

HUSKIES NEWS

Pillager Public Schools
323 East 2nd Street South
Pillager, MN 56473



May-July 2015
218-746-3557
www.isd116.org

Graduation

Friday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m.
Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

In the High School gym

Seating on the floor is limited to family members of graduates who have tickets. Each graduate receives six tickets for floor seating. Bleacher seating is general seating and does not require tickets.

Class of 2015

PROM-May 2

A LITTLE BIT COUNTRY

Doors will open at 6:00 pm.
Grand March will begin at 7:00 pm in the Middle School gym. Prom dance follows from 8-11 pm. in the HS commons. Stage One will once again provide the entertainment. Photos by Great Photos!



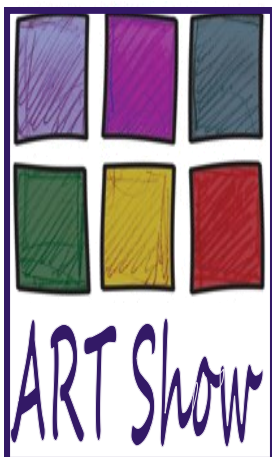
Special Olympics

Wednesday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m.

The track and field competition will be hosted by Pillager again this year. It is open to the public and is always fun to watch the many athletes from the area.

Art Show and Concert Series

Pillager Art Show drawing, painting, pottery, crafts, photography etc.



Open show: May 4-15
Senior show: May 18-22

The art displays will be set up on the 4th and will be up through the May 4th and 11th concerts and beyond. Senior art will be displayed through graduation.

All students will have an opportunity to display up to three pieces of their best art of the year. Art should be submitted to the Com.Ed. office or to Mr. Devine asap and picked up after the May 15. **This is open to all students, Preschool through Seniors, plus community member's art is also encouraged.**

Mass Band Concert

grades 5-12
May 4 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Middle School gym

Mass Choir Concert

grades 4-12
May 11 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Middle School gym



Special note to community members: When you look through this newsletter, look for this "rick-rack" border. These are items that would be of special interest to you.

A message from Mr. Malmberg, Pillager School Superintendent

In the last newsletter, I introduced myself as the new superintendent of the Pillager School District. I am aware that for some, you still may not recognize my name or my face. I know with this position comes the challenge to make difficult decisions with the school board that will affect our students, staff, and community. With those changes our goal will remain to focus on student results and achievements while preparing them for their journey into their future.

I shared with you some goals that the school board and I began to work on in the last few months. Those goals were as follows: to enhance and truly embrace the middle school curriculum and philosophy by improving student opportunities with curriculum and support, to develop a new strategic plan to help guide our decisions and the direction for the present and future, and to evaluate current programs and offerings and how to improve student performance. We have started to move forward on those goals.

We have changed the current middle school format, which currently is grades 6-8, to include the 5th grade for next year. The 5th grade will still be able to operate somewhat separately, and will look and function differently than the current middle school. This will allow us to help prepare the incoming 6th grade students with some smaller steps for the 5th grade to gain some valuable experience in the traditional middle school format without putting them fully into the complete package of middle school. The middle school will function as a separate building from the high school as best that we can. The middle school will also have a separate office and administration to help focus the building, staff, and students on improving our proficiency rates and to help prepare students for their move into the high school. Scott Doss, who has served as the 6-12 principal will move into the role of middle school principal of grades 5-8. He will do a great job with this opportunity and the board of education and myself are excited for his leadership in this role. The last piece of the puzzle will be more support for middle school students by also adding a middle school counselor next year. The position will work with those students to help prepare them with the educational and social endeavors that they will have in the coming years.

The high school has also been restructured moving forward as well. We have reduced the dean of student's position at the high school and moved grades 6-8 to the middle school with Scott Doss moving to the middle school as the principal. That required posting and hiring a new high school principal. Our interview team selected Mr. Shannon Hunstad as the new high school principal. He was approved at the March 16th board meeting. Many of you already knew Mr. Hunstad as the current dean of students and a coach in our district. Mr. Doss and Mr. Hunstad have begun their new roles already as this school year comes to a close.

The last piece of information that I would like to share with you is that the board of education along with several staff and community members began working on a new strategic plan in April. This strategic plan will help us develop a vision, strategies and measurements to help lead us in our decision making and how we conduct the business as a school system for our community. Watch for more info to follow in the next few months on the new strategic plan.

These are exciting times here for ISD #116. I am excited to be a part of the changes and to help plan for the future of the students in the Pillager School District.

A message from Mr. Hunstad, High School Principal

It is with great excitement that I have accepted the Pillager High School principal position. I feel that I can be an effective educational leader for Pillager High School, a school that has a strong reputation for providing opportunities for high academic achievement and personal growth for all of its student population.

I believe my passion for education has been very evident and I am excited about the challenges I will face as the educational leader. Pillager School will have many changes in the upcoming years. I have a saying on my wall that states, "Change of any sort requires courage". Courage is what I will bring to the community as we grow, improve, and continue to lead our region educationally.

As I look back over the past 23 years as an educator, I have had many opportunities to grow professionally. The Pillager School District has allowed me, the last ten years, to serve the community as a teacher, coach, Community Ed Coordinator, Activities Director, K-12 Dean of Students and now as the High School Principal. The time spent in these positions has allowed me to experience many situations in which personal growth was inevitable. The countless visits with our superintendent, principals, teachers, coaches, parents, and students has forced me to self-reflect, evaluate and make decisions that I felt were the best for the Pillager School and community. I have had opportunities to listen to administrators as they shared their experiences with me. I have learned from those lessons and applied them directly to situations that I have been in and will experience in the future. What a privilege it is to have access to so many years of experience. Now I am excited about what is next, professionally, for me.

I want to close with a quote from John F. Kennedy that is vital to my success as Pillager's High School principal, "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." I want to thank the Pillager School and community for the support over the past ten years and I am very excited for what is next for all of us!!!

