

ELLEN HOPKINS ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL HOURS 7:45 AM - 2:30 PM | OFFICE HOURS: 7:20 A.M. - 3:15 P.M.



Hello, Ellen Hopkins Families!

What a wonderful start to the year it has been! We love seeing your students each day and appreciate all of you for helping get your students here to school ready to learn each day!

As we head into October, we are excited to celebrate our first Spud Pride awards to students who are starting off strong and showing their Spud Pride by being respectful, responsible, and safe. We have so many students to congratulate!

We are also excited for conferences which will be happening later this month. Please take time to sign up for a spot with your child's teacher to visit about their reading and math progress as well as what they have been learning in the classroom. It is important to us that every family come to conferences and that we are able to partner to help each child succeed. Look for the link in your email to sign up!

Please make sure you complete Powerschool Registration as soon as possible so that we have all of your correct information for you and your students. It is easy to fill out online and needs to be done yearly for all students. If you need support filling out Powerschool registration, we can help you with that in our front office between 8 am and 2 pm or by appointment.

Thanks for sharing your students with us! Here's to a great fall here at Ellen Hopkins!

Carla Smith

-Carla Smith, Principal



Important Dates

Mon. Sept 25 - Thurs. Oct 12

PowerPTC Open for Parents

Parents must log in to schedule their conference time.

[DIRECTIONS HERE](#)

Deadline is Oct. 12th

Wed. October 4

Walk & Roll to School Day

Thurs. October 5

Tareski's 3rd Grade Class

Field Trip to Buffalo State Park

9:25-12:20

Fri. October 6

Kindergarten Field Trip

Pumpkin Patch

Jenson, Emanuel, & Anderson

Wed. October 11

2-Hour Late Start

Doors open at 9:20 a.m.

School begins at 9:45 a.m.

Busses also run 2 hours late

Thurs. October 12

Lordeman & Cox 3rd Grade Class

Field Trip to Buffalo State Park

10:40-1:55

Fri. October 13

Kindergarten Field Trip

Pumpkin Patch

McLain, Clausen, & Sagert

Tues. October 17

Arness & Ellingson 3rd Grade Class

Field Trip to Buffalo State Park

10:40-1:55

Oct. 16, 17, and 18

Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct. 18 - 20

NO SCHOOL

Mon. October 23

1st Grade Learning Bank Field Trip

10:20 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.



[CLICK HERE](#) TO VIEW THE OCT. KIDSOURCE!

We can't wait to see you at parent-teacher conferences!



Carla Smith
Principal



Erika Engelking
Assistant Principal



Bri Schrotberger
Administrative Assistant



Kelley Willers
Administrative Assistant

ATTENDANCE

Having your child attend each day and on time is very important. The final bell rings at 7:45AM. If for any reason your student is absent, please be sure to notify the office of this absence.

Unreported absences will be unexcused.

You can call our attendance line at 218-284-4301 to report an absence, or sign into your Powerschool Parent Portal to report it online.

UPCOMING PTAC MEETING COME JOIN US!

- 11/6 AT 6PM

WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH



District Calendar



(218)284-4300



hopk@moorheadschools.org



Ellen Hopkins Elementary
2020 11th St S
Moorhead, MN 56560

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences are here! Please schedule a time to meet with the teacher. You will get a one-on-one 20 minute meeting with your child's teacher.

Parents may now log in to schedule your child's conference online. The link to the PowerPTC scheduling software is located within the [Powerschool Parent Portal](#). Please contact the main office if you need assistance logging into your Powerschool Parent Portal account.

Here are the directions: [DIRECTIONS HERE](#)

You have until the end of the day October 12th to sign up for a time! Your child's teacher can also assist you with scheduling a time if needed.

Fall Conferences Schedule:

- **Mon. Oct 16** - Evening Conferences
 - 4:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.
- **Tue. Oct 17** - Evening Conferences
 - 4:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.
- **Wed. Oct 18** - Morning Conferences (**NO SCHOOL**)
 - 8:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

We can't wait to meet with you!

SCHOOL HOURS

It's important your child is at school each day and is to school on time. The doors open at 7:20 a.m. **The final bell rings at 7:45 a.m.** Students need to be in their classroom before the final bell rings. Student arriving late must stop in at the office to receive a tardy slip.

COLDER WEATHER

With cold weather approaching, please make sure your child brings their jacket, hat, gloves, and eventually snow-pants and boots! We want to make sure students can play comfortably outside with their classmates.

Students go outside for recess unless it is raining or the temperature falls below 0 F or the windchill is below -10 F.

INSTRUCTION AND CURRICULUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ICAC)

Instruction and Curriculum Advisory Committee (ICAC)--meets five times per year at 7:00 a.m. to review the district goals, outcomes and strategies that support and improve teaching and learning. [Apply Here](#).

