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# NEWSLETTER



## HMONG COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY

Marching Into Success! 🌸 🇺🇸 As we step into spring, March has been a month full of growth, achievement, and new opportunities at HCPA! With warmer days ahead, we look forward to even more learning, fun, and success.

# UNIFORM POLICY

Students are required to be in uniform at all times. We encourage parents to support the school uniform policy. Students are expected to dress appropriately for school. Parents will be contacted if students do not dress accordingly. Please note what not to wear: Crocs, hats, sandals, hoodies, shorts, leggings, and T-shirts are not allowed.

If you would like to purchase uniforms, please contact the main office (651) 209-8002 and set up a time to come in and shop.

### DONATIONS:

We are taking new or gently used uniform donations in the main office. There is a donation bin outside the main office.



## WHAT TO WEAR?

### CREW NECKS

BLACK  
RED

### POLO SHIRTS (SHORT OR LONG)

BLACK  
RED  
WHITE

### BOTTOMS

BLACK JEANS - WITH  
NO RIPS  
BLACK SLACKS  
BLACK DRESS PANTS

## NOT PERMITTED:



NO SANDALS



NO HOODIES/ZIP  
UP HOODIES



NO CROCS



NO HATS



NO SLIDES



NO T-SHIRTS



NO SHORTS



NO LEGGINGS OR  
YOGA PANTS

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## ELEMENTARY



March's Warrior Value of the month is **Trustworthiness** - Warriors can be counted on to do the right thing.

### 5TH GRADE WAX MUSEUM

Our 5th grade classes held their annual Colonial Wax Museum! Throughout the course of their social studies unit, students have ventured back in time to 1765 colonial America. Lessons leading up to the Wax Museum allowed students to compare and contrast life in different American colonies. Students had an opportunity to select their colonial identity - including their name, occupation, income, place of residence, and political views. Our 5th graders were then tasked with creating a historically accurate character sketch for their chosen colonial identity through research.



4th grade classrooms visited each of the 5th grade classrooms to interview and talk with the "colonists" to learn more about their viewpoints and lives in colonial times. Next on the calendar will be learning more about the events that led up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence!



### CREATURE CARE IN THE CLASSROOM

Rexy and Timber's time in Creature Care is off to a great start! The critters had a chance to visit several K-5 classrooms the first week of March on their journey around the elementary school. Below are some snaps from the trustworthy students in Ms. Mercado's third grade classroom and Ms. DeSchepper's kindergarten classroom! Thank you to all our students for demonstrating their trustworthiness to care, teach, and support the visiting creatures throughout the school day!

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## ELEMENTARY CONT.

### CREATURE CARE AND READING BUDDIES

The second week of March saw the continuance of HCPA's Creature Care with the hard-working and trustworthy students in Ms. Robideau's and Ms. Kwan's third grade classrooms! From reading to recess, students had a great time supporting Timber throughout the day and showing him the ropes of third grade! Likewise, Timber learned a lot – including how to brush his teeth!



On the other side of elementary, Emily Xiong's class (1st grade) and Isabelle Vue's class (4th grade) connected as Reading Buddies, continuing our work from February and "I Love to Read" Month!

Students connected and partnered up to read to one another. As Ms. Xiong reported, "Yay to reading buddies!!! Ms. Belle joined us right before the day ended for some reading!"



### AFTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Last week, Ms. Jenny Lee and her Musical Theater Club proudly presented Character Matters during Thursday's After School Program. The energetic play brought the Fairy Tale Advice Council to life as they helped their friends navigate character challenges. Iconic characters such as the Princess and the Pea, Cinderella, the Pied Piper, and even more in addition to catchy songs and playful jokes.

Following the performance, Xib Fwb Lee's talented Hmong Dance students took the stage to showcase a beautiful dance they have been perfecting over the past few months.



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## SECONDARY

### COLLEGE FAIR

HCPA hosted our annual College Fair on February 24th. We had over 75 colleges and universities in attendance: Carroll University, Coe College, Grand Canyon University, Mount Mary University, University of Jameston, and the University of MN- NROTC, to name a few.

