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# The Hopkins Herald

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JANUARY EDITION: ELLEN HOPKINS ELEMENTARY

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## CHILLING *(Literally)* WITH OUR BESTIES

Thank you, families, for bundling up our students so they can stay warm, safe, and happy while playing with friends outside! If any hats, gloves, coats, or snowpants go missing, please remind students to check the Lost & Found, or feel free to stop by and take a look yourselves anytime!





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## IMPORTANT DATES

JAN  
19

**NO SCHOOL**  
**STAFF PD DAY**

JAN  
23

**4TH GRADE**  
**FAMILY EVENT**  
**FLAKES & FREEZIES**  
1:20-2:00

JAN  
19-25

**PARAPROFESSIONAL**  
**APPRECIATION WEEK**  
MINNESOTA

FEB  
2

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

FEB  
2-6

**SCHOOL COUNSELOR**  
**APPRECIATION WEEK**

FEB  
11

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

**2025-26**  
**DISTRICT**  
**CALENDAR**



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**SCHOOL HOURS 7:45 AM - 2:30 PM**



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## PJ & HOT COCOA DAY



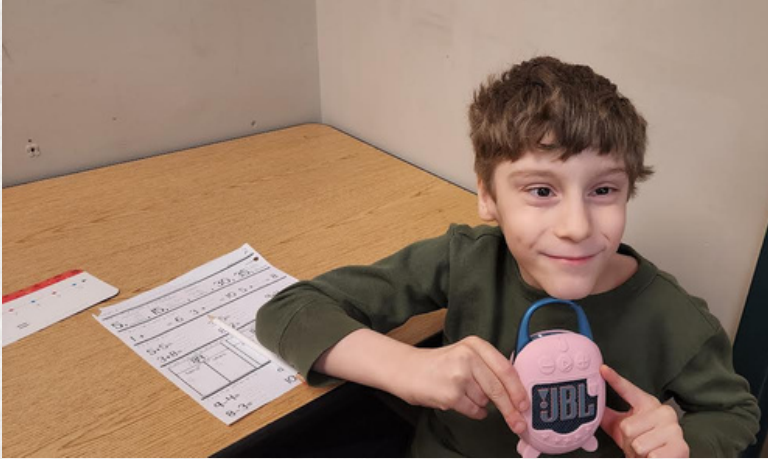
Smiles, laughter, and cozy vibes filled the building as students and staff came together to enjoy hot cocoa and Pajama Day. Wrapped in comfy PJs and holding warm cups, everyone took a moment to slow down, connect, and celebrate what makes our school so special...being **together**. These moments of joy, comfort, and community remind us that school is not just about learning, but also about creating a welcoming place where students and staff feel happy, supported, and connected!





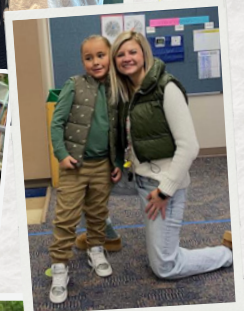
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## SMALL SPEAKER, BIG IMPACT



A little music, a lot of focus, and just enough fun! 🎵 Learning hits different with a JBL speaker playing some light tunes in the background. Way to go, Colt!

## Twinning Tuesdays





# The PTAC Corner

**PTAC MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> 6:00-7:00PM** IN THE ELLEN HOPKINS MEDIA CENTER

## A COZY COMMUNITY WIN

We had a fantastic turnout for our first FREE Movie Night of the school year — and the students absolutely understood the assignment.

Blankets were brought.

The big gym was transformed.

Popcorn was popped, well .. served (and free).

On a Thursday night, families gathered, kids got cozy, and the school was filled with laughter and togetherness. Moments like these are exactly why we do what we do. Not to mention, the volunteers were FANTASTIC!

## BIG NEWS!

**We've officially scheduled our annual Where Love Gathers at Ellen Hopkins for Friday, February 13.**

Planning is just getting underway, and we're opening the door to anyone who wants to jump in — **helpers, idea-people, crafters, fundraisers, volunteers**, or those who simply want to support where their heart leads. No long-term obligation required.

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

Last year was a blast, and with the excitement already building, this year is shaping up to be something really special.

