

February 2020

# HIGHLIGHTS

## FROM HUGO ELEMENTARY

### Upcoming Events:

Feb 6 - PTA Roller Skating Night  
Feb 11 - Oneka Orchestra Concert 6p  
Feb 14 - No School  
Feb 17 - No School  
Feb 18-21 Book Fair @ Hugo  
Feb 18 - Conferences (PreK-5th)  
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Feb 24 - PTA Meeting @ Hugo 6p  
Feb 27 - White Cast Performance 7p  
Feb 28 - Orange Cast Performance 7p  
Feb 29 - Orange Cast Performance 1p  
Feb 29 - White Cast Performance 4p  
Mar 1 - White Cast Performance 1p  
Mar 1 - Orange Cast Performance 4p  
  
Mar 5 - 5th Gr Music Concert 6p or 7:15p  
Mar 9 - 13 - Spring Break  
Mar 23 - PTA Meeting  
Mar 31 - 4th Gr Poetry Slam 6p or 7:15p

### Hugo Family Calendar

[Click Here](#)

### Hugo Elementary Brian Morris, Acting Principal

Office: 651-653-2798  
Health office: 651-653-2622  
Attendance: 651-653-2621

School Hours: 8:55a - 3:35p  
Office Hours: 7:30a - 4:00p

### Principal's News from Hugo

We are now halfway through the school year...WOW...it goes by so quick! January has been an exciting countdown to the rocket ship blasting off in February. Here is our January countdown...

5. Return from Winter break, ready to learn.
4. Winter benchmarking - look how much we have learned!
3. Boosterthon Glow Run!
2. Wargo and World of Art!
1. Bowling Field Trip for 1st graders!

#### **BLAST OFF!!!!!!**

**Blast Off with Reading** is our February theme, with a kick-off assembly on January 31st followed by space themed reading challenges. Students will read 20 minutes per day at home and complete reading logs to complete prizes. Look for information in your child's backpack. Thank you for supporting your kids as they become STELLAR readers!

In other news: Report cards went LIVE in Skyward on Friday, January 31st, at 4:00 pm. If you haven't had a chance to look at your child's report card yet, please do so. Also, conferences are coming up on February 18th and 20th from 4:00 to 8:00. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for a time slot in Skyward Family Access.

We will have Wargo outdoor classrooms this month so PLEASE make sure your kids have snowpants, hats, and gloves ready for school each day. Can't find those snowpants & gloves you just bought? Please stop by and check our lost and found!

I once again would like to express my sincere thanks for your parent support.

Sincerely,  
Brian Morris  
[brian.morris@isd624.org](mailto:brian.morris@isd624.org)  
**651-653-2807**

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## FROM ONEKA ELEMENTARY

### Oneka Elementary Lori Mosser, Principal

Office: 651-288-1800

Health office: 651-288-1803

Attendance: 651-288-1802

School Hours: 9:00a - 3:42p

Office Hours: 7:45a - 4:15p

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### Oneka Family Calendar

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### Letter from Mrs. Mosser

Happy February everyone!

First, I want to thank the PTA for an amazing fundraising event with the Boosterthon! It was such an unique and rewarding experience for our students. This took considerable planning and organizing to pull it off, so thank you to all on our PTA team that made it possible!

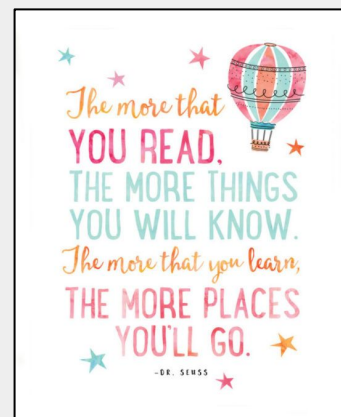
During the month of February, Oneka will be celebrating "I Love to Read Month" with our "One School, One Book" event. Every 4th and 5th grade student in the school has received a copy of the book "Ban This Book" by Alan Gratz. Our 2nd and 3rd grade students received a copy of the book. Reading a book together brings the added joy of building and expanding a sense of community among students, parents, teachers, and staff. Please encourage your student to read chapters at home on the schedule so they can participate in the classroom discussions.