A message from Mr. Doss, Middle School Principal

It seems like each time I write a newsletter we are looking at ways the district is changing. I guess that's a good thing as changes that occur due to growth are generally progressive in nature. Given that, I would have to say we are looking at progressive ways to improve our district as a whole moving forward.

A major change occurring at Pillager is the move to a separate middle school setting for all 5th-8th graders. The change will take place starting with the 2015-16 School Year. This has come about due to the continued growth in enrollment as well as the multi-leveled needs of middle school and high school students. Each year becomes more challenging to meet the needs of the students and, as a district, we strongly believe in the importance of meeting each student where they are. As the past couple of years have gone by, it has become increasingly more difficult to juggle being an educator of students in the 21st century.

The district has made a commitment to the process of moving forward as well as to the middle school concept itself. We have moved to having a separate middle school principal and have recently hired an additional counselor to work specifically with middle school students starting next fall. We are looking at programming to first and foremost meet the social and emotional needs of our students. Research indicates a strong correlation between academic achievement and a student's social emotional well-being. The middle school staff will focus on developing and reinforcing a strong base for our students so they can have success in and out of the classroom.

As I have looked back over my previous 13 plus years as the high school principal in Pillager, I am thankful for many things and am excited about the challenges being the middle school principal will bring. There are many foundational beliefs at Pillager that will stay consistent throughout the change. First and foremost, the importance of building healthy relationships with our students and their families will be at the top of the "things" we do at Pillager. It has been a mainstay here for many years and I believe it is a major reason we see the continued influx of open enrolled students from other districts. Many people believe success in life comes from getting certain grades and having specific classes or training. The truth of the matter is that we are called to prepare ALL of our students for life after graduation and the very foundation of that is the social emotional piece I touched on earlier. A student who leaves our district and has the skills to communicate with others, is responsible, and works collaboratively with others, will be successful in life.

Moving ahead, I look forward to writing about the new programs and support systems we have in place to build a great middle school. It will take a few years to see many of the benefits but I am convinced our students will be in a better place immediately next fall when they return. Just having additional resources in place for the students and a system to teach the life-skills necessary to address the social and emotional needs each kid brings, will be a great start to the school year.

Lastly, and as always, I want to encourage you to share any feedback you may have for us moving forward. We have had many strategic planning sessions as a staff and with the community. It is from these sessions we will draw much of our direction. As a community which supports and is a major part of the school's success, we need to work together for the good of the cause. Joe Ehrman stated in his book titled "Inside Out Coaching" that there are three basic realities of a great team. I will leave you with these three truths. We belong to each other; we need each other; we affect each other.

Have a great summer. I look forward to seeing you around school. Go Huskies!

A message from Mrs. Bell, Elementary Principal

Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one.-Dr.Seuss
The year was good. The year was fun. Next year is another one! - Mrs. Bell

This school year is almost over. For those who are graduating and for all students the question might be: What will we do next? What will happen from now on? What will we do over the long summer? This question can be answered by a book by Dr. Seuss entitled, "*Oh, The Places You'll Go!*" As the book suggests, there are many paths and options out there to choose. What's even better is when you think of how many of those paths will cross. This is where you meet new friends that may take you in a completely different direction than where you were headed. Each day and time we make choices as to where and what we will do.

Please join the staff and me in acknowledging and celebrating the many wonderful learning experiences and educational opportunities that have taken place for our students at Pillager Elementary School, in numerous classrooms and in very creative and innovative ways. Together we have planned and executed best teaching practices and held students to high standards and expectations. Our students are prepared to make the choices of the path they will travel next. Pillager is a great school and is continuously working to improve learning for each and every child.

So at the end of the year we are asking where will we be going for next year. We mark the beginning of a new beginning. Our last day of school will be June 3rd. However, please make sure students continue reading over the summer. Summertime reading should be easy books that are read for enjoyment. This will help students have a head start on next year.

In planning for next school year there will be some changes in bus routes. Please make sure to connect with Fornshell Bus Service if you think your route will be changing or watch for information from them. Our office will be open in June and August. The High School office will be open all summer and will be able to answer any of your questions.

Summer is a very special time for children and is the source of many happy memories. I hope that you and your children enjoy many opportunities to have fun as a family in the weeks ahead. I look forward to seeing your children in September.

Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to great places! You're off and away!- Dr. Seuss

Graduation Activities

The Senior Scholarship Awards Ceremony, followed by a short reception will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. A community-led Baccalaureate service is available on Wednesday evening, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. This is sponsored by the local churches and is a non-denominational service to recognize the graduating seniors.

Grad Blast

Grad Blast is a great time of food, games, bowling, prizes, and much more for graduating SENIORS on the evening of Graduation.

Friday, May 22 10:30 p.m.—5:00 a.m.

Seniors will be locked in during these hours and will not be allowed to leave during this time unless a written note from a parent is presented when the student arrives for the evening. This event is sponsored by the Booster Club. A fee of \$10 is due by Wednesday, May 6 for all who plan to attend.



High School / Middle School Student Recognition

Tuesday, May 19 — 1:50 p.m.
Non-athletic awards ceremony in the HS Gym
Open to the public.
Sign-in at the office.

Congratulations Graduates!

Rachel Alexander, Tracy Arneson, Shyanne Bandemer, Aspen Beach, Autumn Borders, Cassity Borgen, Julia Brogle, Melinda Cunningham, Alexander Dalgarno Ward, Tonya Ehlers, Dillan Eischeid, Tiana-Rae Eng, Jordan Engholm, Claire Eppelsheimer, Lanaiah Erbe, Kate Foehrenbacher, Zachary Forsberg, Duane Franzen, Christopher Gjovik, Samantha Haag, Ashley Hanson, Eric Hanson, Noelle Harnischmacher, Adam Heisick, Lacy Hiltner, Adam Hines, Ryder Hunstad, Logan Jackson, William Johnson, Katherine Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Kalley LaDouceur, Savannah LaTarte, Brian Mason, Bryn Miller, Robert Nordgren, Thomas North, Jenna Pflipsen, Alayna Piette, Michael Rasinski, Hunter Richardson, Raymond Rohl, Ina Ronnebaum, Billy Rosekrans, Mitchell Russell, Madison Ruhl (Uselman), Phillip Schuster, Amber Simmons, Dawn Swartz, Jonathan Twiss, Luke Unger, Beau VanVickle, Amanda Wangsness, Alexa Wilson.



