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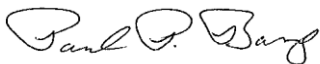
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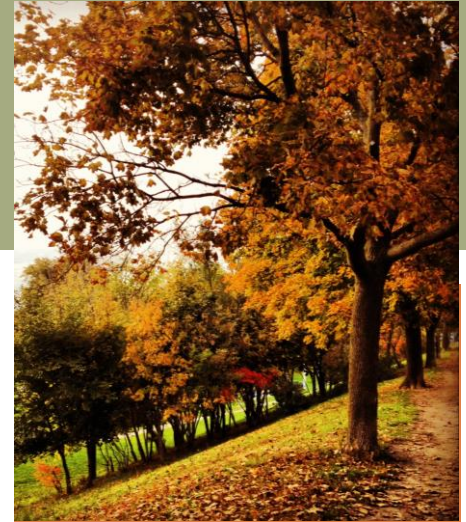
From the Desk of the Superintendent/Principal

On Tuesday, November 6, members of our community went to the voting booth and made their voice heard on who they would like to represent them. I would like to thank all the citizens who voted. I would also like to thank Mark Fest, Annie Rasche, and John Volk for being willing to serve another term on the school board. It is a privilege to live in a democracy where we can express our opinions and choices by voting. Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education." Going to the polls and voting is one way that we support our democracy. Doing so as an educated and informed citizen is the preferred method when voting. Democracy and public education work together to create a strong nation, state, and community. Schools are important in fostering and maintaining a community by producing educated citizens and teaching us to reside and live with others. The passing of the district operating levy will allow the school to continue to provide the program of study that the students need to become productive citizens. Working in the school allows me to see the students demonstrate their gifts and to watch them grow into engaged citizens. I would like to thank those that voted to support the school referendum of the operating levy.

Practices for the winter sports seasons are now underway. The girls' basketball team is pairing with Fulda. They will be Coyotes and playing games in both towns. The Wildcats boys' basketball team will play home games in Okabena. Girls' and boys' hockey are paired with Windom Area schools; they play their home games at the Windom Arena. On December 3 is our high school holiday music concert and December 10 the elementary performance. Please watch the school calendar for opportunities to support our students.



Superintendent / Principal



KEEP INFORMED

The Holidays will soon be upon us, which means a lot more happening around the schools. And, unfortunately, the possibility of inclement weather. To keep up to date with all of the happenings, closures, cancellations and postponements, please be sure to visit our website, www.isd330.org.

- There will be no school on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd.
- Winter break begins on Monday, December 24th. School is back in session on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Vision Statement: Heron Lake-Okabena Schools — United with community to provide a quality education.

Mission Statement: In partnership with the community, we educate and inspire students to become productive and respectful members of society.

HLO Student Council Food Drive

The HLO High School senior class student council members have been planning and preparing for the annual **HLO High School Food Drive** which would be better named the **HLO High School Cash Drive for the HLO Food Shelf**. Cash donations have been and always will be the best to not only reach our goals (\$1 = 3 items) but also for the HLO Food Shelf because they can purchase needed food products from their food bank provider at a lower cost. Last year we collected \$2456 in cash donations for this community service project and the senior class student council members are challenging the student body and their families, the residents of the HLO school district and all of the area businesses to make a generous donation to our project. Goals with rewards are being developed for individual classes to meet and we have set a top school-wide goal of \$3333 = 10,000 items for a dodgeball tournament when we return from the holiday break in January. Ultimately, we would like to surpass our recent record of \$4215 and 12,747 items set in 2016.

The **HLO High School Cash Drive for the HLO Food Shelf** will officially run from November 26th to December 21st but donations would most definitely be accepted early or late. Donations can be dropped off at the HLO High School or written and sent to HLO High School Student Council, 124 N. Minnesota Ave., Okabena, MN 56161. It is the season for giving and these gifts definitely stay in the local community. Please consider. Thank you!

