

May 2017 Haugen Highlights



Greetings from Haugen Elementary!

As the end of the 2016-17 school year nears its end, many parents are already asking questions about the 2017-18 school year. One of the first questions that parents are wondering about is the date for Open House. The Elementary Open House will be held on Friday, September 1 from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 pm. Families will be asked to schedule a time to visit with their child's teacher. The photographers from Lifetouch will be present to take student pictures.

Another option we are offering to families is to purchase a ready-made school supply kit. For around \$20-\$25., families can purchase the kits online which have all the supplies requested for their child's classroom. Once purchased, the kits will be sent to the school and be ready for pickup during Open House. School supply lists will be sent home at the end of the year for families who prefer to shop for supplies on their own along with the directions for ordering the complete kits.

There are many field trips scheduled this spring to some great places. As a reminder, if you want your child to have sunscreen or bug spray, please apply these at the beginning of the day. Our school cannot provide these items to students as they are considered a type of medication.

As this year comes to an end, I am reflecting on all the wonderful experiences our students have had and all the learning that has taken place for them. I thank you for the opportunity to serve as the principal of your child's school. It has been a rewarding year for me filled with many learning experiences. Our staff is already making plans to ensure next year is organized to provide the best learning opportunities for our students. Please feel free to contact me if you ever have questions or concerns-we can only improve on what we do if we work with our families to become better.

Sincerely,
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MY WORKOUT IS
READING IN BED
UNTIL MY ARMS
HURT



May



Get ready for **SUMMER READING**

Prevent the Summer Slide

Summer Reading Facts

To succeed in school and life, children and young adults need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills. **Summer reading reminds kids that reading is for fun—as well as for learning.**

Students who **participate in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year** than those who did not participate.

Young people experience learning losses when they don't engage in educational activities during the summer. Research spanning 100 years shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer. **Libraries are part of the solution.**

Parents of children enrolled in the public library summer reading program reported that their **children spent more time reading over the summer, read more books, were well prepared for school in the fall, and read more confidently.**

Studies show that **children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school** and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

The amount of **time children spend reading outside of school is linked to gains in reading achievement.** Numerous studies show that access to books and magazines is directly related to higher reading achievement.

There's so much to see, so much to do at your library! There's no better place to take your kids. **The library is a place to learn, read, and have fun...** a place the whole family can enjoy.

Source: *Dominican University IMLS-funded research: Public Library Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap*

Husky Happenings

- 5/11 MS Jazz Band/Show Choir perform (AM)
- 5/16 PK to Children's Museum in Eau Claire-
- 5/19 1st, 2nd. & 3rd grade to Hunt Hill
- 5/22 K walking trip to Cousin's Hideaway (PM)
- 5/25 K walking trip to Post Office (PM)
- 5/26 4th grade to Ft. Folles Avoine
- 5/26 K trip to Buffalo Farm
- 6/1 K-4th to Roller Rink AM
- 6/1 Field & Track Day PM

With upcoming springtime field trips, I thought I should mention that sunscreen and bug spray are considered medication and school staff cannot apply them to your child.

Applying them before your child leaves for school would be the safest practice.

Paula Kodesh RN School Nurse

Guidance Corner

I recently found this online and thought what a great resource for parents. Many times during guidance lessons we talk about chores at home that students have and I encourage many to ask mom/dad for chores if they don't have any. Children having chores is responsibility that instills great traits for that first job in High School.

SUMMER RULES

HAVE YOU:

- ___ MADE YOUR BED?
- ___ BRUSHED YOUR TEETH?
- ___ BRUSHED YOUR HAIR?
- ___ GOTTEN DRESSED?
- ___ HAD BREAKFAST?

plus

- ___ 20 MINUTES OF READING
- ___ 20 MINUTES OF WRITING/COLORING
- ___ CLEAN UP ONE ROOM
- ___ PLAYED OUTSIDE FOR 20 MINUTES
- ___ MADE/BUILT SOMETHING CREATIVE
- ___ HELPED SOMEONE IN THE FAMILY

THEN YOU CAN USE ELECTRONICS

Over the last few months Casey Mathews has been completing her student teaching experience in the kindergarten class room here at Haugen Elementary. She has progressed from observing the class, taking notes, to full time teaching. Her hard work and dedication to students has paid off, as she is now almost ready to graduate.



Casey chose the teaching profession because she wants to make a difference in the education of children. She enjoys all of the planning that goes into teaching and interacting with the children as they learn. She also said it is exciting to watch the children make connections with and apply their learning. Casey plans to continue working in the education field and help students as they progress in their educational career.

Casey has worked very hard to complete her education. We are all proud of her dedication to the students at Haugen. Hooray for Miss Casey! She is on her way to a successful teaching career!