HUSKY HAPPENINGS!

October 21, 2026

Hoover Calendar

October

22 Half-Day Students Dismissed @ 11:20 (Parent-Teacher Conferences)
28 Kindergarten Dental Screening
29 Hoover Trunk or Treat
30 Half-Day students dismissed at 11:20 (Records Day)

Parent Teacher Conferences - October 22

Thursday, October 22 will be our first session of parent teacher conferences. Students will have a half-day of instruction to accommodate conferences. Teachers will meet with parents from 12:30 - 3:00 and 5:30 - 7:00. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please reach out to make an appointment. Research tells us that a strong home school connection improves student success! Hope to see you at Hoover on Thursday, October 22.

Monster Candy Wars

The PTO is collecting bags of candy for our Trunk or Treat. The class that donates the most candy will be awarded a PJ Day and Special Treat!

Halloween Parade

Halloween celebrations will take place on Friday, October 30, which is a half-day. Students are allowed to wear costumes to school, though please note that students are not permitted to wear masks, or hold any type of weapon. We also discourage gory costumes that may scare some of our younger students. We will start our annual Halloween Parade on the Hoover blacktop and travel around the block at 9:00 a.m. Let's cross our fingers that the weather cooperates!!! Parents who choose to attend can gather in the center of the blacktop or on the other side of the street, on the sidewalk. Hope to see you there!

Hoover's Trunk or Treat

Hoover will be holding our annual Trunk or Treat in the Hoover parking lot on Thursday, October 29. We need cars to participate. A flyer was sent home with students today. If you would like to decorate a car we would love to have you. Plan on bringing about 300 pieces of candy to pass out. We will also have pizza, hot dogs, chips and water for sale at the event. Cars can begin decorating their car at 5:15. Students will begin trick or treating from 6 -7! Hope to see you there!

Read At Home Logs

We've all heard the saying, "Practice Makes Perfect". Well, while practice does not make everything perfect, practice certainly does help improve skills. Just like sports, academics takes practice. This week the entire school began it's "Read at Home" program. Each Monday, teachers will send reading logs home with students. We are asking students to read at home for a half hour each day. Those minutes do not need to be consecutive. The thirty minutes can be broken up into smaller segments if that works better for your student. Students may count the time that they are reading independently or the time that he/she is being read to. Students should return the reading log to their teacher every Monday morning. Students who return their reading log, with family signatures will receive a prize from our prize cart! Thanks for supporting our Hoover students.

PTO Popcorn Sale Fundraiser

The PTO will be selling popcorn on Fridays during the month of October 9, 16, and 23. The money we raise will be used for student activities and special occasions and supports in the classroom!

Hoover Community Schools

Hoover Elementary is a Community School! We connect students and families with resources, support, and opportunities that help our school community thrive in school, at home, and beyond. We listen, connect and walk alongside you to find the right resources and take the next step - longer. We can support families with clothing and basic needs, food assistance, school supplies, transportation, housing and utilities, wellness and mental health, family engagement, attendance and student success, and employment and career resources. Contact Stephanie Wright @ 248-658-5306 or by email stephanie.wright@myhpsd.org.



Camp Hazelwood Family Field Trip

You're invited to a day of family fun at Camp Hazelwood on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Buses will begin bus loading from the Hoover parking lot at 8:45. Try your hand at some crafts and games, mingle with United Oaks, Webb and Hoover families and joy the great outdoors! Lunch will be provided. All students must be accompanies by a parent or guardian. Space is limited, so sign up to attend! Use the QR code to register!

Busing For Hoover Students

Students who live in the Hoover attendance area are eligible to ride the bus from designated bus stops to Hoover. If you are interested in having your student ride the bus you must call or email the transportation department and ask for Tiffany Brew. Please dial, 248-658-5948. Below find the follwing bus stops and times.

- Tuski Park (Vassar & Tucker) 7:33 a.m./3:51 p.m.
- Longfellow Community Center (24400 Battelle) 7:37 a.m./3:55 p.m.
- Felker (Battelle & Felker) 7:38 a.m./4:00 p.m.

PTO Volunteers Wanted

Hoover has an amazing ParentTeacher Organization, which is also known as the PTO. This team works together to organize school events and support our Hoover staff. Our group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 3:30 in the kindergarten room. You can enter through door number 7. All are welcome! Here are this year's dates: 9/24, 10/22, 11/19, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/22, 5/27.

Picking Students Up Early

Our classrooms are teaching important curriculum lessons from bell to bell. It is important that students attend school for the entire day, from 8:05 to 3:10. Students coming in a half hour late or a half hour early on a regular basis are missing a significant part of their school day. We realize that there are appointments, and responsibilities that may mean you need to check your student out early or bring him/her to school late. Occasionally arriving later or being checked out early will not have an impact on your student's learning. If you are checking your student out early, please be sure to pick them up before 2:30. Our district policy asks that we not dismiss students after 2:30. Picking students up early, especially 10 -15 minutes early is disruptive and interrupts learning. Please refrain from picking up your students after 2:30.

Why Attendance Matters!

Attendance in elementary school plays a critical role in a child's academic success and overall development. Here are several reasons why it is so important:

1. **Academic Achievement**
   - **Consistent Learning**: Regular attendance ensures that students are consistently exposed to the curriculum. Missing school leads to gaps in learning, making it harder for children to keep up with new material.
   - **Skill Development**: Elementary school is when children build foundational skills in reading, writing, and math. Missing classes can hinder the development of these essential skills, which impacts future learning.
2. **Social and Emotional Development**

- **Social Interaction**: Elementary school is a time when children develop critical social skills, such as teamwork, communication, and conflict resolution. Regular attendance allows children to build relationships with peers, fostering emotional intelligence and cooperation.
- **Routine and Structure**: School attendance helps children establish routines, teaching them responsibility, time management, and the importance of following through on commitments.

3. **Long-term Success**
   - **Habit Formation**: Good attendance habits developed in elementary school tend to carry over into middle and high school, influencing future academic and career success.
   - **Reducing Dropout Risk**: Studies show that chronic absenteeism in the early years is often linked to higher dropout rates in later schooling.
4. **Teacher-Student Connection**
   - **Supportive Relationships**: Teachers can better assess students' needs and provide tailored instruction when they see them regularly. Absenteeism limits the ability of teachers to form strong, supportive relationships with students.
5. **Building Responsibility**
   - **Accountability**: Attending school daily teaches students the importance of being accountable for their education, a lesson that applies to other areas of life as well.
6. **Reducing Behavioral Problems**
   - **Structured Environment**: Students who attend school regularly benefit from the structured environment, which helps reduce behavioral issues. Absenteeism is often linked to an increase in behavioral problems both in school and at home.

In summary, regular attendance in elementary school is vital to a child's academic, social, and emotional growth. It sets the stage for lifelong learning, strong relationships, and the development of important life skills.

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.

Thursday Is Bagel Day

Every 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.

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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