

Message from Ms. Dahlem

Dear Hugo and Oneka Families,

In mid November we sent out a communication survey to see if Hugo and Oneka families liked the way we distributed information to you or if you were ready for a change. We had 136 families respond and the majority of the people wanted to keep things the same. Therefore, we will continue to have our monthly newsletters and when there is something that needs timely attention we will communicate via School Messenger emails. Thank you for taking the time to respond to our survey.

Here's an update on The Facility Planning Committee work. The Facility Planning Committee was formed with an application process in September to study the WBL Area Schools' facilities and develop a comprehensive, long-range Facilities Master Plan for recommendation to the School Board. The facilities study and resulting recommendations will be based on capacity, current enrollment, projected enrollment, educational needs of the School District, alignment with the District's Strategic Vision, community recreation, special programs, school security, and financial stewardship. You can find details of the committees' work by clicking [here](#).

As this is the season for giving please consider giving to one of the WBLEF programs. The Holiday Angels program gives our community an opportunity to share with those in need right in our own school district while honoring a school district staff person. The Angel Fund provides each school building in the White Bear Lake Area School District with discretionary funds to assist students and families who experience special economic needs. Since 2001, the WBLAEF has received Angel Fund requests to cover the expense of winter coats, boots, hats and mittens, backpacks, school supplies, basic food and clothing needs, and even temporary housing, to name just a few. Whether the need is the result of a job loss, unexpected extraordinary medical expenses, a home fire or any number of situations, the need exists and increases each year.

Each holiday season, we offer a special opportunity for families, students and school district staff members to honor an educator, administrator or other staff member and to help the WBLAEF Angel Fund grow. To participate, fill out the Holiday Angels donation form found on page 5 and submit it to the WBLAEF office by TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019. The WBLAEF will then send a special Angel Fund holiday greeting card to the honored staff person stating that you have chosen to honor them during this holiday season with a gift to the WBLAEF Angel Fund.

Lastly, it is the holiday season and I am so grateful that I have been able to build positive relationships with so many Hugo and Oneka families over the years. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!!!

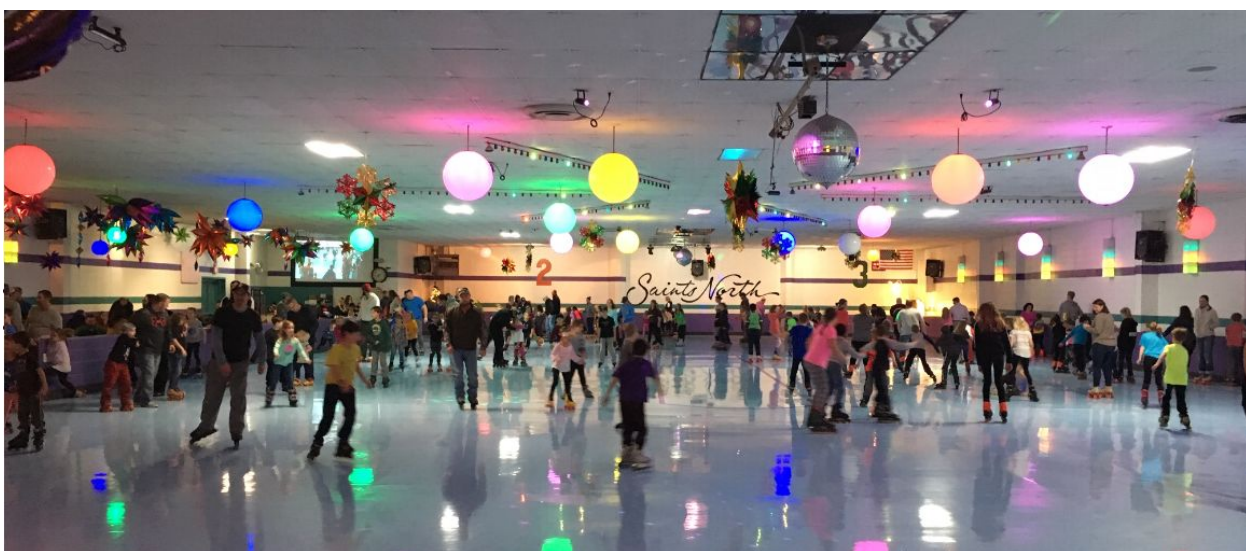
Ms. Dahlem, Oneka Principal

Message from Mr. Healy

Dear Hugo.Oneka Families,

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break towards the end of November. As school resumed on Monday, Nov. 26th, our hallways were filled with smiles and students reconnecting with one another. Seeing this reminds me what an important social connection school is for our students, families, and the greater community.