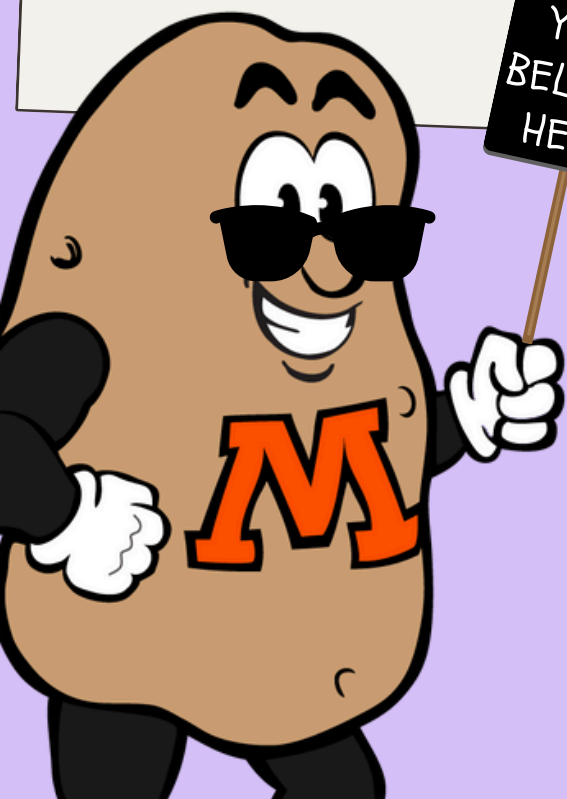
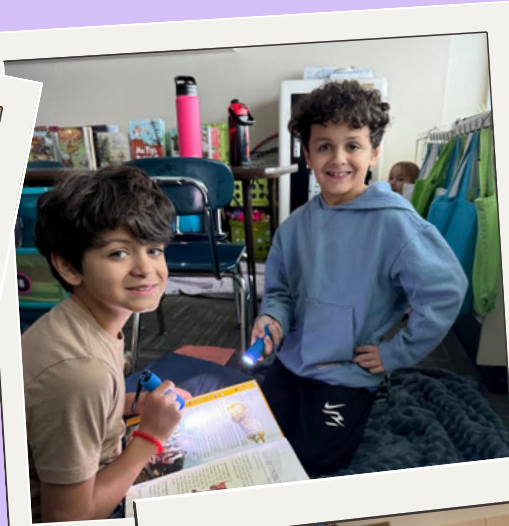
## LOOKING/AHEAD

While December moved quickly, the PTAC is kicking off the new year with **thoughtful, feel-good ways to support our incredible staff** — starting in January and carrying through the winter months.

We're excited for what's ahead and for the many ways families can be part of it. To stay connected, follow along on our **PTAC Facebook page** for updates, opportunities to get involved, and small ways to make a big difference.

Because at the end of the day —  
**we're just parents, too.**

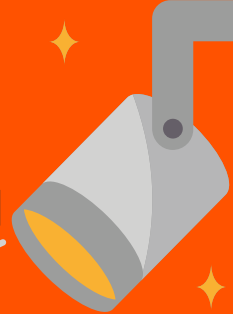






# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## SECOND GRADE



**Chelmo**

2nd Grade Teacher

**Hometown:** Moorhead, MN

**3 Words To Describe Me:** Hard working, reliable, driven

**Interesting Fact:** I was in the MN Army National Guard for 9 years.

**Most Enjoy About Hopkins:** Getting hugs or seeing current and past students.

**My Perfect Weekend:** Hammock by/over the lake reading a book.

**My Favorite Children's Book:** Green Eggs and Ham

**My Favorite School Lunch:** Breaded turkey sticks with mashed potatoes and gravy and bread or the square cheese pizza.

**My Favorite Color:** Blue

**My Hobby:** Paint crafts

**If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be:** Forensic Scientist

**Favorite Meal or Snack:** Sautéed mushrooms

**Favorite Concert:** Garth Brooks

**A Goal For My Students:** Help them feel they are successful and to not give up.

**Hometown:** Willmar, Mn

**3 Words To Describe Me:** Quiet, calm, patient

**Interesting Fact:** I speak Spanish.

**Most Enjoy About Hopkins:** Working with the kids.

**My Perfect Weekend:** Spending time with my family.

**My Favorite Children's Book:** Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

**My Favorite School Lunch:** Hamburger and fries

**My Favorite Color:** Green

**My Hobby:** Visiting National Parks

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

**Favorite Meal or Snack:** Oreos

**Favorite Concert:** Sonshine Festival

**A Goal For My Students:** For my students to always show kindness and respect and to learn as much as they possibly can.



**Valdez**

2nd Grade Teacher

**Hometown:** Detroit Lakes, MN

**3 Words To Describe Me:** Passionate, kind, energetic

**Interesting Fact:** My favorite place that I have traveled to is Puerto Rico.

**Most Enjoy About Hopkins:** I love the climate the people have created here. Everyone is very friendly and so very helpful if I ever need anything.