Elementary Graduation



**4th Grade
Graduation Tea
May 29 1:30 pm.
families invited**



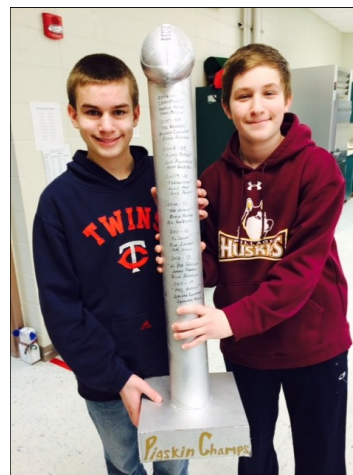
**5th Grade
Graduation Tea
June 2 1:30 pm.
families invited**

Because 5th grade moves into the Middle School next year, both 4th and 5th graders will be graduating from Elementary School this year!



Kindergarten Graduation

Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Middle School Gym
No school for K students June 3.



Congratulations to Cameron Gielow and Dexter Conlin for being the 2014-15 **Pigskin Geography Champions** in Mr. Berent's 8th Grade classes.

Conservation Officer Jeff visited the Kindergarten classes again this year. The students enjoyed touching many different pelts and hearing his great stories!



Elementary Reward Day - May 22

This program is to encourage positive behaviors and serves as an incentive for students who are doing well in school. Students may qualify to participate in Reward Day if they meet the following criteria: no unexcused absences, no grades below "C", caught up in all school work, no office referral for behavior.

KINDERGARTEN SOCIAL

6th Annual Kindergarten Social

All new Kindergarten students and families are invited to the annual Kindergarten Social in August. Invitations will be mailed this summer. Stay tuned for more details!



143 students from grades 4 and 5 took an exciting overnight trip to the Science Center of Minnesota. They made many memories that they will NEVER forget!

Elementary Field Trips

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| Kindergarten | May 15 North's Bird Sanctuary and Outback Ranch |  |
| 1st grade | June 1 Pine Grove Zoo In Little Falls |  |
| 2nd grade | June 3 Charles Lindbergh Museum in Little Falls |  |
| 3rd grade | Itasca State Park May 15 |  |
| 4th grade | June 1 June 2 Different classes travel on different days. |  |

TRACK AND FIELD DAY

grades 3-4-5 — May 28

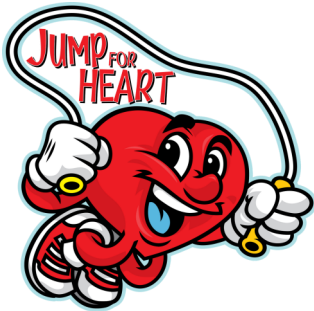
K-1-2 — May 29



Junior Achievement BizTown in Maplewood is a kid-size city where our 5th graders will learn important lessons about business and economics. Through daily lessons at school and hands-on activities followed by a visit to the simulated community at the Junior Achievement Biz Town site, students will develop a strong understanding of key economic concepts and participation in a successful local economy. At school the children will write resumes, fill out job applications, interview for jobs, open checking and savings accounts, deposit paychecks, write business plans, etc. All of this is in preparation for the Biz Town visit in May. At Biz Town, the kids will run the city for a day

which includes 14 businesses and city government including a mayor.

Following is a list of the businesses that the students may be running in May: Bank, City Hall, Supply/Delivery Center, Radio Station, Business Service Center, Newspaper, Wellness Center, Property Management Company, Café, International Shop, Grocery Store, Discovery Center, Gift Store, Construction Center, Green Gift Shop, Sign Shop.



Pillager Elementary students once again participated in Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart to raise money for the American Heart Association. Kindergarten - 5th grade students raised \$13,118!! Pillager is one of the top 20 fundraising schools in Minnesota for this event. This is an incredible accomplishment considering the size of our school! The top fundraiser was fourth grade student, Kiyara Turner. The top raising class was Ms. Foran's first grade class. This event has helped bring awareness and education about heart health to our students, their families, and our community. We appreciate all the families and friends who donated to this cause. Thank you to Lakewood Health System for supporting and donating to this community event at Pillager Elementary. We also thank area businesses for their support and contributions to this event, as well as our parent volunteers and teachers. We are very proud of our students! .

This year's greenhouse class raised herbs and tomatoes. These plants were made available during our recent Arbor Day celebration.



May 6
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

pick up any reserved tomatoes and enjoy a one-day-only herb and tomato greenhouse clearance sale

Beginning Band Instrument Night

Tuesday, May 12 4:00-7:30 p.m.

In the elementary music room

All students wishing to try out a new instrument should attend with their parent.



Beginner Band Camp

August 10-14 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

\$15 (includes T-shirt)

This week is designed for incoming fifth graders who have selected a band instrument and are planning to enroll in elementary band for the 2015-16 school year. The week is also open to returning band members interested in a "refresher" course after the long summer.

PILLAGER
Elementary



Volunteers working
hard to make a
GREAT SCHOOL
even better!



Officers:

Misty Cremers, President
Jamie Collins, V.President
Kristina Kraklau, Secretary
Lorie Gratke, Treasurer
Kelley Knable, Vol. Coordinator
Kelly Brown, Communications
Kami Van Hal, Teacher Rep (K-2)
Wendy Hall, Teacher Rep (3-5)

Come join us for our monthly meetings the first Tuesday of every month from 6-7 p.m.. We will begin meeting in Mrs. Hall's classroom. It's FREE and a great way to meet new people. Childcare is available (free) upon request.

Check out our website at www.pillagerpto.com or find us on Facebook under Pillager PTO. If you have any questions about the PTO please feel free to contact Misty at (218) 839-7471

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with PTO activities through the year!