Heron Lake-Okabena Community Ed

Community Ed 3rd-6th Grade Basketball PARENT Meeting

November 19th at 5:30 pm in the High School FACS Room 212 Okabena

If you would like more information about the Community Ed basketball program please attend this meeting. ****We are always looking for coaches to help with the Elementary Program.****

Elementary Basketball Camp - \$20 registration fee

Saturday mornings in January 5, 12, 19, 26

Public Performances on January 25 and January 28

*****Share your talents and skills through Community Ed Classes as a community instructor**

*****Watch for Defensive Driving Class in March**

Contact Lisa Fest at 507-853-4507 ext. 1212 or at lisa.fest@isd330.org

Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation

Community members from Heron Lake and Okabena founded the Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation (HLOCF) in 2001 as a way to promote and fund projects to improve our communities and make this a great place to live.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: "To enrich the community by promoting education and opportunities in the hope of creating a legacy of pride and partnership."

The HLOCF is a related component fund of the Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF). SWIF is an independent, nonprofit foundation servicing 18 counties in southwest Minnesota, and its 501(C)3 public charity status extends to the HLOCF, which allows gifts to be tax-deductible.

Grants are awarded on a yearly schedule. Grant application deadline is January 15 of each year with grants awarded at our Silent Auction/Social event held on March 16, 2019. Grant guidelines, application forms and the rubric the board uses to process the grant applications are all available online at www.heronlakecity.org , www.okabena.net or www.isd330.org. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HLOCF/>

HLO FFA Enjoys a Busy Fall

Fruit Sale

Thank you to everyone who bought fruit, meats, and cheese for our annual fundraiser! We sold over 720 items and made a profit of almost \$4,300! Profits will stay with the students this year to be used towards FFA trips, apparel, and more.

Our top fruit sales people were;

1st place - Tyler Luitjens

2nd place - Joseph Bartosh

3rd place - Isaiah and Leah Schmid



National Convention

Three FFA members, Joseph Bartosh, Lexy Ruesch, and Leah Schmid, attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN from October 23-27. They engaged in several fun tours and events including a Garth Brooks concert and a day trip to Louisville, KY that included a tour at Louisville Slugger, Churchill Downs, and the MegaCavern. Students spent all day at the convention and Career Expo, which included a session with keynote speaker Kyle Scheele.

Grain Drive

Despite Mother Nature's best attempt to make harvest a long and slow process, we are very appreciative of all the farmers who donated money or bushels towards our annual Grain Drive this year! Farmers could donate at the Miloma, Brewster, Heron Lake, or Dundee New Vision Co-op elevators by specifying how many bushels they would like to donate to the HLO FFA account. We will know the final tally of donations by mid-December. Please watch for news on the HLO FFA Facebook page and the Tri-County News!

Students handed out sack lunches for supper on the evening of October 23rd. Thank you to Sara Bartosh, Katy Hattendorf, Wes Halbur, and all the elevator managers for helping make this act of service possible!

Greenhand Night and Crop Show

On November 5th, the HLO FFA inducted 30 greenhands into the chapter at their annual Greenhand Night. Keynote speaker was MN FFA Vice President Kegan Zimmermann. Students prepared up to three crop samples as well. Below are the winners. Thank you to the Heron Lake Fire Department, the HLO Kitchen Staff, Marsden Custodial staff, and all the parents and community members that came out to support our newest members!

2018 HLO Crop Show Winners

Champion 10-Ear Sample - Elly Bang

Champion Soybean Sample - Taylor Haberman

Champion Shelled Corn Sample - Evan Madsen

Reserve Champion Greenhand Showman - Elly Bang

Champion Greenhand Showman - Taylor Haberman

Overall Reserve Champion - Taylor Haberman

Overall Grand Champion - Kailee Haberman

Heron Lake Pool Information Fall/Winter 2018

Water Aerobics

Monday/Wednesday(s) 3:30-4:30pm

Instructors: Donna Cook, Samantha Freking & Brooke Freking

Cost: \$4.00



Private Swimming Lessons

The Heron Lake Pool will be offering private lessons in a 1-on-1 environment. These lessons are designed to give participants individualized attention in order to improve their swimming skills. Each session includes four, 30 minute lessons. Private 1:1 Ratio, or Semi Private 1:2 or 1:3 Ratios also available.

