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From the Principal's Desk...

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It's hard to believe May is already here and summer is right around the corner. It's been a great year and we are so proud of all of the things our students at Hanover Elementary have accomplished so far. Though the weather isn't showing it yet, we know spring will soon be in the air, so help us to encourage all of our students to finish the year strong!

I would like to take a moment to thank all of the volunteers that have helped out this school year. Hanover Elementary has always had a great tradition of family support and is used to seeing a lot of volunteers throughout the year. Unfortunately the pandemic didn't allow us to have as many volunteers the last couple years, so it's been nice to return to that this year. Thank you again for your time and support!

We've also been able to return to more of our in-person events this spring. We once again are having our all-school recognition programs as well as musical performances. Recently our 2nd graders put on a great show with their production of ARF for students and family members. In March, our PTO hosted a movie night at HES which drew a large crowd. Our PTO is now planning a spring event which will take place on Friday, May 20th and we will have our All School Picnic on Thursday, June 2nd. Please come out and celebrate a great school year and enjoy what we hope is some nice spring weather!

Lastly, I want to update you on plans for next school year. Based on current student enrollment numbers our staffing allocation for the 2022-23 school year will have HES at 3 sections in each grade level except for 2nd and 4th grade, which will be at 2 sections. We have seen a slight decline in student enrollment over the last couple years which is why we are seeing our staffing allocation go down. We know that there are new homes being built in the area, so if you know of any new families moving in, please encourage them to call the HES office to enroll. We are very proud of our school and believe that Hanover Elementary has a great tradition of providing students with a high quality education and experience. If you know of families that are looking for a great school, please have them reach out to us!



This last month of school will go by quickly and we have many fun events to help finish off the year on a great note. Thanks again for all of your support and I hope to see you at our end of the year celebrations!

Brad Koltes, Principal

Fitness Focus



During the month of April, Grades 3-5 students enjoyed an Archery Unit. Congratulations to **Ernie Jacobs** and **Katherine Gustafson** for scoring 3 bullseyes for a perfect score of 30!



Activities for the Month of May include: Fitness testing, Grades (3-5) racket skills, track and field activities and diamond games.

Did you know?

One big reason that movement is so critical to learning is that physical activity increases blood flow to the brain. The brain relies on blood for nourishment, particularly oxygen. The more physically fit a person is, the greater the blood flow to the brain. Increased blood flow means increased oxygen to the brain, enhancing a person's ability to learn, think, problem-solve and create. We can help our children to learn better when we give them many opportunities to move and get fit, such as playing an organized sport, playing in neighborhood games with friends, or fun family activities like bike riding. The best way to keep our kids fit is to provide a variety of activities that are above all else FUN! If it's fun, they'll want to come back and do them again and again!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Track and Field Days!

June 3rd - 5th grade All-district Track and Field Day at the High School track. Volunteers are needed! A form was sent home with 5th grade students about this.

June 8th – 3rd & 4th grades, 9:00-11:00

June 8th – 1st & 2nd grades, 12:00-2:00

There are no make-up dates for Track and Field events. *Spectators are welcome to all Track and Field events.* Hope to see you there!



“Play with heart, win with class, and lose with dignity.” ~~Michael S. Josephson~~

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Media Musings

DATES TO REMEMBER:

LAST DAY TO CHECK OUT HES LIBRARY BOOKS - Wednesday, May 18th
ALL HES LIBRARY BOOKS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY - Monday, May 23rd



Every school year, the **Minnesota Youth Reading Awards** nominate 10 books for the **Maud Hart Lovelace Book Award**. Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades who read at least 3 of the 10 nominees were eligible to vote for their favorite book. All the votes across the state of Minnesota were tallied and the winners were just announced on April 30th. Maud Hart Lovelace was a Minnesota author from Mankato best known for the *Betsy-Tacy* series written in the 1940's and 1950's.



The HES students voted:

- #1. *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by Dan Gemeinhart
- #2. *When Stars are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
- #3. *The Doughnut Fix* by Jessie Janowitz

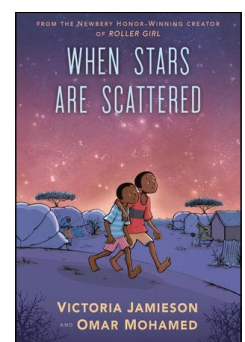
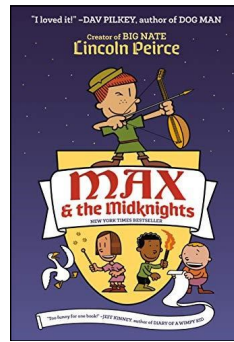
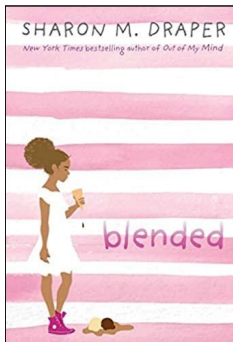
Our HES students definitely had differing opinions on their favorites!

