

HOOVER ELEMENTARY



Hearts and Minds Headlines

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Important Dates



JANUARY

- 2 No School
- 3 Classes Resume
Survive Alive-Team Wisdom/Wonder
Grade 1: 9:00-10:30
- 4 Survive Alive-Team Success/ Sisu
Grade 4: 9:00-10:30 &
Team Wisdom/ Wonder
Grade 1:00-2:30
- 5 Survive Alive: Team Intellect/ Sisu
Grade 4: 9:00-10:30
- 9 PTA Meeting-6:30 pm
- 12 PTA Movie Night
- 15 No School: Teacher Professional Development day
- 19 Spelling Bee 1:30 Grades 4 & 5
End of Second Quarter 
- 22 No School: Teacher Record Keeping Day
- 24 School Pics here for any missed/ new students and yearbook group pictures
- 26 Report Cards posted to Family Access



FEBRUARY

- 8 Parent Conferences
- 13 PTA Meeting-6:30 p.m.
- 16 Six Flags Reading log deadline
- 19 & 20 No School:
Teacher Professional Development Days
- 23 Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction



From the Principal

Dear Hoover Families,

I want to wish all of you the best and welcome you back to school after our winter break. We have a lot of exciting activities going on at Hoover this year. As we move into the new year, it's a great time to refocus and look ahead to hard work, learning and fun.



A few reminders and updates:

- Please dress for the weather. Snowpants, boots, coats, hats and mittens are all needed when it gets cold outside. We go outside unless the temperature is below 10 degrees.
- After over 30 years of serving our staff and families, Sue Bernard has retired and is off to Arizona. We wish her all the best. She will be missed by so many!
- Many of you have met Sabrina Harlfinger over the last 2 years. She has worked as the attendance and health room secretary, and has taken over as our new full time secretary at Hoover . She is off to a great start and has learned the many aspects of the job quickly. She really cares about our students and families. Please welcome her in her new role.
- We also welcome Pam Lindgren, as our new attendance and health room secretary. She comes to us from Mitchell with many years of experience. She will be working during the middle part of our day.
- Remember to call in your child into the attendance line before 9 AM each day they are out. Absences not called in are considered unexcused.
- Please see our PBIS school-wide expectations and flow-chart that was emailed out to families before the break.

Thank you for all you do for Hoover Elementary. Please continue to contact your child's teacher or me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Principal, Mike Elliott
Academic Dean, Jane Carr
Secretary, Sabrina Harlfinger
Office Clerk, Pam Lindgren

FROM THE PRINCIPAL (CONTINUED)

Collaboration/Communication:

Our staff members collaborate weekly to improve teaching and learning and we rely on data to form our daily instruction and personalize that instruction for each student. Your thoughts and feedback to teachers are welcomed and encouraged. Staff will continue to send communication home and please make sure to see us on Facebook and other mediums of communication. Please make sure to call/email the teachers to schedule conferences outside of conference days if you want to keep abreast of your child's progress.

Lost & Found:

Our lost & found container located outside the Fieldhouse has items that have not been picked up. Please make sure to check it. Items not claimed will be donated.

Engagement:

Please engage your child daily on what they have learned each day across all disciplines and encourage them to be critical thinkers. Have them give you examples of what they are learning and why they are learning it. Please share with us areas of growth for your child so that teachers can address them.

As always, my doors are always open. Please do not hesitate to call and schedule an appointment, either with myself, Mrs. Carr or your child's teacher.

Sodexo Sponsors Local Military Event "Serving up Smiles"

Airmen from General Mitchell's 128th Air Refueling Wing, WI Air National Guard "Served Up Smiles!" The District's food service provider, Sodexo, sponsored this special event. Military service personnel greeted students and served "Smiley Potatoes." Everyone enjoyed this event. We want to thank Sodexo for sponsoring it and thank you to all the service men and women for all you do for our country!



MRS. CARR—ACADEMIC DEAN

I often call this next part of the school year our "power months". January, February, and March are the three months with the least amount of academic disruptions.

During this instructional time, we see the most growth in our students.



As parents, you can help by encouraging and reinforcing the mindset that effort and hard work are what lead to success.

Also...as a staff we are working on developing the whole child. This means teaching students to recognize how they are feeling and knowing how to react appropriately to the emotion. We will be teaching lessons on The Zones of Regulation and creating Peace Corners in every classroom. Students will receive instruction about how to identify how they are feeling and how to use the self-regulation tools located in the Peace Corners.



PLEASE YIELD TO OUR BUSES

Whether your dropping off or picking up, please yield to the busses, especially when dropping off your child in the morning in the front drop off lane. Be mindful of our busses and give them the right-a-way.

HOOVER PBIS (POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS UPDATE

Students at Hoover are continuing to work on following our three PBIS expectations: **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe.**

Students are encouraged to follow our expectations and are rewarded with Spike Tickets, which can be used for a variety of individual incentives. We also work towards whole school incentives. Each newsletter will include an update. Just as in academics, a strong connection between what we are doing here at school and what you are doing at home will really help our students be successful!



