

Husker Family Please...



Principal's Newsletter May 2026

Dear Husker Family,

May is here, and it is hard to believe we are turning our attention to field trips, creating lasting grade level fun memories, and enjoying the last few weeks of school as classmates, grade level friends, and Husker 2025-2026 family members. Thank you so much for a wonderful school year. Time flew by too quickly. I am super proud of our kiddos and our staff. I love our school.

Parents, thank you for taking time to eat lunch with your kiddos this year. Thank you for spelling practice, reading at home, and thank you for supporting kind, healthy, and safe Husker/Family values. We enjoy your office visits, and connecting with us in person for celebrations and or challenges. It is with heartfelt thank you that I share how much I/we appreciated your support when challenging situations happened. I love that we can be a school full of personalities and we accept that we come from a wide variety of life experiences and backgrounds. I love that we respect each other and grow together holding dear family values, perspectives, and each other's unique story. The world needs more kindness. I smile thinking the world just needs more Holdingford!

Thirteen years together and we are still going strong! Thank you for allowing me to be your principal. I tell my family and all my friends, we have the BEST children, most supportive families, and a fantastic staff. I am so proud of our school. Not every day is easy, and by golly we make mistakes. The neat part about us is that when we make mistakes, we know how to say sorry. Sorry means we will try not to make the same mistake again. Together we bring out the BEST in our children and each other.

We have an amazing and top notch school! Thank you for supporting our teachers and support staff. Thank you for sharing your children and family with us. I love Holdingford Public Schools! From our littlest Huskers in our Early Childhood/School Readiness programs to our outstanding high school students, our hallways are a vibrant buzz of humble Husker pride and integrity.

Let's finish strong! Better together!

Husker Love. Husker Strong! Husker Kind.

Jim Stang



Grandparents' Day:

Our annual Grandparents' Day was a HUGE success! Smiles and laughter blessed our hallways, classrooms, and cafeteria! This is one of my favorite days of the school year. A heartfelt thank you to our PTA, volunteers, kitchen and custodial staff, teachers and support staff, and our wonderful grandparents. Let's never lose this day or take these moments together for granted. Dedicated staff, and amazing PTA, and living families brings loving memories that will last us a lifetime.

My 2026 Grandparents' Day Highlights:

Kindergarten Concert! Tootie Ta Is the BEST classic EVER!

GREAT job 6th graders and thank you for helping our grandparents find classrooms and their grandchildren!

A celebration of Husker Community and Husker Family

Classroom Visits and School Wide Exploration

Delicious School Lunch

Husker FFA Plant Sale and our new greenhouse!



Set Sail On Summer Learning! Summer School 2026: July 13-31

For those families still considering attending summer school, please get your application in soon. We will be creating class lists and hiring staff soon and need to know summer school numbers. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns regarding our program. Having taught summer school for 15 years, I can honestly say it is a GREAT program for children and families. Skills necessary for literacy and numeracy get remediated in a more relaxed learning atmosphere with small numbers of children receiving one on one or small group instruction.

Busing is provided! Healthy snacks daily!

Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30

WOW! What a GREAT learning opportunity for children!



An Easier Way to Purchase School Supplies:

Visit <https://shop.myimpacks.com/school/holdingford-elementary-holdingford-mn/> between May 1-July 15 for one-stop-shopping with supplies delivered right to school!

OR...The old way will work just fine!



Tidbits of Knowledge from the Social Worker, Ms. Meemken:

Kids do better with structure. That's even more true for kids with emotional or developmental issues. Structure makes kids with anxiety, ADHD or autism feel safe and comfortable. So summer vacation is a challenge for these kids and their parents. But following some basic rules can make summer easier to handle and more fun for everyone.

- 1). Keeping to your child's usual bedtimes and mealtimes is important.
- 2). Posting the day's schedule helps kids move from one activity to another.
- 3). Planning activities ahead of time, like going to the playground or pool every day, gives kids structure they can depend on. Then you can schedule other activities around that.
- 4). Rules for behavior are important, too. It's good to pick a few "good" behaviors you want your child to work on. You can reward kids for good behaviors with stickers or a special outing. And ignoring as many minor "bad" behaviors as you can teaches kids that acting out won't get them what they want.
- 5). Meet-ups and other online groups are a great way of connecting your child with other kids and families who might make good matches for playdates.
- 6). Outdoor activities are important for kids. If day camp is an option, it can provide great structure and fun outdoor activities that keep kids from spending too much time in front of screens.
- 7). If your kid has anxiety, it's good to figure out what's triggering it. Then you can take baby steps to make those fears less scary.

Even if you do everything you can to prepare for summer, it's normal for kids to act out more over vacation. That's tiring for parents. It's important to take care of yourself during the long summer break, too. Hiring a sitter for a few hours or asking family members to pitch can make a big difference.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND CANNOT WAIT TO SEE YOUR KIDDOS IN THE FALL!



Dates to Remember:

May 14 Elementary Spring Concert Grades K-2 6:30 pm Grades 3-5 7 pm

May 25: PTA All School PTA Inflatable Party

May 27: Last Day of School ½ day! Dismissal 12 pm.

May 27: 6th Grade Graduation 8:30 in the Middle School Gym