Amy Hopman, Anella Veith, Brian Grimsley, Canndi Vieths, Carrin DeLong, Cassey Sellnow, Cassie Dalman, Chris Gratke, Christina Franzen, Christina Wilson, Chuck Arns, Connie Mudgett, Dan Devine, Danielle Brooks, Denise Pribnow, Gary Dauer, Gretta Hall, Holly Hines, Jack Turner, Jamie Collins, Jason Brown, Jenni Carlen, Jessica Brandt, Joanie Laveau, Joann Buresh, Joe Davoli, Johanna Larson, Josh Lee, Julie Chapman, Julie Christman, Kalyn Ivers, Kami Van Hal, Kelly Brown, Kelley Knable, Kristina Lee, Leah Winkleman, Lorie Gratke, Melissa Bouc, Melissa Peterson, Metz family, Militza Rivera, Misty Cremers, NHS students, Penny Grimsley, Penny Reardon, Rachel Wilson, Robert Mudgett, Robin Feustel, Roxanne Kowalski, Sarah Adams, Sara Karppinen, Sara Nagel, Sherry Dumpprope, Sonja Riddle, Stokes family, Sue Turner, Sue Van Hal, Tami Pliscott, Theresa Shamp, Thomas Cremers, Tom Youngblom, Tony Cyr, Troy Gratke, Wade Mortenson, Wanda Bell, Wendy Hall.

(We apologize if we have overlooked someone who has volunteered. Any oversight is unintentional.)

Names in the News

NJPA award

Brian Mason and Chris Gjovik were nominated this year for the NJPA award on their excellence in the classroom and willingness to go the extra mile in helping others and the teacher. Congratulations to Brian and Chris for displaying Husky Pride!

MSHSL Triple AAA award

Congratulations to Dawn Swartz on being selected as the Pillager nominee for the MSHSL Triple AAA award. This nomination recognizes Dawn for excelling in the arts, athletics, and academics here at Pillager Schools. Way to go Dawn!!

Arbor Day Shirt Winners

Overall winning design Chris Gratke.

4-5th grade winners: Chris Gratke, Nathan Hughes, Marisa Parks

6-8th grade: Bobbie Loucks

9-12 grade: Dana Nordby, Alexi Sinotte, Micayla Wochnik

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Ann Pugh for winning the Pillager Spelling Bee!

Middle School / High School Students of the Month (Feb/March)

Skylor Hensch, Emma Litke, Hailea Books, Sam Richards, Alex Rettke, Kaja Nygard, Levi Nagel, Brady Wermter, Bailey Knoblauch, Katie Duarte, Bethany Gielow, Sadie Hopman, Ryder Hunstad, Lacy Hiltner, Brian Mason, Noelle Harnischmacher, Cameron Gielow, Bryce Wise, Maia Lee, and Tanner Swenson, Ashley Hanson



Saturday, July 11

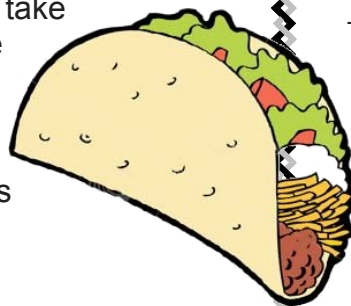
The day will include an ice cream social, co-ed softball game(s), and "gathering of the decades" for supper.

Times are still being planned.
Save the date!

Watch the school website and/or school calendar and Pillager Community Ed facebook page for more details

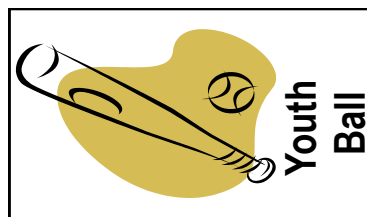
SPANISH CLUB

Costa Rica "Pura Vida" tour will take place from July 6-19. We will be traveling alongside Pine City high school. There are a total of 19 students and teachers between the two schools. This is an amazing opportunity for our Pillager students!



The Spanish Club Taco Dinner will take place on Saturday, May 16th, from 5-7 p.m. at the Brainerd VFW located on South 6th Street. The meal will cost \$7 per person and includes tacos and fixings, dessert, and a beverage. This event will help traveling students off-set any final expenses for their trip. Tickets can be purchased from a Spanish Club member, by contacting Ms. Rivera at (218) 746-2186 or mriviera@isd116.org, and at the door the day of the event.

Community Education



Youth Ball

T-ball for Girls and Boys

ages 4, first-time 5's (age on 5/1/15)

\$25.00

Mondays / Wednesday,
beginning June 1

Hometown Ball for Girls and Boys (mixed)

ages: returning 5's, 6, young 7's

\$25.00 (no traveling)

Mon./ Wed., beginning June 1

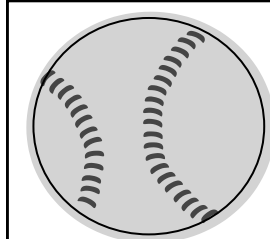


Softball

Practice has already begun
for 8U, 10U, and 12U teams.

Girls play on Tues/Thurs
evenings

**Looking for something
to do on a nice summer
evening? Come out
and support our young
ball players. All games
are played starting at 6
or 7, Monday through
Thursday. Call 746-
2105 to check to see if
there is a scheduled
game.**



Baseball

Practice has already begun
for boys teams: Mustang,
Colts and Broncos. Pony will
begin practice in June.

Different boys teams play
Monday-Thursday evenings



**FREE Competition
for boys and girls,
ages 7-14**

**Saturday, May 2
9:00 a.m. on field #2**

Register online:
www.PitchHitRun.com

**Look for complete registration information on the school website
or on the Pillager Community Ed facebook page.**



Geocaching Club Challenge

A group of local geocachers have
met and are working on a summer
challenge that ends on July 21 in the
city park. For more information about
how you can be involved, call Sue at
746-2105.



ValleyFair!