ON OCTOBER 2ND WE CELEBRATED CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Phy Ed - Music - Art - Adaptive Phy Ed

QUESTIONS:

1. Tell us something interesting about yourself!
2. What does your 'perfect weekend' look like?
3. If you could be an extra in a movie or TV series, what would it be?
4. What was the very first concert you've ever been to? And what about the most recent?
5. You just won the lottery! What's the first thing you're splurging on?
6. What's something you've been meaning to try, but just haven't gotten around to it yet?
7. Do you have a favorite travel spot?
8. What do you enjoy most about Ellen Hopkins or Moorhead Schools?



Joe Wateland
Phy Ed

1. I've been to Australia!
2. Relaxing with family.
3. The Office
4. AC/DC. Nathaniel Rateliff.
5. A new house for my parents.
6. Learning to play the guitar.
7. The lake in the summer.
8. The students!



Matt Ellingson
Phy Ed

1. My wife, my brother, and I all work at the same school.
2. Being with family and watching sports.
3. How I Met Your Mother
4. I don't go to concerts!
5. I'd buy a private jet.
6. Go to a concert - haha!
7. Somewhere warm...
8. The students and people we get to work with.



Luke Olson
Phy Ed

1. I have never broken a bone!
2. Weekend at the lake in the fall
3. The Office
4. Alan Jackson, Red Hot Chili Peppers
5. Buy a new vehicle!
6. Barefoot ski on a lake
7. Duluth, MN
8. How kind everyone is, and how we all work together as a team.



Jesse Ott
Adaptive Phy Ed

1. We are expecting baby boy #2 in November. That is pretty awesome!
2. Anything that involves spending time with my family!
3. I would be an extra in any Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson movie. Or I have been told I resemble Nick from New Girl, so I may take his spot. (I don't think I look like him, but I will let you be the judge.)
4. I do not attend concerts often and cannot remember my first, but the most recent show was Justin Moore.
5. New House!
6. Not that I would ever do it, but I will say skydiving.
7. My son loves amusement parks, so anywhere with "big roller coasters."
8. The students and staff are awesome!

1. I love to travel and animals. My favorite thing to do is to go to a new city and check out their zoos
2. Perfect weekend: brunch, a fun day time activity, then going home and relaxing
3. Any show/movie where I get to sit in the background at a fancy restaurant and eat food. Or a zombie movie
4. Pentatonix was my first concert my freshman year of college. Went to Dan and Shay this summer.
5. 100% spending the money on a long vacation. Then pay off bills
6. I want to go back to school to get certified in ASL and/or massage therapy. I also just want to be more fluent in multiple languages.
7. Chicago is my go but I love Japan.
8. I like getting to teach the kids some great music while instilling some life long skills.



Axel Xiong
Music

1. I grew up on a farm near Rothsay MN. My graduating class had 20 students. I learned to read when I was three and started playing piano shortly after. I currently live in Moorhead with my husband and our two rambunctious boys who are 3 and 4. They are a super inquisitive and love knowing how things work which is super fun and awesome but they are also full of lots of energy which is exhausting.
2. Being at the lake with my family, my parents, siblings, nieces and nephews spending time together playing in the sand and water, sitting around the campfire, playing games, having a fun, relaxing weekend together.
3. Anything where I could drive a car super fast.
4. The first concert I ever went to was Bryan White. I can't remember what the most recent concert I went to was. It's been a very long time. Cher when she was here the first time I think?
5. Hmm....that's a tough one. A really awesome vacation somewhere we've not been yet.
6. Auditioning for a musical here in town.
7. Favorite? That's like choosing a favorite child. I love all of the places I've traveled for very different reasons.
8. I love the kids that I teach and the people that I work with.



Lori Messall
Music

1. I love Public Radio Pledge Drives
2. I get to sleep in a tent and camp!
3. Abbot Elementary or Reservation Dogs
4. The Nylons (an a cappella group my Dad LOVED in the 80s/90s) Hmmm been a while since I've been to a concert. Probably my friend Amanda Standalone who plays washtub bass and guitar.
5. Everyone I know is getting a life long supply of smart wool socks or I'm organizing a reunion concert of a dozen of my favorite local bands and paying them all to rehearse.
6. Going on a bike tour.
7. Glendalough State Park
8. I love our tenacity and our diversity!



Sara Watson Curry
Art

MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Are you interested in getting your child a dental appointment and not having to miss work for it? The Family HealthCare mobile unit comes right to the school during school hours to provide dental services. They work with families with no insurance, medical assistance, and private insurance. Please scan this barcode to register for this amazing service!