Celebrations: At each Friday All Star meeting, we weigh buckets full of Spike tickets that students have earned throughout the week. Our goal is to earn as many Spike Tickets as possible, so we can move Spike along his Spike Tracker towards an incentive day. So far, our students have earned 2 incentive days: an extra all school recess and a Pajama day. They were both great celebrations of students following our expectations!

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

During their SEL lessons, 5th grade students have been working hard to complete workbooks to learn about career clusters, work habits, multiple intelligences and learning styles. These lessons and activities help students discover more about themselves as a student and individual and help them set goals for the future. As part of this experience, each 5th grade student and their family will have a conference with their school counselor. This conference will be a positive way for your student to share their goals with you. It will also be a time to talk about their upcoming experience as they transition into intermediate school. You will be contacted in February to set up these 30 minute conferences. If you have any questions before then, please contact Ms. Amber Hill at 414-604-3800 ext. 1730 or hilla@wawmsd.org.



OPEN ENROLLMENT 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Students in 5 year old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Children entering pre-kindergarten, 4 year old kindergarten and early childhood education may participate only if the child's resident school district offers the same type of program and only if the child is eligible for the program in the resident school district. Parents should call their neighborhood school or the district administration office for more information.

For the 2018-19 school year, parents must apply no earlier than February 5, 2018 and no later than April 30, 2018. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Application forms may be obtained from the West Allis-West Milwaukee Business Office at the District Administration Building located at 1205 South 70th Street on or after February 5, 2018.

For more info you can visit: www.dpi.wi.gov

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY INFORMATION

As residents of Wisconsin, we all recognize the need to make special preparations for the safety and welfare of students in the event severe weather conditions develop. School personnel will attempt to take every precaution in planning for the well-being of your children. In planning for unusual weather conditions, your assistance will be appreciated. When it appears that severe weather conditions are developing, please:

Listen to area radio and TV stations for early announcements regarding the possible school closings. Remember to listen for "WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE School Closings" NOT "Milwaukee Public School Closings". Announcements will be made periodically starting about 6:00 am over the following local radio/TV stations:

Radio Stations

WTMJ.....620
WOKY.....920
WISN.....1130
WKTJ.....94.5
WRIT.....95.7
WKLH.....96.5
WQBW.....97.3

WJMR...98.3
WMYX...99.1
WKKV...100.7
WLUM...102.1
WHQZ...102.9
WXSS...103.7
WMIL...106.1
WNRG..106.9

TV Stations

46D/1005.....WDJT CBS58
33D/1006.....WITI FOX 6
28D/1004.....WTMJ4
34D/1012.....WISN-TV12



If you will not be home in the event that classes are dismissed early, please make arrangements as to where your children should report. A decision to dismiss early will only be made on those rare occasions when dismissing at the regular time will result in our inability to get large groups of students home safely. In such instances, radio stations will be asked to make early announcements of the time of dismissal.

On those few winter days when a decision is made to conduct classes as usual, but as a parent/guardian you believe it is in the best interest and safety of your child to remain at home, we encourage you to make that personal decision. You know your child and your situation better than we do and should act accordingly. However, be sure to call the school hotline and report your student absent as "weather related", so we do not have to call you.

Please remember to always call Hoover office and report your child's absence on days they will not be at school.

SIX FLAGS SIX HOUR READING CLUB



- Only students in grades K-5 are eligible to participate.
- Your child must complete 6 hours of recreational reading.
- Please initial each entry and sign the reading log to verify that the 6 hours of reading has been completed.
- Your child can read books, magazines, newspapers, or comic books (digital or hard copy). Reading for homework or a class assignment does not count.
- Students can read silently, aloud, or with an adult-you can read to your child , or your child can read to you.
- Remind your child to return the reading log to his/her teacher by the deadline. Your child's school will submit your child's information and hours read.
- Late entries will not be accepted. Deadline, Friday, February 16th.

PACER CLUB



Cardiovascular fitness is an important component of overall physical fitness. Regular participation in cardiovascular exercise can promote the loss of body fat, prevent disease, decrease stress and anxiety and help prevent childhood obesity. Aerobic Capacity is perhaps the most important area of any fitness program. The PACER (Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run) is a multistage fitness test adapted from a 15 meter shuttle run. The test is progressive, which means it is easy at the beginning and gets harder. This test will give a good approximation of how healthy a student is, in terms of aerobic capacity (heart health).

All students have participated in the PACER assessment and the following Hoover students are being recognized for their outstanding efforts:

100 Club

**Xavier Allen
Paige Cliff
Ben Derhammer-Gresser
Noemi Goldwire
Veronica Golombowski
Mitchell Hust
Nathan Hutter
Kristijan Jany
Dominic Palmer
Ethan Plier
Nolen Rausch
Maxwell St.Clair
Brandon Turner
Audrey Werra**

90 Club

Preston Plier

80 Club

**Brianna Boyd
Liam Devine
Joshua Eberhardy
Mikayla Koney
Liliana Nunez
Kahron Sanders
Braeden Schmidt
Quinn Wichgers**

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