

April
2019

Message from Ms. Dahlem

Dear Oneka Families,

April brings more than showers, it is the time of year we really get going on planning for next school year. This is time of year we really start the planning for classroom assignments for next year. We have a procedure in place to help guide the creation of our class list for the 2019-20 school year. This is a task that all of our teachers take very seriously and we spend a great deal of time on. If you, as a parent, wish to provide some input on your child's placement, please read the entire procedure which is explained fully on page 8 of this newsletter.

Our PTA also works through the budgeting process in the month of May. We welcome input from parents/guardian during this process. There will be a budget meeting to discuss priority budget items on May 6th at 6pm in the Hugo Media Center. This is the time for people to voice how our PTA dollars are spent throughout school year. The actual vote on the approval of the budget occurs at our monthly membership meeting which will be May 13th, 6pm in the Oneka Media Center. Everybody is welcome at both meetings.

Finally, our students in Grades 3-5 will be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) in the next few weeks. The MCAs are state tests in reading, mathematics, and science that are used to meet federal and state legislative requirements. The tests are administered every year to measure student performance relative to the Minnesota Academic Standards that specify what students in a particular grade should know and be able to do. It is helpful if students are well rested and well fed on the days of the assessments. The testing schedule is: April 16-18 Reading, April 23-25 Math and April 30-May 2 Science for grade 5 only.

Don't forget to schedule a conference with your child's teacher! April 8 or 11th. [Click here](#) to get into Skyward to schedule.

Sincerely,



Ms. Dahlem,
Principal Oneka Elementary

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Message from Mr. Healy

Dear Hugo Families,

Calling all future Kindergarten Families!!! If you will have a kindergarten student next year, please enroll them for Kindergarten ASAP. Also, if you know of any new families with a potential kindergarten child, please ask them to contact Joelle Sather (651) 653.2798, (joelle.sather@isd624.org) for more information.

Enrolling children NOW is important. We have the potential to go from 8 sections of K to 9, but that won't happen unless kids get enrolled. This would allow me a head start in securing a high quality teaching candidate for that 9th section. I would like to do everything possible to avoid the potential of having to do a late hire in August and switching students out of their class after families have been alerted to their class assignments. Thanks for your help with that.

Our next event for the **2019-2020 future Kindergarten students is during the evening of Tuesday, April 23rd**. On this night, parents will meet with kindergarten teachers and reading specialists to learn about the upcoming year. This event is geared to both students and parents. *More information is on page 6 of this newsletter.*

Thank you for sending your children to school and scheduling vacation times and other events on the days that school is not in session. Of course we want you to keep students home if they are sick, but most of the time when students wake up with a headache or stomach ache, we find that they are absolutely fine once they get to school.

Upcoming Events

- April 8th- No School (Parent/Teacher Conferences, 12:30 to 7:30 pm)
- April 11th- Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:30-8:00 pm)...school is in session
- April 23rd- K Gathering (for 2019-2020 K families)
 - 5:30 pm Last Name (A-L)
 - 6:15 pm Last Name (M-Z)

Sincerely,

Mr Healy,
Hugo Principal

Important Information

Contact Information

Hugo Elementary - Jason Healy - 651-653-2798

Attendance - 651-653-2621

Health Office - 651-653-2622

Dismissal email: HugoDismissalRequest@isd624.org

Oneka Elementary - Teresa Dahlem - 651-288-1800

Attendance - 651-288-1802

Health Office - 651-288-1803

Dismissal email: OnekaDismissalRequest@isd624.org

Calendar Items

April 5	End of Qtr 3
April 8	Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School
April 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences, evening only. Regular school day
April 8-11	Spring Book Fair @ Oneka, media center
April 15	PTA Meeting @ Oneka, 6pm
April 16-18	MCA Reading (3rd - 5th Grades)
April 19	No School
April 23-25	MCA Math (3rd - 5th Grades)
April 23	2019 Kindergarten Gathering @ Hugo (Info on Pg.6)
April 30, May 1	MCA Science (3rd - 5th Grades)
April 30	Orchestra Jamboree Concert 6:30p (students arrive 5:00p)
May 4	PTA 5K Color Run
May 6	PTA Pre-Budget Meeting @ Hugo 6p
May 9	1st Grade Music Concert
May 13	PTA Budget Meeting @ Oneka 6p
May 22	Hugo Track and Field Day
May 27	No School - Memorial Day
May 28	Oneka Field Day- Gr 2-4
May 30	Gr 5 - Living History Night - 6:30p
June 6	5th Gr. Graduation - 2:00p (doors open at 1:40p)
June 7	Last Day of School

Music Happenings

4th Grade Orchestra Information Nights Open House Style



Thursday, April 18 ~ 5:30 - 7:00p
Lakeaires Elementary

Tuesday, April 23 ~ 5:30 - 7:00p
Otter Lake Elementary

Students only need to attend one evening.
This is for all students interested in joining orchestra for the
2019 ~ 2020 school year.