If something belonging to your student(s) has disappeared, it is probably in our "Lost and Found". There are many sweatshirts, snow pants, mittens, hats and boots that have lost their owners. Please remember to use a permanent marker or other identifier on the tags of your children's clothing. Labeling items will make sure the items get back to the rightful owners. We will empty the Friday before spring break and again at the end of the school year. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local Goodwill. The number of items that we collect over just a couple of months is unbelievable. Please stop by and check out the lost and found when you have a chance.

Have a fantastic month,

Lori Mosser

[lori.mosser@isd624.org](mailto:lori.mosser@isd624.org)



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# SCHOOL & DISTRICT

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Attention Walkers:

Last winter was incredibly cold here in MN. While some days school was cancelled, there were still many days when kids still had to wait at bus stops or walk to school. Please be aware that when the weather drops below -10F we do NOT have patrols at crosswalks. In those cases, we ask that you remind your students that they must be careful walking to school.

Thank You,

Mrs. Kathy Berlin, *patrol supervisor*

### SNOW BANKS are a danger!

As we get more snow, plows will begin making rather large piles along the streets. Please remind your kids that climbing snow mounds near streets (especially at corners for bus pick up AND crossing when walking to school) are dangerous. Kids can slide off the mounds and into the street.

## CONFERENCE SIGN-UP OPEN NOW

Conference Dates/Times

- **February 18 - 4:00pm - 8:00pm**
- **February 20 - 4:00pm - 8:00pm**

Conference Sign-up through Skyward  
Family Access:

- [Instructions on how to sign up](#)
- [Skyward Family Access](#)

In the event that all conference appointments for your child's teacher are filled, or you cannot find a time that works, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange for an alternate time to meet.

## Class Pictures and Spring Picture Day

**Monday, February 24 (9:30-3:00)**

Hugo and Oneka Elementary Schools

Purchase online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)



## Tickets On Sale NOW!

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Select the Oneka White or Oneka Orange cast



Come and support the amazing kids from Oneka Elementary who have been practicing for their performances of "THE GRUNCH". It is a fun and exciting performance with great music. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at Ashland Productions.

### White Cast Performances:

- February 27 @ 7:00pm
- February 29 @ 4:00pm
- March 1 @ 1:00pm

### Orange Cast Performances:

- February 28 @ 7:00pm
- February 29 @ 1:00pm
- March 1 @ 4:00pm

All performances are at the Maplewood Community Center  
2100 White Bear Ave., Maplewood MN 55109

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### Fall 2020 Kindergarten Enrollment Open Now!

The district is currently accepting kindergarten enrollments applications for the 2020-21 school year. Find additional information at:



[www.isd624.org/kindergarten](http://www.isd624.org/kindergarten)

### Emergency School Closings

If winter weather is so severe that schools need to close, families will be alerted in three ways as soon as a decision is made:

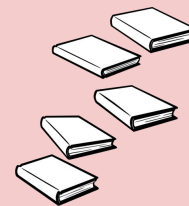
- A SchoolMessenger phone message and email will be sent to all guardians. A text message will be sent to those who have opted in to receiving texts from the district.
- A message will be posted on the homepage of [www.isd624.org](http://www.isd624.org).
- Messages will be posted on the District's Facebook and Twitter pages.

For school closings, early dismissals and late starts, call the School Closing Hotline at (651) 407-7540 or watch/listen for information on these media outlets:

- KARE-TV 11
- KMSP-TV 9
- KSTP-TV 5
- WCCO-TV 4
- WCCO-AM 830

### Oneka families,

We are excited to announce that our "Oneka Reads" program is coming to Oneka February 10th-28th! This program, formerly known as "One Book/One School" has three purposes:



1) to provide every Oneka student with a top quality book, 2) to promote a general love of reading, and 3) to create connections between school, home, and our Hugo community.

Here's what's new this year:

- We have selected *two great books*! Second and third grades will read one, fourth and fifth grades will read a different book. Titles are top secret until launch day! :)
- Watch for a *student bookmark* with a suggested reading pacing guide and some questions and/or activities you might like to explore at home.
- Each Wednesday will be a *book themed dress-up/spirit day*.
- Please stop in to the Media Center *during family conferences* (2/18 and 2/20), for some *Oneka Reads activities*.
- We are *partnering with Hugo businesses* to support our students' reading. Look for more information to come home explaining this on launch day (2/10).

We look forward to a lot of book fun! Thanks for your participation and support at home!!

