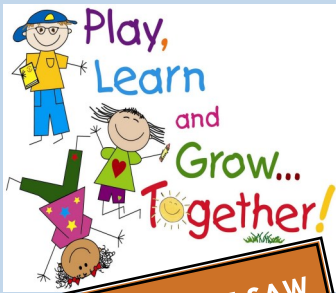


The Houghton Connection

Houghton Elementary School ~ 8080 Elizabeth Lake Rd. ~ White Lake ~ MI ~ 48386



May/June 2019

A Message from our Principal

Dear Houghton Families,

Summer is almost here! As we wrap up the school year, I want you to know that we are expecting change ahead for Houghton Elementary. We may have some combination classes next year for the first time in a long time. That will mean some shifts in staffing and classroom configurations. We are currently figuring it all out with our numbers and class placements. Just know that we will continue to have excellent staff working hard with our students to ensure the learning for all. You will receive electronic notification in August for your child's placement. I will also post about this on the BLOOMZ app during the summer.

And as always, I encourage you to read with your child daily over the summer. Students who do their summer reading will maintain the gains they made during the school year. Students who do not read during the summer lose those gains and are a full academic year behind by the time they go to middle school. THIS is in our circle of control. Let's be intentional about giving our children time to read and relax this summer. We will see you along the Sweet Reads route!

--Valerie Grimes

Houghton's Sweet Reads Routes

- June 25 4-6pm
- July 16 1-3pm
- July 30 4-6pm
- August 13 1-3pm



- 1:00pm or 4pm: Ashton Pines Apartment Complex Parking Lot by Pool
- 1:30pm or 4:30pm: Lisa Kay & Sherry Blvd—at pool
- 2:00pm or 5:00pm: Steephollow Drive—beach & playground parking lot
- 2:30pm or 5:30pm: Houghton Elementary Parking Lot

Sweet Reads will also be at Oakland Yard from 5-7pm on **June 20, July 25 & August 15**. Bring your swim suit and a towel to go down the gigantic slip & slide!

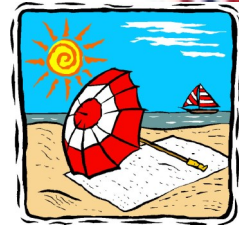
Upcoming Events

5/24	1/2 day of school students & teachers	6/7	Girl Scouts Houghton Huddle
5/27	MEMORIAL DAY—no school		Field Day (rain date)
5/29	Running Club—MOTT	6/12	5th grade to CJ Barrymores
5/30	Girl Scouts	6/13	5th grade Graduation—MOTT
6/3	PTA Meeting	6/14	Last Day of school—1/2 day (AM CHILDCARE ONLY)
6/6	Volunteer Breakfast 8:00 am Field Day		

- SHARPENING THE SAW**
Balance Feels Best
- SYNERGIZE**
Together Is Better
- SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD**
Listen Before You Talk
- THINK WIN-WIN**
Everyone Can Win
- PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST**
Work First, Then Play
- BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND**
Have a Plan
- BE PROACTIVE**
You're in Charge

SPIRIT WEEK

The Student Lighthouse Team will be sponsoring a Spirit Week from June 3rd to June 7th. This is a FREE Spirit Week. The days for Spirit Week are listed below:



June 3 BEACH DAY (Hawaiian shirts, tie dye, sunglasses, shorts and t-shirts, no bathing suits)

June 4 RED, WHITE AND BLUE DAY (even though it is a month early, show your patriotism)



June 5 BASEBALL DAY (wear Tigers gear or your own team uniform)

June 6 SUNGLASSES DAY

June 7 DECADE DAY (50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s etc.)

Thanks for participating,
Student Lighthouse Team

Houghton Reads MORE Book Drive

Dear Houghton Families,

We will be hosting a Houghton Reads MORE book drive the week of May 28th-31st. **Please consider donating any new or gently used books you may have in your homes that your readers have already enjoyed.** The books collected will become part of our summer reading lending library for our Houghton students.

While Houghton students are able to shop for summer books from a collection we have built over the years, your donations will help to keep this collection plentiful and cater to various interests. Books can be dropped off in the main office or outside the library. Thank you for your help and support with this important summer reading program!

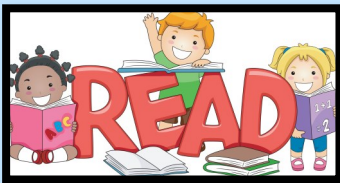
Thank you!

Mrs. Cyporyn & Mrs. O'Rourke

Houghton Reads MORE Summer Reading Kick-Off!

(in the library right after Field Day)

**Thursday, June 6th
3:00-4:00 p.m.**



- **Shop for fabulous summer reading books with a parent!**
- **Choose fun reading tools to support your summer reading!**
- **Share your voice on our Houghton Reads MORE Flipgrid!**
- **Mrs. Cyporyn, Mrs. Green and Mrs. O'Rourke will be here to support readers as well!**

Waterford School District

WIRED ROBOTICS TEAM

**AUGUST 2019 THROUGH
MARCH 2020**

WIRED – Waterford Initiative for Robotics Education & Development – a Waterford School District STEM enrichment program, is opening its registration window now through June 30, 2019 for the 2019-2020 season featuring VEX IQ Robotics for incoming 1st – 8th grade students. Visit the link below to find out more about this fantastic program, including how to register and become a coach! Cost is \$100.00.

<https://tinyurl.com/y6ptlqvn>



Back to School Online Registration Now available!

**Need Computer Access?
Available at Central Enrollment M-F 9:00—3:30**

Questions? - please email the Data Center—DataCenter@wsdmi.org

Community Rewards

Amazon Smile

All eligible purchases made through smile.amazon.com will have a percentage of the purchase price donated to Houghton Elementary PTA.

How to register:

- Go to smile.amazon.com.
- Sign into your Amazon account, or create one. It should prompt you to select your charity.
- Type "Douglass Houghton Elementary PTA" in the search bar.
- Confirm your selection of "Douglass Houghton Elementary PTA."

That's it! You are now signed up for AmazonSmile!

Please make sure that you are logged into AmazonSmile (not Amazon.com) when you are making purchases. Thank you for your support!

Kroger Community Rewards

Shop at Kroger, using a **registered** Kroger Card and Houghton Elementary PTA will receive a percentage of your purchases!

Make sure you have your Kroger Card handy, if you do not have one you can get one at any Kroger service desk.

How to register:

- Go to Kroger.com/communityrewards
- Sign in to your existing Kroger account or create a new account.
- Click 'view your rewards details.'
- Scroll down to Community Rewards and click 'edit.'
- Type 'Douglass Houghton PTA' in the search box.
- Click on your selection and click 'enroll.'

You have now registered Houghton PTA as your charity! Remember to use your Kroger Card each time you shop at Kroger.

If you have any questions please contact Jessica Pumfrey at JPumfrey8@gmail.com