Orchestra Jamboree Concert:

April 30th @ 6:30pm
Aldrich Arena (1850 White Bear Ave, Maplewood, MN)
Students arrive at 5:00pm



1st Grade Concerts - Thursday, May 9, 2019

Group A - Doran, Joesting, Maloy & Marty
Arrive: 5:30 - Concert: 5:45

Group B - Briggs, Majerle & Snyder
Arrive: 7:00p - Concert 7:15



2019 Middle School Musical - Willy Wonka, Jr.

Presented by The White Bear Lake Middle Schools Players
Based on the Book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl

April 25th & 26th at 7 PM and April 27th at 2 PM

Ticket Information: [Click here](#)

District Center Community Auditorium
4855 Bloom Ave. White Bear Lake MN 55110

School Activities

The “Dino-Mite” Scholastic Book Fair is coming to **Oneka Elementary!**

Monday, April 8th from 12:30PM to 8:00PM

April 9th- 11th from 9:00AM to 8:00PM

To volunteer for a 2-hour shift, please email
Kari at hugo.onekabookfair@gmail.com
or follow the link below

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



Hugo Run Club

Run Club will take place at Hugo after school the two weeks prior to the Color Run: April 23, 24, 25 and 30, May 1, 2. 3:45 to 4:30.

Pre-sign up required.

4th annual Hugo/Oneka Color Run Fundraiser

Saturday, May 4th

Registration: 8:30-9:30

Run: 10:00 at Oneka Elementary

Donation Website: Donatezone.com/DZHOOM



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Greetings Future Hugo Kindergarten Students and Parents,

WELCOME TO HUGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!! We have planned a special time for you and your child during our Kindergarten Gathering. While you are here, students will spend time in a kindergarten classroom with a kindergarten teacher. They will read a story and do an activity. Parents will meet with kindergarten teachers and reading specialists to learn about the upcoming year. Students will also have the opportunity to meet new kindergarten friends!

Please come to Hugo Elementary School on Tuesday, April 23rd.

If your last name starts with the letter:

- A - L please arrive at 5:30. Your session will end at 6:10.
- M - Z please arrive at 6:15. Your session will end at 7:00.
- This is not open house style. The sessions will start promptly at 5:30 and 6:15.
- Please make arrangements for alternative care for siblings. This is a special time for your kindergarten student. If a sibling must attend, he or she will attend the parent session.

If you have not registered for Kindergarten, please do so as soon as possible.

Registration is online can be found on the district's website

<http://www.whitebear.k12.mn.us/kindergarten/>

Please feel free to pass this along to any of your neighbors that may not have received this email. We look forward to seeing you at school.

Sincerely,

Hugo Kindergarten Team

Class Placement Process

Hugo and Oneka staff members spend a great deal of time placing students in class groups for the next school year. Our primary concern is to establish productive, heterogeneous classrooms where each child can be provided with the opportunity to be successful and challenged to do their best work. In doing this several factors are considered:

- Learning style of the student
- Consideration of all educational factors; academic and social are the primary determinants
- Heterogeneous groupings in all classrooms, factors considered include ethnic groups, gender, academic achievement, learning styles, instructional levels, and discipline concerns
- Avoidance of possible personality problems
- Equal class sizes
- Recommendations from this year's teacher

Parental requests: parents with specific concerns regarding placement may make a request in writing to the principal. Please do not request a specific teacher but, instead identify learning style issues you may have. The staff will make every effort to consider all factors when making student placements and the best interest of the child is always our top priority. Lack of such a request will have no effect on the care and consideration given to each child's placement.

Parents must be aware that the final responsibility and authority for all class placements rests with the principal. Consideration will be given to all factors noted above, and no assurances can be given that parental requests will be granted. Requests for placement for the next school year must be submitted to the principal before May 1, 2019.



A Note from the Hugo Health Office

Spring is finally here and we all know what that means...**Puddles**, **mud** and **mess**!

The students will be going outside everyday so please be sure to have an extra set of clothes in their backpacks if by chance they need to change out of wet, messy clothes.



