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From the Principal's Desk...

It is hard to believe that we have completed half of the school year already. Even though we continue to navigate COVID-19, it has been a great year and I am so proud of all the hard work and efforts our students and staff have put forth this year. As you may already know,



February is "I Love to Read Month". A love of reading is something we encourage throughout the year, but this month allows us to shine a light on the power of reading. We talk with our students about the importance of reading and how it is a skill they will use for the rest of their lives. I encourage you to share with your children your own love of reading and the role it plays in your life. The best thing you can do to help support them in this area is to have a nightly routine of reading. They can read to themselves, another family member, or listen to you read. The more students practice reading, the more fluent they will become. You can help increase their reading comprehension by asking questions about what they read or have them make connections to their own lives. Again, anything you can do to encourage reading will benefit your child.

Just a reminder that our parent/teacher conferences are coming up on February 8th, 10th, and 15th. Instructions were sent home for how to sign-up for conferences online. If you need the link again, it's at: www.myconferencetime.com/hanover. Once there, you will select your child's teacher and a date/time for your conference. Conferences can be in-person or virtual. If you prefer a virtual conference, please add a note in "optional comments." Please sign up by February 7th.



Conferences are a great time to check in on your child's progress and connect with teachers. We feel so fortunate at HES to have such supportive and involved families. It takes a village to raise great kids and your support and partnership make all the difference!

Thanks again for all of your support and efforts!

Brad Koltas, Principal



It takes a village to raise a child
- African Proverb

Music Notes

It's hard to believe February is here!



In January, students in grades 3, 4 and 5 have been busy learning and remembering how to play their recorders. This is an exciting instrument opportunity for the kids. We will conclude our unit with a recorder playing test and written test mid-February.

Students in kindergarten and 1st grade have been working in musical centers learning about note symbols, composers, note names and tempos.



Our second graders started working on ukulele. We will come back to that unit in the spring.

This month we will also be discovering the instruments of the band and orchestra by listening to "Carnival of the Animals".



Kindergartners and first graders will continue to listen for and recognize one and two sounds to a beat, and listening for louder and softer and faster and slower in the music.

Our third, fourth and fifth graders will begin our drumming unit.



I'm looking forward to a lot of great music-making in our next month!

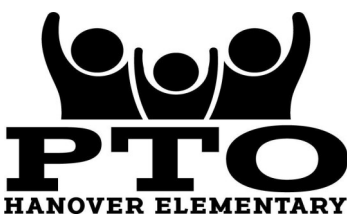
Have a fantastic February!

Mrs. Bolton

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PTO Page

The mission of the HES PTO is to promote an open line of communication between parents, teachers and administration to give our students extra educational opportunities, what we call the "Hanover Experience".



We are brainstorming and planning for an event that will get us all outside and enjoying our fun Minnesota seasons. The best ideas come when we work together and we would love to have you at our next PTO meeting to share your thoughts with us. Our next meeting is Monday, February 7th, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. in the staff lounge. You can always e-mail us at hespto2020@gmail.com

Fitness Focus

I ♥ PE

Minnesota Timberwolves “Get Fit” logs are due by February 11th.



Through the Get Fit program, participating students will receive a special complimentary ticket offer for a select Timberwolves home game during the 2021-2022 season. In addition, the students will have the opportunity to shoot a free throw on the court following the game they attend!

This month in P.E. all students will be participating in a Roller Skating unit. They will learn and practice the basic skills of skating while participating in a variety of instant tag games and an obstacle course. The last day of Skating will be February 18th.



During the rest of the month in P.E., all students will be working on striking skills in a hockey unit. Each grade will work at age appropriate levels.



Enjoy the Month!

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*If Something Stands Between
You And Your Success - Move
It. Never Be Denied.*

~ DWAYNE JOHNSON ~

We love to read!



February is “I Love to Read” month!

Media Musings



February is **I LOVE TO READ** month. Hanover Elementary School will host a reading challenge fashioned after the 2022 Winter Olympics. Student participants in our Olympic Reading Challenge can earn medals and become Olympians! Each grade level has different reading goals to earn Gold, Silver, or Bronze medals. Our reading incentive's theme is "**Read for the Gold, Read like an Olympian!**"

The reading challenge for our students will be 4 weeks in length. Each week the challenge will begin on Friday and end on Thursday, and the reading log should be turned in each Friday morning with a parent's signature. The challenge starts on this Friday, February 4th and ends on Thursday, March 3rd. Students have the opportunity to earn a total of 4 medals—one medal for each of the 4 weeks of the challenge.

