

March 2025

## Superintendent Matta's Message

Oh boy...the flu hit our school hard in January and February! Our attendance rate was the worst it's ever been because we had so many kids and staff out ill. Now that everyone is feeling better, let's get our attendance rate back up! With state testing coming up in 2 short months, all of our students are needed in their seats every day to learn all the rest of the standards in order to be successful on the state assessment. We have goals to reach and can't reach them without your help!

### Did you know? 🎮

Did you know that over 90% of kids in the U.S. play video games, and about 8.5% of them show signs of gaming addiction? Studies have linked excessive gaming to increased anxiety, sleep disturbances, and poor academic performance. While gaming can be fun and even beneficial in moderation, setting limits can help children balance screen time with school, social life, and sleep.

Want to learn more?

Join our free virtual session on "Understanding Video Game Addiction" through this month's Mental Health Series!

📅 Sessions are at 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM PT.

Register here:

<https://parentguidance.org/mhsindex>

March	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.
Week of: 3/3 -7		Picture Day! Spring Parent Conf. Dismiss @ 1:10	Spring Parent Conf. Dismiss @ 1:10	Kinder Field Trip	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Museum Field Trip
3/10 -14	(NO BUS)	Blaze Pizza Fund-raiser		1 <sup>st</sup> grade zoo trip	Tri. 2 Awards Assembly  Min. Day
3/17- 21	Spring Break ELOP Program	Spring Break ELOP Program	Spring Break ELOP Program	Spring Break ELOP Program	Spring Break ELOP Program
3/24 - 28	Frozen Kids begins (4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> )				

### **ELOP Days:**

We are offering an Extended Learning Opportunity Day during Spring Break. Permission slips were sent home with students last week. We will be having a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) focus. Breakfast, lunch, and a snack are provided.

**Mar 17-21  
8am-5pm**



## IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOMS...



Our girls and boys basketball teams both took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the annual tournament held at Rockford. We are proud of their hard work! We also congratulate Allison Bailey for being awarded the MVP of the tournament for the girls.

A special thank you to Kyler Crawford for volunteering to coach our boys team. Kyler graduated from Hope several years ago and we are very thankful he chose to come back to Hope to help our boys team! Thanks so much, Kyler!!!

### NOTES:

Coming up:

All 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to try out for our musical Frozen Kids! Tryouts begin on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

March 14 – Trimester 2 Awards Assembly

March 17-21 – Spring Break

Bunco Night – April 3 @ Nuckols Ranch (all proceeds go directly back to Hope Student Scholarships!)



Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students went to the Future Ready Lab last week. They tested servos and wires and designed a technical production that would help solve an actual real world problem. Then, they made their designs come to life!



PHOTO  
CAPTION:

**Wishing Paisley Clower good luck as she competes at the county Spelling Bee this week! You've got this, Paisley!!**

