

HMONG COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY

# News Letter



February, a month of cozy moments, invites us to celebrate the little joys in our school. As winter gradually fades, let's embrace the spirit of togetherness and create lasting memories. Each day offers a chance to appreciate the bonds that make our school family special!

# 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 may 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 uniform, 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

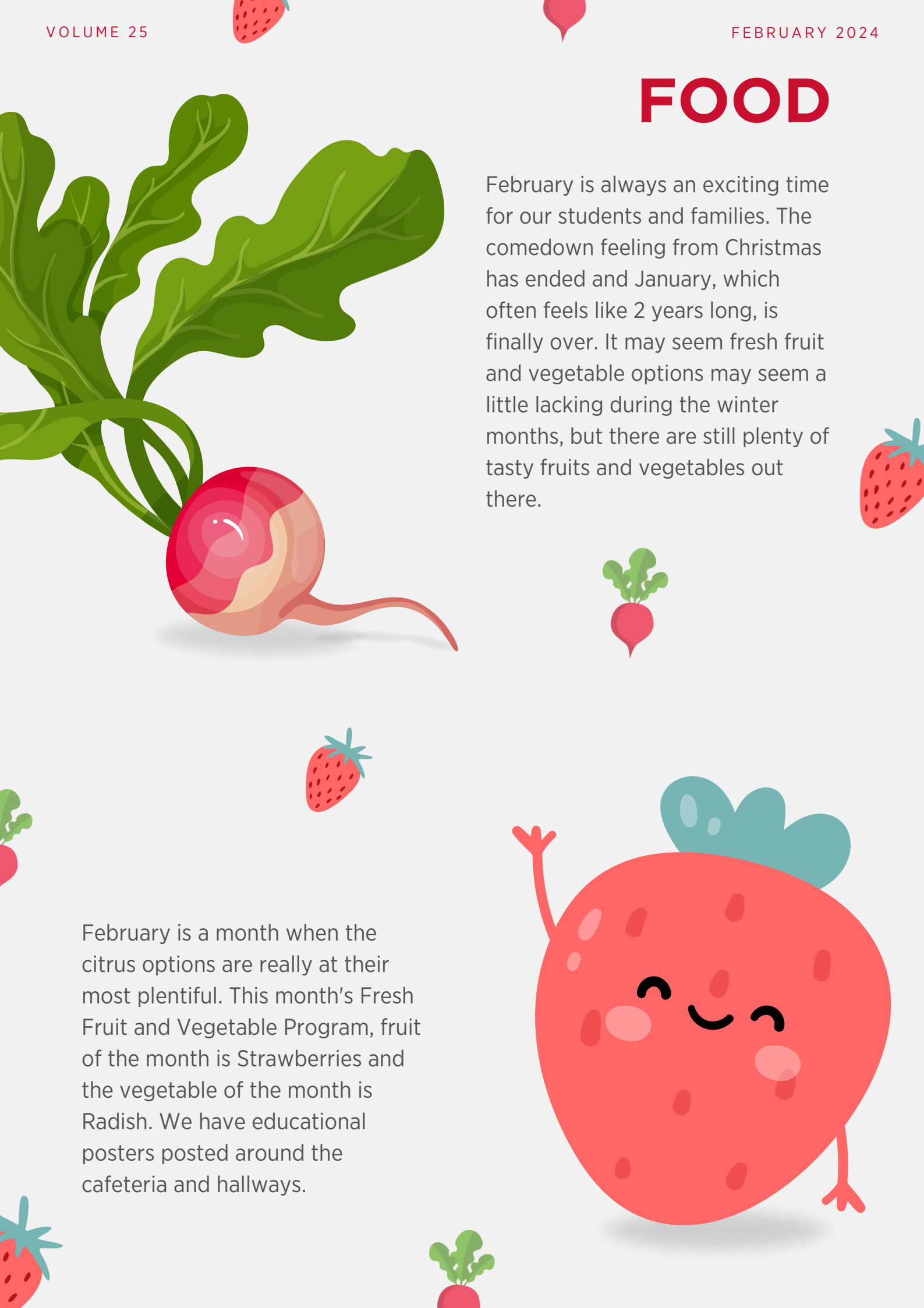


NO LEGGINGS OR  
YOGA PANTS

# FOOD

February is always an exciting time for our students and families. The comedown feeling from Christmas has ended and January, which often feels like 2 years long, is finally over. It may seem fresh fruit and vegetable options may seem a little lacking during the winter months, but there are still plenty of tasty fruits and vegetables out there.

February is a month when the citrus options are really at their most plentiful. This month's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, fruit of the month is Strawberries and the vegetable of the month is Radish. We have educational posters posted around the cafeteria and hallways.





# CLASSROOM NEWS

## E L E M E N T A R Y



### CURIOSITY

February's Warrior Value of the Month is Curiosity: Warriors wonder about the world and ask questions to help them understand.



