



# The EisenHowler

May 27, 2010

## Eisenhower Elementary School Biweekly Newsletter

### NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Happy May,  
I am always amazed how quickly the school year has passed as we reflect on the completion of another year. It feels as though we should have a little more time and here we are with just a few days left. I want to thank all of you for your generous support this year, my first year at Eisenhower. I am honored to be a part of this community of learners.

We have some important guests with us this week from our Sister School, Lixue in Nanjing, China. We had a beautiful ceremony with performances by the band and orchestra, singing and dancing and a visit from the Superintendent. The guests enjoyed it greatly. They will be spending the day with us again on Wednesday to visit XinXing and Eisenhower classrooms before they depart on Thursday.

I would also like to provide our new Assistant Principal the opportunity to introduce himself. We will be seeing much more of him in the near future but we need to give him a chance to finish his current school year and be prepared to really welcome him in the fall.

Please give a warm welcome to Mr. Paul Domer.

*Greetings Eisenhower/XinXing community!  
My name is Paul Domer, and it is my great honor to be the new Assistant Principal of your school. I look forward to working with students, families, and staff in accomplishing the school's goals of academic excellence, family involvement, and cultural competence. I grew up in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and went to college at the University of Minnesota. My teaching career began in Columbia Heights with third and fourth grade students. I then taught 5th grade at Meadowbrook Elementary here in Hopkins. My last two years have been spent in an administrative role as the Dean of Students at Valley View Elementary in Bloomington. Personally, I enjoy cycling, reading, and exploring the city with my wife, Nicole. You might even see me biking on the trails in Hopkins! I am incredibly excited to be back in Hopkins and will work to the very best of my ability to fulfill the high expectations we have for our students. I look forward to meeting you this fall and hope that you enjoy the excitement of the upcoming summer months. Take care and I'll see you soon!*

*-Paul Domer*

We will be working with the PTO to arrange some meet and greet times along with the opportunity to ask some questions. Stay tuned!

Thanks again for your dedication and support of our school.  
Terri

### STUDENT MEAL ACCOUNT BALANCE

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, please be mindful of your student's lunch account balance. All accounts need to end the year at zero or above. The balance will follow your student again next year including negative accounts. Parents can look online at their students' balances or call 988-4207!

The kitchen would also like to extend a BIG THANK-YOU to Joyce Kurus and Nirmala Ramasamy for all their support and help as our lunchroom Food Coaches and also to Melissa Stover for the yummy treat she provided the kitchen staff throughout this past school year!

Thanks from the IKE Kitchen!



### IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

*Thank You to PATTY ACOMB*

Patty Acomb, mom to Jack (4th grade) and Charlie (2nd grade), is in the spotlight this week. Patty is often seen at Ike volunteering in the classroom with Bravo! and Junior Great Books programs. But, did you know she is the school naturalist, teaching nature appreciation classes to the Eisenhower/XinXing kids during their school day? She also coordinated the recent plant sale benefiting the school's courtyard. Patty put in many hours of donated time ordering, organizing and selling plants.

**Thanks for all of your dedication Patty!**

### Calendar of Events

See website calendar for details

May 28: 1:45 pm – Staff/Student Hockey Game

May 31: No School – Memorial Day

Jun 1: Grand Slam – Grade 5

Jun 3: Last day of school – Kindergarten  
Egg drop – Grades 5 & 6  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Party

Jun 4: Last day of school – Grades 1 - 6



**Hopkins Youth Hockey  
2010-2011 clinics start in September!**

Clinics teach hockey skills to get kids ready for the season, including basic skating skills. Clinics are at the Hopkins Pavilion and run for 8-weekends/16 sessions and are 1 hour per session.

Learn to skate with Hopkins Youth Hockey!

Don't know how to skate? Not a problem. Hopkins Youth Hockey teaches players to skate. This is a great opportunity for kids to learn skating even if they don't continue through the season!

New players are welcome at any level!

**Mini Mite:** For young beginners with 0-1 yr of hockey experience.

**Mite:** For players with 1-2 years of hockey experience.

**Advanced Mite:** For players with typically 2-3 years of hockey experience.

Regular Season 3 on 3

Regular season is a 3 vs. 3 format for mini-mites and mites, starting in November. Advanced mites are a 5 vs. 5 format also starting in November.

