

Husky Happenings!

January 14, 2025

Hoover Calendar

January

- 15 Hoover PTO informational/start-up meeting
- 20 No School Martin Luther King Day
- 23 YMCA Afterschool Program/Hoover Math Night
- 24 Half-Day for Records
- 30. Kindergarten Informational Night @ 6:00

February

- 14 Half-Day - Winter Break Begins
- 24 Classes Resume

Upcoming Vacation Days and Half Days

Hazel Park Schools will not be in session on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Students will also have a half-day on Friday, January 24 for records day. Students will be dismissed at 11:20.

School Store Fundraiser

Today, your child is bringing home a Book Buddy Lanyard letting you know about a safe and easy way for our school to raise funds for essential tools our students and teachers need to succeed. The SchoolStore Program is 100% online so there is NO face-to-face selling, handling money, or delivering products. Your participation will take less than 12 minutes, and there are exciting prizes to make it fun for the students.

Here is all you need to do to participate:

1. Go to <https://www.schoolstore.net/sid.t?0000198565> to sign up.
2. Send form emails inviting family, friends and co-workers to support your child.
3. Return the Book Buddy Lanyard with the Student Prize Code to school for your child to get their fun participation prize.

Be sure to ask your child for the Book Buddy Lanyard tonight. Your participation will make a difference for our school and teachers!

We are excited to announce that our Hazel Park High School Drama's spring production—*James and the Giant Peach*, a zany family-friendly musical adventure— **is inviting students in grades 4–8 to audition for our youth ensemble**. That's right, your youngsters have the chance to perform on the high school stage! (Three cheers for growth opportunities!)

Auditions will be held from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, at Hazel Park High School. Bussing has been arranged for all interested students, with a pickup from each of your schools.

In order for students to audition the permission slip must be returned to Hoover by 3:00 p.m. this Friday, January 17. All fourth and fifth grade students were sent home with a permission slip. If you have a creative student whom you think would enjoy singing, dancing, acting, and/or puppeteering with us please encourage he/she to audition.

Hoover PTO

Hoover would like to start a PTO. If you are interested in becoming a part of this important organization, please join us for an informational meeting on January 15 @ 5:30. If this date/time does not work for you and you are interested, please call or email Principal Dimas, she would love to fill you in!

YMCA After School Program

Our next YMCA afterschool session will be held this Thursday, January 23. The link will be shared at the beginning of that week.

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.

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!

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 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.