Cost: Private \$ 60 Semi-Private \$ 30 (per child)

Please visit the pool's webpage, which can be found on HLO's website for more information and the participation form. Please note that placements are based on instructor availability.

Winter Group Swimming Lessons Interest Survey

We are potentially looking to offer an additional session of lessons this winter. In order to run a successful program we would need to have adequate registration. To assist us in making a final decision about whether or not to offer the session we are asking for community feedback via the survey link bellow. You can also get a direct link via the Heron Lake-Okabena School webpage and the HLO pool page in order to complete the survey.

<https://goo.gl/forms/dR1pQGdmPI7vJcN53>

Lifeguard Certification Course

We are hoping to offer a lifeguard certification course this winter in Heron Lake if we can get enough patrons to register. If you are interested in signing up for this course please let Heather Rindfleisch know via email or students can speak with her at school. A minimum of 6 participants are needed to run the course and class dates/times will be confirmed between the participants and instructor Sally Oltmanns. We have discussed the potential of longer classes during Christmas break and then into early January but have nothing concrete at this time.

Prerequisites: Must be 15 years old by the last day of the class. Please bring proof of age with you the first day. IE: Permit, driver's license or a birth certificate. All persons taking the class must be able to swim 300 yards non-stop using the front crawl or breaststroke, tread water for 2 minutes using the legs only and also swim 20 yards, surface dive and retrieve a 10lb brick and return to the starting point with both hands on the brick within 1 min. 40 seconds. This will be done on the first day of class.

Pool Manager: Heather Rindfleisch

Email: Heather.Rindfleisch@isd330.org

Pool Rentals

Our facility is open for rentals which can be scheduled to fit your group's needs.

Cost: Rental Fee \$25, +guard fee @ \$20/hour

2018–2019 Winter Sports Schedule

Girls Varsity Hockey

Nov 3	9:00am	Scrimmage	Marshall
Nov 20	7:00pm	Fairmont	Martin County
Nov 24	3:00pm	Waconia	Windom
Nov 29	7:00pm	Luverne	Windom
Dec 1	1:00pm	Morris/Benson	Benson
Dec 6	5:30pm	Worthington	Windom
Dec 8	1:00pm	St. Peter/LeSueur/Henderson	Windom
Dec 11	5:00pm	Marshall	Marshall
Dec 13	7:00pm	New Ulm	Windom
Dec 18	5:30pm	Luverne	Blue Mound
Jan 3	5:30pm	Fairmont (Dbl. Header)	Windom
Jan 5	1:00pm	Rochester Century	Windom
Jan 12	1:00pm	Mankato West	Windom
Jan 14	5:00pm	Marshall	Windom
Jan 18	5:30pm	St. Peter/LeSueur/Henderson	Le Sueur
Jan 19	1:00pm	Morris/Benson	Windom
Jan 21	7:00pm	Waseca	Windom
Jan 24	5:30pm	Worthington	Worthington
Jan 26	1:00pm	Minnehaha Acad	Windom
Jan 28	7:00pm	New Ulm	New Ulm
Jan 31	7:00pm	Worthington	Worthington

