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NEWSLETTER



HMONG COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY

As the school year comes to an end, our halls were filled with celebration, pride, and unforgettable memories. This month showcased the incredible talents and achievements of our HCPA community. What a meaningful way to wrap up the year, we can't wait to see what the future holds!

UNIFORM POLICY

Students are required to be in uniform at all times. We encourage parents to support the school uniform policy. Students are expected to dress appropriately for school. Parents will be contacted if students do not dress accordingly. Please note what not to wear: Crocs, hats, sandals, hoodies, shorts, leggings, and T-shirts are not allowed.

If you would like to purchase uniforms, please contact the main office (651) 209-8002 and set up a time to come in and shop.

DONATIONS:

We are taking new or gently used uniform donations in the main office. There is a donation bin outside the main office.



WHAT TO WEAR?

CREW NECKS

BLACK
RED

POLO SHIRTS (SHORT OR LONG)

BLACK
RED
WHITE

BOTTOMS

BLACK JEANS - WITH
NO RIPS
BLACK SLACKS
BLACK DRESS PANTS

NOT PERMITTED:



NO SANDALS



NO HOODIES/ZIP
UP HOODIES



NO CROCS



NO HATS



NO SLIDES



NO T-SHIRTS



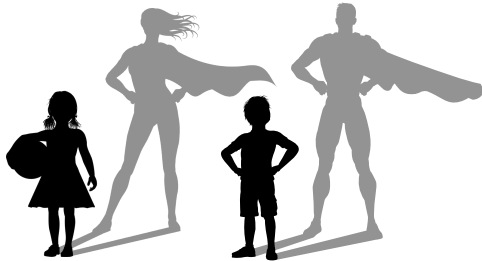
NO SHORTS



NO LEGGINGS OR
YOGA PANTS

CLASSROOM NEWS

ELEMENTARY



May's Warrior Value of the Month is **Optimism**: Warriors see the opportunities of the future and are excited to learn more.

FIELD TRIPS, AND MORE!

On May 2nd, our 1st grade team traveled on a field trip to the Harriet Alexander Nature Center, while Ms. Slater and Mr. Rivera's classes hopped over to Sea Life at the Mall of America! Students on both field trips had a great time learning about animals and habitats on land and under the water!



ACHIEVEMENT UNLOCKED



We also held our K-2 Warrior Achievement Unlocked Testing Assembly for our youngest Warriors! Students were audibly excited about their chance to smash the Legendary Levels in the coming weeks! Thank you again to all who recorded videos and helped to prepare students for the assembly! Additionally, thank you again to our team that executed the assembly: Kaitlyn Wolff, Sam Janchan, Darcie Kettenacker, James Lavorato, and Emily Tinawi!



CLASSROOM NEWS

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K-5 SPRING CONCERT

May 15th we hosted our Spring Elementary Concert for K-5 classes who have music this semester! Like our winter performance, this spring's concert was dedicated a celebration and recognition of 50 years of Hmong in America. Under the direction of Hope Carey and Soua Xiong, students sang a variety of songs in both English and Hmong.



Additionally, with the support of Koobmeej Lee, students preformed a Hmong dance as part of the concert lineup! The event was well attended by families and community members, and it was evident our students had great joy and pride in their performance. Thank you to Hope, Soua, and Koobmeej for supporting and fostering the talents of our Warriors! Thank you also to our incredible team of volunteers – the evening would not have been possible without your help!

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CLASSROOM NEWS

SECONDARY

SPRING BAND SHOWCASE

May 14th, the HCPA Bands lit up the stage with their fifth annual Spring Showcase concert, Student Voice - Student Choice. Every piece performed was selected (or even composed) by the students themselves. The concert began with a combined performance by over 120 Band students in grades 6-12, playing HCPA classic Sib Pab Ciaj Vaj. Following the opener, the Beginning Band, Intermediate Band, and Concert Band each delivered their own impressive sets. Notably, Elijah Smith-Nguyen and Lisa Her arranged pieces featured in the Concert Band's performance, showcasing their talents beyond the stage. The night also celebrated individual achievements: Juelz Yang received the Director's Award, and Kayleen Nennis earned the prestigious and nationally recognized John Philip Sousa Band Award.