Scan for Registration Form:

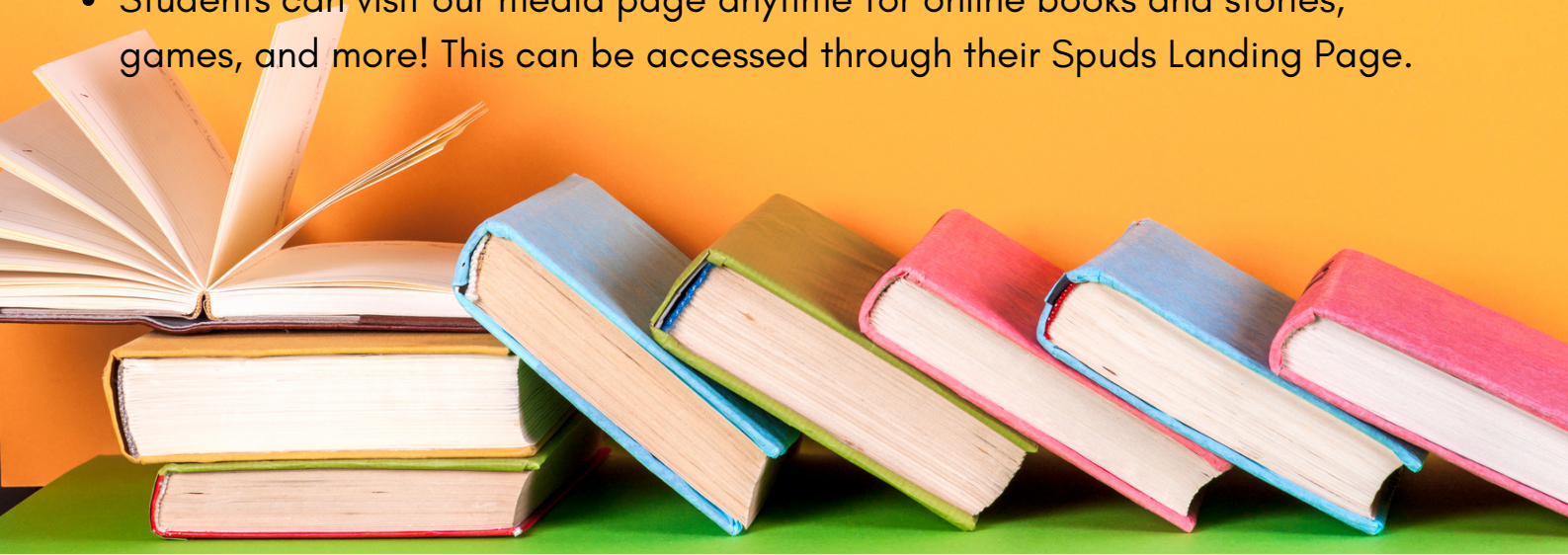


MESSAGE FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

Hi from the Hopkins Library! In the month of September, our students checked out over 1,000 books! I'm excited to see how many get checked out in October.

Here are a few reminders:

- Students can have books and magazines for 2 weeks.
- After 2 weeks, they can be renewed once, if needed.
- There are no fines for late books, but fines will be charged for lost books.
- Students can visit our media page anytime for online books and stories, games, and more! This can be accessed through their Spuds Landing Page.



A Message From Our Student Support Team

Dear Ellen Hopkins Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves! We are the Student Support Team at Ellen Hopkins Elementary.



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We look forward to partnering with you to make this year a successful one.

One of our goals is to ensure that every student attends school regularly and arrives at school on time. Students should be in their classroom by 7:45 a.m. ready to learn. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves.

Here are some tips to help support regular attendance:

Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.

Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.

Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.

If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make them feel comfortable and excited about learning.

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For more tips visit attendanceworks.org

Please let us know how we can best support you and your family. We want all students to be successful in school.

If you have any questions, concerns or would like help navigating community resources please do not hesitate to call or email us.



Resources for Families

BACKPACK PROGRAM

Ellen Hopkins participates in the Backpack Program in partnership with the Great Plains Food Bank.

This program provides a bag full of food for your child to take home and eat over the weekend. Please contact Erica Lindahl or Jamie Benson for more information and to sign up.

HEALTH INSURANCE & SNAP BENEFITS

MNSure certified Navigators through CAP-LP can fill out your application over the phone and enroll in coverage for **health insurance and SNAP benefits**. Please call 218-512-1500.

211 INFO LINE

Please call 211 for information on programs to assist with rent and utilities.

FIRST LINK 211 RESOURCES

Click [this link](#) to visit their directory of resources.

MAPS FOOD PANTRY

(located at new career academy)

Non perishables, hygiene products and frozen dinners from Chick Fil A.

