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# The Hopkins Herald

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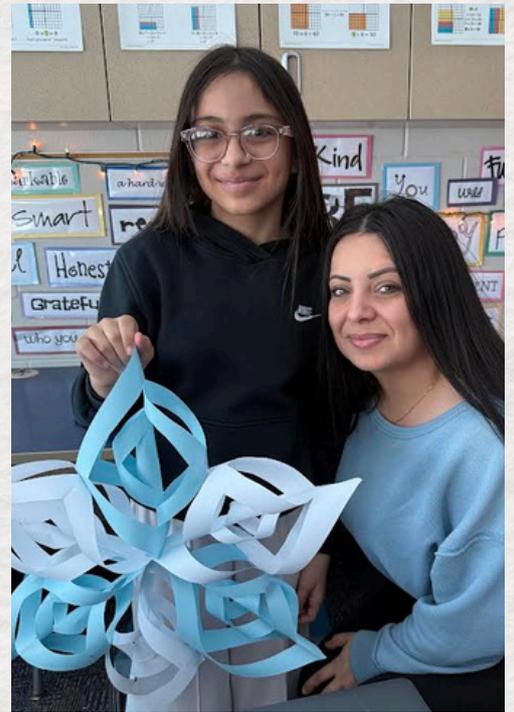
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# BIG SNOWFLAKES, BIGGER SMILES

**Thank You Fourth Grade Families for Attending 'Flakes and Freezies' Event!**

Our fourth grade families came together for a joyful event at Ellen Hopkins, creating giant snowflakes and even bigger memories. It was so special to see students, families, and staff gathered together, laughing, creating, and celebrating our school community. Moments like these remind us that learning is even more meaningful when families are part of the fun.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

FEB  
2-6

SCHOOL COUNSELOR  
APPRECIATION WEEK

FEB  
9

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

FEB  
10

CROSSING GUARD  
APPRECIATION DAY

FEB  
11

100<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL

FEB  
13

4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAMILY EVENT  
1:30-2:00PM

WHERE LOVE GATHERS EVENT  
ELLEN HOPKINS ELEMENTARY  
6:00-8:00PM

FEB  
16

NO SCHOOL

FEB  
20

KINDER FAMILY EVENT  
DONUTS WITH GROWN-UPS  
8:00-8:30AM

FEB  
23

BUS DRIVER  
APPRECIATION DAY

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

MARCH  
6, 19, 20 NO SCHOOL



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HISTORY  
MONTH

# Ellen Hopkins Kindness Week

09

Dream of Kindness (PJ Day)

10

Dress Your Best and Share Thank  
You Notes and Compliments

11

Workout Your Problems with  
Kindness (Workout Clothes)

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Wear Your Favorite Shirt  
or Sweatshirt

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Wear Pink, Red, White, Purple  
to be ready for our **Where Love  
Gathers** Event



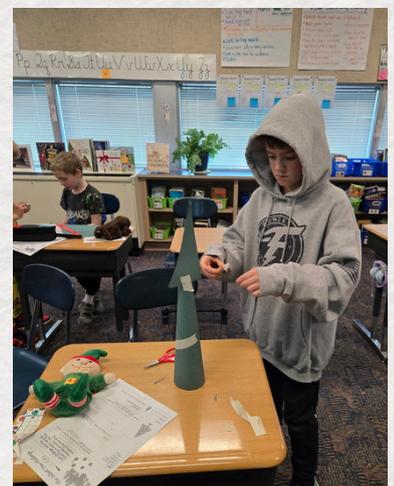
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# yearbook

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.

## STEM CHALLENGE!

Students had one sheet of construction paper and were tasked with making the tallest tree possible!



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## GLOBAL SCHOOL PLAY DAY IS TOTALLY MADE FOR KINDERGARTEN

Our kindergarteners had an epic day participating in Global School Play Day, a celebration of unstructured, screen-free play. Students explored, created, and connected through hands-on activities that encouraged imagination, problem-solving, and collaboration. Look at those amazing costumes! Play is an important part of learning. It helps our students build social skills, creativity, and confidence while learning how to communicate and work with others. We loved seeing our kindergarteners so happy!