Julie Stonehouse  
Instructional Coach, Oneka Elementary  
Coordinator, Oneka Reads

### It's "I Love to Read" Month at Hugo Elementary!

In February, Hugo Elementary will "Blast Off to Reading" for I Love to Read month. Students are encouraged to read 20 minutes each night and return reading logs to win weekly rewards such as a book of their choice, a bookmark, and a moon rock. Reading



just 20 minutes every night strengthens social, emotional and character development. Children's fluency, comprehension and vocabulary increase significantly when reading at home.







WHITE BEAR LAKE  
SCHOOL-DIST.  
RECREATION-DEPT.

# Sweetheart

## ..... DANCE .....

Friday, February 7

6 - 8PM

The Armory  
2228 4th St, WBL

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**\$25:** 1 ADULT & 1 CHILD  
**\$12:** ADDITIONAL ADULT OR CHILD  
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Event open to all K-5 WBL Families

Register at [whitebear.ce.eleyo.com](http://whitebear.ce.eleyo.com)  
Course #: 1617.200



# Hugo & Oneka PTA

## PTA. Every Child. One Voice

### Glow Bears Fun Run

Hugo & Oneka Friends and Family!

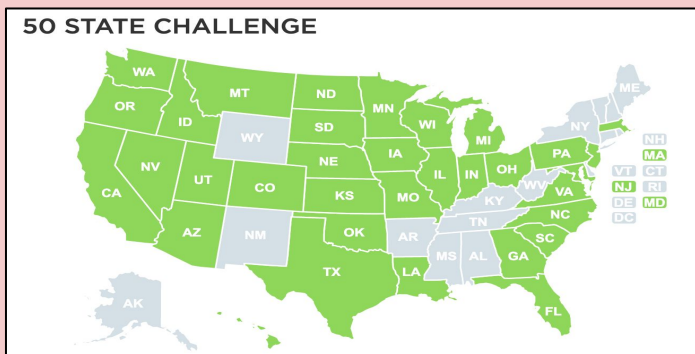
Wow! What an amazing two weeks we have had with the Glow Bears Fun Run!

The Glow Run on Friday, January 24th was a incredible culminating event with staff and students.

Here are some quick highlights from the Booster staff:

- **Nightly Challenges** with classes
- Talking to students about **Character Traits** during **Classroom Visits**
- **Spending time with students** in Specialists and at Recess
- **The Glow Bears Fun Run!!!**

Here are some quick stats from our successful fundraiser:



- The Hugo & Oneka Community received pledges from **34 states** and **4 countries**!
- The school goal of \$22,000 was exceeded and **Hugo & Oneka will profit over \$33,000!!**
- Principal Mosser and Principal Morris both wore silly outfits for a day at school because we reached our goal!!
- Leading classes from each grade:
  - Kindergarten: Armstrong - \$101 per lap
  - 1st Grade: Marty - \$101 per lap
  - 2nd Grade: Englund - \$80 per lap
  - 3rd Grade: Reineccius - \$76 per lap
  - 4th Grade: Dickinson - \$75 per lap
  - 5th Grade: Bates - \$45 per lap

We cannot thank you enough for all of the enthusiasm you brought to this inaugural event and the support you have given to the Boosterthon Glow Bears Fun Run!! What a wonderful event that will greatly benefit the students and staff of both Hugo and Oneka Elementary schools! Many, many thanks!

Hugo & Oneka PTA

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### **FREE Roller-Skating**

The PTA is hosting a fun, **FREE**, roller-skating event at **Saints North from 6-8 pm on Thursday, February 6th**. This event is open to ALL Hugo/Oneka families as a fun way to be active together as we celebrate all of the wonderful things that occur within our great school communities. No registration is required. Admittance and roller-skate rental are free of charge. Inline skates rentals require a small rental fee. Hope to see you there!

### **Theatre Night Out**

Children's Performing Arts presents:  
"Frozen Jr".

February 8th at 2:00 pm

Forest Lake High School

Attend a performance and generate money for our schools!

10% of each ticket purchased will be donated back to Hugo & Oneka PTA.

Use code: **Hand020**

[www.childrensperformingartsmn.org/get-tickets](http://www.childrensperformingartsmn.org/get-tickets)

### **Box Top Contest**

The goal is for Hugo/Oneka to earn \$1,000 by clipping and/or scanning box tops. If we reach our goal, every classroom will earn a popcorn party.

