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From the Principal's Desk...

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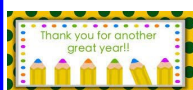
End Of Year Wrap-Up

It's hard to believe that the school year is already coming to an end. With this being the last newsletter for the school year, I want to remind you of a few things. If you are planning on moving, please let us know as soon as you can. This helps in keeping class lists current. Also, if you know of anyone moving into the area that has elementary age children, please encourage them to call the school to set up an appointment to register or ask for a tour.



Mark your calendars; our Open House is Tuesday, August 29th from 5:00 –7:00 p.m. for grades K-5. This is a great time to come and meet your child's teacher, bring in supplies, and get your lunch accounts set up. Also, a reminder that our incoming Kindergarten students will be able to participate in our "Dive Into Kindergarten Day" on Thursday, July 20th from 3-5pm. More information on all of these will be coming this summer.

A letter will also be mailed out to each family in early August that will include your child's teacher assignment for next fall as well as a supply list.



As we close out the school year, I want to thank all of our Hanover families for your continued support. The partnership with families and the local community help make Hanover a special place to be. Our staff continues to point out how fortunate we feel to be at HES and work with such great kids and families. Thanks for all you do!

I also want to give a special thanks to all of our teachers and staff at HES. Their hard work, dedication, and efforts helped ensure the success and growth of all of our students this year. It's been so much fun watching our students learn and grow over the past year and I'm excited to see what the future holds for all of them.



I hope all of you get the opportunity to enjoy some great family time this summer!

Brad Koltes, Principal



Fitness Focus

This May we focused on collaborative games in grades 3-5. Fifth grade also did their fitness testing. It has been a good month of PE as we have been able to be outside for a good portion of the month. As we finish up our school year students will be doing some kickball activities and having a station day with an **optional** mile run. The mile run will be one of the choices the students can choose to do.



In grades K-2 we did some collaborative movement activities including relays and frisbee throwing. We also focused on spatial awareness activities. We will be finishing our year with some kicking activities.



We have a couple of great Field Days to celebrate being active throughout the year. HES Field Day was on Tuesday, May 30th. This Field Day is a great leadership opportunity for our 5th grade students as they become the leaders of their field stations for a couple of hours. It's really fun to see the students rise to the challenge and do an excellent job of leading. The 5th Grade District Field Day is on Friday, June 2nd. More information has been sent home about this.



Please help your child remember their gym shoes for PE class. If I don't see you before the year ends, have a wonderful summer and see you in the fall!



Sincerely,
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Music Notes

I can't believe that June is here! Our year in music class has flown by!

Our K-5 students finished their keyboard unit last month and did a fantastic job! 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students really worked hard to test on many songs in their piano book, and many students finished book 1 and started book 2!



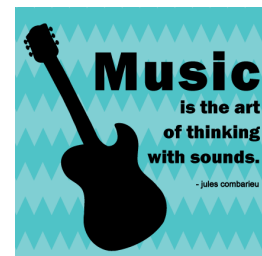
Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students also have been working on electronic compositions in our Quaver curriculum. Many students will share these during the last weeks of school.

Our kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade students shared many songs for the class on their keyboards and learned how to improvise melodies with folk songs.



Throughout the year students at Hanover have really progressed and created a lot of awesome music together.

Have a great summer!
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Artistic Expressions

June Greetings!

As we wrap up the school year you will see lots of art projects coming home. These projects have been adding color and interest to our school over the past weeks and months. A big thank you to all of the creative young artists here at HES. You have made our school a beautiful place!

In May kindergarteners worked with color, texture, and the ABCs to create a stunning artwork inspired by American artist Jasper Johns. They also used rainbow colors to create caterpillars and drew some really cool birds and butterflies. Nature items are such great inspiration!



First graders have been focusing on animals and architecture. We read books by William Wegman and made anthropomorphic art using printed heads of animals and giving them human-like bodies.



Talk about some good laughs! Paper bags were used to create a house - where great creativity was exhibited. Currently first graders are learning about Australian animals and creating some dot paintings.

Third graders drew still life drawings of a layered cake, using Wayne Theibaud as inspiration. Op art paper weaving has also been fun for 3rd graders to explore.



5th graders too looked at Op art and they drew and wove some very cool pieces. It's amazing what line and color can do! Now 5th graders are drawing nature related items and they'll use watercolors to give their art more interest.