Boys Varsity Hockey

Nov 17	11:25am	Scrimmage	Austin
Nov 24	1:00pm	Willmar	Windom
Nov 27	7:00pm	Redwood Valley	Redwood Valley
Nov 29	5:00pm	Fairmont	Martin County
Dec 1	3:00pm	Morris/Benson	Benson
Dec 6	7:30pm	Worthington	Windom
Dec 8	3:00pm	LeSueur-Henderson	Windom
Dec 11	7:00pm	Marshall	Marshall
Dec 13	7:00pm	Waseca	Waseca
Dec 18	7:30pm	Luverne	Luverne
Dec 20	7:00pm	TBA	Windom
Jan 3	7:30pm	Fairmont(DH)	Windom
Jan 4	7:00pm	Kasson-Mantorville	Dodge City
Jan 10	7:30pm	Redwood Valley	Windom
Jan 14	7:00pm	Marshall	Windom
Jan 18	7:00pm	LeSueur-Henderson	LeSueur
Jan 19	3:00pm	Morris/Benson	Windom
Jan 25	7:00pm	Dodge County	Windom
Jan 28	7:00pm	New Ulm	Windom
Jan 31	7:00pm	Gentry Academy	St. Paul
Feb 2	1:00pm	Dodge County	Windom
Feb 4	7:00pm	Luverne	Windom
Feb 5	7:00pm	Waconia	Waconia
Feb 9	1:00pm	Waseca	Windom
Feb 12	7:00pm	New Ulm	New Ulm
Feb 14	7:00pm	Worthington	New Ulm

Girls Varsity Basketball

Nov 24	1:00pm	Lakeview	Okabena
Nov 27	6:00pm	Ellsworth	Okabena
(JH girls will play at 5:00 before B squad)			
Nov 30	6:00pm	MCC	Slayton
Dec 4	6:00pm	Mt. Lake	Mt. Lake
Dec 6	6:00pm	WWG	Westbrook
Dec 14	6:00pm	Adrian	Adrian
Dec 15	1:00pm	St. James Area	Fulda
Dec 20	6:00pm	Hendricks	Fulda
Dec 21	6:00pm	Luverne	Luverne
Jan 3	6:00pm	HBC	Hills
Jan 4	6:00pm	Madelia	Madelia
Jan 8	6:00pm	Edgerton	Edgerton
Jan 12	5:00pm	RTR	SMSU
Jan 15	6:00pm	Mt. Lake	Okabena
Jan 18	6:00pm	Ellsworth	Ellsworth
Jan 22	6:00pm	RRC	Fulda
Jan 24	6:00pm	MCC	Fulda
Jan 26	6:00pm	SWMNC	Fulda
Jan 28	6:00pm	Edgerton	Okabena
Jan 29	6:00pm	Wabasso	Okabena
Feb 1	TBD	T/ML/GHEC	Truman
Feb 7	6:00pm	WWG	Fulda
Feb 12	6:00pm	RRC	Lamberton
Feb 15	6:00pm	HBC	Okabena
Feb 18	6:00pm	Adrian	Fulda

Girls Jr. High Basketball

Nov 27	4:30pm	Ellsworth	Okabena
Nov 29	4:30pm	WWG	Walnut Grove
Dec 4	4:30pm	RRC	Fulda(elementary)
Dec 8	8:00am	Adrian	Adrian
Dec 15	8:00am	JCC	JCC
Dec 18	4:30pm	Edgerton	Fulda(elementary)
Dec 20	4:30pm	TMB	Balaton
Jan 3	4:30pm	Windom	Windom
Jan 5	9:00am	Tourney	Tracy(Vet Memorial)
Jan 8	4:30pm	MCC	Slayton
Jan 10	4:30pm	Brewster	Brewster
Jan 14	4:30pm	Mt. Lake	Heron Lake
Jan 15	4:30pm	Edgerton	Edgerton
Jan 17	4:30pm	SWMNC	Edgerton
Jan 19	8:00am	Tourney	Fulda
Jan 22	4:30pm	HLP	Fulda
Jan 24	4:30pm	RRC	Lamberton
Jan 29	4:30pm	WWG	Heron Lake
Jan 31	4:30pm	MCC	Heron Lake

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

On Monday, December 10th at 1:45 pm, Mrs. Untiedt's 2nd grade class will be making gingerbread houses. Keep an eye out for more information!



