HILLS-BEAVER CREEK PATRIOT NEWS



Happy October, H-BC Elementary Families!

Just like that, we are heading into October! It has been a great start to the school year, and there are so many exciting things happening at H-BC Elementary! Our students continue to work hard, demonstrate positive attitudes, and focus on their learning like the champions they are! It is uplifting to see the energy in our classrooms and throughout our school each day.

We are also enjoying our first full fall in our new H-BC Elementary School! We continue to be thankful for this wonderful facility and the opportunities it provides our students, staff, families, and community. Make sure to take a look through this newsletter for all of the exciting things happening at H-BC Elementary!

ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to our newly elected 2026-2027 Elementary Student Council members! We appreciate these students for stepping forward to serve as leaders and representatives of their classmates.

PRESIDENT: Finley Metzger, VICE PRESIDENT: Melanie Vandeberg, TREASURER: Racely Haines, SECRETARY: Liila Leuthold, 3rd GRADE REPRESENTATIVES: Sadia Rozeboom, Cameron Luze, Taya VanWyhe and Talia Seachris, 4th GRADE REPRESENTATIVES: Brinlee Callender and Kavin Boelman and 5th GRADE REPRESENTATIVES: Kaylee Tuene and Emersyn Cleveland. We look forward to seeing our Student Council members develop as leaders and help make H-BC Elementary an even better place to learn and grow!

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND AMENDMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This fall voters in Minnesota will have an opportunity to vote on the permanent school fund amendment? It is very important that you are informed on this topic.

- Permanent Trust: Provides ongoing financial support for **MN public schools**.
- Voters will consider a constitutional amendment on **November 3, 2026**.
- New Formula: Distributes 4.5% of the fund's three-year average value annually.
- More Funding: Expected to **increase annual distributions** to Minnesota schools.
- Long-Term Protection: Designed to **preserve the fund** for future generations while supporting schools today.

WILL NOT INCREASE TAXES. A NON-VOTE EQUATES TO A NO VOTE.

Here is a link to more information: https://www.hbcpatriots.com/article/3132627
Be informed and make sure to get out and vote. This material is for informational purposes.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. At H-BC Elementary, we want every student to feel safe, valued, respected, and included.

At the beginning of the school year, our elementary students participated in a presentation about bullying—what it is, how to prevent it, and what students should do if they experience or witness bullying. We encourage families to continue these important conversations.

Preventing bullying takes all of us working together. Students are encouraged to speak with a trusted adult whenever they have a concern. Families may also use the district's **Bullying Reporting Online Form** to report concerns.

Throughout October, we will continue emphasizing kindness, respect, inclusion, and standing up for others. More information about bullying prevention is available at **StopBullying.gov**.

PARENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Thank you to our families for keeping your phone numbers, email addresses, and other contact information current in JMC. Accurate information is extremely important as we use our parent notification system to communicate school

announcements, schedule changes, weather-related late starts and cancellations, and other important information.
As we move toward the winter months, please make sure your contact information remains current. Families should also watch our other district communication channels for weather-related announcements.

FALL FUN AT H-BC ELEMENTARY!

October is always an exciting month at H-BC Elementary! Along with all of the learning taking place in our classrooms, students will have opportunities to enjoy some special fall activities.
We look forward to celebrating the season together and creating some great memories for our students. Watch for additional information from the school and classroom teachers regarding upcoming October activities and events.

DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANNING

The District is in the process of beginning to create a strategic plan. We are in the process of forming the team. Please let me know if you are interested in serving. t.holthaus@isd671.net

THANK YOU, H-BC FAMILIES!

We appreciate the continued support and partnership of our parents, families, staff, and community. We have had a wonderful beginning to the 2026-2027 school year, and we are excited about everything that lies ahead.



Mr. Holthaus
Elementary Principal, Superintendent

Please don't hesitate to email (t.holthaus@isd671.net) or call (507) 962-3240 ext. 2016 if you have questions or concerns.

October is a great time of year at H-BC Elementary! Let's continue working together to make our school a positive, welcoming, and successful place for every student.

