Student Green Team
In partnership with staff, parents, and students, our Green Team will host its first student meeting after school on Thursday, November 10th from 4:00-4:30 p.m. A flyer and permission slip to participate when home last Friday. The group will meet approximately once a month after school (typically on a Thursday) to plan and work on projects. We hope to get lots of student involvement!

November Events
This month we’re looking forward to several school events!

Our first annual Turkey Trot will take place on Friday, November 18th. At 8:15 a.m., we’ll gather for an early morning run/walk around school grounds. All participants are asked to bring a canned good (or several) in order to participate. The canned goods will be donated to a shelter. We welcome all students, families, and staff to help make this event a success!

Our I Am Thankful assembly will take place on Tuesday, November 22nd at 10 a.m. in the multipurpose room. Kindergarteners pair with fifth graders to share about the things they’re thankful for.

A Shifting of Seasons
As we move further into fall and closer to winter, please make sure your child(ren) are adequately dressed for the temperature and weather. If you need resources or assistance in getting warm, weather-appropriate clothing, please let me or JoAnn in the front office know. We’re happy to help!
OTIS SPUNKMEYER COOKIE SALE:
HELP SEND HAISLEY 5TH GRADERS TO CAMP
Just in time for the holiday season! Order frozen cookie dough and other delicious baked goods, soups and pizzas while helping Haisley 5th graders raise money to attend camp at the end of the year. You can place orders for the frozen food offerings with any of the 5th graders or through the order form available in the front office.

Orders for candy, nuts and other great gift items can also be made directly online at: https://www.cherrydale.com/go_shopping.php?refid=443201 using the School Name = Haisley Elementary Camp, Student Name = FifthGrade Camp.

Orders are due Nov 7, with delivery the week of Dec 6.

No School on Tuesday, November 8th.
Due to elections, there will not be school on Tuesday, November 8th.

Thanksgiving Break
Thanksgiving Break will be held from Wednesday, November 23rd - Sunday, November 27th. School resumes on Monday, November 28th. We hope you all have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Picture Make Up Day
Picture make up day will be held on Wednesday, November 30th. If you wish to have the fall pictures retaken, please send the entire picture packet back to school with your child on that day. The photographer will collect that packet and retake the photos. You will then receive the same packet that was returned sometime before the Winter Holiday.
AUCTION INFO!

Every year the PTO puts on a silent auction as one of our major fundraisers. While it is definitely a great party, it also serves an important purpose. Without the funds raised at this event, the PTO’s budget for events that benefit all of our students would be severely impacted. Field trips, artists in the school, Heritage Night, Reading Night, Summer Learning books, the Haisley Garden, the Haisley Players, teacher grants for classrooms – all of these beloved Haisley events and enrichment activities are funded and supported by the PTO. Without your generous support, we cannot support these activities at their current levels. Here are some ways you can help us make it a smashing success for our kids!

1) Buy auction tickets, and attend! They’re only $10 each, attire is casual (jeans are great!). Book a sitter, grab your friends, and join in the fun!
2) Buy 50/50 tickets! These are only $5 each, and last year, one lucky winner took home over $1800! Friends and family can buy these too!
***The classes which sell the most 50/50 tickets, and auction tickets, get a pizza party! Details in the upcoming eblast!***
3) Become a sponsor, or donate wine or gift cards for the event! Details for this can be found in eblasts or the auction blog at www.haisleyptoauction.org
4) Participate in sign-ups for fixed price teacher parties and experiences – stay tuned for more info on that in the coming weeks!
5) See points #1 and 2! We have GREAT items for bidding, but need you there to make this event a success!

Capital Proposals

Keep ‘em coming! So far the PTO has 3 proposals for our capital spending campaign. Remember—the deadline is the end of DECEMBER! The board will vote on the proposals in January.

PTO Shout-Out

One of Haisley Elementary’s greatest assets is YOU... our community. This month we’d like to highlight a parent who has gone above and beyond for the benefit of all Haisley students.

Has your child noticed a vast improvement in the Haisley soccer field? Coach soccer? Notice a huge difference? Well.... You can thank Kyle Kwaiser.
In June of 2016, Kyle put forth a proposal to improve the field conditions for all Haisley students. “High quality turf is a requirement for numerous reasons. Uneven surfaces caused by erosion, weeds and grass tuffs pose an injury risk to ankles and knees. Compacted bald spots may increase the likelihood of concussions during falls. An inconsistent playing surface also introduces a random element into sports. This can impede player development.” The PTO approved Kyle’s proposal and it was reimbursed by Ann Arbor Rec and Ed department (unheard of, really). All summer long (remember: we had a drought this summer) Kyle watered and cared for the soccer field. And now—the improvement is vast.

But we need your help to maintain all the work Kyle and others have put into the field. If you coach soccer, reach out to Kyle and ask how can you help maintain the safety of our field.

Thank you, Kyle. We appreciate you and all the work you have done!!

Second grade classes have started a new module, Grids and Games. In this exploration combining mathematics and computers, students investigate numerical relationships while learning about the sequence and structure required in computer programs. Starting with computer-free activities and moving to tablet-based challenges, students apply addition and subtraction strategies to make characters move on a grid. Using skills and knowledge gained from these activities, students work together in groups to design and develop a game in which a player interacts with objects on a tablet screen. Students make extensive use of logic as they create a working game using an event-based model.

Fourth grade classes are finishing their first module, energy: collisions. They are constructing safety systems to prevent eggs from being damaged in a car crash, mimicking restraint systems used in cars.

Fifth grade classes are continuing their exploration of robotics. They have constructed robot chassis that can be controlled remotely, and will be using it to move objects around our “arena”, simulating robots that work in hazardous environments.