Boys Varsity Basketball

Nov 30	5:00pm	Wabasso	Tourney	Wabasso
Dec 1	12:00pm	Wabasso	Tourney	Wabasso
Dec 4	6:00pm	Madelia		Okabena
Dec 7	6:00pm	Mt. Lake		Okabena
Dec 13	6:00pm	Edgerton		Okabena
Dec 18	6:00pm	RRC		Lamberton
Dec 21	TBD	Tournament		Minneota
Dec 22	TBD	Tournament		Minneota
Jan 3	6:00pm	T/ML/GHEC		Okabena
Jan 4	6:00pm	Fulda		Fulda
Jan 10	6:00pm	HBC		Hills
Jan 11	6:00pm	Glenville	Emmons	Okabena
Jan 17	6:00pm	Adrian		Okabena
Jan 19	6:00pm	SWMNC		Edgerton
Jan 21	5:00pm	Luverne		Luverne
Jan 22	6:00pm	WWG		Okabena
Jan 25	6:00pm	MCC		Okabena
Jan 29	6:00pm	Ellsworth		Ellsworth
Feb 5	6:00pm	Mt. Lake		Mt. Lake
Feb 8	6:00pm	Edgerton		Edgerton
Feb 14	6:00pm	RRC		Okabena
Feb 19	6:00pm	Adrian		Adrian
Feb 22	6:00pm	HBC		Okabena
Feb 25	6:00pm	Fulda		Okabena

Boys Jr. High Basketball

Nov 29	4:30pm	Mt. Lake		Mt. Lake
Nov 30	4:30pm	Madelia		Heron Lake
Dec 6	4:30pm	Fulda		Heron Lake
Dec 7	4:30pm	WWG		Walnut Grove
Dec 8	8:00am	TMB		Tracy (Vet Center)
Dec 13	4:30pm	HLP		HLP Elementary
Dec 15	8:00am	JCC	Tourney	Jackson
Jan 8	4:30pm	RRC		Lamberton
Jan 10	4:30pm	Adrian		Heron Lake
Jan 14	4:30pm	MCC		Slayton
Jan 17	4:30pm	Mt. Lake		Heron Lake
Jan 18	4:30pm	Windom		Windom
Jan 22	4:30pm	RRC		Heron Lake
Jan 24	4:30pm	Adrian		Adrian
Jan 28	4:30pm	Fulda		Fulda
Jan 31	4:30pm	WWG		Heron Lake
Feb 5	4:30pm	Conf. Tourney		TBA

“The things you learn from sports—setting goals, being part of a team, confidence—that’s invaluable. It’s not about trophies and ribbons.”

Summer Sanders
(Olympic gold medalist in swimming)

HLO Elementary Physical Education

“Let’s Play, Learn and Grow Together!”

In our Physical Education classes at the Elementary, we strive to do just this. Play is important for all and this includes learning and working together. Our students are working together to help each other learn, participate and develop teamwork. This fall they have been improving in their movement skills and ball skills. They have been throwing and kicking footballs, improving their eye-foot coordination skills in soccer and eye-hand coordination with striking skills in volleyball. We have practiced this through drills, activities and games.

The students have had their health fitness skills assessed and will be able to see what areas they may need to improve on. The ultimate goal is for them to continue to achieve and maintain a healthy level of physical activity and fitness throughout their lifetime.

One of the toughest areas for some students is to continue to show that responsible personal and social behaviors that respects themselves and others. This is an area, which is included as one of the Physical Education standards, that the students need to learn and perform every day. Many students do a fantastic job with this, which will be an important asset in their lives as they continue to grow to be productive citizens in our society.

Our swimming unit this year will be the last week of November for grades 3 – 6.

