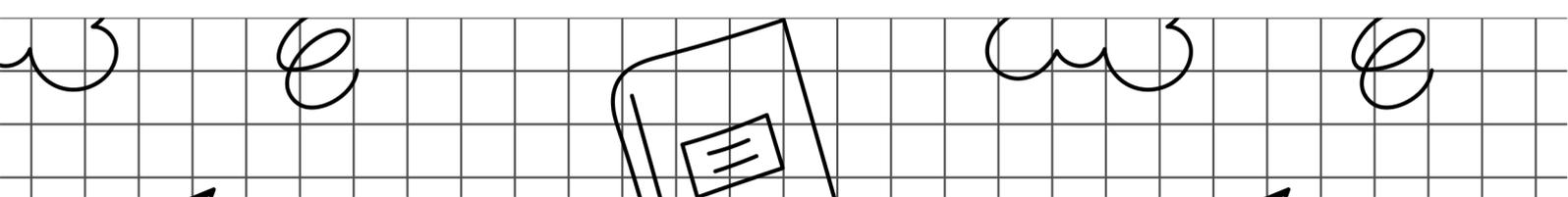
S.G. REINERTSEN
1201 40TH AVENUE SOUTH

ROBERT ASP
910 11TH STREET NORTH

CALL OR GO ONLINE TO REGISTER

218-284-3400

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IS YOUR LITTLE SPUD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

JOIN US FOR KEYS TO KINDERGARTEN

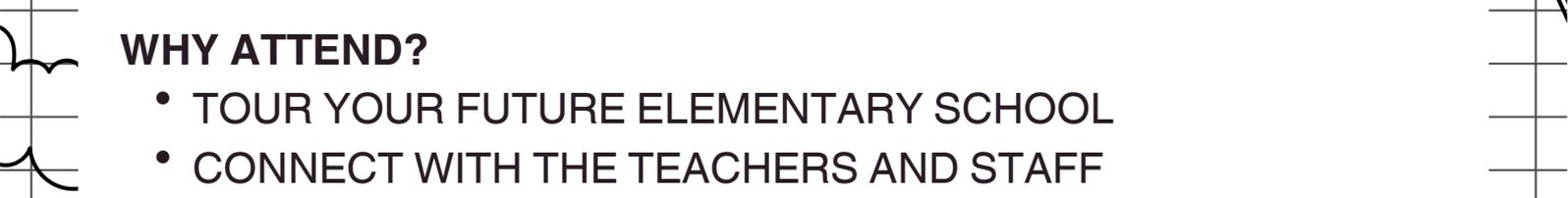
THE MOORHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT INVITES 2026-2027

**KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES TO OUR UPCOMING KEYS TO
KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.**



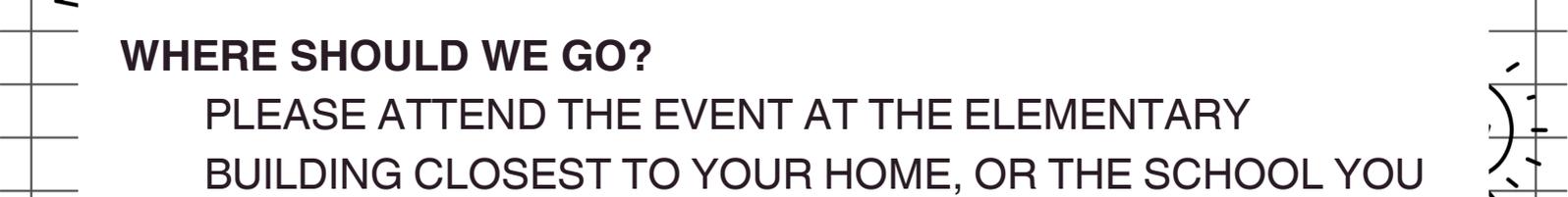
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CHILDREN LIVING IN THE MOORHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
WHO WILL START KINDERGARTEN IN FALL 2026, ALONG
WITH THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS



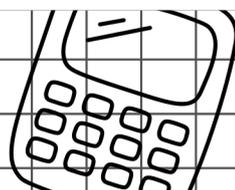
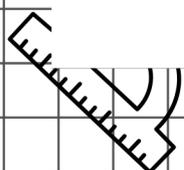
WHY ATTEND?

- TOUR YOUR FUTURE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- CONNECT WITH THE TEACHERS AND STAFF
- ENGAGE IN FUN ACTIVITIES THAT BUILD CONFIDENCE
- GET ANSWERS TO ALL YOUR QUESTIONS



WHERE SHOULD WE GO?

PLEASE ATTEND THE EVENT AT THE ELEMENTARY
BUILDING CLOSEST TO YOUR HOME, OR THE SCHOOL YOU
EXPECT YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND.