We have currently earned ~\$700. Clipped box tops must be turned in by February 15th for this contest!

### **It's A Book Fair Jungle**

Come and support our schools by purchasing books and/or volunteering to help at Hugo Elementary's Scholastic Book Fair. Books can also be purchased to donate to teachers from their wish lists. The book fair will take place in the Hugo Elementary Media Center on Tuesday, February 18th - Friday, February 21st from 9 am-7 pm (closing at 5 pm on Friday).

Proceeds benefit classroom libraries, as well as the Hugo Media Center. Keep kids cash-free by going to Scholastic.com and signing-up for the eWallet. To volunteer for a 2 hour shift, click the Sign-up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A44A8A929A3F94-hugo1>

### **Conference Dinner**

On Thursday, February 20th, the PTA will be providing teachers and staff with a delicious soup and salad conference dinner. Many items are needed and we are hoping that families will sign-up to donate food/time to help with the dinners at both Hugo and Oneka. If you are willing to donate a food item, please bring your item to school no later than **3 pm on Thursday, February 20th**. Tables will be set-up to plug in crock-pots and keep them warm. We are also looking for a few volunteers to help with both set-up and clean-up. Please check out the Sign-Up Genius link to sign up and help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44A4AB22A6F94-conference>.

### **'19-'20 Yearbook**

Please order your copy of our annual yearbook to celebrate and remember the fun learning and activities that occurred throughout the school year. Yearbooks are \$17.00 with a few add-on options available for an extra cost. Yearbooks can be ordered online at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>. School code is 1280820. Please order your copy by February 28, 2020!

### **Please Join Us - All Are Welcome!**

Please join us for our next meeting on **Monday, February 24th at 6:00 pm** in the Hugo Media Center! We will learn more about the exciting success of the Glow Bears Fundraiser. Free childcare is available!



A NIGHT TO  
**KNOW THE  
TRUTH**

RAMSEY COUNTY COMMUNITY FORUM SERIES

# 1 in 4 Minnesota 11th graders reported vaping in the past 30 days

(Source: MN Student Survey)

Join us for a free prevention presentation designed to bridge the gap between the students' voices and the parent/community leaders who support them. Attendees will leave educated on current drug trends and issues teens are facing.

### Presentation will include:

- Opportunities to hear from school administrators, drug task force, prevention experts and other professionals about their actions to support youth in the community.
- Practical ways to intervene in the lives of teens who may be struggling.
- 1.5 CEUs available at no cost to attendees.

#### White Bear Lake Area High School - North Campus

5045 Division Ave., White Bear Lake

**FEBRUARY 13**

6PM - 6:30PM: Interactive  
Vaping Display and Resource Fair  
6:30PM - 8PM: Adult  
Presentation  
8PM - 8:30PM: Q&A

#### North St Paul High School Auditorium

2416 11th Ave, St Paul

**FEBRUARY 20**

6PM - 6:30PM: Interactive  
Vaping Display and Resource Fair  
6:30PM - 8PM: Adult  
Presentation  
8PM - 8:30PM: Q&A

#### Quora Education Center

70 County Road B2 W, Little Canada

**MARCH 26**

6PM - 6:30PM: Interactive  
Vaping Display and Resource Fair  
6:30PM - 8PM: Adult  
Presentation  
8PM - 8:30PM: Q&A



**Questions?** Contact Sadie Holland by e-mail at [sadie.holland@mntc.org](mailto:sadie.holland@mntc.org) or phone at 612-238-6111.



Children's Performing Arts Presents:

# Theatre Night Out!

Attend a performance and generate money for your school!

Children's Performing Arts, is offering a Theatre Night Out, to bring theatre to families and donate funds to schools. 10% of each ticket purchased will be donated back to your school!

**Purchase Tickets Now!**

[www.childrensperformingartsmn.org/get-tickets](http://www.childrensperformingartsmn.org/get-tickets)

Frozen Jr. will be performed at Forest Lake High School

Use Code:  
**Hand020**



**When:**

**February 8, 2020**

**Time:**

**2:00 PM**

**Location:**

**Forest Lake High School  
6101 Scandia Trail North  
Forest Lake, MN 55025**

  
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