



JACKET B.E.S.T. UPDATE

TRACY HEIN, P.B.I.S. COACH

March was an awesome month at HOTL. Kids were working together across grade levels encouraging each other, trying their best, being positive and gearing up for spring. They earned a bouncy house day by reaching the golden ticket goal of 2,5000+.

Positive Peers from each classroom were recognized and their pictures are on FB and the school bulletin board. Where would we be without those who encourage us every day to do our BEST! Thanks HOTL staff and students.

Our focus for April is "impressions". How we look, what we say and do leaves some kind of impression with others. We are working on understanding how we all can leave impressions and take away impressions of others. We will continue to do our Jacket BEST in all areas of the school. Our April goal is 3,000 golden tickets. Classes continue to earn class rewards for golden tickets and this month we will have random drawing for Jacket BEST prizes. Our school-wide reward is a Jacket BEST FEST in the Grass!

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

JEN HENDRICKSON

It is so very hard to believe May is just around the corner. We have had a great school year and are glad spring has finally sprung! Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up May 6th-10th. We love to do a little extra and spoil our teachers this week. We truly have the very best teachers that work diligently everyday to be a positive role model in their students' lives.

Spring is a busy time of the year with wrapping up the year and planning for the upcoming school year. We have hired great staff members for the upcoming school year. Avery Beck will be teaching third grade. Avery is a familiar face around our school as she completed a long term sub position in kindergarten. Jordan Spaeth will join our second grade team next year. Jordan is from Waubun and attended Concordia College where he played on the football team. Jordan is excited to become a Yellowjacket! Austin Hendershot will join our fourth grade team. Austin is from Deer Creek and completed his student teaching at Heart of the Lakes in fourth grade.



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COUNSELING CONNECTION

JENNY LINDSTROM, COUNSELOR

“Wait a Minute....What in the World is a ‘Minute Meeting’?”

During the beginning of April, your child may have come home and mentioned that Ms. Lindstrom had a “little talk” with them in the hallway that day...which is true! I completed a second round of Minute Meetings in all of the HOTL classrooms. What is a Minute Meeting? Basically, just what it sounds like! I set up a chair for myself, as well as a chair for one student, right outside the classroom door. I bring a timer and set it for one minute, which gives me a short time to touch base with each child in the room. Usually I select three questions to ask, such as a favorite toy or game.

As a counselor, this helps me with so many things:

- I can have a face to face with each child at school, and get to know students better.
- I learn the proper way to pronounce your child’s name, or if your child prefers to be called a nickname. (for example: a child named Samuel that prefers to be called Sam. This is so very helpful, as I am learning over 500 students’ names!)
- Your child also gets to know a little bit more about me.
- Students know the counselor is there to help support ALL kids at school.

It has been great getting to know the amazing students and families that attend HOTL Elementary. I am happy to be part of the Perham School District!

PRINCIPAL NOTE CONT.

The students at Heart of the Lakes already enjoy Mr. Hendershot as he has gotten to know many through student teaching and subbing this spring. Jill Christensen and Tori Paavola will both join our Special Education team. They both have ties to the area and are both very excited to join our team. Mike Kunza accepted the Dean of Students position for the upcoming school year. We will miss Mr. Kunza teaching fourth grade, but know he will do a great job in the Dean position.

We very much appreciate your partnership in your child's education this year. Please continue to read with your child each day for 20 minutes. I've attached an article describing the "A million word gap for kids who are not read to at home." Please continue to read with your child over the summer too!



<https://psychcentral.com/news/2019/04/18/a-million-word-gap-for-kids-who-arent-read-to-at-home/144353.html>

Teachers will be sending home forms in the upcoming week for those students that qualify for Summer Splash. Summer Splash (school) begins on Monday, June 3rd and runs through June 28th. It runs Monday-Thursday from 8am-noon at Heart of the Lakes. Breakfast and lunch are both served. The summer food program (lunch only this year) will be served at Heart of the Lakes from 11am-12:45pm.



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