

# Husky Happenings!

January 7, 2024

## Hoover Calendar

### January

- 6 Return from holiday break
- 15 Hoover PTO informational/start-up meeting
- 20 No School Martin Luther King Day
- 23 Hoover Math Night
- 24 Half-Day for Records

### February

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

## Important Reminders About Morning Drop Off

The seasons have changed and it affects our parking lot - cold and daylight are now issues we had not had to deal with until recently. Here are a few reminders:

Hoover has a kiss and go policy! Students should be ready to quickly exit the vehicle once it has come to a stop. Drivers cannot stay in the drop off line while they give a pep talk or watch their students enter the building. We realize there are a variety of valid reasons that you may want to watch your student enter the building or you may need to have that talk but it cannot happen in the drop off line. Families that need more time should park in the parking lot and walk their students to the door.

No student should ever be dropped off from the outside lane. This is dangerous, especially at this time of the year and at that time of day. It is still dark making visibility an issue and maybe icy! I realize students may have to walk farther if they end up being dropped off earlier in the circular drive, however a short brisk walk doesn't compare to great bodily harm or even worse!

Families should not expect to drop their students off directly in front of the main entrance. It is simply going to be the luck of the draw! As I said earlier, your student may need to walk in the cold for a short distance. The alternatives are not acceptable.

Last but not least - parking lots are annoying. Traffic is annoying! We all have somewhere to be that matters to us! We cannot have adults swearing and screaming at one another. We need to step up to the plate and set an example for our students to follow. If you are frustrated with a driver, be tolerant, be patient, and empathize and let the front office know. We can check the cameras and take care of the situation. Our students deserve better than this!

## **YMCA After School Program**

Our next YMCA afterschool session will be held this Thursday, January 9. Here is the link to sign your student up. [Hoover Elementary Sport Port Registration Link 1-9](#)

## **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!

## **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!

## **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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