



Hopkins Bee Line

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Dear Hopkins Families, The students have been so excited with the Holidays right around the corner. It is hard to believe that we are already through half of the school year! Thank you to all of the parent volunteers for making the Santa Shop such a special time for the students. Hopkins is such a special place and we are very blessed to have fantastic students, a wonderful staff and tremendous positive parent support! Whether or not the following short Christmas story is true, it's a wonderfully inspiring story for people of any faith. In this season of love, may we all remember the beautiful love of all children.

The Gold Wrapping Paper

Once upon a time, there was a man who worked very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. This particular year a few days before Christmas, he punished his little five-year-old daughter after learning that she had used up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. As money was tight, he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. He also was concerned about where she had gotten money to buy what was in the shoebox.

Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!" As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her. But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package!" The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full." The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger. An accident took the life of the child only a short time later.

It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there. In a very real sense, each of us has been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family and friends. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

Wishing you a meaningful and love-filled holiday season and new year ahead. May your days be filled with love, joy, and inspiration.

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Committed to creating a safe, respectful and responsive environment where each student will meet or exceed academic standards and develop strategies for success.

Hopkins Calendar

December

- ◆ 12/20 Art Club 8:00
- ◆ 12/21 Holiday Parties:
K-2 10:15-11:00
3-5 2:00-2:45
- ◆ 12/22-1/2 Winter Break
No School

January

- ◆ 1/3 School Resumes
- ◆ 1/7 Officer Phil Program
K-3
- ◆ 1/9 Officer Phil Program
4-5
- ◆ 1/10 Art Club 8:00am
- ◆ 1/10 PTA Meeting
6:30pm
- ◆ 1/14 Ambassador Meeting 8:00am
- ◆ 1/17 Student Council Meeting 8:15am

School Reminders

Attendance Guidelines

Student Time: 9:00-3:10

If your child will be absent or late, please contact the school office no later than 9:15. School lunches must be ordered by that time. We have a voicemail system that comes on at 4 p.m. to report absent or late students.

Early Pick-up

Student must have a note from parents when being picked up early for a medical, dental or other appointment. Please include the time of the pickup.

After School Change in Dismissal

For your child's safety, students must have a note for any change in their after school dismissal. This includes any after school activities. For parents convenience please use the "Note to Hopkins" pad has been supplied to all parents. Do NOT email changes to teachers as they may be absent or unavailable to access their email. Do not hesitate to call the office with any changes.

Bus Passes

Bus passes will only be issued for emergency child care. They will not be given for play dates.

