

# HUSKY HAPPENINGS!

Keeping You Connected!

APRIL 24, 2024

## **April**

22 Dentists R Us

23 Fun Picture Day/ 5th Grade MSTEP

24 4th Grade MSTEP

25 Half-Day - Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30 - 3:00 and 5:00 - 7:30

30 5th Grade MTSTEP

## **May**

1 4th Grade MSTEP

8 Kindergarten Information Night @ the HPJH

16 No School

22 5th Grade Camp

23 5th Grade Camp

24 Half Day Memorial Day

27 No School - Memorial Day

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Time flies when you are busy learning!!!! Report cards went home with students last Wednesday, April 17. The following Thursday, April 25, we will hold our Parent-Teacher Conferences from 12:30 - 3:00 and 5:00 - 7:30. (Students have a half day of instruction.) Research has repeatedly shown that a strong home-school connection leads to positive outcomes for students, academically and socially/emotionally. Teachers will be sharing information on how to sign up for conferences! Please be sure to sign up for these most important meetings! We look forward to seeing you Thursday, April 25.

## **Summer School 2024**

Once again Hazel Park Schools is offering summer school to students. Here is the summer schedule:

**Start Date:** June 24, 2023

**End Date:** August 1, 2023

**No School:** No School 4th

**Days/Week:** Monday - Thursday (except the week of July 4th)

Complete the appropriate form if you are interested in enrolling your student/s.

[Grades K-4 \(Current Grade\)](#).

[Grades 5-8 \(Current Grade\)](#).

## **District Bond Vote**

As a reminder, our school district's bond vote is scheduled for May 7th. For more information, please visit the Bond website: [Hazel Park Bond](#). We hope you will consider voting.

## **Hazel Park Career Day**

Are you a doctor, lawyer, actor, firefighter, dentist, architect, hairdresser, artist, musician, engineer, or teacher? Do you do something else that kids would love to learn about? Hoover would love for you to participate in our In-Person Career Day, Tuesday, May 14, 2024, from 9:00 - 1:45. Parents, friends, or relatives are all welcome to participate. Please contact Juliana Burgess by email - [juliana.burgess@myhpsd.org](mailto:juliana.burgess@myhpsd.org) if you are interested in participating.

## **Here It Comes - The Hoover Talent Show!**

Hoover's Talent Show will be held on May 30, 2024 at 6:00 at the Hazel Park High School! Tryouts will take place on Wednesday, April 17. Students who want to share their talent with the Hoover Community should begin compiling their act and practicing! We can't wait to see our talented students show their stuff!!! If you have questions, please call the Hoover Office.

## **Virtual Resource Fair**

The Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, Michigan Family to Family, and Michigan Family Voices are collaborating on our very first Virtual Resource Fair!

The Virtual Resource Fair will take place on **May 7th, 2024, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm**. The event will be hosted on Microsoft Teams.

[Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Resource Fair](#)

## **We Want To Know What You Think!!**

The Hoover School Climate Survey is an anonymous survey used to identify school climate issues within the Hoover community. We will be surveying students in grades 3-5, families and staff.

The data collected from the survey will be used to identify stakeholder perceptions of school climate issues within our school. School staff will use the results to inform our efforts at improving the climate of our school climate survey.

The Hoover staff understands the importance of school culture. We need input from all stakeholder groups. Here is a link to the survey:

<https://www.pbisassessment.org/Anon/zv61009HY00>

# WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

## MSTEP - Michigan

The Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress, or M-STEP, is a 21st Century computer-based assessment designed to gauge how well students are mastering state standards. These standards, developed for educators by educators, broadly outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be prepared to enter the workplace, career education training, and college. When combined with classroom work, report cards, local district assessments and other tools, M-STEP results offer a comprehensive view of student progress and achievement. This week our 3rd graders will be taking the assessment Wednesday morning and 5th grade will take the assessment on Thursday morning. Please be sure students are to school on time. Please see our detailed letter attached to this email for more assessment information.

## Hoover's Clothes Closet

Hoover has a "clothes closet" for students who spill things on their clothes. If you have clothing items that your children have outgrown and you would like to donate them, we are in need! We could really use pant/sweat pants! Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

## WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

Hoover Elementary is dedicated to providing each and every student with a high-quality education. If you have any concerns, suggestions, or wondering regarding our Hoover programming, please reach out to our building principal, Debra Dimas by email, phone, or through an in-person meeting. Mrs. Dimas' email address is [debbie.dimas@myhpsd.org](mailto:debbie.dimas@myhpsd.org).



## Birthday Celebrations

Whether you are turning 6 or 66, birthdays are special! At Hoover we know that and want to be sure we celebrate our birthday kiddos! Each morning we announce our birthday students and invite them down to the office for some special surprises! During lunch we sing "Happy Birthday" to our celebrants! For a variety of reasons students are no longer able to share birthday treats. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Hoover Breakfast and Lunch Menus

The breakfast and lunch menus can be found on the district website, or you can follow this link: <https://hazelparkschools.nutrislice.com/menu/hoover-elementary>. Also, students who are eating our school lunches may not bring additional snacks to lunch. If students are bringing their own lunch they may bring any snacks/food your family would like to pack. However, students are not allowed to have pop. If students do not have a drink with their packed lunch they will need to purchase a lunch.

## Thursday is Bagel Day

Each Thursday we will be selling bagels for \$1. We have salt, plain, everything, and salt sticks. The funds raised through our bagel sale will be used to sponsor our monthly celebrations and other fun events for students.



**Debra Dimas**

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