Families can contact Erica Lindahl directly at (218) 979-3359

MEALS AND FOOD BASKETS

FARGO EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

701-237-9337

1101 4th Ave N, Fargo

M-F 10-11:30 AM and 1:30-3:30 PM

OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH PANTRY

701-235-6603

1330 S University Dr, Fargo

3rd Monday of Each Month from 4:30PM-6:30PM (except Holidays)

RUBY'S PANTRY - HOSTED BY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

218-233-4980

4000 28th St. S

East Parking Lot

3rd Thursday of the month, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

FREE THRIFT STORES

OPEN DOORS 65

701-799-7550

307 Main Avenue Suite A, Fargo

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

12:00-2:15 PM

CLAY COUNTY CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For information and eligibility

requirements, contact Heather Schmidt at

218.299.7835 or heather.schmidt@co.clay.mn.us

P-EBT CARDS

For information regarding

eligibility, please call 651-431-

4608 or 833-454-0153

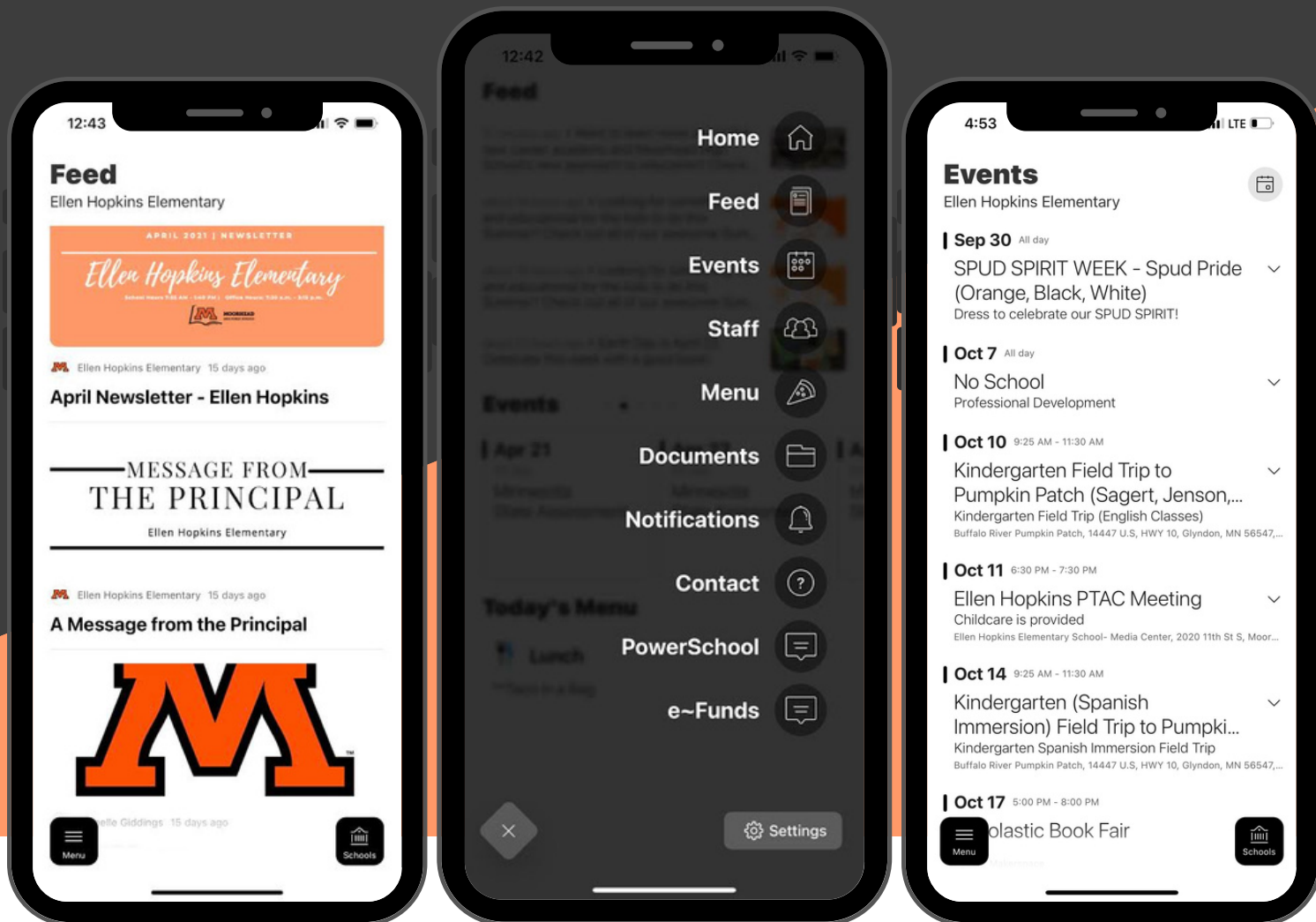
EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Clay County Mobile Mental Health Crisis Line 800-223-4512 **Local 24 Hour Help Line** 211 or 701-235-7335

24 Hour Text Line Text your zip code to 898211

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 988

Crisis Text Line Text MN or CONNECT to 741741



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