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## PARTNERING IN YOUR STUDENT'S LEARNING **Document Ready for Review and Signature**

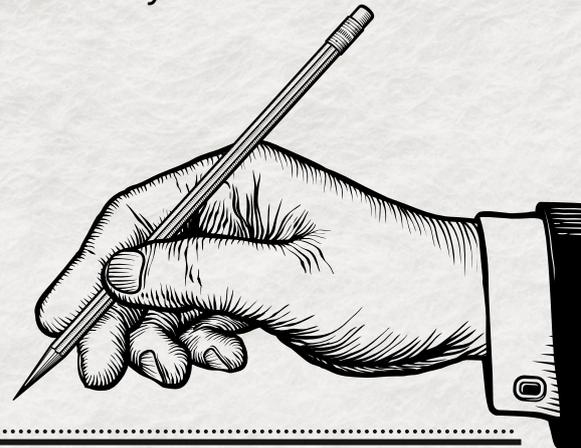
Your student has an updated document in Student Documents in PowerSchool. This document is called the PLP, which stands for Personalized Learning Plan. It shows how your student scored on the screening assessment called Fastbridge. Scores listed are from September 2025 and most recently, in January 2026. They include reading and math, along with a progress goal for the second semester.

The '**Typical Growth Goal**' means that to stay on grade level, the student will make one year's worth of growth.

The '**Aggressive Growth Goal**' means that we will work with your student to achieve more than a year's worth of growth to reach grade-level learning.

Please open the document, read through it, and "sign" to say you have read the document. Please "sign" by completing the very short survey via the QR code or [this link](#).

Your partnership is appreciated!



# The PTAC Corner

PTAC MEETING: **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> 6:00-7:00PM** IN THE ELLEN HOPKINS MEDIA CENTER

*Where*  
**LOVE**  
GATHERS  
@ ELLEN HOPKINS ELEMENTARY  
FEB. 13TH | 6 TO 8 PM

SCAVENGER HUNT  
FACE PAINTING  
BINGO  
STEM LAB  
ROCKSTAR HAIR  
FLOWER SHOPPE  
OBSTACLE COURSE

The poster features a central graphic with the word "Where" in a pink script font above the word "LOVE" in large, bold, white capital letters. Below "LOVE" is the word "GATHERS" in white capital letters, followed by "@ ELLEN HOPKINS ELEMENTARY" in pink capital letters. A horizontal line separates this from the date and time "FEB. 13TH | 6 TO 8 PM" in white capital letters. At the bottom, there are seven heart-shaped balloons in various colors (white, purple, teal, red, pink, blue) with text labels for activities: "SCAVENGER HUNT", "FACE PAINTING", "BINGO", "STEM LAB", "ROCKSTAR HAIR", "FLOWER SHOPPE", and "OBSTACLE COURSE". The background is a light pink with a subtle heart pattern.

It's almost time for our Where Love Gathers event, and we are still welcoming **volunteers**, or those who simply want to support where their heart leads. No long-term obligation required.

Click the link to view open slots: [Volunteer Sign Up Genius](#)

If you'd like to be included in the planning or learn more, reach out to the President-Elect at [ptac\\_kshackle@moorheadschoools.org](mailto:ptac_kshackle@moorheadschoools.org)

[Where Love Gathers Facebook Event Page](#)

# School Counselor APPRECIATION WEEK

February 2-6

*Lucky to have you!*



Brooke is the best counselor EVER! <3

She goes ABOVE and beyond, no doubt about that!

She makes such great connections with ALL students.

There's so many good things to say about Brooke, I don't even know where to begin!

A ray of sunshine in the Hopkins halls!

She's such a go-getter!