### EXPLORING SCIENCE

Rochelle Lockridge, a secondary science teacher, noticed that the kindergarten students were learning about the behaviors of scientists, so she reached out to Rachel Tjaden and the amazing Kindergarten team to have kindergarten students experience science from a middle school and high school perspective. The curriculum aligned best with Ms. Bentley's 6th grade classes to review a lava lamp lab they had already experienced. The 6th graders got to teach the kindergarten students about how the lab was set up, performed the lab with student help, and recorded the results. It was awesome! You can check out a video of the day here: <https://youtu.be/AEAYMQn6P4o>



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## ELEMENTARY CONT.



### SUPER SILENT "E"

Super Silent E visited all our 1st grade classrooms recently as a special surprise guest. They talked to students about their superpowers for making vowels long when they show up at the end of a word. 1st graders have been learning about CVCe words (consonant-vowel-consonant-e – such as gate, cake, huge, and like) as part of their ELA lessons. No one knows exactly who Super Silent E is in real life, but they are rumored to hang out with the likes of Batman, Wonder Woman, and other superhero greats. Thank you for your service, Super Silent E. We couldn't write great stories without you!



### KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

HCPA's annual Kindergarten Round-Up event in collaboration with our enrollment and marketing teams was filled with fun and excitement! The annual event opens HCPA's doors to prospective kindergarten students and families, allowing them an opportunity to learn about the curriculum and learning of kindergarten! This year's we had an underwater theme called "SEA you in Kindergarten!" Students and their families had an opportunity participate in fun activities and make items to take home and prepare them for kindergarten.

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## SECONDARY



### ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR

HCPA successfully hosted its annual College Fair on Wednesday, February 28th. This event was exclusively designed for high school students to provide them with an opportunity to explore different academic paths. Over 100 colleges were in attendance, sharing valuable information about their programs. Our students were so thrilled to connect with each representative and we're proud to say this event was a success!

### EXPERIMENTING CHEMISTRY

Rochelle Lockridge and her 11th grade chemistry students are both experimenting with the power of inquiry-based pedagogy. Their mission this week was to "use your understanding of chemistry to make the lid hit the ceiling". The academic purpose of their journey was to derive the ideal gas law,  $PV=nRT$  by observing how to control the variables to predict a desired outcome: make the lid of a 35mm film canister hit the ceiling. Ms. Lockridge has been amazed at the power of this teaching methodology. Students are so curious and motivated to learn more that they are touching on chemistry concepts that they haven't officially been taught yet. It is keeping Ms. Lockridge on her toes to stay up with their joy to learn more.





# HCPA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

HCPA's After School Program has been in session since the fall and has fully resumed since our return from Winter Break. Here are a few photos from just a couple of our After School classes. Hmong Language and Culture students are working on a dance routine to showcase within the next few months. In our First Lego League after school class, students are busy designing and creating their dream classrooms! It is not too late for students to join and participate in our After School Program. Please reach out to Crystal Robideau, 3rd Grade Classroom Teacher / After School and Summer School Elementary Site Leader, for more details!







# SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK



In honor of love of literacy and school spirit, HCPA celebrated an entire week with different themes from February 12th – 16th.

## Monday:

Dress as your fav. childhood cartoon or book character

## Tuesday:

GLAM Day/Dress to Impress – We are Reading Rockstars!

## Wednesday:

Pink Day Out – We LOVE to read!

## Thursday:

Twin/Squad Day – Book Club Day!

## Friday:

Flannel Day – Cozy up with a good book!





HCPA EVENT

## ◆ LITERACY NIGHT ◆



We had an incredible Literacy Night filled with joy and excitement, centered around this year's theme, "Reading Around the World!" Families engaged in fun activities such as making bookmarks, playing games, and we even had the company of our friend Clifford the Big Red Dog! Our highly anticipated authors, Ms. Lori Lee and Ms. Pang Hlub Xiong treated us to memorable sessions, sharing their personal story and introducing us to their books! Our Literacy Night celebrated the love of reading perfectly.

# SPORTS

## Girls Basketball:

Girls basketball will put their three game winning streak on the line in their final game on 2/26 to cap off the season. The team's initial slow season transformed into a strong finish, driven by the valuable lessons learned during games and practices throughout the year. With only senior Angie Yang graduating, the team is poised to do great things next season.