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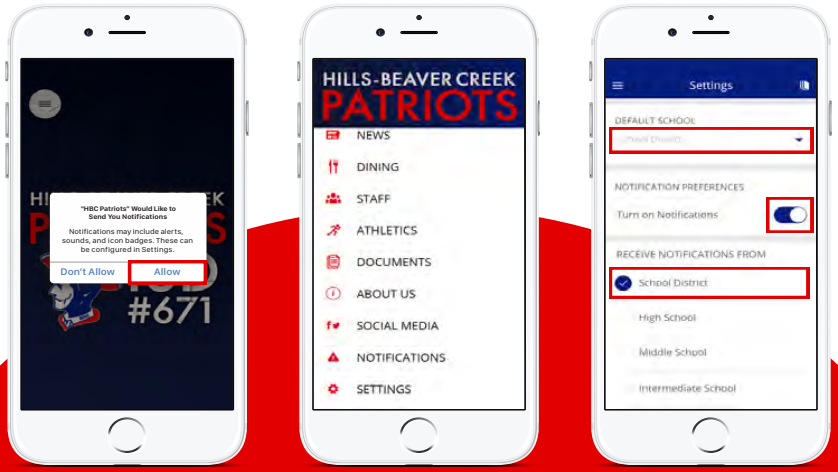
Don't miss any updates from Hills-Beaver Creek!

Follow these steps when downloading the mobile app:

1. Search **'HBC Patriots, MN'** in your phone's app store and download the app
2. Select **'ALLOW'** when prompted on initial download to ensure you receive notifications
3. Open the HBC Patriots app, and navigate to the left-side menu for **'SETTINGS'**
4. Ensure your settings are turned on and your school is selected

GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store



Mr. Kellenberger's Secondary Monthly Report

What a GREAT start to the 2026-2027 school year! September was a busy month. Thank you staff, students and parents for making this a fun and educational start to the school year.

USE JMC TO CHECK STUDENTS' GRADES AND ATTENDANCE

To log into JMC, please follow these steps.

Log into JMC from a Computer	Log into JMC from Smartphone
1. Go to HBC JMC login website LINK 2. Username: Parent's Last Name 3. Password: ***Please call Secondary Office if You Forgot Password 507-962-3240 4. Click ->Academics ->Progress Reports 	1. Go to App Store or Google Play Store on Smartphone 2. Download JMC Family App  3. Enter School PIN: 0 2 9 6  4. Username: Parent's Last Name 5. Password: ***Please call Secondary Office if You Forgot Password 507-962-3240 6. Click->Academics Icon 7. Click->Grades 8. Click-> Student's Name

October is Bullying Prevention Month

Bullying Prevention Month October is the National Bullying Prevention month. PACER.org is a national organization with a mission to provide resources and spread awareness to stomp out bullying. If you see bullying, **please report it here**.

The H-BC schools will have many upcoming events to add to your calendars. Please check our website or our mobile HBC Patriots app to find information about dates and locations.



Mr. Kellenberger
Secondary Principal

Please don't hesitate to email (a.kellenberger@isd671.net) or call (507) 962-3240 ext. 3009 if you have questions or concerns.

Parent/Teacher Conferences at HBC Secondary Thursday, Oct. 1

Please mark your calendars for Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 1st from 4:00 - 7:30 PM. Midterms were on Friday, September 25. Please check JMC to see your students' progress regularly. Teachers will be available to discuss students' progress during this time. See you on October 1st!



FFA Corn Drive: Friday, Oct. 9

Ms. Bosch, Substitute FFA Advisor and Ag Teacher, has been busy planning the FFA Corn Drive which will be on Friday, October 9th during the school day (weather pending). FFA Members, in good academic standing, will be invited to participate. FFA members will be out in our school community collecting corn, monetary gifts and also providing our farmers with a FREE grilled hamburger lunch. If you would like to make a donation to the HBC FFA, please contact Ms. Bosch at b.bosch@isd671.net.