We love her! xo



## Brooke Gronwold

**HOMETOWN:** MOORHEAD, MN

**THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE ME:** KIND, PATIENT, EMPATHETIC

**BEST THING ABOUT HOPKINS:** THE UPBEAT ATMOSPHERE AND SMILES ON STUDENTS FACES

**MY PERFECT WEEKEND:** AT THE LAKE, ON THE BOAT 85 DEGREES AND LISTENING TO MUSIC WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**FAVORITE SCHOOL LUNCH:** CHICKEN STRIPS AND MASHED POTATOES

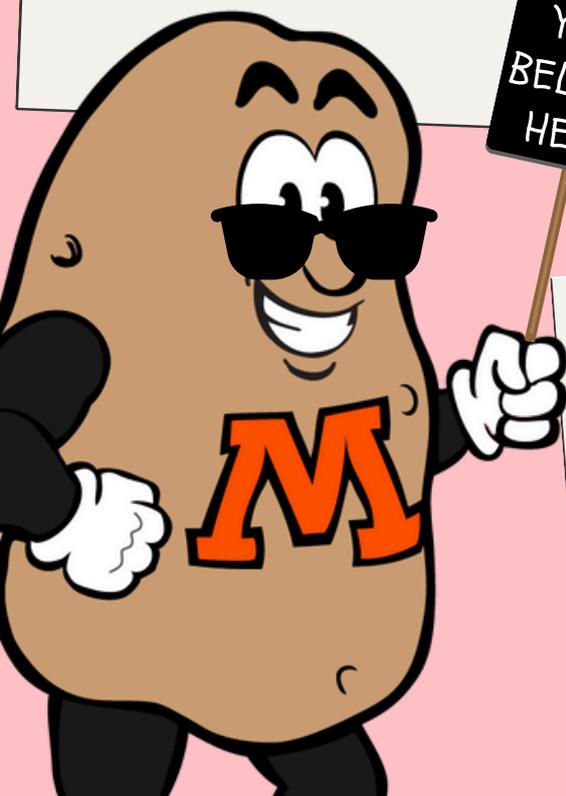
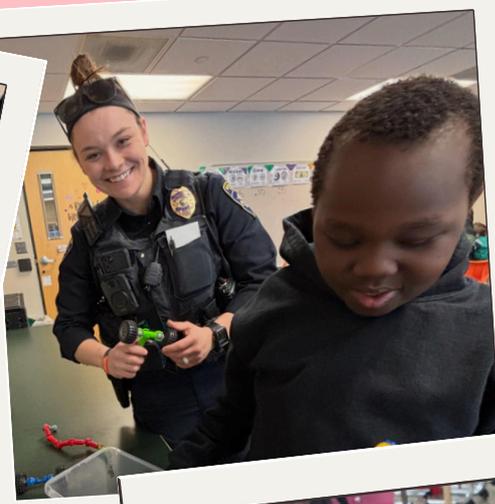
**HOBBIES:** PLAYING VOLLEYBALL AND READING

**FAVORITE CONCERT:** MORGAN WALLEN

**FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM:** MINNESOTA VIKINGS

**FAVORITE MOTTO:** PEOPLE COME INTO YOUR LIFE FOR A REASON, SEASON OR LIFETIME





# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

# THIRD GRADE



**Nelson**

3rd Grade Teacher

**Hometown:** Andover, MN

**3 Words To Describe Me:** Kind, Patient, Fun

**Interesting Fact:** I have been to 7 different countries and I LOVE to travel and learn about different cultures.

**Most Enjoy About Hopkins:** I love how welcoming and supportive the staff is.

**My Perfect Weekend:** My perfect weekend would be at a lake with my family and friends sitting around a camp fire and going on boat rides.

**My Favorite Children's Book:** Miss Nelson is Missing!

**My Favorite School Lunch:** Orange Chicken and Rice

**My Favorite Color:** Purple

**My Hobby:** Playing board/card games with family and friends.

**If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be:** I would love to be a professional food taster! I love trying new foods.

**Favorite Meal or Snack:** Mac and Cheese

**Favorite Concert:** Carrie Underwood

**A Goal For My Students:** I want my students to gain confidence in themselves and their learning.

**Hometown:** Fairmont, MN

**3 Words To Describe Me:** bubbly, kind, helpful

**Interesting Fact:** I get hiccups all the time. :)

**Most Enjoy About Hopkins:** The diverse student body! I love expanding my knowledge and learning about different cultures and traditions my students have.

**My Perfect Weekend:** Depends on the season! I love lake weekends, spent reading books and relaxing. I love farmers markets and being outside.