## Boys Basketball:

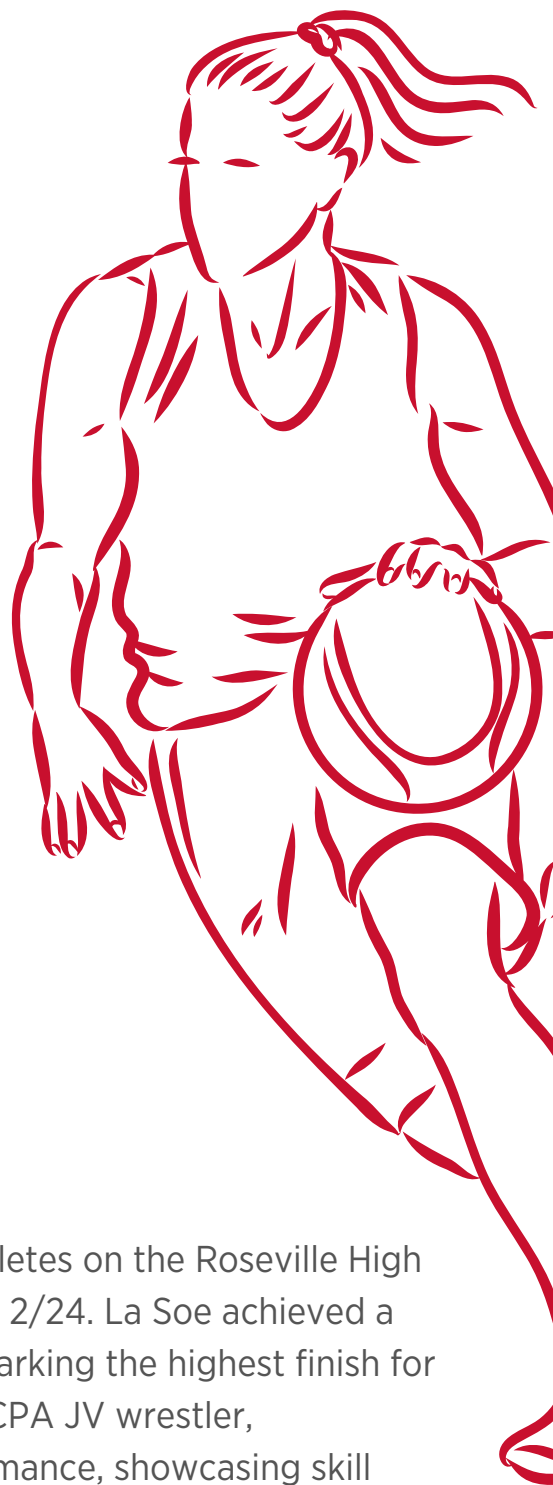
As the boys approach the final regular season game against rival AFSA, followed by the upcoming sections, there are significant opportunities for the team's growth despite some challenges. With the youngest team in the state of Minnesota, HCPA looks forward to another year of hard work towards our goals.

## Wrestling:

The wrestling season for HCPA's athletes on the Roseville High School wrestling team concluded on 2/24. La Soe achieved a remarkable fifth place in sections, marking the highest finish for an HCPA wrestler. Itachi Fang, an HCPA JV wrestler, demonstrated commendable performance, showcasing skill and dedication on the mat.

## Spring Sports:

This spring, HCPA offers a variety of sports: badminton for girls (grades 7-12), boys' volleyball (high school), coed flag football (middle and high school), track (grades 7-12), and coed volleyball (middle school). Join us for an active and inclusive season! Contact Sam Malone at [sam.malone@hcapk12.org](mailto:sam.malone@hcapk12.org) for more information.





# PARENT EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY (PEA)

Parent Empowerment Academy will be starting up again in March. PEA provides parental education to equip parents with skills to care for and support their children. PEA teaches positive parenting skills and encourages parents to engage in educational programs. For more information, please contact Jennifer Yang: [Jennifer.yang@hcpak12.org](mailto:Jennifer.yang@hcpak12.org) or 651-289-1863.

## SESSION DATES

- March 6:** Attendance Policies/Procedures
- March 13:** Discipline Policy
- March 20:** Importance of Extracurricular Activities
- April 10:** Importance of High-Stake Testing and Assessments
- April 17:** Summer/Afterschool Enrichment Programs
- May 1:** Counseling Services available for students
- May 8:** Services Offered at HCPA
- May 22:** Parent Engagement at Home
- May 29:** MayPEA Celebration

## SAVE RECEIPTS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

The Minnesota Department of Revenue offers two valuable tax benefits for parents who purchase school supplies for their K-12 students: the K-12 Education Credit and Subtraction. These benefits can reduce parents' taxes to increase their refund, but is only available for those who keep their receipts. Purchases for most school supplies, field trips, and musical instruments for school band are eligible.

Most Minnesota parents qualify for the K-12 subtraction, which reduces their taxable income. Parents under certain income limits may also qualify for the K-12 credit, which can refund up to 75% of their costs – even for parents who do not owe any taxes. Visit Revenue's website for details.



## REGISTRATION

WE ARE ENROLLING NOW! Open enrollment is for all grade levels. If you have a student you would like to enroll, please contact HCPA's enrollment team at [enrollment@hcpak12.org](mailto:enrollment@hcpak12.org) or call 651-334-5842.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

HCPA is in full swing of hiring. If you know of anyone who is looking, please have them visit our website: <https://www.hcpak12.org/domain/91>





## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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HCPA WARRIORS

## MARCH IMPORTANT DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**MARCH 7TH 5PM-8PM**  
EVENING PARENT-  
TEACHER  
CONFERENCES

**MARCH 8TH 10AM-4PM**  
DAY PARENT-TEACHER  
CONFERENCES

**MARCH 22ND 8AM-10AM**  
CAREER FAIR  
(HIGH SCHOOL ONLY)

**MARCH 26TH-28TH**  
CREDIT RECOVERY  
WEEK

**MARCH 29TH**  
EARLY RELEASE - MID  
SEMESTER PROGRESS  
REPORTS