MOORHEAD APP

SCAN ME



EDULOG BUS APP

TRACK YOUR CHILD'S BUS

SCAN ME



INSTAGRAM

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

SCAN ME



POWERSCHOOL ANNUAL REGISTRATION

SCAN ME



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WELCOME LETTER TO PARENTS

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BACK TO SCHOOL SLIDESHOW

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ELLEN HOPKINS ELEMENTARY
2020 11TH ST S
MOORHEAD, MN 56560

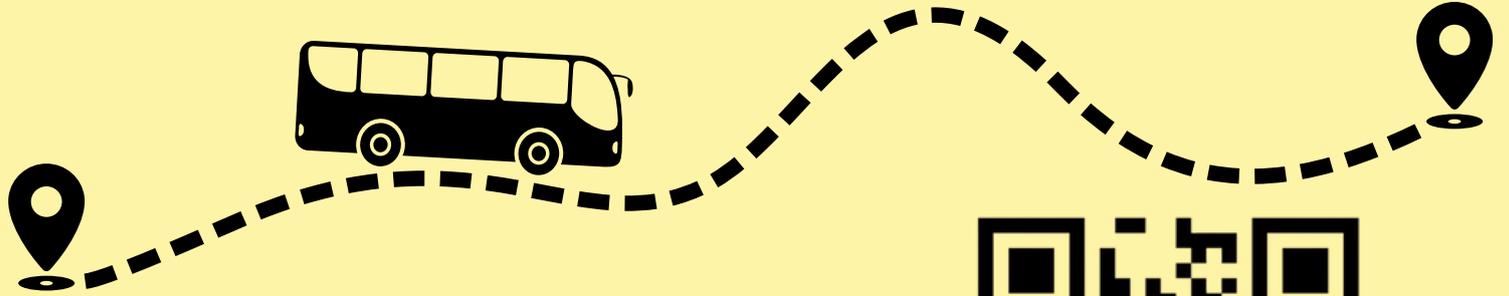
SCHOOL HOURS
7:45 AM - 2:30 PM

OFFICE : 218-284-4300

FAX: 218-284-4333

HOPK@MOORHEADSCHOOLS.ORG

TRACK YOUR STUDENT'S BUS



DOWNLOAD THE EDULOG PARENT PORTAL!



 EDULOG



MAPS Edulog Information



Edulog F&Q



5:15–6:15 PM at Salem Church, 1111 30th Ave S, Moorhead, MN. Please enter the parking lot on the north side of the building off of 30th St S.

**EVERY 2ND THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH.**

**Next Food Pantry:
March 12th**

No ID or prior registration required.

SALEM CHURCH MOBILE FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Food for anyone who doesn't have enough.



5:15–6:15 PM at Salem Church, 1111 30th Ave S, Moorhead, MN. Please enter the parking lot on the north side of the building off of 30th St S.

**April 9th
May 14th
June 4th*****

**2ND THURSDAY OF
EVERY MONTH**

*** Please note that June will be the 1st Thursday of the month due to other events.

Limited quantities available. No ID or prior registration required.



**GREAT PLAINS
FOOD BANK**



SALEM CHURCH





2025-26 District Calendar

August 12 Primary Election Day; no activities after 6 PM
 August 25-28 PD/Workshop
 September 1 Labor Day
 September 2 E-12 Classes Begin
 September 19 Early Out
 September 26 No School; PD
 October 7 K-8 Conferences
 October 9 K-8 Conferences
 October 14 K-8 Conferences
 October 15 Early Out
 October 16-17 No School
 October 28 9-12 Conferences
 October 30 9-12 Conferences
 October 31 End of 1st Quarter
 November 4 Election Day; no activities after 6 PM
 November 10 No School; PD
 November 26 Early Out
 November 27-28 No School
 December 22 Winter Break Begins
 December 31 New Year's Eve
 January 5 E-12 Classes Resume
 January 16 End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
 January 19 No School; PD
 January 27 7-12 Conferences
 February 16 No School
 March 6 No School; PD
 March 9 K-6, 9-12 Conferences
 March 10 Township Election Day; no activities after 6 PM
 March 12 K-12 Conferences
 March 17 K-8 Conferences
 March 18 Early Out
 March 18 End of 3rd Quarter
 March 19-20 No School
 March 20 No School
 April 3 No School
 May 25 Memorial Day
 May 29 Last Student Day; Early Out; End of 4th Quarter
 May 29 Graduation, 7PM
 June 1-3 Possible Make-up Days

JULY 2025

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KEY

- No School
- No School, all schools and district offices closed
- No School for Students / Professional Development
- E-12 Classes Begin
- Possible in-person make-up days:
- End of Quarter / Semester
- Family-Teacher Conference (varies by school)
- Early Out

REVISED
4.25.25