Minutes per week required for medals



	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
Kindergarten	100	75	50
1 st grade	125	100	75
2 nd grade	150	125	100
3 rd grade	150	125	100
4 th grade	175	150	125
5 th grade	175	150	125

Please note that reading with an adult or listening to "stories on CD/tape" counts toward each student's reading goal. Every "team" will have a bulletin board outside their pod/classroom to exhibit their Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals. There will also be a medal count display on the front wall of the school so that Student Olympians can see how the competition is progressing.

Special Clothing Days—Fridays

- February 4 — Team USA! (Wear red, white, and blue.)
- February 11 — Reading Makes Us Bright! (Wear neon and bright colors.)
- February 18 — Reading Makes Us Wild! (Wear mismatch clothes, wacky socks, & crazy hair.)
- February 25 — Reading Makes Us Smart! (Wear a college/business t-shirt or dress up as your future occupation.)
- March 4 — Curl Up with a Good Book! (Wear comfy clothes for 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades.) (PJ Read day for K, 1st, & 2nd grades.)

Encourage your children to participate in our **2022 Olympic Reading Challenge** to earn a variety of prizes such as books, pencils, bookmarks, posters, stickers, etc.

Another special date to note: On Thursday, March 10th, we will have an author visit by David LaRochelle! More details to follow.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 763-682-0839 or klenzmeier@bhmschools.org.

Mrs. Lenzmeier—Library Media Specialist & Technology Teacher

Health Headlines

Greetings from the health office!

Welcome to February! We always feel like we are over the hump of winter once January is behind us!

We want to make you aware that we are continuing to see increased absences due to illness throughout the district. Most commonly seen are COVID and influenza-like illness and Flu. Please remember to encourage your child to wash their hands (preferably with soap and water), cover their cough, eat well and get plenty of rest. Also, please remember to call the attendance line for every day your child is going to be absent. This helps us make sure your child's absence is coded correctly, but more importantly, it helps us assure your child is safe and accounted for. Students are welcome to return to school 24 hours after their last symptom (fever, vomiting, diarrhea), with no fever reducing medications. If your student is out due to COVID we will work with you to determine their return date. We appreciate your cooperation.

Parents of Preschoolers and soon-to-be Kindergartners

If you have a child who is 3½ to four years old or one who is entering kindergarten in September and have not been contacted for Early Childhood Screening, please call Cheri at 763-682-8408. Early Childhood Screening is an early intervention program targeted for children ages 3½ to 4½ years old. It is a mandated program for all children entering kindergarten in the public school; however, it is intended to be administered at 3½ - 4 years of age.

Parents of Kindergarten Students Starting '22-'23 school year:

If you have a child beginning kindergarten in September, please consider taking care of their immunization needs now. It is the law that all students must submit an updated immunization status before starting kindergarten. Please submit one of the following: immunization record, notarized non-medical exemption form or physician signed medical exemption form.

Required shots for vaccinated students include:

- 5 DTP
- 4 Polio (IPV or OVP)
- 3 Hepatitis B (HBV - not to be confused with Hib which is the Haemophilus Influenza)
- 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella)
- 2 Varicella (Chicken Pox) – If your child has had the chicken pox illness, the school will need a statement from your health care provider indicating one of the following:
 - * The signature of a provider along with the date of the child's varicella illness
 - * The signature of a provider along with a statement that the parent's or legal guardian's description of the child's varicella disease history is indicative of past varicella infection.

If you have questions, please contact Heidi Gallart, RN, at hgallart@bhmschools.org or 763-682-8514.



Kindergarten Registration for 2022-2023



If you have a child eligible for kindergarten this fall, you should be receiving a registration packet in the mail later this month. Our Kindergarten Registration Night is Monday, March 7th at 6 p.m. in the Media Center. Hope you can attend!



Your child(ren)'s report card is now available on the Infinite Campus Portal. If you need access, please contact Melissa Steward at msteward@bhmschools.org.

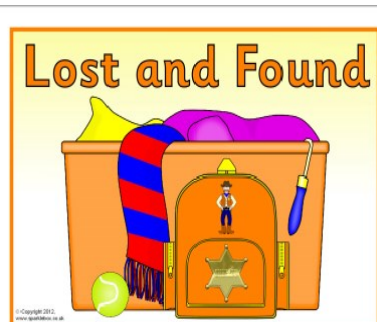
Instructions to access your child's report card online:

1. Go to the Campus Portal Login page:
<https://bhmmn.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/buffalo.jsp>
2. Click "Campus Parent."
3. Log in using your user name and password. (If you have not signed up for the portal before, please contact the office to get your activation key.)
4. Select "Documents" from the left-hand index and the available Report Cards will be listed on the right.
5. To see the report cards for different students, navigate to the top right of your screen and use the arrow to see a list of enrolled students.