8 a.m.—9 p.m.
Monday, June 8
For grades 5 through 12, or families
\$50 (max: 50 students)
Sign up early, this trip fills fast!
Register by June 3



Boys and Girls Gymnastics

July 20-24 in the Middle School Gym
Coached by Karin Johnson and team

Camp 1— 9:00-11:00 — 1st-9th grade \$25

Tot Spot — 11:00-11:30 — 3-4 yrs.old \$10

Camp 2 — 12:00-1:00 — 5 yrs-Kindg. \$15

Register by July 15



Swim Lessons

June 15-26 9-10 a.m.
(bus leaves at 8:30, back at 10:30 a.m.)
Transportation from the school to
the Staples Community Center.
6 levels of instruction
\$50 per swimmer

Register by June 8

Prairie Fire Children's Theatre

June 22-27 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

For children, ages 7-18

\$30/ \$50 family max



Prairie Fire Children's Theatre PERFORMANCE

Friday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 27 at 3:00 p.m.

\$4/adults, \$2/students

(pay just once for both performances)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lions Club Adult Education Scholarship

The Lions Club is offering a scholarship to an adult who is returning to college. The criteria is as follows:

- Be an Adult Learner with a physical Pillager address or an immediate family member of a Pillager Lion.
- Be enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year program with an average 2.0 GPA for two semesters prior to application, carrying at least 8 credits each qualifying semester.
- Have not received a Lions Club scholarship in the past. Out of state online courses do not qualify for scholarship.

Contact Les Swift for more information or to receive an application. Applications must be postmarked on or before July 31, 2015. Call (218) 746-3946

Thank you to everyone who completed the Pillager Family Center Community Assessment Questionnaire either on paper or on the website. There were 53 paper questionnaires and 43 online questionnaires completed. There were 351 questionnaires turned in by Pillager students in grades 6-12. Congratulations to Darlene Zabel and Ashley Powers as the recipients of the \$25.00 Shante gift cards for questionnaires submitted by community members. Congratulations to Emma Litke and Braydon Koland as the recipients of the \$25.00 Shante gift cards for questionnaires submitted by students.

From those turned in by non-students, 47% of the responses to question one, "What do you like best about the Pillager community?" were positive comments about the school.

Information below is from those submitted by non-students:

What unmet needs do you feel exist in the Pillager community?

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| Safe place for Youth | 54 | 24% |
| Employment Options | 37 | 17% |
| Senior Adult Center | 30 | 14% |
| Affordable Housing | 27 | 12% |
| Quality Child Care | 21 | 10% |
| Transportation | 20 | 9% |
| Food Shelf Facility | 20 | 9% |
| Parenting Classes | 12 | 5% |
| Total | 221 | 100% |

We're going to plant a garden together!

If you are interested in helping plan, plant, weed, or harvest produce please call Sue Van Hal (746-2105) or Les Swift from the Lions Club (746-3946).



Annual Art Contest for Kids

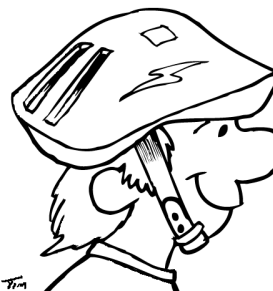
Each year, Lions Clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in this contest.

The theme of the 2015-16 Peace Poster Contest is "Share Peace." Students, ages 11-12-13 on November 15 are eligible to participate.

Posters are judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme. For more information, talk to Dan Devine, call a local Lions member, or go online.

Essentia Health St. Joseph's-Pillager Clinic, 680 Pillsbury Street N. in Pillager, invites you to a Community Open House and enjoy interactive activities from 3:30-6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18.

Meet Kassandra Nelson, RN, CNP, and Ted Trueblood, MD, both recent additions to the team joining Dr. Kathy Wimmer. Walk through a giant colon, tour the clinic, sign up for MyHealth, and enjoy hors d'oeuvres from The Shante.



During the Open House have your child's bike helmet checked, if a child does not have a bike helmet or the one they have does not fit properly, they will receive a new one from Essentia Health.

Fairgrounds Calendar

June 7 10:00 a.m. Horse Show
 July 9-12 Cass County Fair
 Get all the details at pillagerfair.com
 Aug.7-9 MN Forest Zone Trappers Assoc.



Annual Spring Spaghetti Dinner

(Night Before Opener Supper)

May 8 at 5:00 p.m.

\$6 (under 5-free)

Sponsored by the Lions Club

Community Groups — Call for info

| | | |
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| 4-H | Chris Trout | 587-8280 |
| Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts | Mark Huber | 829-1513 |
| Girl Scouts | Monica Husen | 828-3515 |
| Lions Club | Doug Allen | 746-3015 |
| Sunshine Club | Barb Draeger | 746-3425 |
| Moms in Prayer | Rhonda Dosser | 746-4142 |
| Am.Legion and Auxiliary | John Lee 746-3608 or Ann Ness 746-3270 | |
| Fair Board / Community Center | Jamie Hauge | 839-5329 |
| Pillager Family Center | Betty Doss | 746-2185 |
| Ministerial Association | Paul Johnson | 746-3768 |

If you would like your club or organization listed here, please call the office with your contact information.

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| Pillager | 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 |
| Sylvan | 1st/3rd Thursday at 7:00 |
| May | 2nd Monday at 6:00 |
| Fairview | 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 |
| Rosing | 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 |
| Scandia Valley | 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 |

**Local
government
meetings**



Circle of Friends

Summer Mail Program for girls grades K - 5

Girl Scout activities in your mailbox all summer long

... and a summer party in a box for you and your friends!

Join Circle of Friends...

and get fun activities in your mailbox every month, May – August.

Get to Know Girl Scouts info included for your family to learn about the adventures you can have together all year round!

Your Party in a Box is fun filled with everything you need to throw an end of summer party for you and your friends...and even includes how you can start you own troop and be Girl Scout sisters together!

Choose the Circle of Friends activities that match the grade you're going into next fall:

Grades K-1: Daisy Petal Power **Grades 2-3: Brownie Elf Magic**

Grades 4-5: Junior Web Weaver

For only \$30*, you get:

4 months of activities mailed to you, the fun-filled Party in a Box, a Girl Scout Membership**, and Your Circle of Friends patch.