The **2021-22 winners for the entire state** are:

1st Place: *When Stars are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

HONOR books: *Blended* by Sharon M. Draper

Max & the Midnighters by Lincoln Peirce

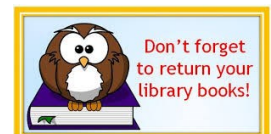


The **Minnesota Youth Book Awards** also sponsors the **Star of the North Picture Books Awards** for kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders. There are 10 nominees and your children voted for their favorite book.

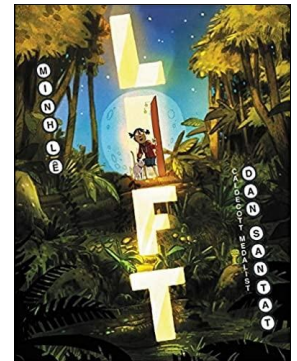
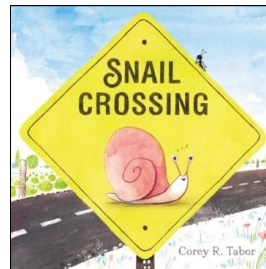
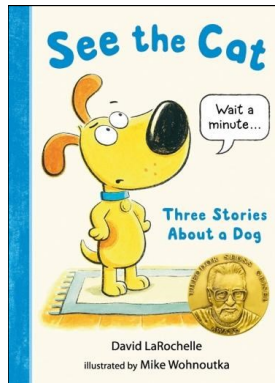
The HES students voted:

- #1. *See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog* by David LaRochelle, illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka
- #2. *Friday Night Wrestlefest* by JF (Jennifer) Fox, illustrated by Micah Player
- #3. *Lift* by Minh Le, illustrated by Dan Santat
- #4. *Snail Crossing* written & illustrated by Corey R. Tabor

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More Media Musings



Our HES students voted very similar to the rest of the kids in Minnesota!

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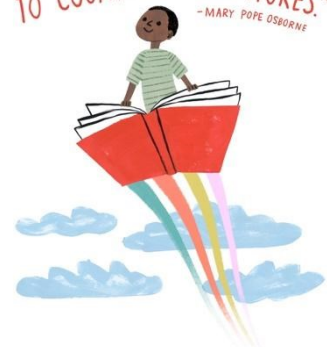
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HONOR: *See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog* by David LaRochelle,
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Snail Crossing written & illustrated by Corey R. Tabor

Happy reading!

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"READING IS A PASSPORT
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES."
—MARY POPE OSBORNE



Music Notes

Happy Spring everyone!

Our second graders performed their musical, "Arf" for the students and staff and for family and friends in April. Outstanding job, 2nd graders!



Our music classes have just begun working their way through songs on the piano keyboards. As students in grades K-5 continue with their second week of our piano unit in May, they will be assessed on their techniques and have opportunities to share songs for the class.



During the last part of May students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will be finishing units in Quaver (our online music curriculum) and putting final touches on their electronic songs they have been working on all year. Students will share some of these song creations for classes as well.



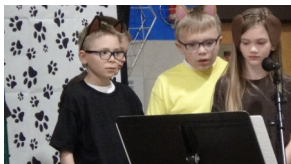
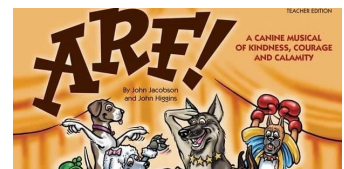
Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders will wrap up the year with singing assessments; learn more about do, mi, so and la; and do activities from Quaver. They will also be using their instrument bags and playing on the bucket drums.



It has been such a productive year in music and it has gone by so quickly!

Thank you for your support of our music programs at Hanover!

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MOVING?

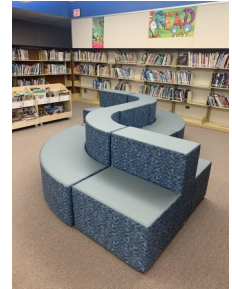


If you plan to move or transfer schools this summer, please contact the office at 763.682.0824 or email msteward@bhmschools.org as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Donations

HES received a \$15,000 donation from the Hanover Lions for Media Center furniture.



All-School Picnic is
Thursday, June 2nd
from 4:30-6:30.



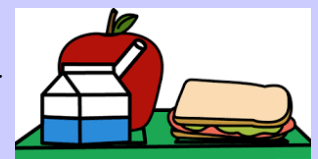
Kitchen Korner

School Meals are Cool!

Every day is a perfect day for school meals!

