

Husky Happenings!

April 7, 2025

Hoover Calendar

April

8 Hoover Math Night/3rd Grade M-Step

9 5th Grade M-Step

11 Half-Day for Students

15 3rd M-Step

16 5th M-Step

17 Half-Day for Students

18 No School for Students

22 5th M-Step

23 4th M-Step

24 5th M-Step

29 4th M-Step

May

7 Monthly PIE Team Meeting

23 Half Day for students

26 No School for students

June

3 Hoover Field Day

5 Kindergarten Moving Up Celebration @ 9:00

6 5th Grade Moving Up Celebrat

Monthly PIE Team Meeting

Family Game Night

Hoover is hosting a family game night on Tuesday, April 8th from 6-7. Come take a break from the normal routine and join other students and their families for an evening of game playing fun. You will play fun and educational games that help children learn and master critical skills for reading, math and problem solving. The event is sponsored by Learning Gizmos. The first 50 families to arrive will receive \$15 towards the purchase of the games. Fliers were sent home with students. Please be sure to RSVP so we have enough room

MSTEP Assessment Season Begins This Week

The MSTEP test is an important assessment designed to measure your child's proficiency in various subjects, providing valuable insights into their academic progress. While standardized testing can sometimes feel daunting, we want to reassure you that it is nothing for our students to stress about. The purpose of the MSTEP is to evaluate their learning journey thus far and identify areas of strength as well as areas where additional support may be needed.

On these days, testing will be conducted in the morning before lunch. Students need to arrive at school on time and well-rested. To support your child's success, we encourage you to take the following steps at home:

1. **Bedtime:** Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep is super important! It helps their brain work at its best. Try to keep a consistent bedtime routine so they can feel refreshed and ready to tackle the day. This means taking away devices and setting a firm boundary.
2. **Breakfast:** Think of breakfast as fuel for your child's brain! This means either getting them to school early to allow them time to eat the school-provided breakfast or enjoying a meal with the students to ensure they are ready for the day.
3. **Be on time:** Being punctual is like being a superhero! Getting to school on time gives your child a chance to settle in, say hi to friends, and get ready for the day's adventures. So, let's do our best to be prompt, especially on testing days

Here is Hoover's MSTEP Schedule:

3rd Grade Schedule

Tuesday, April 8 - ELA

Tuesday, April 15 - Math

4th Grade Schedule

Wednesday, April 23 - ELA

Tuesday, April 29 - Math

5th Grade Schedule

Wednesday, April 9 - ELA (English Language Arts)

Wednesday, April 16 - Math

Tuesday, April 22- Science

Thursday, April 34 - Social Studies

The Detroit Zoo Explorer Club

The Detroit Zoo will be sponsoring an 8 week afterschool program for 1st through 3rd grade students at Hoover Elementary. The sessions will begin on April 8 - May 27 from 3:30 to 4:30. A snack will be provided to students before the session. This is a fantastic opportunity for student to explore and learn in a fun, engaging environment. We have attached a flyer and will be sending one home with students tomorrow. If you are interested in signing your student/s up please complete the form using the QR code. There is limited spacing so please be sure to sign up right away.

Students will need to be picked up at 4:30. If you have students in fourth or fifth grade they will need to be picked up at our usual dismissal time.

Students and Cell Phones

If your students have a cell phone, we are asking if you can support us, by closely monitoring your students activity. Recently, we have had several students sending inappropriate or mean spirited messages to classmates through texting or Snapchat. These incidents are having an impact on our learning in school as the angry/hurt feelings wind up affecting student interactions. We would like to thank you in advance for supporting us at Hoover.

YMCA After School Program

Our next YMCA after school session will be held on May 1. The link will be shared closer to the event.

Student Headphones

As you know Hoover is a one-to-one school. Students in K-2 work on iPads each day while 3rd - 5th grade students use Chromebooks each day. Students complete assignments, listen to books, and participate in online learning assignments. In order to do this without disrupting others, students need head phones. Many students brought headphones to school in the fall, however many of those headphones are no longer functioning. If your student is in need of headphones it would be wonderful if you could send a pair in that can be kept at school. Thank you for your support!

Hoover PIE

Hoover is beginning a PIE Partners in Education. This group meets monthly to plan fun and exciting events for our students. All are welcome. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30. Our meetings last approximately an hour. If you are interested in participating please join us. We meet in Mrs. Wohlfeill's kindergarten room. The entrance is on the black top door number 7! Just knock and we will let you in!

New State Car Seat Regulations

Parents, mark your calendars. April 2 is when Michigan's new car seat laws go into effect. If you break the law, you could get a ticket, but more importantly, these laws could save lives.

One big change is that children under the age of two must be in a rear-facing seat.

Once they turn 5, they can move to a booster seat using a lap and shoulder belt until they are 8, or until they reach 4-foot-9.

All children 13 and under must ride in the backseat of the car, if there is an open backseat.

There are some exceptions to these rules, including reaching the maximum weight or height allowed by the car seat's manufacturer.

More here: <https://www.wxyz.com/.../michigans-new-car-seat-laws-go...>

Student Birthday Celebrations

Hoover celebrates student birthdays by announcing student names during the announcement, students also receive birthday prizes. During lunch the students sing happy birthday! Students are no longer able to bring in birthday treats to celebrate their birthday. Thank you for your cooperation.

Outside Food Delivered to Students For Lunch

Just a reminder that families are no longer permitted to bring up and deliver fast food to students during lunch. This is a district policy. We appreciate your support.

Volunteers Wanted For Our Hazel Park Sex Education Advisory Board

The Hazel Park School District is revitalizing the Sex Education Advisory Board whose job is to set goals and review the sex education instructional program/materials taught in our schools. This board meets to review curricular materials and discuss the impact of instruction as compared to the goals set for this work.

Interested parents/guardians are invited to fill out [this interest form](#). You will be contacted for next steps as Board meeting dates/times are determined.

Thank you for your support of the Hazel Park Schools.

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.

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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