Roller skating was a huge success last Thursday evening. According to our PTA representatives, we set an attendance record for the event. Thank you for all that were able to come. It was great to see all the kids enjoying their time at Saints North.



2019 is right around the corner. Our staff and students are working extremely hard to achieve their goals as we start getting into the middle part of the school year. As always, it's definitely been a pleasure to be a part of the Hugo.Oneka community thus far this school year and I'm excited to see what 2019 brings. Please remember that the Winter Break will start on Monday, Dec. 24th and school will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Cold has arrived! I know I've mentioned it before, but one piece of advice I'd love to share with everyone is make sure your children's winter clothing, along with sweatshirts, are labeled. We've had quite a few students accidentally take the wrong coat outside during recess or the wrong sweatshirt home in the afternoon. Our "Lost-n-Found" is piling up.

With that said and the winter break quickly approaching, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Hugo and Oneka staff to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!!!

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@624.org

Oneka Elementary - Teresa Dahlem - 651-288-1800

Attendance - 651-288-1802

Health Office - 651-288-1803

Dismissal email: OnekaDismissalRequest@624.org

Calendar Items

December 17 - 19	5th Grade to Long Lake (Berlin, Clark, Lunde)
December 19 - 21	5th Grade to Long Lake (Case, Barnett, Weissman)
Dec 22 - Jan 1	No School - Winter Break
January 10	Kindergarten Parent Info Night @ Hugo - 6p
January 14	PTA Meeting @ Hugo - 6:00p
January 21	No School - MLK Day
January 25	End of Qtr 2
January 28	No School - Teacher work day
February 1	BINGO Night 6pm @ Oneka

Monthly Staff and Community Mental Well-Being Series

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

Make it OK

Presented by Nancy Krocak, WBLAS Educator
(www.makeitok.org)

7-8:30 p.m.

Dec. 13

District Center, Community Room 112
(4855 Bloom Avenue, WBL)

**“Stopping the stigma of mental illness and
allowing the conversation and healing to begin”**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SERIES:

Jan. 15 (7-8:30 p.m. at North Campus Theater)
Using Mindfulness to Increase Well-Being and Effectiveness in the Classroom and at Home by Heather Hessel PhD, LMFT, Intuitive Therapy and Counseling, White Bear Lake

Feb. 19 (7-8:30 p.m. at North Campus Theater)
The Fallacy of Perfect Parenting by FRrē Family Recovery Resource Experts, St. Paul, MN

March 19 (7-8:30 p.m. at North Campus Theater)
ADHD/ADD Supports and Toolbox by Nicole McKinney, WBLAS

April 16 (7-8:30 p.m. at North Campus Theater)
Healthy Teens and Safety by Ramsey County Public Health

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
White Bear Lake Area Schools
Student Support Services Department.

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www.isd624.org

Spanish Tongue Twister Contest

Students can practice their Spanish pronunciation with this fun, monthly contest!

Try to memorize the tongue twister and say it to your Spanish teacher three times fast!

Please see your teacher before/after school OR post a video of it on your Spanish Seesaw journal!

December's Tongue Twister: **Pancha plancha con cuatro planchas**



ECFE Play Group

Drop- Ins Welcome!

Tuesdays 6:00-7:30 pm

No class Oct 16, Nov 6 and 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 (max. \$10/family)

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



EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM 651-653-3100

Phone Drive

Who: Parents, Guardians, and Friends of Oneka Elementary students in Señorita Huffman's Spanish class

What: Donations of the following smartphones with charger:

- iPhone 6 or later
- Samsung Galaxy
- Google Pixel

Please make sure your phone is wiped clean (back to factory setting) before donating it to ensure privacy. If you have questions about how to do this, please contact Nick Marty, our school's Digital Learning Specialist at nicholas.marty@isd624.org with "Oneka Smartphone Donation" in your subject line.

Why: Students will be taking virtual field trips to Spanish-speaking countries using [Google Cardboard](#). These devices will enhance the students' experiences when learning the curriculum in Spanish class.

Where: A donation box is available in the Main Office. Please put your phone and charger in a bag and include your name, phone number, and student's name.

¡Muchas gracias!

Señorita Huffman
natalie.huffman@isd624.org



Hugo & Oneka PTA

PTA. Every Child. One Voice.

December 2018

Seeking Members - Please Join Us!

Our current PTA membership is down.

- **WHO:** YOU!!! We would love to have more returning members along with some new, caring parents and teachers join our Hugo & Oneka 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), attach the \$10 membership fee, and return it to your child's teacher or bring it with you to a PTA meeting.
- **WHAT:** Your \$10 annual membership to the Hugo/Oneka Elementary PTA includes a \$2.25 membership to the National PTA, a \$4.00 membership 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!!