Because Your Vote Matters

Permanent School Fund Amendment

This fall voters in Minnesota will have an opportunity to vote on the Permanent School Fund Amendment. It is very important that you are informed on this topic. Here are some of the highlights:

- **PERMANENT TRUST:** PROVIDES ONGOING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MINNESOTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
- **2026 BALLOT:** VOTERS WILL CONSIDER A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON **NOVEMBER 3, 2026.**
- **NEW FORMULA:** WOULD DISTRIBUTE 4.5% OF THE FUND'S THREE-YEAR AVERAGE VALUE ANNUALLY.
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Here is a link to more information:
https://www.hbcpatriots.com/article/313267

Please stay informed this voting season, this marterial is for informational purposes only.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Juniors and Seniors interested in National Honor Society may come and get an application from Mrs. Scruggs starting on Monday, September 28th.

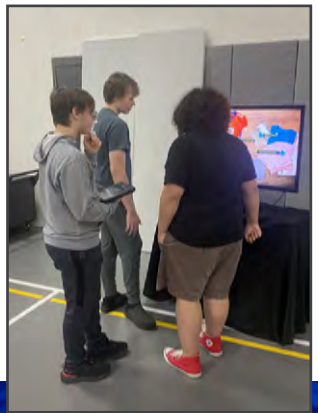
Applications will be due October 19.

National Honor Society banquet will be on November 30th for those selected.



Our 10th-grade students attended the Career Expo at the MN West Campus in Worthington on Wednesday, September 23rd. Students had the opportunity to connect with industry professionals, learn more about different career pathways, and explore college programs.

H-BC students also brought home the interactive game show trophy for answering the most questions correctly about employment services available throughout Southwest Minnesota! Congratulations to our students on a great day of learning and exploring future opportunities!







HBC Student Council
is selling

Simply Sweet Cheesecake



SEE A STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER IF INTERESTED!

STARTING OCTOBER 23

THROUGH NOVEMBER 20

Cheesecake Cupcakes come in 6-Packs - $18.00 each

CHEESECAKE CUPCAKE FLAVORS AVAILABLE:



Turtle: *Pecans, Mini Chocolate Chips, and caramel make this our top seller!*

Strawberry Swirl: *A strawberry preserve is swirled into this cheesecake cupcake to make our cheesecake even sweeter!*

Plain Jane: *There is nothing "plain" about our Plain Jane Cheesecake. It's a crowd favorite!*

Carmel Swirl: *Our cheesecake just got a little more decadent! A beautiful Caramel swirled cheesecake cupcake!*

Blueberry Swirl: *Another crowd favorite! A Blueberry Preserve swirled into the cheesecake cupcake!*

Variety: *One of each flavor above, two Caramel Swirl*



4" Personal Round Cheesecake - $11 each

4" ROUND CHEESECAKE FLAVORS AVAILABLE:

Snickers *Everybodys favorite Candy Bar - Baked into everybody's favorite Cheesecake!*

NY Style with Cherries *One of the most classic flavors of all - Plain Jane NY Style cheesecake, topped with a cherry pie filling*

Monster Cookie *Our top selling 4" - Monster Cookie crust, Cheesecake, chocolate ganache & a Monster Cookie on top!*

Choco Chip Cookie Dough *Choco Chip Cookie Dough baked within, adorned with our homemade chocolate ganache & more cookie dough*

Raspberry White Choco *A Raspberry preserve swirled into the cheesecake with white chocolate chips to top it off, makes this a top seller!*



