

# Husky Happenings!

December 10, 2024

## Hoover Calendar

### December

10 - 12 Santa Shop

16 - 19 Book Fair

18 Hoover Holiday Jingle Ball 6-7 @ Hoover

20 Half-Day for students - Holiday Recess

### January

6 Return from holiday break

## Holiday Spirit Week

Next week, Hoover will sponsor a Holiday Spirit Week! Each day we will encourage students to dress according to the daily theme! Can't wait to see that holiday spirit shine through!

**12/16 Monday:** Ugly Sweater Day

**12/17 Tuesday:** Twinkle/Tinsel Day - (Wear lights, or something sparkly.)

**12/18 Wednesday:** Whoville Day - dress up like your favorite Grinch character

**12/19 Thursday:** Holiday Pajama Day

**12/20 Friday:** Holiday Gear - Wear a fun holiday hat or shirt.

## BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

You don't need a reminder to know that winter is here! Families should be aware that we will continue to go outside for lunch recess throughout the winter. Please be sure to dress your student appropriately! Hats, gloves and a thick coat are highly recommended! If the weather is too cold, we do not go outside. The cutoff temperature is 20 degrees. If the feel like temperature is 20 degrees or lower we will stay indoors.

## Holiday Grams

Hoover is spreading good cheer through holiday grams. Send a special note to your child or a staff member wishing them good cheer. Students may also send a holiday gram to their friends. Orders

will be accepted until December 16. Holiday grams will be delivered on December 20. The cost of a holiday gram is \$1.

## **Hoover Holiday Jingle Ball**

On Wednesday, December 18 we will celebrate the holidays with a "Jingle Ball" at Hoover. The festivities will be held from 6-7. We will have dancing music in the gym and a holiday craft. Families will also be able to shop at the Hoover Book Fair! Books make great holiday gifts! We will also be selling pizza and water. Hope you can join us!

## **YMCA Afterschool Program**

Our next YMCA afterschool program will be December 12. Here is the YMCA Link for this week:

[Hoover Elm Sportport Registration link 12-12](#)

## **Hoover Santa Shop**

Each year we host a Holiday Shop allowing students to purchase gifts for their family. We will be holding the shop on December 10,11, and 12. We are seeking volunteers for our holiday shop. It is crucial for the shop's success that we have volunteers; otherwise, we won't be able to operate it. We appreciate your support. Thank you.

[Hoover Holiday Shop Sign-up Sheet](#)

## **Hoover Holiday Book Fair**

Hoover will be hosting a holiday book fair from 12/16 - 12/19. Students will be able to book browse on Monday. Tuesday through Thursday students will be able to purchase books during the school day. We will have the book fair open on Thursday, December 12 from 6-7 in the media center.

## **Holiday Food Collection**

We will continue to collect cereal for our annual school wide food drive. Each class will track their donations collected, and the class with the most donations will celebrate with a pizza party. Donations will be collected in the office from now until December 13. Thank you for supporting our community!

## **Parent/Adult Contacts in Powerschool**

We have noticed that some of the contacts families thought they added to our new system are not actually in the system. Some of our students have only one family contact, which is not enough, if it is an emergency and we cannot get through to parents. Please log into Powerschool and check out your contacts to make sure they are complete. The more contacts a student has, the better!

## **Note To All School visitors**

All visitors, including parents and siblings, are required to enter through the front door of the building and proceed immediately to the main office. Visitors are required to produce a picture ID and inform office personnel of their reason for being at school. This procedure is the case for all visitors! Even if we have known you for many years - we are obligated to abide the policy. While this may be frustrating to some, it is mandatory. It is for the safety of all students and staff.

## Students Picked Up After 3:30

Late Pick-Up Procedures (Elementary Buildings) As a reminder, dismissal times for our elementary buildings are 3:10 pm or 11:20 am on half days unless your child regularly attends latchkey. While life's complex circumstances may occasionally get in the way of a timely pick-up, you must contact your school office and let them know you are running late. Any student who is not picked up by 3:30 pm will be waiting in the front office, which closes @ 4:00.

The first late pick-up there will be no fee. However after the first late pick-up a \$10.00 fee will be charged for every 15 minutes after 3:30. If you have more than one child, the fee will be applied to each child.

If a student is not picked up by 4:30 the Hazel Park Police will be contacted. If you are unable to pick up your child on time, it is imperative that you have an alternative plan for daily dismissal, as the office staff is not equipped to provide after school care. If you are interested in our after-school latchkey program, please contact Joan Rybinski at (248) 658-5501 or [joan.rybinski@myhpsd.org](mailto:joan.rybinski@myhpsd.org) for inquiries about latchkey. Space in this program is very limited but may be available.

## Checking Students Out of School Early

Parents/guardians should give the school advance notice if their student will be checked out early. At the elementary schools, no students can be checked out early after 2:30 PM. This policy is in place at the junior high and high school as well. Students should not be checked out early at the junior high after 2:15 or after 2:00 at the high school. It is disruptive to the classes and prevents important learning at the end of the day. Visitors who are checking students out of school buildings early are required to show a picture ID and must be listed as an emergency contact on PowerSchool for that student. The school must have prior notification (note or email/call from the email or contact number on file in the district's student information system) from the parent/guardian if a visitor/emergency contact is checking students out of the building. Visitors who are not listed as emergency contacts in PowerSchool cannot check a student out of school.

## Hoover Clothes Closet

Hoover has a clothes closet for students who spill or rip their outfits. If you have any old clothes we would love to store them for these minor emergencies. We have lots of shirts, however we really need pants, leggings or even shorts in any size.

## Cell Phones

Cell phones are not allowed in the classroom. All cell phones must be left in backpacks and remain in crates or lockers. Cell phones will be taken from students who choose to have them out. They 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!

This policy can be found in our student handbook:

Cell Phone Use- Elementary K-5 Personal devices such as cell phones, MP3 players, smart watches may not be out and/or used during the school day. Devices must be put into a backpack or given to the teacher. Any devices out during the day will be confiscated and available in the office at the end of the day for parent/guardian to pick up.

## 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. We will begin selling bagels next week, Thursday, September 1.



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