Kindergarten, first grade, and third grade will start their PLTW modules in November.

If you have questions or would like to come in and see PLTW in action, please email me at mogern@aaps.k12.mi.us
Hello there!

This month we have been very busy in the library. Since the new specials schedule has been put into effect, all classes have started checking out books. Check the below schedule to know what days your student’s class will exchange books.

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This month, the upper elementary has been working in the Google Classroom, making slide shows and learning how to turn in assignments digitally. We have also discussed some expectations for using a digital learning space. Lower elementary has done a variety of things. First and second grade have worked on beginning typing skills, as well as listening to stories and developing their writing skills. Young 5’s and Kindergarten have checked out (and returned!) books and are listening to stories, learning how to have partner discussions, and some drawing assignments. Kindergarten classes come for a second time on Thursdays and Fridays, those days are technology focused.

Looking forward, the upper elementary will continue to work in the Google Classroom, but we will also have a visit from Washtenaw Area Children’s Council to present on internet safety. We will continue that conversation throughout the year. Lower elementary will continue to make literary connections, work on basic technology skills, and focus on the difference between fiction and nonfiction.

Our Birthday Book Club has now had all September and October birthdays select books to donate to the library. Thank you for your support! If you would like to sign your student up for this, please let me know and I will send you the information.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions! rentzs@aaps.k12.mi.us

Haisley Library Amazon Wish List: https://amzn.com/w/3QSSYS6S73MM5
Our composer of the month for October was Johann Sebastian Bach!

**Kindergarten** – We continued our lessons by listening and following cues that songs gave us (Stamping Land, Instrument Game) and are now working on listening for rhythm patterns in music that show us how to move (walk, gallop, march, skip).

**First Grade** – Melodic movement was our focus, using “Willum” and “La ranita cri” as songs for instruments and body modeling. Instrument time has been built in towards the end of the class (trying out how different instruments are played).

**Second Grade** – Our rhythm reading skills are getting honed in by singing fun tunes like “I Bought Me a Cat” and playing instrument pieces like “Country Gardens.” We also started off October right with a fun tune called “October Rocktober!”

**Third Grade** – Do Re Mi intervals and hand signs are what we fell in love with this month. Students practice finding the tonal center on a treble clef staff and are also discovering how to visually and aurally shape the melodies of songs like “I’s the B’y’s.”

**Fourth Grade** – Melody has been our focus with “Li’l Liza Jane” and “Farfallina.” We are getting better in estimating how our music will sound by recognizing upward and downward patterns and how our voice fit.

**Fifth Grade** – Who knew singing about the states could be so much fun? “Fifty Nifty” was a fun challenge as we practiced our state names. Critiquing our classmates performances gave us a good practice on how to find the positive in each performance.

**Cech** – We are now on our class schedule, enjoying songbooks like “There Was an Old Lady” and moving around to show galloping and walking differences in music (this will tie into November). Our exploration continues with instruments and the different sounds they make. “Instrument Game” gave us a chance to identify the instrument by sound and sight.

**Caballeros and Addison** – We follow the 4th Grade curriculum this year for both classes. We are working on melodic shapes, playing instruments such as hand bells and xylophones in order to hear upward and downward sounds. We are enjoying watching music video clips and listening to a ballet dancer’s biography “A Dance Like Starlight.”
Hello from the gym! I hope your kids are coming home with great news in physical education. So far we have stressed the importance of becoming like a team and acting like great teammates. Students have defined these parameters and are held accountable to the idea of what it's like to be a good teammate. These things include:

- Cooperation and teamwork
- Good sportsmanship
- Help each other
- Communication and listening
- Encouraging each other
- Including everyone

They also understand that even the best of teammates can have disagreements so we have implemented the TEAM ZONE. This is how teammates can resolve conflicts together in order to return to activity as quickly as possible. Our #1 rule is, "You don't have to agree on the problem, but you MUST agree on a solution". You would be impressed with their creative problem-solving tactics and the autonomy this has created!

We have also started our Fitnessgram Fitness Testing for grades 3-5. In the fall we get baseline scores for:

- Cardiovascular fitness
- Flexibility
- Upper body strength
- Core strength

My expectations are that the students set goals to improve their scores in the spring. Some of the younger grades got to practice some of the tests to prepare for their years in upper elementary. Mostly we've been working on motor skills, team building, and direction following activities and games!

I will do my best to update my webpage regularly so you can check out what's happening and comment on our blog! www.haisleyphysed.weebly.com You will also see there that I have a Donor's Choose page which I intent to put up projects to be funded to build our program http://www.donorschoose.org/physedgarcia

Happy Thanksgiving
Art Room News!

Here is what is happening in Hailsey art classes

The Young 5’s & Kindergartens, have been exploring and experimenting with lines and shapes. We looked at the artist Keith Hering and how he used basic shapes and lines to create moving people.

The 1st Graders are working on line and color patterns to create a textured drawing.

The 2nd graders are continuing their work on a unit on Color. They learned what happens to colors are placed next to each other from opposite sides of the color wheel and next to each other on the color wheel.

The 3rd graders are working on showing depth and perspective in a drawing by using One Point Perspective.

The 4th graders have been learning about the proportions of the human head. They are hard at work perfecting their Self-Portraits.

The 5th graders have been examining and discussing the Preamble of the Constitution and have started working in groups to create a visual Preamble.

Wish list:
Towels and washcloths, Art Calendars, News papers (no glossy adds please), Magazines (no fashion magazines please), Plastic containers with lids, Styrofoam takeout boxes or other flat Styrofoam (clean please).

If you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to volunteer during art please email me at vintera@aaps.k12.mi.us Thank you.
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