ITEMS FOR SALE

MADE AT H-BC

Cutting Boards $20-$40

Adirondack Chair S100 or best offer

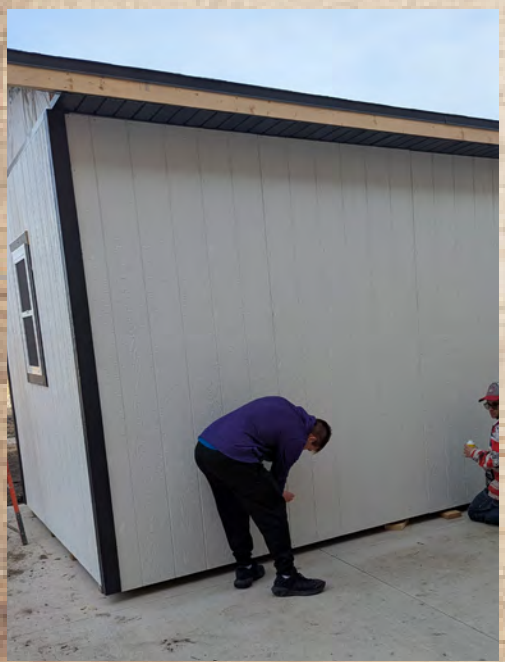


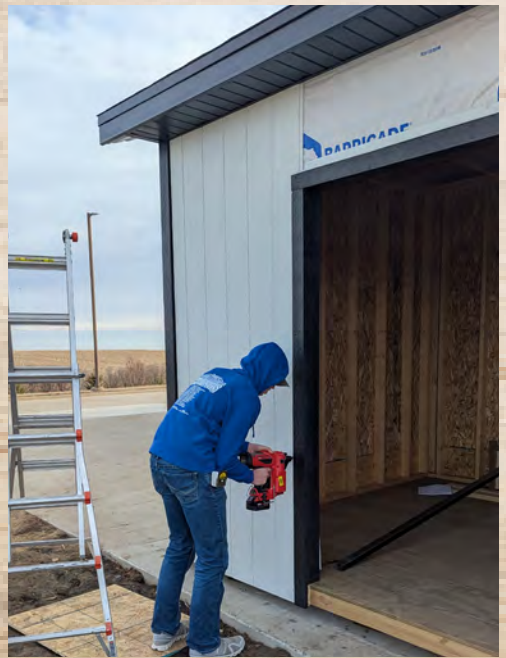




NEED A SHED? WE BUILD TO YOUR SPECS

Items created by Patriot Millworks students, if interested contact Mr. Louwagie at c.louwagie@isd671.net







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ELECTION RESULTS



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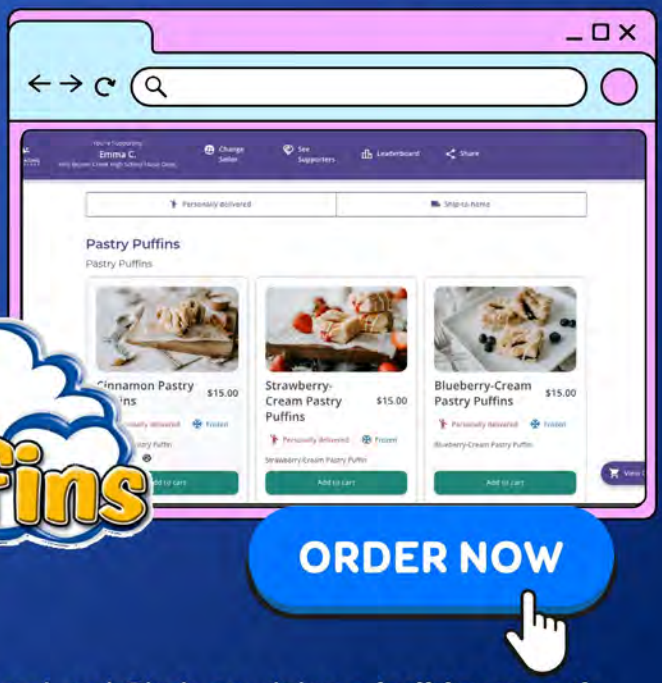