Here are some comments from the college representatives regarding our students and the college fair.

- "Students seemed better prepared to approach college reps. Many students also recalled hearing about my institution and meeting me at a previous event, and this felt like a strong sign of engagement in the college search process!"
- "A lot of students were asking challenging questions."
- "The great conversations with students! I had a number of meaningful connections."
- "It was nice seeing a bunch of your students encouraging our students to talk to colleges!"



### MUSIC CONTEST & FESTIVAL SEASON WRAP-UP

our High School Music students wrapped up an incredibly busy (and successful) Contest and Festival season. Over the last week of February and first week of March, they have participated in two festivals, two contests, and even a field trip!

The busy season kicked off when select students from HCPA's Concert and Chamber Choirs traveled to the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire to take part in two separate choir festivals. While there, they had the opportunity to sing and perform alongside over 100 of the finest choristers in the region and learn from the university's choral music faculty.



Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir competed in the MSHSL Large Group Contest, performing two challenging pieces for a panel of judges. We're proud to announce they earned three "Excellent" ratings for their hard work and talent!

# CLASSROOM NEWS

SECONDARY CONT.

## HISTORY DAY COMPETITION

Over the past few months, a dedicated group of HCPA's history enthusiasts has been working diligently during Zero Hour with Molly Strother. Students researched and prepared presentations on complicated historical narratives in preparation for the Minnesota History Day competition. On competition day, students showcased their exhibits at the Metro Junior Central Regional Contest, hosted at the University of Minnesota. Students shared their work through a variety of poster board presentations and engaged in interviews with the judging panel. We are so proud of our Warriors!





# SPORTS

### **Girls High School Basketball:**

The girls' basketball team also ended their season with a win and a loss, with a competitive loss to Cristo Rey, then were up 30-17 against Ubah Medical Academy for their final game.

### **Boys High School Basketball:**

The boys team ended their season with a win and a loss, with a tough loss to Washington followed by an inspiring comeback win over Lincoln that was back and forth until the very end.

### **Spring Sports:**

Monday 3/3 was the first day of badminton and high school flag football, with middle school flag football starting 3/11 and track and boys' volleyball beginning the week after.

### **Badminton:**

Badminton practice started the first week of March, with a large group giving coach Pang Fang optimism for another successful season. They have begun preparation for their first match on 3/27.

### **High School Flag Football:**

High school flag football commenced their drive towards a championship this year, as coach Yeng Kong Vang feels that this year's squad could be among one of the best he's had. They started the season with a good scrimmage against Witness, a local college team, this past week and impressed coaches with their defense.

### **Middle School Flag Football:**

Middle school flag football completed their tryouts and posted their team on 3/17.

### **Track:**

Track practice has begun, and the wide range of ages shows the growing sport is taking off at HCPA.

### **High School Boys Volleyball:**

Boys high school volleyball has completed tryouts for their three teams and are getting ready for their spring season.



## **RULER**

RULER is a systematic approach to social-emotional learning that focuses on emotional intelligence by helping students learn about and manage their emotions. This looks like lessons during College Prep classes, conflict resolution skills, and having a common language to talk about our emotions and experiences!

## EMOTIONS MATTER MINDSET

Emotions influence all areas of our lives:

- attention
- memory
- decision making
- learning
- relationship quality +
- physical and mental health
- performance



There's no such thing as a bad emotion. Emotions are information that we can use in helpful ways. We want to encourage our students to be emotion scientists, finding out more about their feelings, rather than emotion judges.



# IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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**APRIL  
IMPORTANT DATES  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**MARCH 31ST - APRIL 4  
SPRING BREAK**

**APRIL 9TH | 5PM  
5TH TO 6TH GRADE  
TRANSITION NIGHT**

**APRIL 15TH  
SPRING PICTURE DAY**

**APRIL 16TH | 5PM  
STEAM NIGHT**

**APRIL 24TH | 6PM  
THEATER PERFORMANCE**

**APRIL 29TH - MAY 1ST  
CREDIT RECOVERY**