

Husky Happenings!

September 21, 2025

Hoover Calendar

September

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

Lion's Spirit Day

Let's show our support for our Detroit Lions by wearing our Lions' gear or Honolulu blue tomorrow.

Hardworking Hands Community Tree

Next week we will be hosting a new start of fall project for the students called the Hardworking Hands Community Tree. Students will have their hand painted and then stamp paper to create a handprint leaf to add to husky tree trunk on display in the school. We will run the activity in the courtyard (weather permitting) or else in the hallway outside of the kindergarten classrooms. sign-up genius link is here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4CABAB23A1F85-58719191-husky#/>

There are two time slots per day, 9-11am & 1-3pm. We will try to have 4 volunteers for each slot as well. Going in grade order starting with the kindergarten classes on Monday's AM time, we are hoping to have the whole school have a scheduled time in the first three days. Otherwise the intention is to have the following schedule, with make up day(s) Thursday/Friday as needed.

Be On The Lookout

Students will be bringing home a school magnet tomorrow! The magnet has our school phone number and calendar information!

How Communication Impacts Student Achievement

Friday is Parent Communication Day. Staff will be reaching out to families this week. We hope you will take the time to respond.

- **Higher Academic Performance:**

Active family engagement, informed by consistent communication, leads to higher grades and test scores.

- **Improved Engagement and Motivation:**

Students are more motivated, participate more in class, and complete homework more consistently when teachers and families communicate effectively.

- **Better Attendance:**

A strong home-school connection is linked to lower rates of chronic absenteeism and increased school attendance.

- **Enhanced Social-Emotional Development:**

Open communication fosters a sense of belonging and support, contributing to better self-esteem and positive behavior.

- **Bridging the Gap:**

Communication ensures that what happens in the classroom is supported at home, creating a consistent learning experience for the student.

Benefits for All Involved:

For Students: They receive consistent support, increased confidence, and a more positive attitude toward learning

For Parents: They gain better insights into their child's school life, feel more effective in supporting their child's education, and have positive experiences with educators.

For Educators: They gain valuable insights into student strengths and learning styles, fostering greater job satisfaction and more positive relationships with families.

Detroit Zoo Explorer Club

Hoover will be offering another after school program beginning next Tuesday, September 30. Students will be offered a snack after school prior to the program start. The program runs from 3:30 to 4:30. If you are interested in signing up for the program please send an email to stephanie.wright@myhpsd.org



Free After-School Program - Michigan Stage

We still have a few FREE spots remaining for Michigan Stage Play Labs. The program meets on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:10. Please use the attached link to enroll your 3rd-5th grader. This one-of-a-kind theater program gives students the chance to create original plays through improv 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.

Headphones

Headphones are an important school supply for all Hoover students. Students use their headphones for personal learning using their technology device. If you are able to send in a set of headphones for your student/s it would be greatly appreciated.

Why Reading to Young Readers 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 contact the Hoover Office if you are interested in volunteering.

- **Builds Vocabulary** – Hearing new words in stories expands their language and helps them express themselves more clearly.
- **Strengthens Listening and Focus** – Listening to a story from start to finish teaches children to pay attention and follow along.
- **Supports Early Reading Skills** – As you point to words, notice letters, or talk about pictures, your child begins to understand how reading works.
- **Boosts Imagination and Curiosity** – Stories spark creativity and open up new worlds for children to explore.
- **Creates Bonding Time** – Reading together builds a sense of closeness and shows your child that books and learning are special.

Even 10–15 minutes a day makes a lasting difference. The joy of hearing your voice and sharing a story not only prepares a child for academic success but also helps them develop a lifelong love of reading.

Upcoming YMCA After-school Session - October 2

Hoover is also offering another after-school opportunity. The YMCA will be hosting an after-school recreation program every other Thursday. A snack will be provided, and then students will participate in some after-school fun, playing different games. There is a limit of 24 students each week. I will send a link out in the newsletter the week the program meets. Students must be picked up at 4:30. The link will be shared next week.

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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