

January 28, 2019

Good afternoon Eagle Parents and Guardians,

### **Mark Your Calendars**

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up next week Thursday, February 7. Teachers will be set up similarly to the fall conferences from 5:00-8:00 pm in the main gym, auxiliary gym, and the cafeteria/MPR. We hope you'll make plans to join us.

### **Science Board Night**

Parent volunteers are needed THIS WEEK to die-cut letters for student science fair project boards and to assist at Science Board Night on Thursday, Jan 31. Shifts are from 9am-4pm Mon-Thurs and Thursday evening from 4:45-7:15pm. Click on the sign up below for more info and to sign up. Thanks!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0844a5ab29a31-science3>

Students that are completing a board for the science fair are also encouraged to attend Thursday evening from 5:00-7:00 pm to get their letters cut for their science fair boards. This is a service provided by the Hocker Grove Parent Teacher Association and volunteer parents. Thank you in advance to all that are able to help us continue this tradition.

### **SMSD Strategic Planning**

The SMSD is beginning the process of strategic planning. Dr. Fulton describes the need for a strategic plan very well in this [short video](#). Updates on the progress of strategic planning will be posted to the Strategic Planning webpage: <https://www.smsd.org/about/strategic-plan-2019-overview>.

Stakeholders (parents, teachers, students, administrators, community members, etc.) will be invited to contribute throughout the process in a variety of ways, including but not limited to:

- online quantitative surveys;
- qualitative feedback loops (e.g. ThoughtExchange);
- participation on district strategic planning committees and action teams
- school site councils
- other defined avenues for input and engagement

All students and parents should have also received an email last week seeking input. Please take a few minutes to provide feedback to ensure that Hocker Grove parents and students voices can be a part of that process.

### **VIP Friday**

Hocker Grove students will be celebrating another VIP Friday this week. This is a celebration for students without any D's or F's and an opportunity to catch up for any students that don't have all grades of C's and above. Students that qualify for the party will be invited to join a DJ Party in the Auxiliary Gym from 3:00 until the end of the day. A grades report to determine student qualifiers will be pulled at the end of the day on Wednesday, January 30. Please encourage your student to turn in any missing assignments and retake any quizzes or tests that can be made up prior to Wednesday. As a reminder, Hocker Grove offers Academic Enrichment after school every day Monday through Thursday as a way for students to stay

caught up on their work or complete missing assignments. Please contact Dr. Kase with any questions about this great tutoring resource.

### **Hocker Grove in the News**

In case you missed it, Mrs. Winkler has appeared on social media and the [district website](#) being recognized as one of 20 finalists in the nationwide “Help Write Their Life Stories” contest. She was also featured on Fox 4 news this morning. Congrats to Mrs. Winkler!



### **Yearbook Orders**

Any students that have not ordered a yearbook for the 2018-19 School Year can still place an order by bringing \$20 to Mrs. Dirks in the Hocker Grove Office. We always order a few extra books but they will go quickly. A list of the students who have not yet placed an order is posted in the main hallway so that students know if they've already ordered.

### **This Week in The Grove:**

**January 28 Sixth Grade Open House 6:00 pm, HG Gym**

**January 29 Boys Basketball vs. Trailridge 4:30 pm, HG Gym**

**January 30 Parent-Teacher Association Meeting 6:30 pm, HG Library**

**January 31 Science Board Night 5:00-7:00 pm, HG MPR**

**February 1 VIP Friday 3:00 pm**

### **Upcoming Events:**

February 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 pm

February 8 Hocker Grove Career Fair

February 18 No School- President's Day

February 19 No School- Teacher Professional Development Day

February 27 STEAM Night @ Hocker Grove (See Flyer Below)



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