Keep creating this summer! There are so many possibilities: get creative with sidewalk chalk, take your drawing supplies outside and sketch, paint a birdhouse or an art pole, take a painting class, use play dough, clay, or wet sand to sculpt, doodle during a long car ride, learn how to knit, build something with cardboard scraps, and the list goes on!



Enjoy the summer and keep creating!

Mrs. Berg
Art Integration
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A special thank you is extended to all of our volunteers who donated many hours of their time to help make HES a great place to learn!

Health Headlines

Please see below for some Summer Safety Tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). We hope you will have a wonderful summer and we look forward to working with you in September!

Summer Safety Tips: Staying Safe Outdoors

Fireworks Safety:



- Fireworks can result in severe burns, blindness, scars, and even death.
- Fireworks that are often thought to be safe, such as sparklers, can reach temperatures above 1000 degrees Fahrenheit, and can burn users and bystanders.
- Families should attend community fireworks displays run by professionals rather than using fireworks at home.

Bug Safety:



- Don't use scented soaps, perfumes or hair sprays on your child.
- If possible, eliminate stagnant water, such as in bird baths or fish ponds, in your yard. Dump any buckets or tires that may contain standing water. Check that your window screens are tightly fitted and repair any holes to keep bugs out of the house.
- Avoid dressing your child in clothing with bright colors or flowery prints.
- To remove a visible stinger from skin, gently back it out by scraping it with a credit card or your fingernail.
- Combination sunscreen/insect repellent products should be avoided because the sunscreen needs to be reapplied every two hours, but the insect repellent should not be reapplied that often.
- Use insect repellents containing DEET when needed to prevent insect-related diseases. Ticks can transmit Lyme Disease, and mosquitoes can transmit West Nile, Zika virus, Chikungunya virus and other viruses.
 - The current AAP and CDC recommendation for children older than 2 months of age is to use 10% to 30% DEET. Do not use on children under 2 months of age.
 - The effectiveness is similar but the duration of effect varies. Ten percent DEET provides protection for about 2 hours, and 30% protects for about 5 hours. Choose the lowest concentration that will provide the required length of protection.
 - The concentration varies significantly by product, so read the label of any product you purchase. Children should wash off repellents when they return indoors.
 - As an alternative to DEET, picaridin has become available in the U.S. in concentrations of 5% to 10%.
- When outside in the evenings or other times when there are a lot of mosquitoes present, cover up with long sleeved shirts, pants and socks to prevent bites.
- Children should wear hats to protect against ticks when walking in the woods, high grasses or bushes. Check hair and skin for ticks at the end of the day.

Bicycle Safety:



- A helmet protects your child from serious injury, and should always be worn. And remember, wearing a helmet at all times helps children develop the helmet habit.
- Many injuries happen in driveways, on sidewalks, and on bike paths, not just on streets. Children learn best by observing you. Set the example: Whenever you ride, put on your helmet.
- When purchasing a helmet, look for a label or sticker that says the helmet meets the CPSC safety standard.
- Your child should ride on the right, facing the same direction as traffic, and should be taught to obey all stop signs and other traffic control devices. Children should never ride at night.

READY TO MOVE ON.... Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Gilchrist, Mrs. Kolasa and Mrs. Wolf are retiring from Hanover Elementary. We wish them well. They will be missed! Good luck!

Mrs. Bryan



... After 35 years of teaching at Hanover Elementary School, I am retiring. I began my teaching career in 1988 fresh out of college. I was hired as a third grade teacher and have been teaching third grade ever since. (My team sometimes calls me "The Queen Bee of Third Grade!") It has been a joy watching so many students learn and grow throughout the years. Seeing the love of learning and how excited students get when they finally understand a concept they've been working on is what makes teaching so rewarding. One of my favorite times of the day has always been storytime. It's a special time where we can laugh together, wonder about things, learn new words, and it's where I can see the world through my students' eyes. I truly LOVE teaching, and feel so fortunate to have been able to make it my career.

I am moving north of Duluth this summer. I am looking forward to being closer to my family. I also hope to be able to spend some time relaxing at the cabin, reading some great books, learning how to play guitar, doing some traveling, and possibly writing a children's book. It's exciting thinking about having the time to do some of these special things.

As I leave Hanover Elementary School, I want to say thank you to all of the staff here that have been like family. You all are amazing people. Thank you to the parents and community members for all of your support. It truly meant a lot to me. Thank you to my students over the last 35 years who made me love my job. You are awesome! I leave Hanover Elementary School with a grateful heart to have been a part of such a wonderful place.



Mrs. Gilchrist



... Thirty-two years ago I started my teaching career at Hanover Elementary. During the first ten years I taught fourth grade, and then spent the rest of the time in third grade. With many mixed emotions, I have decided to retire from teaching full time at the end of this school year.

Teaching at Hanover Elementary has been so much more than a job to me. It has become a major part of my life and who I am today. I feel very fortunate to have spent my career doing something that I truly love doing. The school staff and the families I have worked with throughout the years have inspired me to always keep learning and to bring my best to school each day. When I take a moment to reflect, I realize how lucky I am to say that I taught and was able to get to know over 800 Hanover students, along with their families. In addition, I have also been able to work with a staff that has always felt like a family to me.

As I move forward, I plan to do a variety of things. Some of which include gardening, fishing, reading, traveling, substitute teaching, and possibly trying something new.

Thank you Hanover students, families, and staff for being a cherished part of my Hanover story. I will miss you all!!!

Mrs. Kolasa ... After working as an instructional and supervisory ESP at HES for 33 years, it is time for me to retire. I have greatly enjoyed my years at Hanover. I have learned so much from everyone I have worked with over the years. I have had the great opportunity of having awesome teachers to work with and help guide me through these 33 years. Hanover is truly a special place to work.



Now is the time for me to get back to doing some of the things I truly enjoy and haven't had time for. I love to scrapbook, read and work outside in our flower beds. Also, I can now just take each day as it comes and enjoy.

Thank you Hanover staff, students and parents for everything.



Mrs. Wolff ... After 28 years at Hanover Elementary, I have decided it's time to retire. I have so many fond memories of the kids I have had the pleasure of meeting throughout the years as well as the awesome staff that I have been lucky enough to work with.



I will miss the daily hugs from students as they pass through the media center on their way to class every morning, and the always present smiles of staff members as we cross paths during the day. I will treasure these moments forever!

Thank you HES for a wonderful 28 years!



Mrs. Berg is leaving HES for other places.... We wish her the best of luck on her new adventures.

Mrs. Berg ... My time here at HES was short, but sweet. It has been an artistic adventure filled with great people! Thank you to the students for all of their enthusiasm and creativity, thank you to the entire staff for being so welcoming and helpful, and thanks to the PTO for supporting the new arts integration program. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful school!



Have a
Great
Summer!

Donations

From PTO	
Hornetdale supplies	\$350.39
Track & Field Day	\$34.44
Technology	\$7,000.00
From Box Tops for Education	\$48.10
From Hanover Lions - picnic tables	\$2,885.00



Dates to Remember

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June 1: All School Picnic, 4:30-6:30 pm

June 2: 5th Grade Track & Field, BHS
Bus Patrol to Twins Game, 5:30 pm

June 5: 1st/2nd Grade Picnic, Settler's Park

June 6: BHS Graduate Walk at HES

June 8: Last Day of School;
Dress Up Day—Wear Hanover Pride

July 20: Dive Into Kindergarten, 3-5 pm

Early August: teacher assignment letters
will be mailed

August 5: Hanover Harvest Festival

August 29: Open House for Grades K-5, 5-7 pm

September 5: First Day of School

Alternate Destination Forms

The Bus Company requests that Alternate Destination Forms for the 2023-2024 school year be completed and turned in by August 3rd. Forms are available at the bus company, in the school office and online at the district website (under forms). The bus company's phone number is: (763) 682-3232.



**Alternate Location
Bus Form**



PTO Page



Thank you to all the HES families who came out to our Spring Event. Thank you for adding to your students' special memories from the 2021-2022 school year.

Have a great summer and enjoy time with your loved ones.

Please feel free to keep in touch if you have any suggestions or would like to learn more about HES PTO over the summer. Email us at hespto2020@gmail.com.

The best ideas come when we work together.



Yearbooks will be distributed during this last week of school. If you still wish to purchase one, there are a few extras available. No holds—first come, first served. \$15.50 each, payable to HES.



MOVING?

If you plan to move or transfer schools this summer, please contact the office at 763.682.0800 as soon as possible.

Offer your child motivation to keep learning

Students who remain motivated to learn are likely to be more successful in school than those who are not. Motivation comes from within your child, but the right words and actions from you can encourage it.

Try these ideas:

- Be a learner yourself. Let your child see you read books. Watch educational programs. Attend school functions. Try new things. Show curiosity.
- Share what you learn. Talk about new ideas or scientific discoveries with your child. Discuss things you read or hear.
- Show an interest in what your child is learning. Ask questions to learn and share—not to check up on your child.
- Stay positive. If your child has problems in school, talk about how problems can be solved. Meet with the teacher to figure out ways your child can improve. Then discuss ways you can work together to help your child succeed.
- Show faith in your child's ability to learn. Offer praise when your child shows effort.

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Three simple strategies can boost reading comprehension

As students get older, they will be expected to read and understand more complex text. They will need to transition from learning to read to reading to learn.

To support this transition, share these three reading comprehension strategies with your child:

1. **See the big picture.** Before starting to read an assignment, have your child think about the material. What is the title of the chapter or assignment? Does it offer any clues about the content? Suggest your child look for other clues, such as subheadings, words in boldface or italics, pictures or graphs.
2. **Take notes.** Taking notes while reading will make it easier for your child to comprehend and remember information. It will also make reading active and engaging. Your child should write down the most important ideas in the reading assignment. Your child should also write down any unfamiliar words and look them up later.
3. **Make connections.** The best way to remember new information is to relate it to something already learned. When your child finishes reading, ask questions such as: How is this topic similar to something else you know? What key ideas did you already know? What new information did you learn?

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Prioritize unplugged activities over recreational screen time

The lazy days of summer can lead to lazy hours staring at digital devices. But experts say it's vital to provide plenty of healthy screen-free time during the summer.

Encourage your child to:

- **Be the entertainment.** Instead of watching a show, encourage your child to star in one. Have your child choose an exciting story line and act it out with friends or stuffed animals.
- **Play classic games.** Fill a bucket with traditional summer toys, such as sidewalk chalk, balls, bubbles and water sprayers. When the weather is right, have your child take it outside for hours of fun.
- **Be a mad scientist.** Go online to find simple science experiments to conduct together.
- **Plan a treasure hunt.** Hide several clues, with each one leading to the next. The last clue should lead to a treasure, such as a yummy snack or a fun activity.
- **Create a masterpiece.** Gather supplies such as glue, construction paper, fabric, yarn, washable markers and paint. Ask your child to create something.

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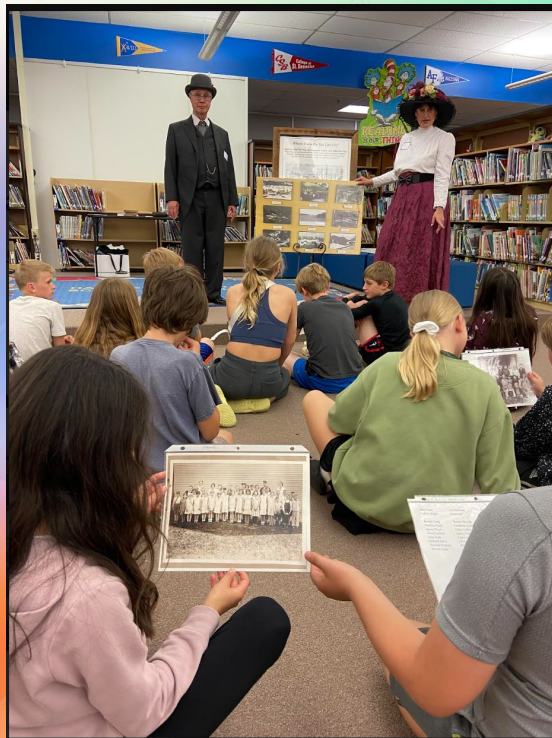
2nd Grade Fun

- * Cutting open a wasp nest
- * Pizza fraction day
- * Field Day



4th Grade Fun

- * Learning about Hanover History
- * Doing demonstration speeches



Arts Integration Fun



Hanover School Forest



Hanover School Forest