As the summer approaches, kids are often more restless and distracted at school. You can help to make sure that their last weeks of school are productive by ensuring that they have healthy nutritious meals. Studies show that good nutrition makes kids more alert, less distractible and better behaved in school; it even improves their test scores!

Let's keep our students focused by making sure that every school day consists of healthy nutritious meals, either from home or school!





PTO Page

HES PTO Spring Event

Friday, May 20, 2022, 5-8 pm

**Join HES families for a fun evening of bouncing
scavenger hunting and more!**



**Dinner from
Big Bore Barbecue**

and



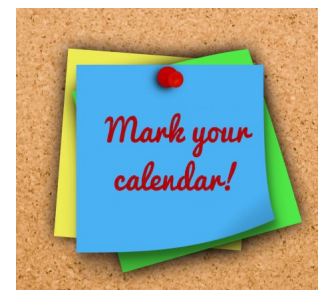
- back by popular demand - What's the Scoop Ice Cream

Please RSVP by May 4th. A flyer has already been sent home.

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 May 9th, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the staff lounge. You can reach us via e-mail at hespto2020@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

- May 5: 2nd grade portfolio night, 5 pm
- May 8: Mother's Day
- May 9: School Board Workshop, Media Center, 4:30 pm
- May 9: PTO meeting, staff lounge, 6 pm
- May 13: 5th Grade Bus Patrol to Twins game, 5:30 pm
- May 19: 5th Grade field trip, U of MN
- May 19: 1st Grade field trip, Eastman Nature Center
- May 20: PTO Spring Event, 5 pm
- May 23: All library books due
- May 24: 3rd Grade field trip, MN Zoo
- May 25: 2nd Grade field trip, MN Landscape Arboretum
- May 30: No School, Memorial Day
- June 1: 5th Grade DARE graduation, 1:15 pm
- June 2: All school picnic, 4:30 pm
- June 3: 5th grade Track & Field Day at BHS
- June 6: Grades 1 & 2 picnic
- June 8: Grades 3 & 4 Track & Field Day, 9 am
- June 8: Grades 1 & 2 Track & Field Day, Noon
- June 9: Dress Up Day: Hanover Pride
- June 9: Last Day of School!
- June 10: Report cards on Parent Portal



Reflect on the school year and celebrate your child's success

As the school year winds down, it's a great time to help your child look back, look forward, give thanks and celebrate. Here's how:

- Talk to your child's teacher. Ask about your child's strengths and weaknesses. How has he improved? Where does he need more work? Ask what you can do to help your child over the summer.
- Talk to your child about the school year. Ask what he thinks went well. Talk about what challenged him most. Help him figure out what changes he should make for the upcoming school year.
- Review your child's successes. Look over schoolwork you've saved during the year. Point out how much your child has learned—how many new words, for example. Or how he can add and divide. Or how his writing has improved.
- Help your child set learning goals for the summer. How much time will he spend reading? What math concepts would he like to master? Guide him, based on the suggestions from his teacher.
- Encourage your child to thank people who have made the year work—the teacher, school nurse, librarian, food service worker, etc. This will help him appreciate how many people have helped him.
- Celebrate the year's accomplishments with a special activity. It doesn't have to be elaborate or cost anything. Just make plans to enjoy one-on-one time with your child.

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Keep your child safe while navigating the online world

Technology has changed how students learn and how they socialize. Millions of kids in all age groups are online every day—at home, at school, at friends' homes, at the library—and many are creating online content.

To promote online safety:

- Discuss rules and expectations. Use software that helps protect children, but supervise carefully, too. Allow your child to communicate online only with people you both know.
- Set guidelines. Establish times when technology is not allowed, and set a time when all devices must be turned off for the evening.
- Remind your child not to reveal personal information online, such as phone numbers, school name, passwords or your home's location.
- Keep internet use out in the open. Have your child use computers and digital devices in common areas where you can supervise.
- Learn about the websites and apps your child wants to visit or download. Make sure you approve of the content.
- Encourage your child to tell you about any inappropriate content, messages or experiences online. Report concerns to the authorities.

For more safety tips, visit the Family Online Safety Institute at www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting.

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Engage your child in outdoor science learning this summer

Research shows that girls start to lose interest in science as early as grade school. But a new study shows that learning science outdoors can boost girls' knowledge and their interest in the subject.

In one program, female students explored science in the natural world and recorded their findings in a journal. These students earned higher grades in science and understood more about the science they learned.

To encourage this kind of hands-on science learning whatever your child's gender, head outside and:

- Have a scavenger hunt for specific items that can be found in nature.
- Observe insects and frogs. Look for evidence of animals, such as tracks.
- Record how plants change over the summer.

If you or your child see something puzzling, visit your library or go online to find the answer. By encouraging your child to ask questions now, you can encourage enthusiasm for science in the future.

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First Grade Fun!



Fourth Grade Fun!

Hanover School Forest