HES received the following donation:

♦ \$837.62 from PTO for a classroom software license, plaques, 2nd grade musical supplies, and resident-artist supplies



Make sure you have your kids check out the "lost and found" boxes located in the hallway across from the health office. There's lots of good stuff in there. They might find the matching mitten or boot to the single one that's at home... or find that piece of clothing that they have no idea where it is!



Be sure to sign up for parent/teacher conferences at www.myconferencetime.com/hanover. If you prefer a virtual conference, sign up for a conference time and add a note to "optional comments". Your child's teacher will then contact you with specific instructions for your virtual conference.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Upcoming Events

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| February 2 | Groundhog Day |
| February 2 | Report cards on portal at 3pm |
| February 4 | Team USA! – wear red, white and blue |
| February 7 | PTO meeting, 6pm – staff lounge |
| February 8,10,15 | Conferences, 3:30–7pm |
| February 11 | Reading Makes Us Bright! – wear neon & bright colors |
| February 14 | Happy Valentine's Day! |
| February 16 | 100th Day |
| February 18 | Reading Makes Us Wild! – wear mismatched clothes, wacky socks and crazy hair |
| February 21 | President's Day – no school |
| February 25 | Reading Makes Us Smart! – wear a college/business t-shirt or dress up as your future occupation |
| March 4 | Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades: PJ Read Day – wear pajamas |
| March 4 | Grades 3–5: Curl Up with a Good Book! – wear comfy clothes |

Show your child you think school is important

Taking time to set expectations and goals with your child clearly communicates your interest in helping her to do her best. Build on that by showing your enthusiasm for education in a variety of ways. Here's how:

- Maintain a relationship with your child's teacher. Keep in touch throughout the year. Share information about how your child is doing. Ask the teacher for suggestions on how to best support your child's learning.
- Attend school events in person or online to show your child that school is a priority for you. If your schedule and resources allow, consider volunteering at home and participating in school activities.
- Maintain a suitable environment for schoolwork. Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to study. Keep it stocked with the supplies she needs. Look over homework and give suggestions.
- Keep up with assignments. Doing schoolwork is your child's responsibility, but you should be aware of what she is studying as well as the status of homework assignments, tests and class projects.
- Stay positive about school and schoolwork. Your attitude rubs off on your child. Whenever possible, mention that the latest science unit sounds interesting. Say a good word about your child's teacher, too. "I really like the way Mr. Thomas always gives you a study guide before your tests. I know it helps you to feel more prepared."

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Responsibility is linked to students' academic success

Educators agree that responsible children do better in school. Luckily, parents have endless opportunities to foster responsibility.

To boost your child's responsibility:

- Enforce a few age-appropriate rules and consequences. State them clearly so your child knows exactly how you expect her to behave—and what will happen if she doesn't.
- Trust her with meaningful tasks. School-age children are capable of handling responsibilities such as picking up their rooms, taking out the recycling and folding laundry.
- Talk about financial responsibility. Many kids receive an allowance. This provides a great opportunity to teach about budgeting, spending, saving and giving.
- Let your child make decisions, such as which homework assignment to tackle first. Being responsible for making decisions builds students' confidence.
- Find ways to help others. Discuss what it means to be a responsible member of a community. Talk about different ways your family can contribute, such as by donating gently-used clothing to a charity or volunteering your time for an important cause.
- Adjust rules and responsibilities. As your child matures, her abilities will change. Perhaps she can take on more grown-up chores. Or perhaps she can make new and exciting decisions. Talk about how great it feels to be responsible!

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Are you helping your child learn family history?

Learning about family origins is a great way to ignite a child's curiosity and bring history to life. Answer yes or no to the questions below to see if you are helping your child learn more about your family:

- ☐ 1. Do you share old family photos and family stories with your child?
- ☐ 2. Do you prepare family recipes together? Preparing and sharing food is a great way to build connections.
- ☐ 3. Do you encourage your child to ask older family members about their memories of childhood?
- ☐ 4. Have you looked on a map with your child to see the country or countries that her ancestors came from? Check out books about those places when you go to the library.
- ☐ 5. Are you keeping a scrapbook to preserve your family's history? Keep photos and letters that show what your life is like.

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are giving your child roots in family history. For no answers, try those ideas.

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Puzzle Fun in Mrs. Mutterer's Class



Hanover's Forest

