

# Hydetown Happenings

News from the Nest



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## District Assessments

In January, we will be administering the Acadience Reading Assessment, which is used to assess a learner's reading level. The data obtained will help determine a child's need for instructional supports and intervention. This assessment is given in the fall, winter, and spring.

## School Safety

The safety of our students and staff is a school district priority. Throughout the year, we conduct several safety drills. We conducted one lockdown drill in October and have another one scheduled tentatively for Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, we perform monthly fire drills and a spring severe weather drill. These drills are very important as they give our learners and staff the opportunity to practice the proper procedures that need to be followed in the event of a real emergency.

## Yearbook Sales Reminder

Yearbooks are now on sale for \$15. Orders can be placed online by visiting [inter-state.com/order](http://inter-state.com/order) and entering the code 0296NX. Checks will also be accepted at the school. Checks must be made out to Hydetown PTG. All order types will be accepted until Thursday, March 12, 2026.

## Talent Show

Hydetown Elementary will be hosting a talent show on Friday, February 13, 2026. This date has been changed from the date originally listed on the permission slip due to a scheduling conflict with another community event. Auditions will take place during school on the afternoon of January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Learners can work alone or with a group and talent acts need to be between 30 seconds and 3 minutes. More information about the show and audition permission slips were sent home with learners before Christmas break. Permission slips are due back to school by January 9<sup>th</sup>. Learners must have a signed permission slip in order to participate. Please call the school with any questions.

## Upcoming Events

- **January 5**
  - School Resumes
- **January 8**
  - PTG Meeting, 5:30 pm
- **January 15**
  - Talent Show Tryouts – afternoon
- **January 16**
  - Professional Day – No School
- **January 19**
  - MLK Day – No School
- **January 20-23**
  - Grade Level Spelling Bee will take place this week
- **January 20**
  - End of Quarter 2
  - Last Day Special R3 (Art & Music)
- **January 21**
  - First Day of Quarter 3
  - First Day Special R4 (Music & PE)
- **January 27**
  - District Wide Spelling Bee at Main Street Elementary
  - Report Card Distribution

## Spelling Bee

The annual district spelling bee will be held on Tuesday, January 27 at Main Street Elementary. Each grade at Hydetown will have 2 learners that will compete at the district level. We will hold our competition during the week of January 19. Spelling bee word lists were sent home right before Christmas break.

## Don't Forget a Coat

Don't forget to make sure your child comes to school with a coat. There are many times during the winter months that we take learners outside for recess and it's important that they are dressed appropriately.

## Did You Know?

Love, INC is a local agency that supports our community in many ways. One program offered is a weekly food bag for students. The bag is delivered to the school for the children to take home over the weekend, and is packed with food and drink items. This is FREE for families.

Call Love, INC at 827-4882 if you would like to sign up your child(ren) for the food bag.



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## Track & Field Day Update

In the October newsletter we announced that parents/guardians will be invited to Track and Field Day this June! If this is something you are interested in being a part of, please carefully follow the directions below.

To ensure the safety of all the students and staff in the building, all interested parents/guardians will be required to complete the "TASD Volunteer Packet". This can be found on the website at...

<https://www.gorockets.org/human-resources>  
(all the way at the bottom)

The completed packet with all the needed clearances must be turned into the district office by May 8, 2026.

**Parents/guardians that do not have this completed will not be permitted to attend.**

This invitation is only open to immediate parents/guardians. Extended family and siblings are asked not to attend.

We know this is a lot of work, but safety is our top priority! Please reach out to the office with any questions.