*Partial scholarships available for those in need

**Girl Scouts Annual Membership Year begins on October 1 and runs through September 30. Girl Scout Membership is open to all girls who accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Join Girl Scouts as a new member through Circle of Friends and get a Welcome to Girl Scouts Cookie Gift Pack with your 1st issue!

To easily register for Circle of Friends, visit www.gslakesandpines.org for both online and paper registration options or contact Girl Scouts at: 320-252-2952 | 800-955-6032 membership@gslakesandpines.org

COMMUNITY MEETING

Everyone Welcome!

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Come to hear about the future plans developing for Pillager. Hosted by the Pillager Family Center, partnering with other organizations in the city. Come to give us your input and hear more about the survey results that the community completed.

THURS, JUNE 4 5:30 FREE SUPPER 6-7:30 MEETING

Look for us online:

www.pillagerfair.com
www.pillagerfamilycenter.org
www.cityofpillager.com
www.pillagereducationfoundation.weebly.com
www.pillagerpto.com

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Pillager Area Lion's Club
 Pillager Area Fire & Rescue
 Pillager Huskies Booster Club
 Pillager School Community Ed.
 Pillager Area Family Center
 Pillager Fair
 Pillager PTO





VB Camp

June 22-25

8:00-10:00 (grades 3,4)

10:30-12:30 (grades 5,6)

\$25
Includes
T-shirt

Camp Directors: Kori Longanecker, Krystyna Cymbaluk
Camp Coaches: Vasily and Alumni Volleyball players

This camp will include instruction, practice time, drills, contests, and competition. Teaching will include the fundamentals of volleyball. Players will be practicing bumping, setting, footwork, terminology, etc.

Summer Boys Basketball



For athletes going into the 7th-12th grade

Tuesdays 3:00pm-4:30pm

June 9-July 28 (no July 7)

This is a open gym practice, coached by Dan Devine

Girls Summer Basketball



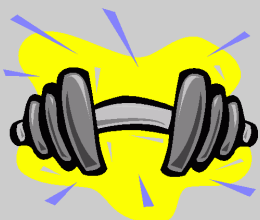
Tuesday Night Conference League

Every Tuesday beginning June 9th
until the end of July, except July 7

Tuesday practices

Grades 7-12 Times TBD

Sunday Night League (TBD)



Summer Weight room

7:00-10:00 am, 5:00-8:00 pm (M-Th)
(not open July 6-9)

Shante BB Camp



Maroon Week

June 8-11

Gold Week

July 13-16

\$50

For boys and girls, grades K-12, parents welcome too!

T-shirt and snacks provided

8:30-11:30

Grades K-3 (MS/Elem gym)

8:30-11:30

Grades 4-6 (HS gym)

1:00 - 4:00

Grades 7-12 (HS/MS gym)

Camp Director: Dan Devine

Camp Coaches: GBB and BBB Coaching staff, Varsity players,
Alumni BB players, Matt Doss

This camp will include the fundamentals of basketball as well as combined shooting and skills test each day. Players will practice pressure defense, rebounding, fast breaking, sharp passing, shooting, full-court handling, and aggressive offensive movement. At the conclusion of the camp, there will be a special Awards Ceremony. **Instruction and drills will vary depending on grade level. Preregistration required, call the office.

Youth Track and Field in May

April 21, 23, 28, 30, May 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21

3:15-5:00 p.m.

Cost \$15 Start in the Elementary gym,
pick up students in back parking lot.

Football Camp



Monday-Friday June 15-18

8:00 - 10:00 a.m. FREE
for grades 7-12 (next year)

All-Comers Track



Tuesday, May 19
6:00 p.m.

Open to the public,
young and old!

\$1 registration

Ribbons will be awarded.

Fall Sports Registration Night for all athletes, grades 3-12



Youth Sports, Junior High, JV, Varsity

Mark your calendar...

August 3 will be fall sports sign-up, including physicals offered at a reduced price through Lakewood Health systems for grades 7-12. Check the status of your child's sports physical now. Call the school office for more details.

**** New this year**

Includes registration for elementary (gr.3-4), middle school (gr.5-8) and high school (gr. 9-12)



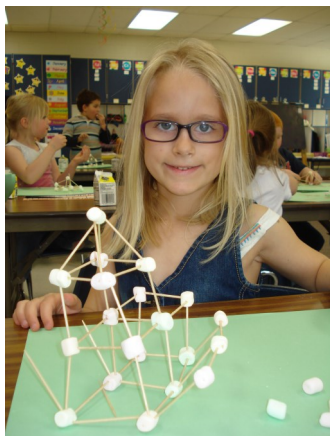
Track Spikes Wanted:

If you have old track shoes you wish to get rid of, please bring them to Coach Hutchison or the High School office.

Husky of the Month

Each month students are recognized as HUSKY OF THE MONTH. This recognition includes their name on the school Huskies Page, gift card and a t-shirt. These students are recommended by the Pillager coaches and are endorsed by the Pillager Huskies Booster Club.

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| January: Girls Basketball: | Emma Litke |
| Boys Basketball: | Ryder Hunstad |
| February: Yearbook: | Amber Simmons |
| March: NHS: | Dawn Swartz |



hands-on learning



What a great performance of "Sound of Music" by our school music department.



EAT HEALTHY • BE ACTIVE

A FREE series of workshops — **FOR ADULTS** — that provide important information to individuals for developing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Lessons focus on the importance of being physically active and selecting nutritious foods for a long and healthy life. Light meal provided included.

The six, two-hour workshops were developed, based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010, and 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans.

The six session topics include:

- Enjoy Healthy Food That Tastes Great
- Quick, Healthy Meals and Snacks
- Eating Healthy on a Budget
- Top Tips for Losing Weight and Keeping It Off
- Making Healthy Eating Part of Your Total Lifestyle
- Physical Activity Is Key to Living Well

June 18, 25
July 2, 9, 23, 30
11 am – 1 pm

Please plan to
attend every
class if you are
going to sign up

To register, email Samantha Stewart
at stewa465@umn.edu or call (218) 587-8287

Limited space, register by June 12

Summer School

ALC for High School

ALC will start on Tuesday, June 9, 2015. Students are to report to room 601 on that day at 8:30 am for class and room assignments. The remainder of ALC days will be on **Tuesdays**: June 17, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14. Students/Parents with questions should contact Mrs. Turner at 746-2116 or Mrs. Taylor at 746-2077.

Elementary School

- We will be doing summer school for three weeks this summer, July 27-August 14. We will run from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
- A free lunch is available in the cafeteria from 11-noon which we will participate in.
- Parents are responsible for transportation.
- Watch for more information. Parents will be directly contacted if teachers believe your child will benefit from these services.
- Teachers: Janet Spreiter, Roxi Norlin, Shelly Kostka



Lessons offered by Gayle Mortensen
June 8—July 29 (M-W)

\$10 per lesson, pay in advance a month at a time
For current 5th grade through adults
Band instruments or piano
Registration forms on Com.Ed. website



Hospitality/Pro Start students have been working with Chef Tom Kavanaugh. Recently he taught the class about the mother sauces of bechamel, espangole, tomato, veloute, and hollandaise. The class was able to enjoy dishes including traditional tuscan pasta, macaroni and cheese, and a shrimp & sausage creole all created using the sauces from class. After watching Chef Kavanaugh's demonstration on bechamel sauce, the students set out to recreate their own sauce which Chef Kavanaugh then critiqued. In the next week, Chef Kavanaugh and the class created soups using the stocks that had started in class.

PILLAGER EDUCATION FOUNDATION



"Legacy of Pride"

Thank you to all who supported our recent SPRING FLING! It was a great evening of celebrating our school and raising funds for continued scholarships and funding for classrooms and projects.

Our mission statement is: "Working with our communities, we will support innovative approaches and enhance student excellence in academics, arts, athletics and activities."

For more information on how you can get involved or how to donate funds to the Pillager Ed Foundation, please see our website at pillagereducationfoundation.weebly.com



Pillager Public Schools joins NJPA to help prepare students for college and career readiness. Ramp-Up to Readiness is a college preparedness program developed by the University of Minnesota. This program is designed to help middle level and high school students become college and career ready in the 21st century.

For more details about the program, visit www.rampuptoreadiness.org.



Elementary Student of the Month

Picture Day

- Picture Day 2015 will be held on September 29-30. Watch for details in the next newsletter.
- 2016 Senior Group Photo will be taken Friday, September 18 at 8:30 a.m. The class will be determining the location in May.
- 2016 Senior Photos were due October 15 to Mrs. Hutchison along with a preschool photo.



TITLE I SCHOOL

Pillager Elementary is a Title I School Wide program. Each year parents are encouraged to be involved in our Title program and help determine how are funds are managed. Students do not have to qualify for services. All students can be served. If you would be interested in being involved in this planning team, please call Wanda Bell at 218-746-2110.

Donations to the School Received: Thanks to our generous community for your donations to the special activities of our school

January: Mike's Tree Company, Science Museum of Minnesota, Madden Bros., Inc.

February: Mike Orlich Memorial, AmeriGas Propane, Personal Defense Training, Target Field Trips.

March: Minnesota Historical Society, Pillager Huskie Booster Club, Pillager Area Fireman's Dept. and Relief Assoc., Brainerd Jay-ees, Target Take Charge of Education

April: Minnesota Association for Environmental Education, Pillager Letter Winners, The Lions Club of Motley, Tom Kavanaugh



FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS ALL SUMMER

Pillager Public Schools will be offering free breakfast and lunch to all children ages 0-18, during the summer months (June 5-August 28).

Meals will be served at the following times:

Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 – Noon

Adults may also eat breakfast for \$2.70, lunch for \$4.00. Adult meal tickets must be purchased in the cafeteria., and prices are subject to change. Please use elementary door "G" for access to the cafeteria.

School Leadership

School Board

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Administration

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| Superintendent Mike Malmberg 746-2100 | Elementary Principal Wanda Bell 746-2110 | Middle School Principal Scott Doss 746-2112 | High School Principal Shannon Hunstad 746-2117 | Curriculum and Assessment Josh Smith 746-2145 | Activities Director Wade Mortenson 746-2115 | Guidance Counselor Sue Turner 746-2116 | Early Childhood Building Coord. Betty Doss 746-4009 |
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Early Childhood Screening



The next Early Childhood Screening will be on Wednesday, September 16. If your child, age three to five, has not gone through an early childhood screening, please call Carla at (218) 746-3075 to schedule a time to do so. Early Childhood Screening is a state requirement before children can enter School Readiness and/or Kindergarten.

Fun Stop

The Fun Stop program provides quality, safe, fun school-aged childcare for children in grades K-5. Games, puzzles, crafts, sports, and homework help are all a part of the Fun Stop choices. Located in the Pillager School.

Due to the high number of participants, please call 746-2192 to make sure space is available.

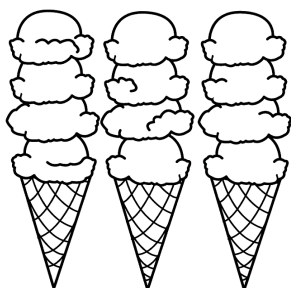
Call 746-2192 for a Fun Stop information packet. Children must be enrolled, pre-registered, and pre-paid to attend Fun Stop. The cost is \$2.50 per hour, additional charge for special events.

Fun Stop is available from 6:30-8:10 a.m. and 3:00-6:00 p.m. on school days and 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. on non-school days and during the summer.

Fun Stop is planning many fun events for the summer.



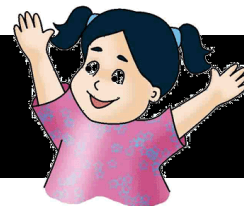
Bowling
Water Park
Mini Golf
Horseback riding
Paul Bunyan Land
Camp Ripley
Water Days
Crafts, Games
Gardening
Outdoor Activities



We are planning to have fun reading this summer and will earn "scoops" on an ice cream cone for reading. Once we reach our goal, we will have an ice cream party.