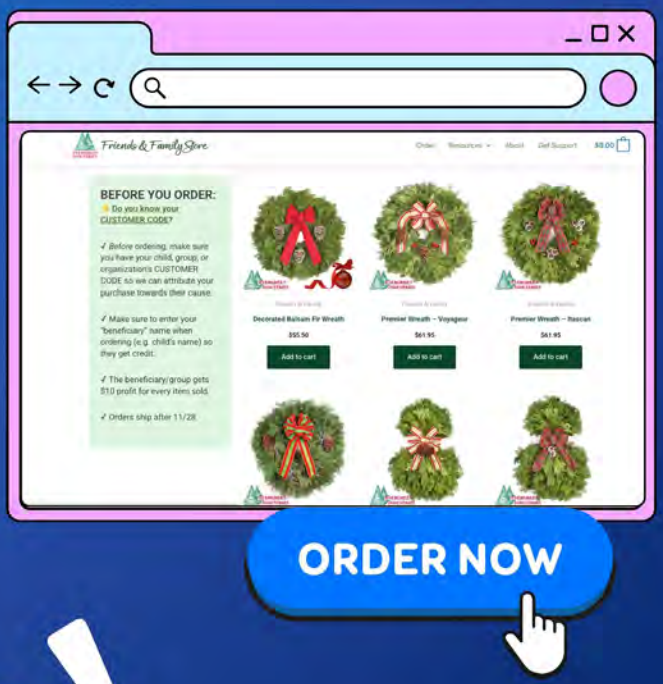




MUSIC DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISERS

H-BC Band and Choir are doing Pastry Puffins again this year - link to online store: https://bit.ly/4cWe496 - items ordered online are still **delivered IN PERSON** by students, so make sure you have a way to get items to the customer before asking them to order - items are frozen and need to stay frozen! OR sell in-person with the order form being sent home today! **Order forms due October 5 and delivered October 22**. Reach out to Mr. Anderson or Mrs. Comp for more details!





H-BC Band and Choir are doing a **holiday wreath fundraiser!** There are two parts to this fundraiser - ONLINE or IN-PERSON. IN-PERSON sales will be delivered by students. **Order forms due October 5. We will receive products the week of November 16.**

For ONLINE orders, costs include shipping - items are shipped directly to customers between Nov. 27-Dec 7. - **https://my.evergreenindustries.com/ - use code HILLSB** and ask customers to put your student's name in the beneficiary line so they get credit for the sale!

The online sale will run until November 15.

Reach out to Mr. Anderson or Mrs. Comp for more details!



UPCOMING DATES

December 3 - **6-12 Band and Choir Concert**
December 7 - **Grade 3-5 and 5th Grade Band Concert**
March 23 - **Large Group Contest in Luverne**
April 12 - **Solo/Ensemble Contest in Fulda (9-12 Graders)**
April 19 - **K-2 Choir and 5th Grade Band Concert**
May 10 - **6-12 Grade Choir and Band Concert**

Pep Band and Drumline Dates for 26/27!
Jan 7, 11, 28 and Feb 16, 22, 25 - **8-12 Pep Band and Drumline**
January 22 - **Special 6/7 Grade Band Pep Band Night!**

HBC BAND

Hills-Beaver Creek

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

Building Bright Futures Through Play and Learning



What is Early Childhood Family Education at H-BC?

ECFE is a program for parents/guardians and children from birth to age 5. ECFE is based on the idea that parents/guardians provide their child's first and most significant learning environment and are the child's first and most important teachers. We work to support you as a parent/caregiver and to strengthen families.

What does a typical night include?

- Parent-child interaction: Time together to enjoy a classroom filled with developmentally appropriate learning activities.
- Parent education: Relevant, effective education and support that encourage the growth and development of families.
- Children's activity time: Children explore, gain independence and practice social skills with the guidance of a licensed early childhood teacher.

For your information:

- $20.00 for the year
- We meet in the preschool room from 6:00-7:00
- For ages birth- 5 years old

2026/27 ECFE DATES

Sept. 29	Dec. 15	March 9
Oct. 20	Jan. 19	March 23
Nov. 17	Feb. 2	April 6
Dec. 1	Feb. 23	April 20

Contact Mrs. Ellingson



HOMECOMING 2026





















ELEMENTARY HOMECOMING 2026

























Hills-Beaver Creek Youth Wrestling

Be on the look out for starting date in November 2026!