Fundraiser & Event Updates

- **Cherrydale Farms**
 - We are still finalizing everything; but projecting a profit of \$27,000+ in sales!
 - We were generously given over \$3,000 in direct donations!
 - Thank you to Kristi Beck and Katie Solem for organizing and to the many additional volunteers who helped pull off this very successful fundraiser!
 - **We are looking for a new chair to help Katie Solem run this fundraiser next year.**
 - Please email Katie at katie.solem@isd624.org if interested or have questions.
- **Oneka Enchanted Forest Book Fair**
 - Thank you to all who visited the book fair and supported our sales, while helping to foster a love for books and reading among children!
 - Our profit is given in Scholastic Dollars that will be used for classroom book support!
 - Thank you to Kari Milhofer for organizing and the many other volunteers who helped set-up, work shifts, count money, and tear-down, making this a successful book fair!
- **Signature Orthodontics Halloween Candy Buy Back**
 - We won!! A BIG check to be presented to our schools on Monday, December 10th!
 - Thank you for your support!! Guests at the Ronald McDonald house will enjoy some sweets during difficult times!
- **PTA Sponsored Roller Skating Party**
 - As a thank you for all of the fundraising effort and support, the PTA sponsored a FREE roller skating party on November 30th.
 - We had a record-setting 334 skaters and many, many observers! Thank you to all who attended this fun celebration of the work we do to help support our schools!

Box Tops For Education

This is such an easy way for our schools to earn money! Our Box Top committee is holding a contest, running from December 1 - January 31 to see which classrooms can collect the most Box Tops. **The top classroom from each grade will win a sledding party with Mr. Healy and Ms. Dahlem!!** Please make sure Box Tops are **neatly clipped** and do **not expire before March 1st, 2019** (submission date). Please fill out the collection sheet that was sent home in Friday Folders, or fill plastic baggies (50/bag) with teacher's name and the number of Box Tops included on each bag.

Bingo Night

Join us for an evening of **BINGO**! This is a FREE, community event that benefits our local Hugo food shelf. It will be held Friday, **February 1st, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Oneka Elementary**. Please bring personal care or non-perishable food items for the food shelf, and candy donations to be used as prizes for BINGO. In years past, our students and their families have done an amazing job contributing to a vital local organization through this tremendously fun event. **Let's show our community support** on February 1st and enjoy playing some BINGO! Please contact Stephanie at eslohmnn@msn.com to volunteer or with questions.

Hugo/Oneka Adult Game Night

We are hosting a new, adult only, fundraiser on the evening of Friday, March 29th at the Hugo American Legion. This will be a great way to mingle with other parents, staff, and community members while raising money for new Chromebooks and updating technology in the media center. This committee is still looking for volunteers to help plan/organize and for sponsors for the event. Please email committee chair, Angela Thompson, at angela021774@gmail.com if you are interested in helping/sponsoring a table! Look for more specific details in the January newsletter!

Color Run - May 4th

This is a very SUCCESSFUL and POPULAR fundraiser for our school! We are in need of some people to form a planning committee together with chair, Jen Larson. Please contact Jen at jennifer.larson30@gmail.com to help with this exciting event!

Hugo/Oneka PTA in the Digital Age

We are working to make information about PTA more easily accessible through the use of technology and social media. We are hoping to better reach you for ideas, suggestions, and help.

- Our PTA **meeting minutes will now be posted on our current website as a DRAFT** shortly after our meetings are held. This will allow both teachers and parents who cannot attend meetings access to pertinent and current information.
- Preparations are well under way to begin creating the Hugo/Oneka PTA website! The website will include information on what our PTA does, how to be involved, and how your generous donations are being used in your child's education. As the site is built, we are taking suggestions and requests for content to be included on the site. Send any suggestions or requests to lauren.a.schleicher@gmail.com. Thanks!
- Please also search for "Hugo/Oneka Elementary PTA" and **like us on Facebook!**

PTA Meetings

What happens at a PTA meeting?? We hear this question a lot! January is New Member Month - in celebration, we'd like to extend an invitation for anyone who's ever been curious about what we do to check out our Open Meeting. **You do not need to be a member to attend a meeting.** While there are some business items that we need to take care of each month, we try to move through them quickly and have a goal of hour-long meetings. Learn about what is going on in the school with reports from Mr. Healy & Ms. Dahlem. Find out what teachers are passionate about and what they're doing in their classrooms. Brainstorm ideas about how we can best support the students and staff of Hugo & Oneka. Offer insights in planning and helping us run our fundraising and social events. Free childcare is always available! We 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!*

Next PTA Meeting - January 14th, 2019

We would like to personally invite you to our next meeting on Monday, January 14th at 6:00 pm in the Hugo Media Center. All are welcome; you do not need to be a member to attend! We will hear updates on the planning of Bingo Night, Hugo Book Fair, and Adult Game Night. We will also discuss the progress in creating our PTA website. Ideas, suggestions, and volunteers are welcome!

Important Upcoming Dates

- January 14th - Open PTA Meeting, 6:00 pm - Hugo Media Center
- February 1st - Bingo Night, 6:30-8:30 pm - Oneka Gymnasium
- February 4th-7th - Hugo Book Fair - Hugo Media Center

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

Contact Information

Email: hugoptasec@gmail.com

Online: Click [here](#)

Facebook: Click [here](#)

SignUpGenius: Click [here](#)

2018-19 Board:

President: Angela Thompson - angela021774@gmail.com

Vice President: Cassandra Gomez

Treasurers: Toni Brandvold & Lauren Schleicher

Secretary: Katie Jones - hugoptasec@gmail.com



Research, Searching, and Copyright Digital Citizenship

Creative Credit & Copyright

"We live in a digital culture that empowers young people to access information instantly, rework media easily, and share their creations globally. The ease with which young people can find, copy, and distribute digital content can also lead them to use online material without thinking about where it comes from or to whom it belongs. Viewing the Internet as a "free-for-all" leads to problems of copyright infringement, plagiarism, piracy, and a general lack of respect for the hard work and creativity of others. The basic fact is this: Even if something is posted on the Internet for all the world to see, someone somewhere created that picture, song, or article -- and it belongs to that person."

Here is a [short video](https://www.common sense.org) for further information on copyright. You can always find great information at <https://www.common sense.org>. They have given us permission to use their site to teach students and parents Digital Citizenship.

Research/Searching

Students today have learned how easy it is to "Google" information. Being a good digital citizen requires all of us to learn to spot credible resources, and how to take information and make it our own or how to credit the writer appropriately. Students may also find that a seemingly innocent search can lead to information that is not appropriate. There are several search engines that can help students find safe and reliable information. Safe Search is a Google product that we use in our school district. Here are some other great search engines for students to use.

- SweetSource4Me
- Kiddle
- Kido'z
- Kid Info
- Kids Click
- Kidz Search

These are all recommended by Common Sense Media. Some are more age appropriate for early learners and some for upper elementary.

No matter how careful we are when we search for information a student may come across something inappropriate. At school we teach them to immediately close out and tell an adult. We can then check their history and block the site.

Digital Citizenship is not a one and done philosophy. It requires all of us to model, teach and communicate with students about the importance of making good choices whenever they are online.



HOLIDAY ANGELS PROGRAM

2018-2019

HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL!

*The **Holiday Angels** program gives our community an opportunity to share with those in need right in our own school district through the Angel Fund.*

The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation (WBLAEF) is pleased to announce the kick-off of our annual **Holiday Angels** program, a special fundraising initiative for the Angel Fund of the WBLAEF.

Since 2001, the WBLAEF has received Angel Fund requests for winter coats, boots, hats and mittens, backpacks, school supplies, basic food and clothing needs, and even temporary housing, to name just a few. Whether the need is the result of a job loss, unexpected extraordinary medical expenses, a home fire or any number of situations, the need exists and increases each year.

This holiday season, we are again offering a special opportunity for community members, families, students and school district staff to honor someone. To participate, fill out the **Holiday Angels** form on the reverse side of this document and send it with your donation to the WBLAEF office by **TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019**. The WBLAEF will then send a special Angel Fund holiday greeting card to the honored person stating that you have chosen to honor them during this holiday season with a gift to the WBLAEF Angel Fund.

The mission of the WBLAEF is to enhance the White Bear Lake Area School District's ability to provide excellence in education for all students. For some students, a warm coat to wear on cold winter days, a hot meal in their tummy or having the same school supplies as classmates can make all the difference in the world. We hope you will consider participating in the **Holiday Angels** program.

*"No one is useless in this world who lightens
the burdens of another."*

— Charles Dickens

Holiday Angels Program 2018-2019

HONOR GIFT / DONATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

INFO OF PERSON YOU ARE HONORING:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: (and building, if a district staff person):

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

INFO OF DONOR/S:

Name(s) of donors to be listed on card: _____

Amount of gift: \$ _____ (will not be listed on card, unless requested by donor)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

Payment method: Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card (VISA or MC) ☐

Card No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

Additional message for the inside the card: _____

RETURN: PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY **TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019** TO:

**WBLAEF Holiday Angels
4855 Bloom Avenue
White Bear Lake, MN 55110**

****If you or your family needs assistance from the Angel Fund, please contact your school Principal.***

The WBLAEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Many employers have matching grant programs available that can increase your donation to the Angel Fund.

For more information on the WBLAEF, please visit us at www.wblaef.org or call 651-407-7696.