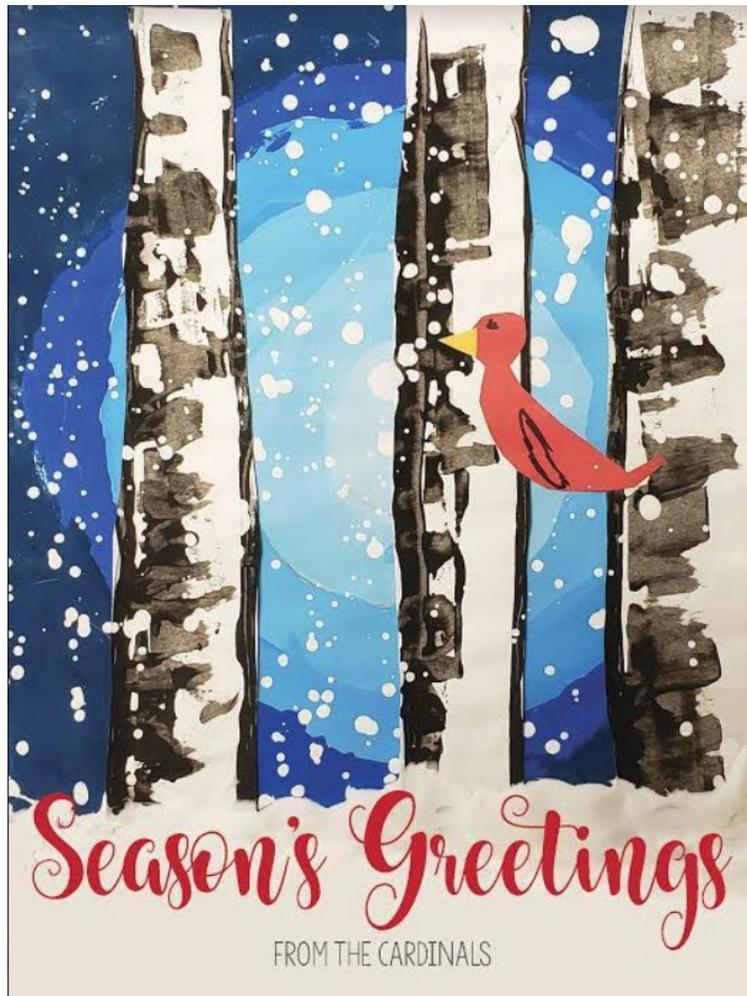
Student Car Drop-off

Please DO NOT drop off students in the front U-shaped parking lot during arrival times. This is a severe safety risk due to the numerous afternoon and morning busses stopping at Hopkins. When dropping off students before school from 8:45 a.m. to 9 a.m. parents are directed to use the side parking lot entrance and exit for this purpose. To ensure the safety of students, a staff member is on duty from 8:45 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the side entrance. Please pull as far forward as possible in the drop off zone to allow at least 5 cars to empty. **Please follow the right turn only sign when exiting for safety and to ease congestion on Hopkins Road.** If a student needs assistance with any items, please park in the parking lot and escort him or her into school.

Students should always exit the vehicle on the school side of the car.



Holiday Smencils are ON SALE NOW for \$1.00 at the Student Council Supply Store!!!! The store is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:45-9:00



Congrats to our own Hopkins artist Maggie Coughlin for having her artwork chosen as the Mentor Schools Christmas Card this year!!!

WE'RE HIRING!

Now Hiring We Care Instructors

Monday- Friday: 1:45/ 2:45- 5:30 pm
\$10.40/ hour

Ideal candidates should enjoy working with children, be a positive role model, and willing to obtain proper certifications. Duties may include: program and activities planning, assisting students with homework and crafts, reading stories, playing games, and general supervision of students.

During the time a parent/guardian is working for We Care, his/her student (s) will receive free We Care attendance, snacks and crafts!

Please see details and apply online at MentorSchools.net or

<https://www.applitrack.com/mentorschools/onlineapp/default.aspx>



The 12 Days of Hopkins Holiday Spirit!!!!

On the first day of holiday spirit (Thursday Dec. 6th) Kindergarten gave to us.....an Ugly Sweater Day.

On the second day of holiday spirit (Friday Dec. 7th) 1st grade gave to us.....a Family Photo Day. (wear your favorite flannel shirt)!

On the third day of holiday spirit (Monday Dec. 10th) 2nd grade gave to us.....Snowman Day. (be a snowman wear a scarf and hat etc.)

On the fourth day of holiday spirit (Tuesday Dec. 11th) 3rd grade gave to us
Grinch Day. (wear green).

On the fifth day of holiday spirit (Wednesday Dec. 12th) 4th grade gave to us.....Holiday Socks/Leggings day.

On the sixth day of holiday spirit (Thursday Dec. 13th) 5th grade gave to us.....Holiday Hat Day.

On the seventh day of holiday spirit (Friday Dec. 14th) our classroom assistants gave to us.....Polar Express/Holiday PJ Day.

On the eighth day of holiday spirit (Monday Dec. 17th) our related arts teachers gave to us.....Santa Day (wear red).

On the ninth day of holiday spirit (Tuesday Dec. 18th) Mrs. Miller gave to us
Blizzard/white out day!

On the tenth day of holiday spirit (Wednesday Dec 19th) Mr. Dugas, Mrs. Ep-
pich, Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Kirby gave to us.....Holiday Scarf Day.

On the eleventh day of holiday spirit (Thursday Dec. 20th) Mrs. Beller and
Ms. Sweeney gave to us.....Santa's Helpers Day (dress like a reindeer, elf
etc.)

On the twelfth day of holiday spirit (Friday Dec. 21st) Mrs. Miley and Mrs.
Duncan gave to us.....Crazy Holiday Outfit Day.

While this is a fun time we ask for no major costumes please



HOPKINS HAPPENINGS