Flyers will be sent home in October

Questions? Contact-

Dalton Engelkes 605-759-5631

or Logan Crosby 218-766-5908

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

PARTY for HOPE

Carrot Cake, Popcorn Balls and more!!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

207 SOUTH 4TH STREET
BEAVER CREEK

BACKROADS MERCHANT SHOP - SCENTSY - XYNGULAR - MARY KAY - TASTEFULLY SIMPLE - NORWEX - PAMPERED CHEF - SHEILA'S CAKES - N - MORE

and more!

Come Shop, Support and Make a Difference!!!

Contact 507-920-3863

SANFORD HEALTH

STUDENT

FLU SHOT VACCINATION CONSENT FORM

STUDENT'S NAME (Last)	NAME (First, Middle initial)	STUDENT BIRTHDAY (M/D/Y)
ADDRESS		HOME PH CELL PH
SCHOOL NAME	GRADE	HOMEROOM TEACHER
STUDENT'S DOCTOR'S NAME	PRIMARY CLINIC	

☐ **MEDICAID**
☐MA ☐Blue Plus ☐UCare ☐Prime West ID Number_____

☐ **PRIVATE INSURANCE**
Insurance Provider_____
Group Number _____ ID_____

☐ **NO INSURANCE**

The following questions help us to determine if your child may receive the flu shot (inactivated influenza vaccine). **Please mark YES or NO for each question**:

	YES	NO
1. Has your child received a flu vaccine in the past?	☐	☐
2. Has your child ever had a serious allergic reaction to eggs or a component of any flu vaccine?	☐	☐
3. Has your child ever had a serious allergic reaction to a previous dose of the flu vaccine?	☐	☐
4. Have you ever had Guillain-Barre Syndrome (serious nervous system disorder)?	☐	☐

If you answered YES to questions 2-3-4 above, left any question blank, or you are unsure of the answer to any of the questions above, your child may NOT receive the flu shot. Please talk to your doctor.

_____

CONSENT FOR VACCINATION: I have received and read the Vaccine Information Statement for the FLU SHOT. I understand the risks and benefits, and give consent for my child, named at the top of this form, to receive the FLU SHOT. I also consent to having information regarding my child's influenza vaccination shared with my child's doctor and my child's health insurance company.

SIGNATURE of parent/guardian_____ **DATE**_____

Please be sure to complete the insurance information as the flu grant is no longer available.

NAWIC 33rd ANNUAL

BLOCK KIDS CONTEST

100 blocks. 40 minutes. Unlimited fun! FREE Event!



Location:

Habitat for Humanity Sioux Falls

721 E Amidon St, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Refreshments and Prizes for All Participants

Use provided 2/4/6/8 dot blocks

Build a construction related project

Local, Regional, & National Awards

First Place awarded in each Grade Level

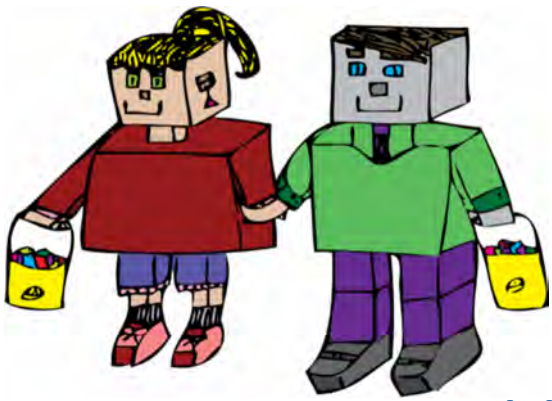
Grand Prize Winner receives $100 Cash

Open to K –5th grade This is a FREE event

Saturday, Oct 10, 2026

Check in 9:00 AM

Building starts 10:00 AM



75 participant spots available

Preregistration encouraged!

Registration deadline Oct 6, 2026

This is a FREE event for kids!