**My Perfect Weekend:** My friends and I going on a small adventure, then getting some good food and lounging around.

**My Favorite Children's Book:** "Wishing Tree" by Katherine Applegate

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

**My Favorite Color:** Pink & Green

**My Hobby:** Hanging out with my friends and being outside.

**If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be:** Gymnastics coach

**Favorite Meal or Snack:** I'm currently a huge fan of greek yogurt with peanut butter and fruit.

**Favorite Concert:** Cody Johnson is, by far, the best artist to see live.

**A Goal For My Students:** I hope my students learn to love reading :)



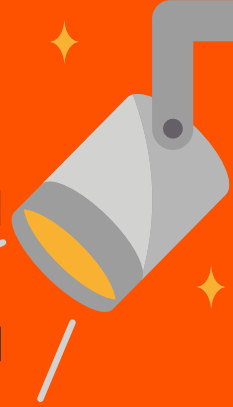
**Wendt**

2nd Grade Teacher



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## SECOND GRADE



- Hometown:** Dilworth, MN
- 3 Words To Describe Me:** Caring, Creative, Outgoing
- Interesting Fact:** I foster dogs for a local animal shelter.
- Most Enjoy About Hopkins:** Working with great students and colleagues every day
- My Perfect Weekend:** Sleeping in, iced coffee, and going to the farmers market
- My Favorite Children's Book:** The Pony Pals series
- My Favorite School Lunch:** Crispitos
- My Favorite Color:** Purple
- My Hobby:** Gardening
- If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be:** Marine Biologist
- Favorite Meal or Snack:** Chips and salsa
- Favorite Concert:** Taylor Swifts Eras Tour
- A Book I Gave 5 Stars:** A Court of Thorns and Roses



**Keller**  
2nd Grade Teacher



**Danielson**  
2nd Grade Teacher

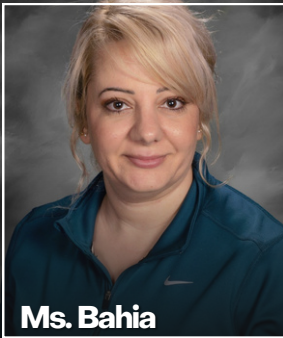
- Hometown:** Glyndon, MN
- 3 Words To Describe Me:** Creative, fun, strategic
- Interesting Fact:** An interesting fact about me is that I'm an early riser – I love starting my mornings quietly before the school day begins.
- Most Enjoy About Hopkins:** One of my favorite things about being part of this school community is getting to support not just our students, but the families who care for them. Children do their best learning when they feel safe, seen, and supported – and that happens when school and home work together.
- My Perfect Weekend:** My perfect weekend is spending time with family, getting outdoors, and enjoying simple moments together.
- My Favorite Children's Book:** Melvin Bubble
- My Favorite School Lunch:** Chicken Tortilla Soup
- My Favorite Color:** Pink
- My Hobby:** Decorating
- If I Weren't An Educator I Would Be:** Children's book author
- Favorite Meal or Snack:** Chicken Stir Fry
- Favorite Concert:** Megan Maroney
- A Goal For My Students:** One goal for my students is to feel confident trying new things, even when they're not sure they'll get it right the first time.