**My Favorite Children's Book:** A Bad Case of Stripes

**My Favorite School Lunch:** Bosco sticks!

**My Favorite Color:** Orange and Yellow

**My Hobby:** Reading and playing pickleball

**If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be:** Cosmetologist

**Favorite Meal or Snack:** Sushi

**Favorite Concert:** Mercy Me/Newsboys

**A Goal For My Students:** Aside from strengthening academic knowledge, I would love for all students to learn how to be a kind, helpful human, who are able to interact effectively with their peers.



**Mosloski**

3rd Grade Teacher

**Hometown:** Las Vegas, Nevada

**3 Words To Describe Me:** creative, organized, purposeful

**Interesting Fact:** I am the first to get a college degree in my family.

**Most Enjoy About Hopkins:** My team.

**My Perfect Weekend:** Sleeping in until at least 8:30, followed by a nice slow breakfast with 2 cups of hot tea. Spend some time crafting or reading solo, then playing board games with my family. Finish with a comforting meal (like a roast or lasagna or soup) on Sunday that makes lots of left overs for lunches the next week.

**My Favorite Children's Book:** Leah's Pony.

**My Favorite School Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun.

**My Favorite Color:** Green, Orange, and Brown in that order.

**My Hobby:** I love ART! I watercolor paint, acrylic paint, flat and 3D felting, crocheting, embroidery, glass mosaic art, and I do just about every class unglued has to offer.

**If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be:** Obstetrician

**Favorite Meal or Snack:** soup! I LOVE soup but beef and barley is my favorite.

**Favorite Concert:** Red Hot Chili Peppers

**A Goal For My Students:** To enjoy who they are and do the best they can.



**Tareski**

3rd Grade Teacher

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

# THIRD GRADE



**Hometown:** Fargo, ND

**3 Words To Describe Me:** efficient, caring, bright

**Interesting Fact:** I saw a mama and a baby humpback whale breach this summer!

**Most Enjoy About Hopkins:** The staff are very supportive and the students love to learn.

**My Perfect Weekend:** Going to the lake with my family and it is beautiful weather- we don't have a lot of work to do, just relaxing and having fun.

**My Favorite Children's Book:** Popcorn by, Frank Ashe

**My Favorite School Lunch:** taco in a bag

**My Favorite Color:** bright orange

**My Hobby:** Puzzles

**If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be:** Children's Book Author

**Favorite Meal or Snack:** sushi

**Favorite Concert:** Beastie Boys with Tribe Called Quest

**A Book I Gave 5 Stars:** Recognize and name their feelings



**Arness**  
3rd Grade Teacher

**Hometown:** Moorhead, MN

**3 Words To Describe Me:** Patient, Calm, Flexible

**Interesting Fact:** I have a brother who works at this school.

**Most Enjoy About Hopkins:** The kids that make coming to school each day great!

**My Perfect Weekend:** Sitting on the couch at home watching tv.

**My Favorite Children's Book:** Go Dogs Go

**My Favorite School Lunch:** Cheesy French Bread

**My Favorite Color:** Orange

**My Hobby:** Watching Sports

**If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be:** Professional athlete

**Favorite Meal or Snack:** Pizza

**Favorite Concert:** Hairball

**A Goal For My Students:** To always try their very best!



**Ellingson**  
3rd Grade Teacher

Our third grade team is out of this world!





# 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

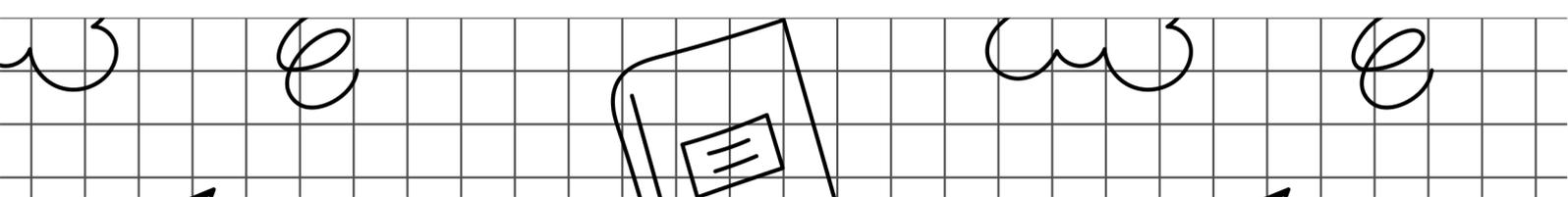
S.G. REINERTSEN  
1201 40TH AVENUE SOUTH