Contact Karen Krietlow

eventssfnawic@gmail.com or 605.999.2509

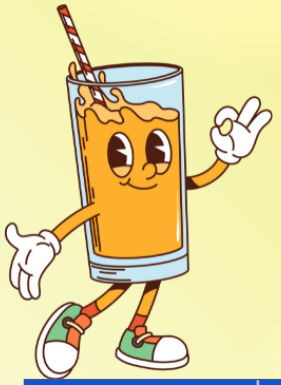
Registration: https://form.jotform.com/sfnawic/block-kids

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OCTOBER BREAKFAST



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	saturday
	This is an equal opportunity provider.	Milk is served with all m meals. Menu is subject to change without notice.		1 Cinnamon or Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagel Cheese Stick Fruit Juice	2 Muffin Variety Fruit Juice	3
4	5 Granola Bar Crackers Fruit Juice	6 Benefit Bar Fruit Juice	7 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Fruit Juice	8 Donuts Cheese Stick Fruit Juice	9 Bread Variety Cheese stick Fruit Juice	10
11	12 Cereal Crackers Fruit Juice	13 Muffin Variety Yogurt Fruit Juice	14 Pancakes Sausage Fruit Juice	15 No School	16 No School	17
18	19 Strawberry and Cream Cheese Calzone Fruit Juice	20 Cinni Mini Fruit Juice	21 French Toast Sticks Sausage Fruit Juice	22 Bagels Cream Cheese Fruit Juice	23 Poptarts Cheese Sticks Fruit Juice	24
25	26 Cookie Yogurt or Cheese stick Fruit Juice	27 Cherry or Apple Frudel Fruit Juice	28 Dutch waffles Fruit Juice	29 Cereal Fruit Juice	30 Breakfast Bar Fruit Juice	31



OCTOBER LUNCH MENU

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Milk is served with all meals. Menu is subject to change without notice.	This is an equal opportunity provider.		1 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Pineapple Chips and Salsa	2 Pizza Corn Mandarin Oranges	3
4	5 Pulled Pork Bun Peas and Carrots Peaches	6 Fajita Chicken Hot Dish Broccoli Mixed Fruit	7 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Pineapple Dinner Roll	8 Cheeseburger Bun French Fries Applesauce	9 Max Sticks Sauce Corn Pears	10
11	12 Chicken Patty Bun French Fries Pineapple	13 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Tropical Fruit	14 Sloppy Joe/BBQ Bun Baked Beans Mixed Fruit	15 No School	16 No School	17
18	19 Chicken Noodle Soup Carrots Mandarin Oranges Donuts	20 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Pears Dinner Roll	21 Walking Taco Lettuce Peaches	22 Hot Dog Bun Baked Beans Apple sauce Chips and Salsa	23 Quesadilla Broccoli Mixed Fruit	24
25	26 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Pears Dinner Roll	27 Mini Pancakes Sausage Green Bean Apple sauce	28 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Mandarin Orange Garlic Knot	*29* Chili Orange Cream Slushie Cinnamon Roll	30 Italian Dunkers Sauce Corn Peaches	31

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 **EARLY OUT** VB (H) A/E JHVB (H) West Lyon JHFB (H) St Mary's **SECONDARY CONFERENCES**	2 FB- Home GHECT	3
4	5 JHVB @Edgerton	6 VB @SWC JHVB @Edg Christian	7	8 VB (H)WWG	9 FB @Edgerton VB @Marshall	10 VB @Marshall JHVB Tourney @RRC JH Football Jamboree at RRC
11	12 JHVB (H) HLOF	13 VB (H) MLAC JHVB @Luverne	14 FB (H) MLAC	15 VB @Garretson JH VB @Garretson **NO SCHOOL MINNESOTA EDUCATION BREAK**	16	17
18	19 VB (H)RRC	20 VB @ Luverne FB @ Cedar Mountain **ECFE**	21	22	23	24
25	26 VB Play-in Games **JH KNOWLEDGE BOWL @ H-BC SECONDARY**	27	28 **PICTURE RETAKE DAY AT ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY**	29	30 VB Sub-Section QF	31 Halloween FB Section Semi-Final