If you missed this unforgettable night, you can still catch all the action on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6Jg-tvWGoY>



MS CHINESE FIELD TRIP



In honor of AANHPI month, students taking Chinese language class went to a dance performance titled "Growing up in China". The event was put on by the Chinese American Association of Minnesota (CAAM) Chinese Dance Theater and was held at the Landmark Center in Saint Paul.

After the performance, they crossed to Rice Park to take part in some cultural activities you might see in a park in China: taichi, sidewalk calligraphy, and kicking jianzi. Before the trip they used the iceberg model to examine culture, specifically how the practices we can see are just the "tip of the iceberg" and they made guesses about the culturally held beliefs, attitudes, and values that are reflected in those activities.

Our students noted the culturally held beliefs about health in our outdoor activities and values like filial piety, love, and respect in the beautiful dances they saw.

MAY PICNIC

Hmong College Prep Academy's May Picnic was more than just a celebration, it was a beautiful sendoff to an unforgettable school year. From sports to live shows, laughter, and shared meals, every corner of of HCPA was filled with joy as students, families, and staff came together.

What made the day even more special was the sense of community. Families spending quality time with each other, meaningful connections with our community partners, students creating memories with life long friends, and our staff welcoming guests with open arms. The May Picnic was the perfect way to wrap up the year, together.



HMONG SPELLING BEE

The annual Hmong Spelling Bee at HCPA is more than a competition—it's a celebration of language and culture. Students showcased their skills by spelling complex Hmong words, blending traditional and modern vocabulary. This event highlighted the importance of preserving the Hmong language while building cultural pride. Thank you to everyone who supported, especially Ungalee Xiong from the front office for serving as a judge.



Below are the grade winners:

3rd Grade:

1st: Baobai Her

2nd: Iris Vang

3rd: Candice Vang

4th Grade:

1st: Gaosheng Tasha Lee

2nd: Ashley Vue

3rd: Ariya Moua

5th Grade:

1st: Nengsua Vang

2nd: Zachariah Thao

3rd: Gaoia Lor

Middle School:

1st: Peter Vang

2nd: Archileus Lee

3rd: Kaitlyn Zong

High School:

1st: Rita Thao

2nd: Simeon Xiong

3rd: Houston Thao



Track:

The track team ended their season with a great placement at the Tiger Invite at Hamline, with several athletes medaling and the team overall showing great improvement.

Badminton:

After a tough triangular on April 29th, the girls bounced back with shutout wins over Hiawatha and Prairie Seeds Academy, then upset top-ranked Camden on May 1st. They placed third in their conference tournament and wrapped up the season with a strong showing at the Minnesota State Tournament.

Middle School Flag Football:

Losing to rival Prairie Seeds Academy in a close 20-14 game that came down to the last seconds, the team responded with a huge 28-0 shutout of Prodeo on Thursday that got the athletes back on track. The team followed up with a rolling victory over Woodbury Leadership Academy before a competitive loss to league leader New Millennium.

High School Flag Football:

Playing their first game after the start of the season was delayed, the boys beat last year's champion team HSRA 20-0 and won a heated game against Venture Academy 17-12 to reach the championship of the league.

Boys Volleyball:

The boys team shut out their opponents at the end of April, going 3-0 against International School on the 29th then doing the same on May 1st against Tartan to improve their record to 9-2 on the season. The boys played in front of a packed crowd for their Rally for a Cure Fundraiser game against St Paul Central on May 8th, winning an exciting match over a tough team. It's been a strong season for the boys, finishing with wins against Brooklyn Center and St Anthony Village to extend their 17-match winning streak as section playoffs loom. The two lower-level teams finished their season on Thursday, as the JV team completed a 15-2 year, while C Squad ended 16-2.

FOOD

We hope your students enjoyed the variety of fruits and vegetables they received this school year. Thank you for the feedback and suggestions everyone has been sending our way. The last day students received fruits/vegetables was May 23, 2025.





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HCPA WARRIORS

MAY IMPORTANT DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

JUNE 2 | 9AM
**1ST & 2ND GRADE AWARD
CEREMONY**

JUNE 2 | 1PM
**KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION
CEREMONY**

JUNE 3 | 9AM
**3RD AND 4TH GRADE AWARD
CEREMONY**

JUNE 3 | 1PM
**5TH GRADE AWARD
CEREMONY**

JUNE 5TH
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
EARLY RELEASE AT 11AM

JUNE 5TH | 6PM
GRADUATION

JUNE 16
SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS