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From the Principal's Desk...

Happy New Year! I hope that all of you had an opportunity to rest, relax, and spend quality time with family over the winter break. We are excited for students to get back to school and start 2023 on a positive note. These next few months are a great time for learning and we tend to see a lot of growth in our students during this time of year. It will be fun to witness all of the learning that will take place here at HES.

With the beginning of a new year, many of us take the time to make New Year's resolutions. Setting goals is a great life skill, yet in order to reach our goals we need to follow some important steps to ensure those goals are met.

- State the goal and write it down.
- Plan how you will meet the goal.
- Talk about the goal with others.
- Do each step in the plan and adjust as needed.

As a staff, we have many goals every school year that we want to accomplish, but I wanted to take the opportunity to share some of them with you. First and foremost our goal is to make our vision and mission a reality for our students. At Hanover Elementary, our vision and mission are:

HES Vision: Preparing all students for success in a global society.

HES Mission Statement: We at Hanover Elementary School believe that all children can learn and succeed. We will provide children with a supportive, caring environment which fosters the development of a growth mindset, positive self-esteem, intrinsic motivation, and a sense of responsibility. We will create an atmosphere where all children can develop to their greatest academic, social, and physical potential to lay the foundation for college and career readiness. We will utilize teaching strategies that are designed to ensure that all children are making progress towards meeting the state standards. We will establish effective partnerships between home, school, and the community.

Two specific goal areas we have identified this year are in the areas of reading and organization:

- 1) Increase the percentage of students who are proficient on the MCA Reading Test in 2023. In 2022, 72% of our students who took the MCA Reading Test (Grades 3-5) were proficient. Though this was above state percentages, we want to see this increase. Ultimately our work is not done until 100% of students show proficiency before they enter 6th grade.
- 2) All K-5 HES students increase their ability to organize themselves and their thoughts. This could be organizing their binders/folders, effectively using a planner/calendar, or even organizing their thoughts through different note-taking strategies.

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There are many other areas that we are focused on, but these are a couple that we have set specific goals. We know that in order to accomplish our goals it will take a team effort, so thank you for the role you play in supporting your child at home with reading and organization.

Lastly, I wanted to remind you that our semester ends on January 26th and students will not have school on Friday, January 27th. Our conferences are scheduled for January 31st, February 2nd, and February 6th. You will be receiving information on how and when to schedule your conferences online. Parent participation in conferences has been amazing and our partnership with you is why our students continue to be so successful! Thanks for all you do to support Hanover Elementary School.

~Brad Koltes, Principal~



2023-2024

If you have a child eligible for kindergarten this fall, you should be receiving a postcard in the mail later this month. Kindergarten Registration Night is Thursday, February 16th at 6 p.m. in the Media Center. Please plan to bring with you:

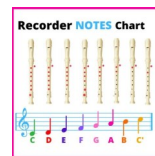
- Early Childhood Screening Records (if they were not screened in our district): All children in the Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District are required to complete Early Childhood Screening before entering kindergarten. The screening is mandated by the state of Minnesota and its purpose is to help the school district identify children who may benefit from district and community resources and/or early intervention services. This screening is NOT a predictor of kindergarten readiness or academic success. It is a developmental inventory to ensure your child's development is typical and on track. The earlier the screening is done, the better. This screening may be done at a public or private health care provider, through the school district, or through the Head Start program. If you would like the district to do the screening, please call (763) 682-8408 to schedule an appointment. Your child must have this screening in order to enter kindergarten. (A parent may refuse the screening due to conscientiously held beliefs if a written and signed statement to that effect is provided to the school.) If your child had his/her Early Childhood Screening somewhere other than the Buffalo School District, please bring a copy of the results with you to registration.
- Child's Immunization Information: Please bring immunization status information to registration even if your child is still in need of vaccinations prior to kindergarten. The Minnesota School Immunization Law requires that parents of children entering kindergarten submit updated information regarding your child's immunization status prior to the start of school. This could include the actual immunizations with full dates, a notarized conscientious objection form or a signed medical exemption. If you have any questions regarding your child's immunization status/compliance, feel free to contact the district nurse, Heidi Gallart, at (763) 682-8514 or hgallart@bhmschools.org
- Child's Legal Birth Certificate (or copy of)

For questions or concerns about Kindergarten Registration Night, you should contact Melissa Steward at msteward@bhmschools.org or (763) 682-0824.

Musical Notes

January has arrived!

All music students at Hanover will be exploring the treble clef and staff this month. Third, 4th and 5th graders will be starting the recorder. This unit will be about 4 weeks long and will conclude with a performance assessment on their recorder playing.



Kindergartners and 1st graders will be composing melodies to play on the xylophone bell sets and our instrument bags.

All music students have been working through the Quaver Music curriculum composing rhythmic and melody compositions and will continue this throughout the winter.



Our 2nd graders will begin working on their musical, "Go Fish" that they will perform on Tuesday, March 21st. Thank you to our Hanover PTO for the script, costumes and props for our upcoming musical.

Happy 2023!

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Fitness Focus

This December in grades 3-5 we focused on striking skills, ping pong, and collaboration. The 5th graders completed their fitness testing as well. In grades K-2, the skills we focused on were: collaboration, chasing, fleeing, dodging, spatial awareness, and striking. They also did a couple of winter activities. As always, we are continuing to focus on personal responsibility and kindness.



Looking forward to January, we are going to start our basketball unit and hopefully snowshoe. The basketball unit will be in grades K-5 and will be differentiated by grade level. We will be working on dribbling, passing, shooting and some defense/offensive ideas. The weather will hopefully cooperate for us to go snowshoeing as well! Towards the end of the month we will be using our long-handled implements and hockey equipment to



focus on striking and fair play.

We are continuing to practice good sportsmanship, treating each other and the equipment with respect and working hard in PE! Thank you to all as we look forward to having a great January in HES PE.

Please help your child remember their gym shoes for PE class. Thank you!

BECOMING A GOOD SPORT

1. Speak nicely 🗣️
2. Play together 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻
3. Follow rules 🚦
4. Take turns 🕒
5. Stay positive ☀️

Sincerely,

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Artistic Expressions

Happy New Year!

Here in the art room, we're in the midst of a project focused on teamwork. Each student is helping to create our "collaboration quilt" that will soon be on display. This project was inspired by the quilting artwork of Tula Pink. Tula's "Tridazzler Quilt" is made of quilt squares that have numerous colorful triangles, giving each square a diamond-like effect. In the art room each student went "shopping" for paper colors to create the background of their quilt square. Lines were then added to create triangles and finally crayons or color sticks were used to add color to each unique quilt square. Thank you to all the 5th graders that helped to start some extra squares for our younger quilters! If there's a parent volunteer out there that would like to help assemble and display our quilt, please just call or email me and we'll make arrangements. I plan to have the quilt on display for conferences in a few weeks, so be sure to check it out!



In addition to the quilting project, there have been all kinds of other great things going on in the art room. Fifth graders have been tinting and shading hues to create a background for a silhouette. Third graders have been learning about American artist George Rodrigue and his blue dog creations to serve as a springboard for their own "blue dog" drawings. First graders have been integrating their art and science skills as we've been observing rock properties and sorting rocks by texture, color, size, shape, etc. Kindergarten students have been exploring castles. They created some pretty cool castles using shapes, whiteboards, and their own drawing skills. It was especially fun when we started adding texture to our castles.



Warmly,
Mrs. Berg
Art Integration

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Thank you to all the families that brought in donations for
The Giving Tree!

You donated 281 toys, 207 food items, 194 clothing articles and 39 other items (like books, blankets, electronics). There was also \$1,018 donated to the Hanover Area Food Shelf. You helped many families have a wonderful holiday season!

PTO Page

SOME HISTORY OF HANOVER SCHOOL

Hanover, in the tradition of country schools, was a common school district with the typical wooden school house but with two floors. The original school built in 1892 stood where George Wagner's house stands today on old County Road 19.

Land was purchased and in 1958 a brick school consisting of three (3) rooms was constructed. A few years later two more rooms were built so that grades K-8 were accommodated.

Around 1968, the Hanover District consolidated with the Buffalo School System. Hanover area students traditionally went to Buffalo to high school so this common district consolidated with Buffalo, District 877 being the official state name. The community at Montrose is also part of the district.

In 1969, on the east end of the building, three (3) rooms were added which housed Kindergarten, first, and second grades. The kindergarten room also served as the lunchroom, movie room and program room. The staff consisted of 64 classroom teachers and a 604 music teacher. There was also a full time custodian, a part-time secretary, and one aide with 165 students in grades K-6.

In the fall of 1970, the enrollment began to climb so that by year's end there was almost 200 students at Hanover.

In fall of 1972 enrollment swelled to over 230. A temporary building was moved to Hanover to house a combination 3-4 grade and kindergarten went to two sections.

In the fall of 1973 over 270 students started school and the church basement was also used as a classroom. A T-building was built, but by spring, there were 290 students at Hanover and class sizes were very large.

In October of 1974 with over 320 students, a bond issue was passed and, in June of 1975, construction began. Three (3) temporary buildings and a trailer were relocated around school to accommodate the construction area with over 370 students.

School started in fall of 1975 amid the construction area with over 370 students. Construction moved along and by January 1, 1976 some new classrooms were occupied. In February the rest of the grades abandoned temporary buildings and unheated rooms in the old part of the building for new classrooms. By April the rest of the school, which included the library, gym, and music room, was in use.

In the fall of 1976, the first year that classes started in the new part of the building, enrollment reached 400 for the first time. Currently, there are 425 students attending the school.

The HANOVER PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO) was organized in the fall of 1972 with Idella Ziegler as its first president. The Hanover PTO has been supportive of Hanover students and staff, donating library books, playground equipment, consumable materials and dollars for field trips, movies, lyceums. It has sponsored teas and breakfasts for the staff and has gained a reputation throughout the district for its work at Hanover. The playground project spearheaded by Pat and Dick Grover has become a show piece of what the Hanover PTO has accomplished. Its major fund raiser has been an annual carnival.

During the school year 1980-81, the students selected blue and white as school colors, a fierce-looking hornet as the school's mascot and Hanover Hornets as the school's "competitive" name.

Our families have continued to be huge supporters of our children every year going all the way back to 1892, with the PTO being formed before most of the current parents were even born! Such a neat testament to our unique and special school.

Watch your e-mails later this month regarding volunteer opportunities during PTO events. We would love to be able to have a solid group of parents, and even grandparents, participating.

The best ideas come when we work together. We would love to have you at our next PTO meeting to share your ideas with us. Our next meeting is January 9th, 2023 in the staff lounge. E-mail us at hespto2020@gmail.com



Hanover Elementary School ...
over 130 years of tradition and excellence!



Winter Conferences will take place on January 31, February 2 and February 6. Online sign-up will be available beginning January 17. Your child will be bringing a flyer home with more information on how to sign up at www.myconferencetime.com/hanover.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 6: Early release at 12:25pm
January 9: PTO meeting, 6pm
January 16: No school, MLK Jr. Day
January 17: Online conference sign-up begins
January 19: 2nd grade field trip to Children's Museum
January 25: 5th grade field trip to BHS for BCMS concert
January 26: Dress up day—wear your favorite color
January 27: No school, teacher workshop
January 31: Conferences (also February 2 & 6)

Teach your child to achieve any goal by following four steps

January is a time for taking stock and setting goals. Many adults make some type of New Year's resolutions. Then two weeks later, most realize that they haven't followed through. Kids are no different.

This year, show your child how to achieve a goal. First, encourage your child to choose a goal that can be reached in a short time frame. Then, help your child follow four steps for achieving the goal:

1. State the goal. "My goal is to learn my multiplication facts." Ask your child to write it down and hang it in a prominent spot.
2. Plan how to meet the goal. "I will make flashcards and study them for 15 minutes every night. I will ask Dad to quiz me on Fridays."
3. Talk about the goal with others. This builds commitment to the goal. Your child should tell the teacher about the goal, too.
4. Do each step in the plan, one at a time. If problems come up, talk about possible solutions. Perhaps your child is too tired to review flashcards after a long day of school. It might work better to study them in the mornings while eating breakfast instead.

Notice effort and progress each step of the way—and celebrate together when the hard work pays off!

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Boost your child's desire to read with these five strategies

When children like to read, they do it more often—which boosts reading skills and overall school success. To ignite your child's love of reading:

1. **Celebrate.** Instead of simply checking out books at the library, make an event of it. Select interesting books, then choose a special place to enjoy reading together.
2. **Explore.** Help your child discover an appealing book series. Kids often can't resist picking up the next book in a series.
3. **Investigate.** Ask a question and encourage your child to find the answer by doing some research online.
4. **Play.** Turn something you just read together into a fun challenge: Ask your child to summarize the story using only three sentences. Can your child use the characters from the story in a new story?
5. **Experiment.** Read a variety of books together. If your child is used to reading fiction, try reading a biography or how-to book, for example.

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High expectations motivate students to succeed in school

When adults expect elementary schoolers to succeed, students' chances of doing so improve greatly. Expect them to come up short, and the odds are that they will.

Children are usually keenly aware of how their families view them, and they often tailor their actions to those views. So it's very important to have high expectations—and to express them to your child.

To set effective expectations:

- Make sure what you expect is within your child's abilities. If you set expectations that are either too high or too low, your child may do poorly.
- Post a list of expectations. Include your expectations for behavior in places and situations such as home, school, study time, etc.
- Be consistent. Don't lower your expectations to make your child happy. Don't raise them because you've had a rough day.
- Set your child up for success. Offer support to help your child meet expectations. For example, provide a well-lit study space and keep distractions to a minimum.

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First Grade Outdoor Fun



Third Grade Giving Tree Elves



4th Grade Engineering Day

Students worked in groups to build boats that held as many penny passengers as possible.



ENGINEERING-Float Your Boat

Group Number	GROUP NAME	GROUP MEMBERS	TRIAL 1	TRIAL 2
1	Atlantics	Olivia Emma Charlie	107	200
2	Pacifics	Abi Chuck JD	0	85
3	Sea Pups	Grace Isarah Preston	6	10
4	The Wild	Sierra Alexis Owen	20	80
5	Banana Boat	Laura Brodenick Mason	17	33
6	Blue Jays	Nora Julia Pierce	2	56
7	Christmas Tree	Raina Angus Grant Rohin	15	61
8	Blue Devil	Elsie Avery Cole	91	83
9	Titanic	Matilda Greta Hans Pengsue	6	86



HANOVER'S FOREST