Registration for both clinic and season start in August via online registration at [www.hopkinshockey.com](http://www.hopkinshockey.com) and can be found by clicking on the Registration button. Questions about hockey or the registration process? Contact Hockey Recruiter, John Schmanski, at [recruiter@hopkinshockey.com](mailto:recruiter@hopkinshockey.com)

**Attention Baseball Players Grades 1-6!**

The Hopkins Royals Varsity Baseball Coaching Staff is excited to announce the 2010 Baseball Camps!

Camps run from June 8-10 and June 14-17 and are for boys and girls entering 2nd through 6th grades. For more info go to [www.hopkinsroyalsbaseball.org](http://www.hopkinsroyalsbaseball.org) and click on the "Summer Baseball Camps" link near the bottom of the page.

Email Pat Berger if you have any questions.  
[pat\\_berger@hopkins.k12.mn.us](mailto:pat_berger@hopkins.k12.mn.us)



**\*\* Don't forget to check the Electronic Backpack \*\***

<http://www.hopkins.k12.mn.us/schools/eisenhower-elementary/electronic-backpack>

Here's a list of items recently added to the Electronic Backpack:

- LDA Summer Camp
- Your Sailing
- Reading Connections and more!



Thank You to Field Day Volunteers

A very sincere thank you to all the parent volunteers who came out to organize and supervise Field Day last Thursday. Many stayed for more than one hour, and those who stayed all day are truly heroes. It wouldn't have happened without you! Thank you to Joanne in the cafeteria and Vicky White for coordinating the fruit and water throughout the day, and the custodial staff for hooking up the garden hose. Thanks are also in order for the 20- 6th graders who donated their afternoon to help run events and fetch water. Thanks!

Thank you to these parents:

Cindy Vlasak	Steve Leervig	Cynthia Cochran	Joyce Kurus	Jeri Massengil
Jahay Jallow	Jennifer Kovelan	John Nichols	Tonya Gunstenson	Anthony DeGuilio
Kim Ashford	Amy Grussing	Karen Olson	Andy Cacka	A. Sokoloski
Paul Burgett	Michelle Follano	Kate Welch	Julie Allen	Scott Allen
Anna Kunerth	Dana Sagedahl	Debi Buranen	Anne Sheldon	Conston Perry
David Klein	Andrea Komschlies	Kara Lovell	Whitney Hanson	Mary Frances Price
Marc Pettygrove	Milena G.	Deb Anderson	Jon Provenzano	Steve Dybdahl
Mark Mettler				

**PTO Open Positions for Next Year!**  
**Students Need Your Help**

School Directory Committee: Help be a part of the team that creates the all-important school directory.

Yearbook Committee: Use your creative side while working with Lifetouch professional to create our school's yearbook.

Bravo Coordinator: Help set up materials and maintain communication with parent volunteers for the BRAVO! music appreciation program. Most of the work will be in the fall, you can do it at home, and other parents will help. **HELP!!! If no one steps up to take on this position, there will NOT be BRAVO! at Eisenhower/XinXing next year.**

Co-president of the PTO: Share the work with a partner to help run PTO meetings and communicate with others about PTO.

All positions are volunteer and non-paid. Contact the Ike PTO at [ike\\_pto@hopkinsschools.org](mailto:ike_pto@hopkinsschools.org) for more information.

**\*\* PLAYGROUND INVITATION \*\***

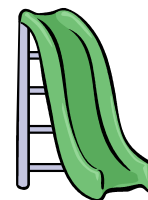
ATTENTION ALL EISENHOWER & XINXING PARENTS

As may already know, parents are welcome to join their children for lunch any time.

But did you know you're also welcome on the playground?

You are invited to drop by to join your child and schoolmates for daily recess fun. Can you make it once a month or every other month? Whatever your schedule allows, please feel free to visit during your child's recess time to learn more about playground dynamics and playground safety. Remember, recess immediately follows your child's lunchtime.

If you're up for it, you can also ask kids to join you for a Frisbee match, relay races and other activities. Ask the playground staff for ideas. But even if you're not up for a game of tag, your presence is welcome and encouraged.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know you can find PTO minutes and back issues of the Eisenhowler on the Eisenhower Elementary + XinXing Academy website?

If you want to learn more about what is going on, please check out this info any time and feel free to attend the next PTO meeting, which will be held after the start of the next school year. Check the Eisenhower/XinXing website for the date and time.

***All IKE/XinXing parents and teachers are encouraged to attend!***