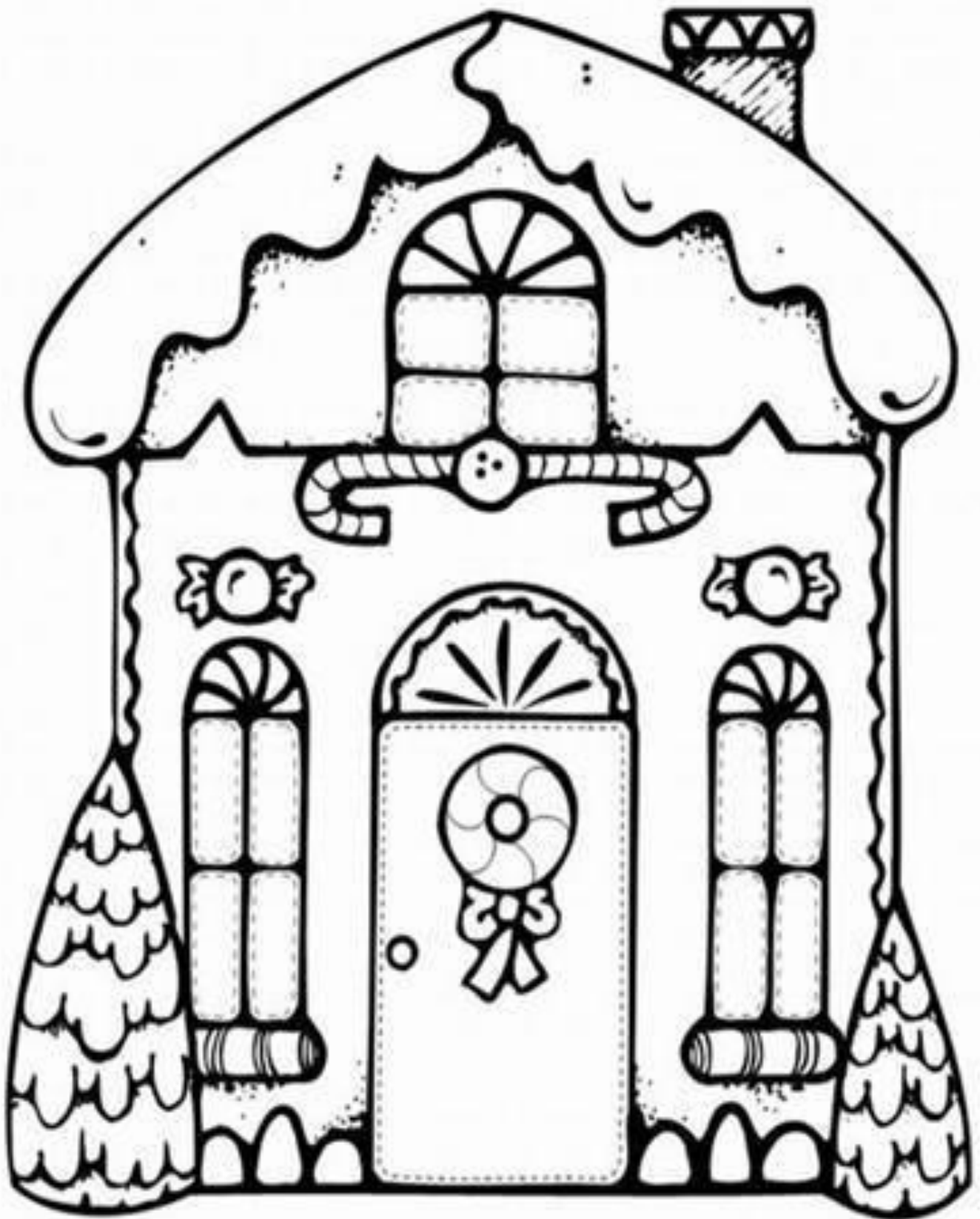
A reminder for a healthy life: stay active, keep moving and be happy. Get involved in an activity – it can be fun and a healthy thing to do.

Mrs. Cook

HLO Elementary Physical Education Teacher

COLORING CONTEST!!

Color this picture and return it to the Elementary School office in Heron Lake or the High School office in Okabena by December 6th for your chance to win a Holiday Gift Basket!



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