Please ask Amanda for more details and pick up a calendar for the summer months.

Early Childhood Options



School Readiness

This program offers a variety of experiences and activities that prepare preschoolers for success in Kindergarten. To be enrolled, children must be four years of age by September 1st. School Readiness is participating in the Parent Aware rating process by the State of Minnesota.

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

Children ages birth to seven who exhibit developmental delays (motor, auditory, vision, cognition, social-emotional, or speech/language) may qualify for services to meet their specific needs. Children receive services in their home, daycare, or in Pillager's Early Childhood or Kindergarten classrooms.



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

This program provides support and resources to all families with children from birth until their enrollment in Kindergarten. The ECFE program believes parents are a child's first and most important teachers. Our program provides an opportunity for parents and children to play and learn together in a supportive environment facilitated by licensed child and parent educators.

Classes will begin in the fall. Days and times to be determined. Please call Carla at 746-3075 for more information and to put your name on our mailing list.

Head Start

Provided through Bi-County CAP, this program is for families with children ages 4-5, focusing on education, health, parent involvement and social services. Children attend full-day classes (8:15 am – 3:00 pm) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and every other Friday throughout the school year. Priority is given to families who meet income guidelines.

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Home Visiting Program

The Family Center Home Visiting Program offers weekly home visits to new parents offering information about child development, physical and social/emotional, parenting ideas, basic care and cues and communication. The Home Visitor and parents work through the Growing Great Kids curriculum. For more information, please call Myra at (218) 746-4009.



Funding for this program from the Better Way Foundation, March of Dimes Foundation, Otto Bremer Foundation, the United Way, Cass County and the Cass County Leech Lake Reservation Children's Initiative.
"Hand in hand for early success" ... Working together to build a secure foundation for newborn babies and their first time parents



Pillager Little Huskies Child Care Center

Location: Pillager School Early Childhood Center

Hours: 6:30 am to 6:00 pm

Ages: 16 months to five years old

State licensed and Parent Aware rated

Enrollment forms available online in the early childhood section of the Pillager School website or from Little Huskies' staff. Call Renee at (218) 746-2193 for more information or to enroll your child. Children must be enrolled in the program and pre-registration and pre-payment is needed in order for your child to attend.



www.pillagerfamilycenter.org

Empowering and strengthening families to build a strong Pillager community.

305 Fir Avenue, Pillager

please call for hours

Alice Korwes, Family Support Coordinator 218-746-4009

Betty Doss, Executive Director [218-746-2185](tel:218-746-2185)

- Food Shelf: Thursday noon-5:00 p.m.
- WIC: 3rd Tues/Wed of the month
call 218-547-1430 for appointment
- Child and Teen Checkup Clinics: 4th Tuesday of the month
call 746-4009 for appointment
- Cass County financial workers: Thursday through v-link
call 218-547-1340 for appointment
- Cass County Veteran's Services: 3rd Thursday of the month
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- Other services: phone, computer use, fax and copy machine available to the public for a small charge.

Pillager Area Food Shelf

The Pillager Family Center operates the Pillager Area Food Shelf and offers help to families in the Pillager school district once a month.

Thursdays Noon-5:00 pm
305 Fir Avenue W 218-746-4009

Thank you to everyone who donated food and/or money to the Pillager Food Shelf. Your donations are greatly appreciated and continue to help families in our community. Monetary donations are preferred and are used to purchase food from the Second Harvest Food Bank. The Food Bank offers food to be purchased by food shelves at a lower cost and in bulk amounts, helping to stretch every dollar donated.



March 2015 MN FoodShare Campaign Pillager donations:
\$11,636 and 934 pounds of food donated

City of Pillager Mayor and Council Proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

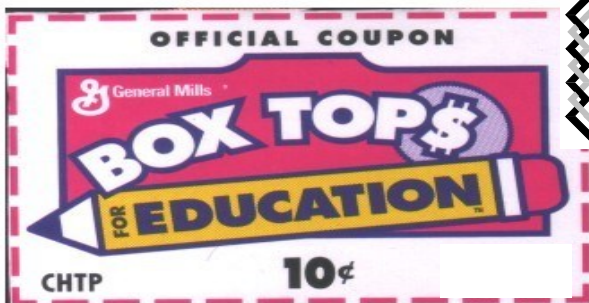
On Tuesday, April 7, 2015, Mayor Van Hal presented the proclamation to Pillager Family Center's Little Huskies Toddler and Preschool program children and staff who are all holding pinwheels, which reminds us of childlike notions and stands for the chance at the healthy, happy and full lives all children deserve.



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Please save BOX TOPS. They are worth lots of money to our school! Drop them off at the school or the Shante!



Continue to save your pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The Elementary students have already gathered THOUSANDS of tabs this year.

Attention Juniors

The ACT will be given again on June 13, 2015. If you don't like your scores from the April test, please make sure you register by May 8. Students can go to www.act.org to register. If you have questions please see Mrs. Turner.



Attention Seniors

Seniors, make sure you meet with Mrs. Turner to check graduation credits.

Clay Target League

"Minnesota's Fastest Growing High School Sport"

This is our third year for this league and our team of 25 students are having a great time shooting at the Lakeshore Conservation Club on Sunday afternoons at 3:00. Their competitions are open for the public to watch. State competition will be held on the weekend of June 11 in Alexandria. The top 100 shooters will advance to a MSHSL tournament in the cities. This is the second year that Pillager students will be able to gain a letter for their successful participation.

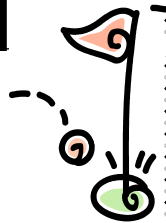


Booster Club Golf Tournament

4-person Golf Tournament

at the Legacy Golf Course
Sunday, August 2 at noon
\$100 per player

This is a Booster Club fundraiser.



Community Memorial Day Celebration

Monday, May 26
10:00 a.m.
In the High School Gym

