

Schools

Resources, Recent Rumblings, and Recess

Happy April! Welcome to the newsletter block for Anoka County schools. Here, you'll find news articles, relevant resources, and grant opportunities, along with success stories from across the county. This month, SHIP is spotlighting Hoover Elementary School's partnership with Playworks and the work they've done on improving recess time. **Read on to learn more!**

Event Spotlight: May 7th, 2025 is Walk, Bike, & Roll to School day. You can register your school [here!](#)



News, Resources, and Grants



In the news . . .

- [To boost kids' reading, Minnesota schools start to shift the way they teach](#) (MPR)
- [Minnesota, 21 other states sue to halt dismantling of U.S. Education Department](#) (MPR)
- [USDA cuts farm-to-school food funding in Minnesota](#) (MPR)
- [Working Well: Saying no is hard, but setting boundaries can improve your health](#) (AP)
- **Bonus Story:** [A baby sea lion performs rhythmic gymnastics feats in Washington state](#) (AP)

Resources . . .

- [Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota](#)
- [CASEL: Advancing Social and Emotional Learning](#)
- [INDEPTH: An Alternative to Suspension or Citation](#) (American Lung Association)
- [NEW Interactive Map: Lead in School Drinking Water](#) (MN Department of Health)



Grant Opportunities . . .

- [Minnesota Department of Education Grants Page](#) (updated as grants become available)
- [Electric School Bus Grants](#) (MN Commerce Department, **Due May 13th, 2025**)
- [School Bus Replacement Grant](#) (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, **Due May 14th, 2025**)
- [The NEA Foundation](#) (multiple grants)

Spotlight- Hoover Elementary School Project

Recess is key for teaching students the importance of daily movement, social connections, and problem-solving. However, recess can present a host of challenges for school staff, from managing conflicts between kids to difficult transitions back to class time. Noticing this, Hoover Elementary School Principal Minh Strusz reached out to **Playworks** to seek solutions for her students and staff. With funding from SHIP, Hoover Elementary and Playworks launched a successful project to improve recess time for students and staff. The full story is coming soon! Bookmark [this page](#) for this and other school success stories.



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