



HAWK HAPPENINGS

HERMANTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2022



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dear Students and Parents,

This month the administration met with local police and fire department to discuss emergency planning. There were some hoax phone calls that were alarming to schools in the state, so we thought it was a good time to review our plan. One positive, simple thing that came out of our discussions was that police want areas of the building described directionally. In the school we refer to the "science classes" or "4th grade wing", but that often times does not mean anything to police if they are not a parent in the building. We are adapting our maps so, in addition to room numbers, we can describe an area, for example, as the "Northeast corner".

The Hermantown Chamber held a forum for school board candidates on October 18th. It was a great opportunity for the public to meet the candidates. We have six candidates with one incumbent running for three seats on the board. If you did not get a chance to see it in person you can view it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDEW7JRxtt8>

Sincerely,



Wayne Whitwam

Superintendent



LUNCH MENU NOVEMBER

Breakfast: \$1.80 | K: \$0
Elementary Lunch: \$2.75
MS/HS Lunch: \$2.90



2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar lists key dates throughout the district. Print for the fridge!



ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Stay up-to-date on your favorite Hawks teams in every season.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Numerous positions are available for the 2022-23 school year. Apply today!



SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER

Find information on procedures for school closure/delays due to weather

DRONTLE HONORED BY U OF M

Hermantown High School science teacher Donna Drontle was recognized by the University of Minnesota College of Biological Sciences with the 2022 Sarah L. Tilman Memorial Science Teacher Award at its annual dinner on Thursday, Sept. 29. First-year students nominate a teacher that had a tremendous impact on their academic and personal success. The award comes with \$3,500 to help fulfill Drontle's teaching mission. Drontle was nominated by 2022 Hermantown graduate, Ally Spradau.

Pictured from left to right: Tessa Paczynski ('21), Nicole Nelson ('22), Donna Drontle, Ally Spradau ('22)



HERMANTOWN EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

WHO: 3-5 year olds

WHEN: November 17 & 18

TIME: By appointment only (8:30am-2pm)

LOCATION: Hermantown Community Learning Center

SCHEDULE: ph.ce.eleyo.com | call Jill Peterson at

218-729-9563 or email jpeterson@isd700.org



DONATIONS NEEDED



Hermantown Elementary is looking for donations to supply its nurse office. If you are able and would like to donate, below is a list of items needed. Please feel free to drop items off in the elementary office. Thank you!

- Peanut/tree nut-free snacks such as Cheez-It or Goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, applesauce, saltines, nut-free granola bars
- Bottled water - small or 16-20 oz. sizes
- New neutral colored sweatpants or leggings (back, grey, blue) in youth sizes extra small to extra large
- Packages of underwear - girls and boys ranging in sizes 6-12
- gloves/mittens

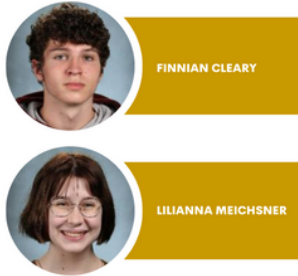
ACTIVITIES ROUNDUP

FALL SPORTS WRAP UP

Fall sports at Hermantown have begun to wrap up, with girls tennis, girls soccer, boys soccer, boys and girls cross country and football closing out their seasons in October with MSHSL Section Tournaments. Girls tennis finished with a 7-8 record on the season, while girls soccer was 5-9-1 and boys soccer was 10-7. Football closed out the 2022 season with a 6-3 record. Volleyball is set to take on Cloquet on the road Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 6pm in the Section 7AAA semifinals.

SOCCER ALL-STARS

Twelve Hermantown soccer players were invited to participate in the 2022 Essentia Health High School All-Star Boys and Girls Soccer Games Wednesday, Nov. 9 at Public Schools Stadium. | Boys Soccer: Colten Danelski, Rolan Kuznetsov, Andrew Schmitz, Wylee Arro and Kade Kohanski were named to the Red all-star team. | Girls Soccer: Kacey Zierden, Emma Hersted and Natalya Hooley were named to the Red all-star team and Liv Birkeland, Mekenna Wiese, Emma Nelson and Nora Vogel will play for the Silver all-star team. The girls' game will begin at 6 p.m., while the boys' game will follow at 8 p.m.



ACADEMIC HONORS

Cleary and Meichsner named Commended Students

It was announced in October that Hermantown High School students **Finnian Cleary** and **Lilianna Meichsner** were named Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation were recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).



THANKSGIVING MEALS

Responses needed by November 14.

With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, it's the district's hope to spread a little extra cheer this holiday season! With help from community members, we are able to provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need. If your family is interested in receiving a Thanksgiving meal, please complete the [Thanksgiving Meal Sign Up Form](#).

KEY DATES

NOVEMBER

- 2 Elementary Picture Retakes
- 4 End of Quarter 1 (Grades 5-12)
- 7 **NO SCHOOL (Grades 5-12)**
- 7 Middle School Conferences
- 10 Middle/High School Conferences
- 11 Elementary HAWKS T-Shirt Day
- 14 School Board Meeting
- 15 Middle/High School Conference
- 17 ELF The Musical
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- 23 Elementary HAWKS T-Shirt Day
- 24 **NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving**
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- 28 School Board Meeting

Hermantown Drama Club presents:

elf

the musical

November 17 & 19
7:00 p.m.
HS Auditorium

Tickets:
Adult \$10 - Students \$5

AROUND TOWN BAND



Pictured L-R: Molly White, Victoria Carroll, Brady Onofreychuk, Avery Nash, Adaeze Enemuoh, Mr. Allen, Tai Timmerman, Cormac Maguire, Elyana Hewitt, Noah Blomquist, Isabel Kirkeby, and Jack Collins.

Over MEA break, 11 high school band students participated in the Tri-State Honor Band Festival at UWS. They were among nearly 130 students from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan to come together, rehearse music for several hours and then perform a concert that evening.

November 4-5, 10 students are set to participate in the Senior High Honor Band Festival at UMD. They will join 200 other students to rehearse music and work with college faculty from UMD all day Friday. They will then perform a concert Saturday afternoon.



Choir students have been busy preparing for their first concert of this school year. The 6th-8th grade choir concert will be held **Monday, December 12th at 1:30 pm** in the High School Auditorium. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend.



CURRICULUM BRIEF

Monthly facts to answer your questions or misconceptions regarding curriculum and assessment.

- Minnesota Academic Standards do **not** require a specific curriculum.
- Curriculum is the resource and plan that our educators need to present the content to students.
- Our educators make the decisions on the **"how"** to deliver instruction on the standards.
- Districts, schools and educators make curriculum and instruction decisions to support the teaching and student mastery of standards.

THANKS!

to Mr. Kevin Holden for designing and building Santa's sleigh for Elf The Musical. ➔



GET TO KNOW THE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES



TUESDAY
NOV. 8
Find your
polling place

TIM PETERSON



Greetings! By way of introduction, my wife Sandi and I are lifelong residents of the area, moving to Hermantown in 1990. Our children, Janna, Ross and Marcie graduated from the best school around,

Hermantown! That tradition continues with our two elementary grandchildren. I am currently the Board's Vice-Chair and a full-time UMD faculty member teaching Finance after a career in Management at ALLETE and RSM US LLP (National CPA / Consulting Firm). My educational background includes degrees in Accounting and an MBA from UMD.

I strongly support the district's critical initiatives such as getting our students back to pre-COVID academic and wellbeing levels, the need to attract, support and retain our teachers and staff along with developing appropriate student curriculum options relevant to their future careers.

If elected, I will continue to focus on fair representation for Hermantown and Fredenberg residents as I have for the past four years.

JERRID ANDERSON



Values and Character
Our children are our future. My wife of 28 years and I chose Hermantown 16 years ago for the values the school represented. I am running to be a voice for the community that strives for

our students to value a strong work ethic, personal accountability, and respectful interactions. Every child has a chance to succeed and should be encouraged to meet their full potential. I believe the curriculum should be transparent and focus on reading, writing, math, and science.

My background is 30 years as an engineer. I am Director of Operations at Enbridge with a mechanical engineering degree and MBA in finance. Fiscal responsibility is key. Our budget should be focused on facilities that are fit for purpose, retention of good teachers, small classrooms and endeavors that enhance learning.

I hope to earn your vote. Please reach out with any questions. Facebook: [JerridAndersonForHermantownSchoolBoard](#)
Cell: 218-269-0023.

MATTHEW BROWN



My name is Matt Brown; I am a proud husband, father, fisherman, and Hermantown community member (since 2011).

I am running for the Hermantown School Board in the November election as a strong advocate for parents and their children while retaining and supporting the great teachers in the district. I believe the purpose of the school board is to champion the values of the community; to accomplish this I will fight for access and transparency for parents. I see curriculum and medical policies as two of the most important areas of focus in the short-term.

I have two beautiful daughters, Mila (4, pre-k) and Jema (newborn) that are soon to enter the Hermantown School District. I see all children as true gifts from God. I am passionate about ensuring the quality of life in Hermantown holds true for our children and education system.

Go Hawks!

DAVID HOKANSON



Hello, my name is David Hokanson and I am running for Hermantown School Board. As a longtime resident of Hermantown, and with having four children in the district, I am excited to be considered for a position to

serve our community. Hermantown has been fortunate to have the commitment and dedication of those currently serving on the school board, and I would like to thank them for their service.

If I am fortunate enough to represent the district, I look forward to working collaboratively with the school administration and the community to continue the tradition of an excellent education. This is not possible without the support of the parents and the community, so I also look forward to finding creative ways to encourage more visibility, input and involvement. It has been great to see the enthusiasm and excitement throughout the first several weeks of school!

MATTHEW MUNGER



My name is Matthew Munger, and I am an alum of Hermantown Community Schools. After graduating in 1998, I earned an undergraduate degree in Computer Science with a minor in History from UW-

Superior and completed my master's degree at the College of Saint Scholastica in Information Technology Leadership with a focus in IT security.

I enjoy coaching youth sports and a variety of outdoor activities with my wife and three children. While coaching, I have had the opportunity to see the impact of our education system and community support firsthand. As a parent, I have learned to value these connections.

I believe in education rooted in community. As a school board member, I will engage our community, focus on the outcomes for all students, support our educators and staff, and work to ensure safety in our schools. To read more about my vision please visit www.mungerforschoolboard.com.

DANIEL ELNES



Did not submit by deadline.



Additional Information on Candidates:

- [Hermantown Star, September 29 edition](#)
 - Find: options drop down, archives, Sept. 29
- [Duluth News Tribune 2022 Voter Guide](#)
- [School Board Candidate Forum \(VIDEO\)](#)

Facebook Pages:

- [Jerrid Anderson](#)
- [Matt Brown](#)
- [David Hokanson](#)

Websites:

- [Matthew Munger](#)