# Paraprofessional Appreciation Week



January 19–25



**Ms. Bahia**



**Ms. Bailey**



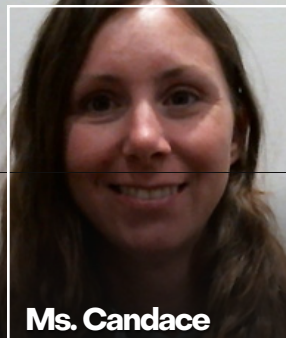
**Ms. Beth Anne**



**Ms. Beth**



**Ms. Brenda**



**Ms. Candace**



**Ms. Dezerae**



**Ms. Rosie**



**Ms. Emma**



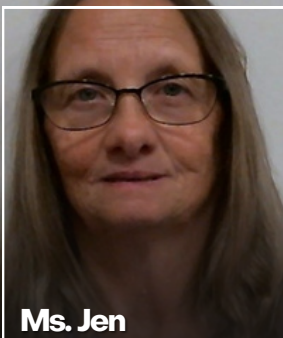
**Ms. Faduma**



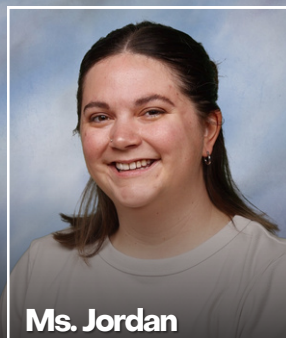
**Ms. Ghadeeja**



**Ms. Ikram**



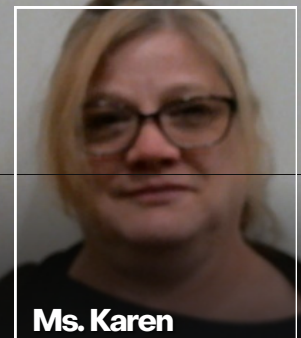
**Ms. Jen**



**Ms. Jordan**



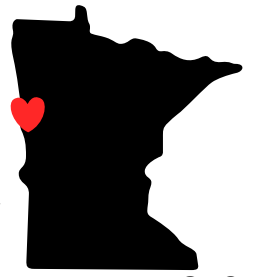
**Ms. Kara**



**Ms. Karen**



# Paraprofessional Appreciation Week



January 19-25



Ms. Katelyn



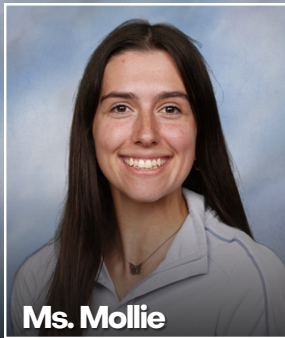
Ms. Kerry



Ms. Lela



Ms. McKenna



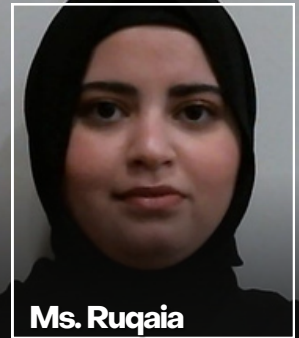
Ms. Mollie



Ms. Nicole



Ms. Paymon



Ms. Ruqaia



Ms. Safa



Ms. Safia



Ms. Sudha



Ms. Tammy



Ms. Taylor



Mr. Tyler



Ms. Zozan

THANK  
YOU!  




# 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!





## “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.





## MOORHEAD APP

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## EDULOG BUS APP

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## INSTAGRAM

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## DISTRICT CALENDAR

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## POWERSCHOOL ANNUAL REGISTRATION

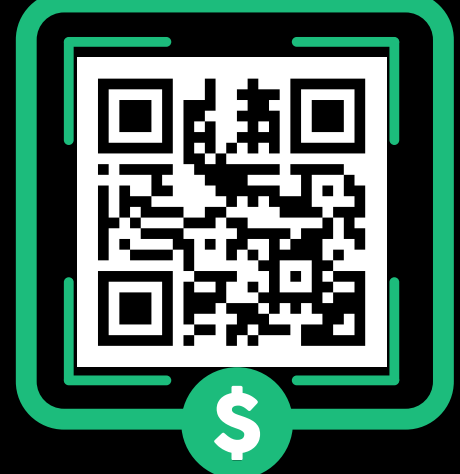
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## E-FUNDS

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## WELCOME LETTER TO PARENTS

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## BACK TO SCHOOL SLIDESHOW

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**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**





# 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

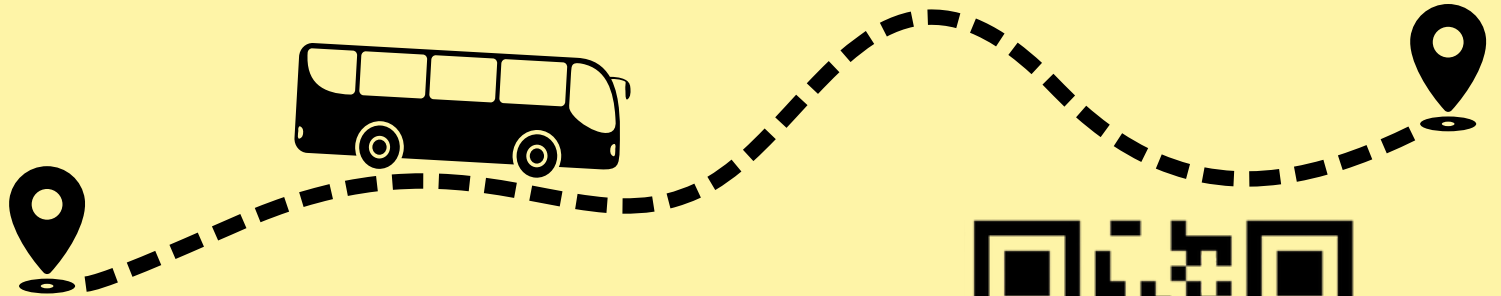
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	<div></div> No School for Students / Professional Development	<div></div> Early Out
	<div></div> E-12 Classes Begin	
	<div></div> Possible in-person make-up days:	

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