ROBERT ASP  
910 11TH STREET NORTH

**CALL OR GO ONLINE TO REGISTER**

**218-284-3400**

**ISD152.ORG/KEYSTOK**



# **IS YOUR LITTLE SPUD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?**

## **JOIN US FOR KEYS TO KINDERGARTEN**

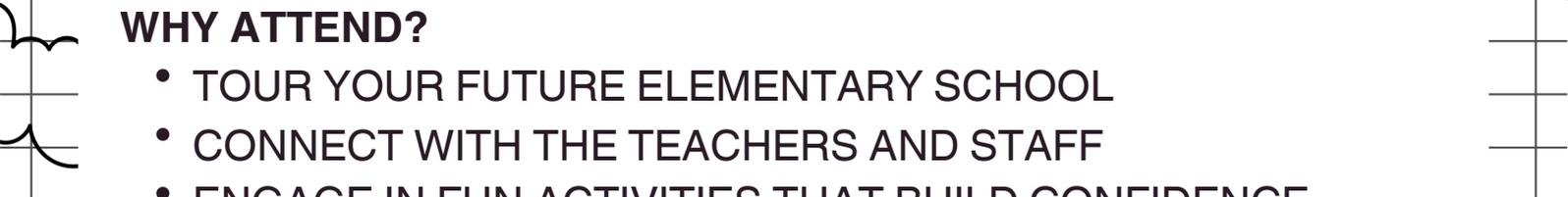
**THE MOORHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT INVITES 2026-2027**

