

Husky Happenings!

September 15, 2025

Hoover Calendar

September

22-26 PIE Volunteers - Hoover's Hardworking Hands Tree

26 Parent Communication Day - Students dismissed @ 11:20

October

13 Institute Day - No school for students

16 Trunk or Treat Hoover Parking Lot 6-7

23 Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30 - 3:00 5:00 - 7:30 Students half-day

31 Halloween Parade @ 9:00 /Records Day - Students dismissed @ 11:20

Important Fall Benchmark Assessment

This week Hoover students in grades K-2 will be taking the i-Ready Benchmark assessments. These benchmark assessments are important as the results are used to identify student strengths and weaknesses in reading and math, provide data for differentiated instruction, track student growth over time, and support teachers in making informed decisions about student support and interventions. These assessments are computer-adaptive, meaning they adjust the difficulty of questions to each student's ability, providing efficient and precise evaluations.

Students in grades K-2 will be assessed this week. Students in grades 3-5 will be assessed next week, beginning Tuesday, September 23. Please be sure your student arrives on time to eat breakfast and has a good night's sleep, so he or she is able to do his or her personal best!

Hoover's Hardworking Hands Community Tree

The Hoover PIE team is looking for volunteers to work with students to create a community tree display in the Hoover gym hallway. PIE members will be working with students painting handprint leaves and cutting them out. (You won't want to wear your nice clothes for this event.). If you would like to volunteer, please sign up using this link. [Hoover's Hardworking Hands Community Tree Volunteer Sign-Up.](#)

The Power of Reading at Home

Dear Families,

One of the most important ways you can support your child's education happens right at home—through reading together. When you set aside even just 15–20 minutes a day to read with your child, you are helping them build skills that will last a lifetime.

Reading at home:

- **Builds language and vocabulary** – Children are exposed to new words, ideas, and ways of thinking.
- **Strengthens comprehension** – Talking about the story helps them understand what they read and make connections.
- **Develops a love for learning** – When reading becomes part of daily family life, children are more likely to enjoy books and grow into lifelong readers.
- **Creates special family moments** – Sharing a story together fosters warmth, trust, and a positive attitude toward learning.

We encourage you to make reading a daily habit in your household. Whether it's a bedtime story, taking turns reading pages, or listening to your child retell their favorite book, these moments are powerful. Together, we can nurture not just strong readers, but confident and curious learners.

Why Reading to Your Kindergartener Matters

We are looking for volunteers to read to some of our younger students during the school day. Reading is a skill set every human should have. Reading aloud to our kindergartener is one of the most powerful things we can do to support their growth. At this age, children are developing the foundation for all future learning, and books play a big role in that process. Please call the Hoover office if you are interested in volunteering and supporting our kindergarteners.

Free After-School Program - Michigan Stage

Hoover is excited to offer **Playlabs**, in Partnership with Michigan Stage! This one-of-a kind theater program gives students the chance to create original plays through improve and play-making. Playlabs meet once per week at school and end with an original performance. Spots are very limited. Only twenty students will be eligible to sign up. For additional information, see the flyer attached to this email. Click on the QR code below to register your student.



Our PIE Team - Partners in Education

Hoover has an amazing parent volunteer team known as PIE. PIE stands for Partners in Education! This team works together to organize school events and support our Hoover staff. Our group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:30 in the kindergarten classroom. You can enter through door number 7. All are welcome! I have attached the notes from our last meeting to this email.

Birthday Celebrations At School

Birthdays are an important celebration for all of us! Our Hoover staff understands the significance of birthday celebrations. We want to recognize and celebrate these important milestones with our students, however we believe that birthday festivities are meant for home with friends and family! At Hoover we celebrate our students with a birthday announcement over the school PA and invite our birthday boys and girls to the office to receive their birthday trinkets. The best part of the day is

during lunch when the whole lunchroom sings Happy Birthday while the birthday babies are on the stage.

Please note! Students may not bring treats to school to celebrate, as it can be distracting from the learning environment. One last note regarding birthday celebrations. If your family is holding a birthday celebration and want to invite your students classmates, there must be an invitation for every student in the class. If you are only inviting a few classmates, then those invitations should be distributed outside of the school setting.

Thank you in advance for following all of our birthday policy.

Promoting a Safe and Positive School Environment

At our school, the safety and well-being of every student is our top priority. We want to remind families and students that **any threat to harm or kill another student, or any reference to weapons of any kind, will be taken seriously.** Such behavior is not only against school policy but also disrupts the sense of safety that is essential for learning.

Our goal is to foster a positive school culture where students feel supported, respected, and safe each day. Research shows that students learn best in a warm, trusting environment, and we are committed to maintaining that standard for all.

We encourage families to talk with their children about the importance of using words responsibly and treating others with kindness. Together, we can create a school community where everyone feels secure and valued.

Bagel Price Increase to \$1.25

Each Thursday we will be selling bagels for \$1.25. We have salt, plain, everything, and cinnamon. The funds raised through our bagel sale will be used to sponsor our monthly celebrations and other fun events for students. We will begin selling bagels next week, Thursday, September 4.

Introducing Promise Navigator, Stephanie Wright

We would like to introduce Stephanie Wright. Stephanie has been appointed Hoover's Promise Navigator position. Stephanie is here to support our Hoover families. Whether that means helping you find resources, connecting you to services, or just being someone you can reach out to with questions or concerns, she is here to help! We know family needs don't pause during the summer, which is why this is a twelve month position. Please don't hesitate to reach out! I'm here to listen, help, and walk alongside you every step of the way. Below is a QR code which will link you to a Google Form requesting Stephanie's assistance. She will contact you as soon as possible, once she has received the form!



Courtesy in the Car Line

As we work together to create a positive relationship with our school's neighbors, we kindly ask families to be mindful while waiting in the car line. **Please refrain from playing loud music** during arrival and dismissal times.

Your cooperation helps us maintain a respectful and peaceful environment for the families who live nearby. Thank you for doing your part to make our school community shine—inside and out!

Student Arrival and Dismissal

Please be reminded that drivers should not get out of their vehicle during drop off time. This disrupts the flow of traffic. If you need to get out of your vehicle, please pull into a space in the parking lot.

Breakfast Information

Breakfast is free for all students each morning. The breakfast doors open at 7:30. Students will walk directly to the gym for breakfast. Breakfast is served until 8:05. Students who enter the building between 7:30 and 8:05 must go to the gym for breakfast.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are not allowed in the classroom. All cell phones must be left in backpacks and remain in crates. Cell phones will be taken from students who choose to have them out. The phone will be taken to the office and a parent will be responsible for picking it up. Please have a conversation with your student regarding our cell phone policy!



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