The Hugo health office is in need of:

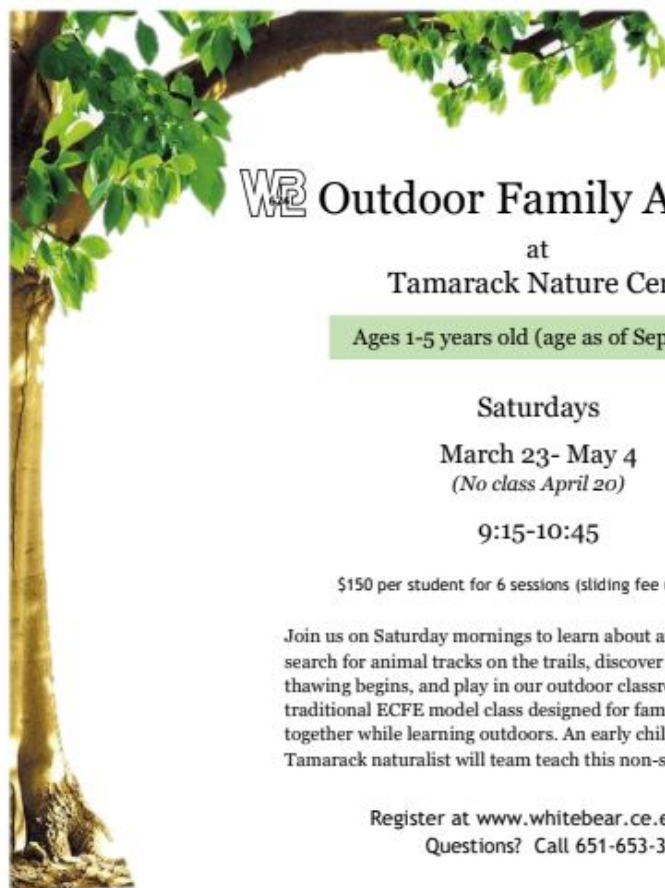
- **Pants (especially boys)**
- **Socks**
- **New or gently used underwear**

We go through a lot of clothing items in the health office for all sorts of reasons. If you have any items you're looking to donate we'd greatly appreciate them. Please feel free to contact Jackie LaShomb at **651-653-2622** if you have any questions.

Early Childhood Opportunities



Tamarack Nature Center
5287 Otter Lake Road
White Bear Township



WB Outdoor Family Adventure at Tamarack Nature Center

Ages 1-5 years old (age as of Sept 1, 2018)

Saturdays

March 23- May 4
(No class April 20)

9:15-10:45

\$150 per student for 6 sessions (sliding fee unavailable)

Join us on Saturday mornings to learn about animal habitats, search for animal tracks on the trails, discover spring blooms as the thawing begins, and play in our outdoor classroom. This class is a traditional ECFE model class designed for families to enjoy time together while learning outdoors. An early childhood teacher and a Tamarack naturalist will team teach this non-separating class.

Register at www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com
Questions? Call 651-653-3100

ECFE Family Play Group

Tuesdays 6:00-7:30 pm*

No classes Oct 16, Nov 6 & 20, Dec 25, Jan 1, Feb 19, Mar 12, Apr 23

Hugo Elementary School Room 1010



Ages 1-5
(before kindergarten)

Parents and children explore classroom games, activities, circle time, and open gym together. No parent separation.

\$5 Child / \$10 Family

*Staff will not have cash on hand,
participants will be billed accordingly*



EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM 651-653-3100

*If you are interested in periodic drop-in for Family Play Group you must call 24-hours in advance to make a reservation.

News from the Hugo & Oneka Media Centers

Important End-of-the-Year Dates:

Last Day to check out books will be by May 17th

All books are due in the Media Centers by May 24th.

Some Exciting Things are Happening in the Oneka Media Center

Julie Stonehouse, Oneka Media Generalist

Over spring break, work crews were busy installing glass walls and delivering furniture in our effort to make the Oneka Media Center a “future ready” learning center for our community. Last fall, students and staff participated in design conversations which guided our decision making process. Our overall vision was to create places for individual reading and study, small group collaboration spaces, as well as large group learning areas, along with more interactive activity areas. Some of our favorite additions include comfy lounge seating for getting lost in a great book, diner-style booths for small group work, and our Brainstorm Lab which includes a JamBoard allowing students to work together digitally. All furniture is easily rearranged to meet the different and changing needs of our community.

When you are here for family conferences, please stop by to check out what’s new!

Introducing Makerspace Club!

Julie Stonehouse, Oneka Media Generalist

If you were to wander by the Media Center after school on a Thursday, you would hear the sounds of hammering, cutting, and happy productivity. This is Makerspace Club, an afternoon activity for Oneka students in grades 2-5. Guided by Mrs. Stonehouse, Mrs. Rakoczy, and some parent volunteers, we meet after school and start with a snack and a maker inspiring story, then get right to making stuff. Each meeting ends with students sharing their creations, challenges and learnings, we clean up, and we’re ready for parent pick up at 6:00 pm. Session one is currently running until April 4, Session two will take place April 18-May 23. There is no cost to participate, registration is available on FeePay, to a maximum of 30 students per session. It’s fun to be a Maker!





“Bears That Shine!”

Student Writing Contest

White Bear Lake Area Schools, in conjunction with 2019 Manitou Days, is sponsoring a writing contest for students in grades K-8. This year students will write about “Bears That Shine”. The theme was chosen to celebrate the people who make a difference in our community.

Who may enter the contest?

Students in the following grade levels can participate, with winning submissions selected from each grade band:

- Grades K-2 – Recommended word count 50-100 words
- Grades 3-5 – Recommended word count 100 - 200 words
- Grades 6-8 – Recommended word count 100 - 300 words

Requirements

- Students will write an original composition about “Bears That Shine!” celebrating the people who make a difference in our community.
- The piece should catch the reader’s attention and draw them in using descriptive details that help the reader “see” what you are writing about.
- The entry can be typed or neatly handwritten.
- All entries must be accompanied by a Contest [Submission form](#) signed by a parent/guardian.

What are the prizes?

- Student winners will have their work published in the online edition of the White Bear Press. Their names will also be published in the White Bear Press.
- A Pizza and Pool party for student winners and families will be held on May 23 at the White Bear Country Inn, 5:30 -7:30 PM. Parent supervision is required at the pool party.
- Winners will also have the opportunity to walk in the Manitou Days Grand Parade on June 14.
- Each winner will receive \$50 from the White Bear Lake Rotary Club.

When and where should I turn in my article?

Electronic or paper entries may be
submitted on or before April 12th, 2019 to:
David Lamwers
White Bear Lake Area Schools
4855 Bloom Avenue
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
David.lamwers@isd624.org

Winners will be announced by May 1, 2019.



Monthly Staff and Community Mental Well-Being Series

District staff and families are invited to attend monthly presentations focused on mental well-being.

Healthy Teens and Safety

Presented by Ramsey County Public Health

7-8:30 p.m.

Apr. 16

WBLAS - North Campus Theater
(5045 Division Avenue, WBL)

Program Description:

Promoting positive parent-teen relationships using strength based ideas and supporting teens to take charge of their own well being.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SERIES:

May 21 (7-8:30 p.m. at North Campus Theater)

Finding Self-Control: Responses to Children's Emotional and Physical Outbursts by Jenny Hanlon, M.Ed, WBLAS



Series sponsored by
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Student Support Services Department.

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Hugo & Oneka PTA

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PTA Meetings - Get Informed!

We had a very productive March meeting. We were updated on the Oneka Principal search, learning that five candidates were interviewed, with a second interview offered to the top two candidates. We heard updates about Adult Game Night, Oneka Book Fair, Teacher Conference Dinner, the Color Run, and Staff Appreciation. Tim Larson from Thrivent Financial, also shared opportunities that Thrivent members have to help our schools through Thrivent Action Team funds and direct donations.

Please join us for our next Open Meeting on Monday, April 15th at 6:00 in the newly renovated Oneka Media Center. **You are always welcome and do not need to be a member to attend a meeting.** Meetings typically last about an hour and free childcare is always available. At our April meeting, we will be holding elections for our 2019-20 PTA board positions. The PTA also still has a few important events coming up - Color Run and Staff Appreciation Week. We'd love to have your input, as well as your help in planning and executing these fun and exciting events/fundraisers. We truly value your time and your participation in helping our schools be the best that they can be for the success of our teachers and students. **Please join us!**

New PTA Board Nominations

The PTA board positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, and two Co-Treasurers. Our PTA bylaws call for board members to serve a one-year term and members are not eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position. (The only exception is in the event that both co-treasurer positions are scheduled to terminate in the same year, then one co-treasurer can extend his/her service one additional year, for a maximum of three years. However, this does NOT apply to us this year.)

Current board members Angela Thompson (President), Katie Jones (Secretary), Toni Brandvold (Treasurer), and Lauren Schleicher (Co-Treasurer) have been nominated to return to their positions for a second year. Chrissi Miller has been nominated for the vice president position.

That being said, all of the PTA board member positions for the 2019-2020 school year are still open to any new/interested nominees. We will continue accepting nominations until our April open meeting at the time of the vote. Only PTA members are allowed to vote. Please email President, Angela Thompson, at angela021774@gmail.com or Secretary, Katie Jones, at hugoptasec@gmail.com with any questions about the PTA or board roles/responsibilities.

"Dino-Mite" Oneka Book Fair - April 8th-11th

Come and support our schools by purchasing books (wonderful gifts) and volunteering to help at the Oneka Elementary Scholastic Book Fair. Books can also be purchased to donate to teachers from their wish lists. The book fair will take place in the Oneka Elementary Media Center on Monday, April 8th from 12:30 pm-8:00 pm and April 9th-11th from 9:00 am-8:00 pm. Proceeds benefit classroom libraries, as well as the Oneka Media Center.

Join our volunteer team to:

- Offer a helping hand with set up or pack up
- Assist students in filling out their wishlist
- Help students pick out books and check out
- Organize books to keep the fair neat and tidy
- Help shoppers of all ages find the perfect book

You will receive **5 scholastic dollars** to purchase books for yourself or your child's teacher for every shift you work. To volunteer for a book fair shift click on the Sign-Up Genius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a44a8a929a3f94-oneka>.

New this Spring - Sign up to pay for your child's books electronically with E-Wallet! This option allows you to put funds directly into your student's account and not have to send cash to school. You can even include notes such as "books only" or "from Grandma and Grandpa"! Click the link to get started: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/onekaelementaryschool2>

Teacher Conference Dinner - April 11th

On Thursday, April 11th, the PTA will be providing teachers and staff with a delicious soup and salad dinner so that they have a chance to eat dinner between teaching during the day and parent conferences in the afternoon/evening. Many items are needed and we're hoping that families will help by providing soup, bread, salads, and desserts. We are looking for people to donate food for 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 **3pm on Thursday, April 11th**. There will be tables set up to plug in crock-pots and keep them warm.

If you would be willing to bring in a food item, you can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AACAE2AAB9-conference7>. We are also looking for a few volunteers to help that day for both set up and clean up. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Michelle Anderson at mitchandmichelleanderson@yahoo.com

Color Run - May 4th

This very SUCCESSFUL and POPULAR fundraiser for our school is underway! The packets have come home and the donations are already coming in. Add members to your run/walk team for \$25/person! Ask you family, friends, and neighbors to help you! This is HUGE fundraiser for our schools. Thank you to Jen Larson and the Color Run helpers for all of their hard work. A signup will be coming out soon for volunteers to distribute and sort race packets and help out on race day.

Seeking Members - Please Join Us!

New members welcome any time!

- **WHO:** YOU!!! We would love to have more returning members along with some new, caring parents and teachers join our Hugo & Onkea PTA! Be involved - make a difference!
 - New membership forms/dues need to be renewed every school year.
 - **HOW:** Simply fill out a PTA membership form (email hugoptasec@gmail.com if you need a copy or pick one up at a meeting), attach the \$10 membership fee, and return it to your child's teacher or turn it in to a board member at a PTA meeting.
 - **WHAT:** Your \$10 annual membership to the Hugo/Onkea Elementary PTA includes a \$2.25 membership fee to the National PTA, a \$4.00 membership fee to the Minnesota PTA, and \$3.75 to help offset the costs of our local PTA so more incoming funds go directly to students.
 - **WHY:** PTA membership gives you a voice in the planning and execution of incredible and vital PTA sponsored events, direct interaction with the school staff and administration, and most important, a front row seat to your child's academic world!!
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Next PTA Meeting - April 15th, 2019

We would like to personally invite you to our next meeting on Monday, April 15th at 6:00 pm in the Oneka Media Center. We will be voting on board nominations for the 2019-20 school year as well as discussing the Color Run, Staff Appreciation and more. We will have a gift card/Oneka parking spot drawing for those in attendance. All are welcome!

Important Upcoming Dates

April 8th-11th - Oneka Book Fair - sign-up to volunteer

April 11th - PTA Sponsored Teacher Conference Dinner - sign-up to donate

April 15th - Open Meeting 6:00 pm - Oneka Media Center

May 4th - Color Run

*****Free Childcare provided at every PTA Meeting!*****

Contact Information

Email: hugoptasec@gmail.com

Website (with current meeting minutes): Click [here](#)

Facebook: Click [here](#)

SignUpGenius: Click [here](#) to sign up to help

2018-19 Board:

President: Angela Thompson - angela021774@gmail.com

Vice President: Cassandra Gomez

Secretary: Katie Jones - hugoptasec@gmail.com

Treasurers: Toni Brandvold & Lauren Schleicher