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



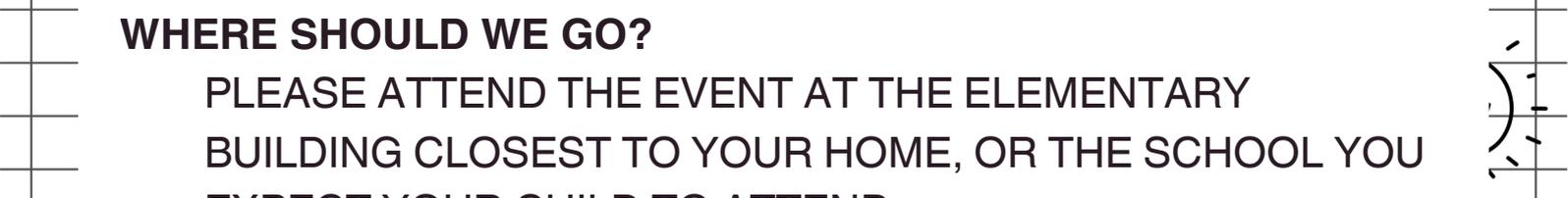
### **WHO IS INVITED?**

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



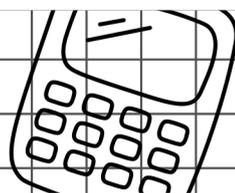
### **WHY ATTEND?**

- 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

SCAN ME



## DISTRICT CALENDAR

SCAN ME



## POWERSCHOOL ANNUAL REGISTRATION

SCAN ME



## E-FUNDS

ADD LUNCH/SNACK MONEY

SCAN ME



## WELCOME LETTER TO PARENTS

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## BACK TO SCHOOL SLIDESHOW

SCAN ME



ELLEN HOPKINS ELEMENTARY  
2020 11<sup>TH</sup> ST S  
MOORHEAD, MN 56560

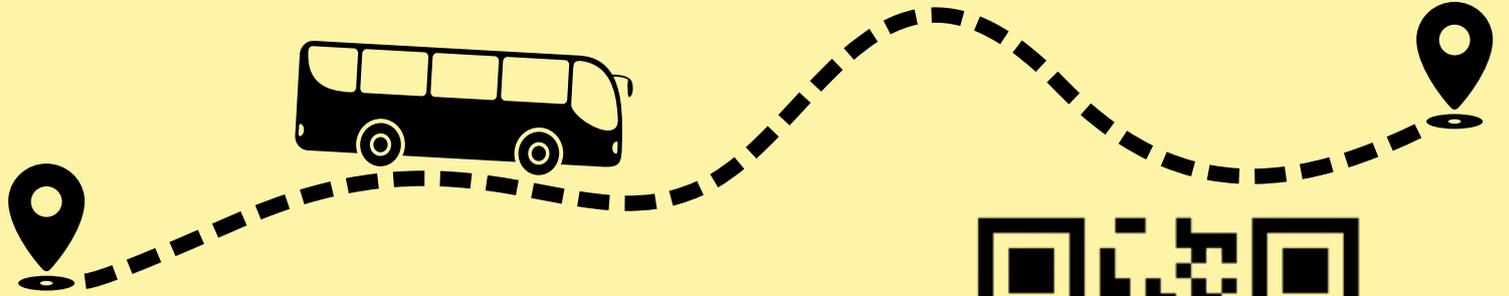
SCHOOL HOURS  
7:45 AM - 2:30 PM

OFFICE : 218-284-4300

FAX: 218-284-4333

HOPK@MOORHEADSCHOOLS.ORG

# TRACK YOUR STUDENT'S BUS



**DOWNLOAD THE EDULOG PARENT PORTAL!**



 EDULOG



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# 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.

**January 8th**  
**February 13th**  
**March 13th**

**2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH**

Limited quantities available. No ID or prior registration required.



**GREAT PLAINS  
FOOD BANK**



SALEM CHURCH

### Fargo/Moorhead/West Fargo Pop-Up Pantries



Monday			
Olivet Lutheran Church	First Monday Monthly: 2:30pm	1330 S. University Dr., Fargo	(701) 235-6603
Grace United Methodist	Second Monday Monthly: 5:00-6:00pm	1120 17th St S, Moorhead	(218) 233-1857
Tuesday			
Neighborhood Church	Second Tuesday Monthly: 4:00-5:30pm	730 27th St N., Fargo	(701) 552-1950
Wednesday			
GPFB Cultural - Fargo	Third Wednesday Monthly: 3:30-5:00pm	1900 28th Ave S, Moorhead	(701) 232-6219
GPFB Cultural - Bismarck	Fourth Wednesday Monthly: 4:00-5:30pm	407 South 25th St, Bismarck	(701) 232-6219
Thursday			
Salem Emergency Food Pantry	Second Thursday Monthly: 5:15-6:15pm	1111 30th Ave. S., Moorhead	(608) 772-6454
Pontoppidan Lutheran Church	Third Thursday Monthly: 4:00-5:30pm	309 4th St N, Fargo	(701) 232-0998
West Fargo Eats	Third Thursday May-October: 4:00-5:30pm	1402 16th St. E, Fargo	(701) 532-0394
First Congregational UCC	Fourth Thursday April-October: 4:00-6:00pm	406 8th St S, Moorhead	(218) 236-1756
Moorhead Public Schools	Fourth Thursday Monthly: 4:30-5:30pm	2800 27th Ave S Moorhead	(218) 284-6000

A fast, drive-through food distribution open to everyone. Volunteers load **free** fresh produce, dairy, meat, and more directly into your vehicle. Just drive up, fill out a short form, and you're on your way!

# Great Plains Food Bank

## “A food distribution event!”

We will be distributing food at Trinity Lutheran Church (213 8<sup>th</sup> St. South, Moorhead) parking lot, across the street from McDonald's, for the winter. Distribution begins at 4:00.

- Wednesday, November 26
- Tuesday, December 23
- Thursday, January 22
- Thursday, February 26

For more information, please contact [info@greatplainsfoodbank.org](mailto:info@greatplainsfoodbank.org)/701.232.6219  
For SNAP assistance, call 855.405.0000.





# 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							AUGUST						
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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