



# Hanover Herald

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## From the Principal's Desk...

It's crazy to think that we have less than 30 school days left in our year! It's been an amazing year and we are so proud of all of the great things our students at Hanover Elementary have accomplished so far. At our April Recognition Program, we recognized many of our students' accomplishments and talked about finishing our school year strong. Just like a race, we want to make sure that we can cross that finish line. That means continuing to be the hard workers and positive leaders that we know they all are!

I also want to take a minute to thank all of our volunteers that have helped throughout the year. One of the many things that makes Hanover Elementary great is the amount of volunteers we have on a regular basis. We are truly blessed to have so many people willing and able to give their time and support to help our students learn at high levels. Thank you again to all of our volunteers for making this a great place for our kids!

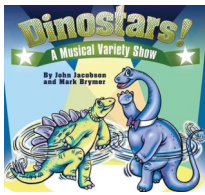
Lastly, this past month I communicated with our 1st grade parents in regards to section reductions that are taking place for their students for next school year. Unfortunately, because of district budget reductions, we have to reduce our four sections of first grade down to three sections for 2nd grade in the 2019-20 school year. Our district budget reductions are due to the referendum failing this past fall as well as the continued lack of adequate funding from the Federal and State Governments to school districts. Our school board has been able to maintain our smaller class sizes over the past handful of years by intentionally spending down our district reserve. Unfortunately, they will not be able to sustain this any more until our funding inequities are addressed. In the meantime, that means budget reductions across the district. Hanover Elementary is not the only school being impacted as many other schools are seeing a reduction in staff as well. Our staffing allocation for the 2019-20 school year will have 3 sections in each grade level. Though next year's 2nd grade class is the one being most impacted here at HES by higher class sizes, I wanted to make sure I communicated this to all our Hanover parents so you were aware of why these reductions were taking place.

How can you help? The best thing you can do is to talk to your friends and neighbors about these reductions and funding inequities that our district is facing, so they are aware. You can also contact your state and federal legislators. If you want more information, you can also contact school board members, our superintendent of schools or the district's finance and operations director. As always, if you have questions or concerns, you can reach out to me as well.

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 the All School Picnic on May 30th!

*Brad Koltes, Principal*

# Music Notes



Congratulations to our 2nd grade class for two fabulous performances of their musical, "Dinostars!" We had a wonderful time preparing for and presenting this musical to friends, parents and relatives. Thank you to all the volunteers who spent time creating our set and donating costumes for this musical. We couldn't have done it without your help!

Grades K-5 finished their keyboard unit at the end of April. Grades K-5 also learned drumming techniques in a drum circle. Our wonderful PTO purchased 30 djembe hand drums for Hanover Music classes. Thank you so much, Hanover PTO!



Grades 3-5 will soon be starting to learn chords on the guitar and continue with more ukulele study.

Our choir students finished their season with two concerts on April 30th.

During May students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will be finishing our guitar unit, learning more about bass clef and working on instrument and composer presentations.



Students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade will wrap up the year with singing assessments, learn more about do, mi, so and la, and take a look at some activities from a pilot curriculum called, "Quaver". They will also be playing on the djembe drums and xylophones.

It has been such a wonderful year and it has gone by so quickly! I have loved to witness the musical growth of the students throughout the year.

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## MOVING?



If you plan to move or transfer schools this summer, please contact the office at 763.682.0800 or email [msteward@bhmschools.org](mailto:msteward@bhmschools.org) as soon as possible. We request that you complete a Student Withdrawal Form, available in the office. Thank you!



# P.E. Update



During the month of April, grades 3-5 students enjoyed an archery unit. Congratulations to Danielle Billin, Layla Ganfield, Lychia Yang and Nolan Hansen for hitting the bullseye 3 times in a row for a perfect score of 30!



Also during the month of April, all students in Phy Ed enjoyed a lesson on cardio drumming. A big THANK YOU to former student Nicole (Brown) Kalk for coming in to present!



## **Activities for May:**

*All students will be working hard during the month of May to finish up fitness tests, practice track and field events, and play diamond games. Grades 3-5 will also be working on racket skills.*

## **Dates to remember:** Track and Field Days!

May 24th – 3rd & 4th grades, 8:45-11:00

May 24th – 1st & 2nd grades, 11:45-2:00

May 31st – 5th grade all-district Track and Field (all day at BCMS)

Spectators are welcome to all Track and Field events. Hope to see you there!

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***“Play with heart, win with class, and lose with dignity”***

*Michael S. Josephson*

# Media Musings

Every school year, the **Minnesota Youth Reading Awards** nominate 10 books for the **Maud Hart Lovelace Book Award**. Students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades who read at least 3 of the 10 nominees are eligible to vote for their favorite book. All the votes across the state of Minnesota were tallied and the winners were announced two weeks ago. 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. *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- #2. TIE – *The Hero Two Doors Down* by Sharon Robinson  
*Webster: Tale of an Outlaw* by Ellen Emerson White
- #4. *Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chamblis Bertman
- #5. *Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate

Our HES students definitely had differing opinions on their favorites!

The **2018-19 winners for the entire state** are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: *The Terrible Two* by Mac Barnett
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt



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

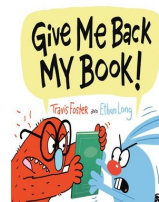
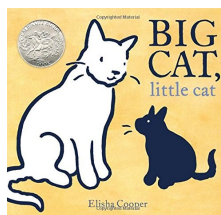
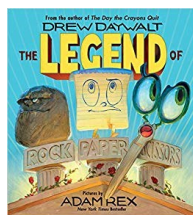
The HES students voted:

- #1. *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Adam Rex
- #2. *Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines* by Jeanne Walker Harvey, illustrated by Dow Phumiruk
- #3. *Big Cat, Little Cat* written & illustrated by Elisha Cooper

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

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: *Give Me Back My Book!* written & illustrated by Travis Foster and Ethan Long



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# More Media Musings

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Last day to check out HES library books!

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – All HES library books should be returned by this date!

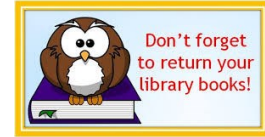
May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup> – Buy One, Get One SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR. It will also be open the evening of the school picnic on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Buy One, Get One is a perfect time to stock up on summer reading!

Happy Reading!

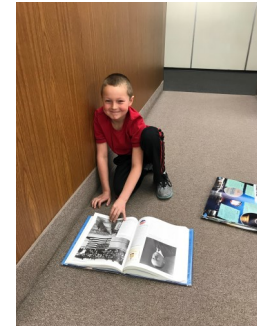
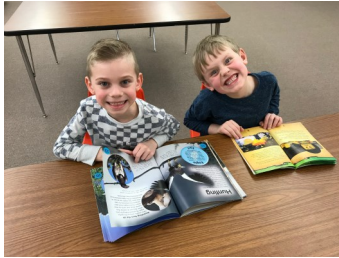
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*"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, Go throw your TV set away, And in its place you can install, A lovely bookshelf on the wall." — Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*



## 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 a healthy nutritious day. 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!



## Upcoming Events

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Be the Nice Kid  
Friday, May 3  
6:00-8:00 pm

Monday, May 20  
PTO Meeting  
6:00 pm

HES Staff Lounge

All Hanover parents are  
welcome to attend and  
help in planning our events.

All-School Picnic  
Thursday, May 30

# PTO Page

As we close out the year, we will be finalizing our purchases and sharing where your donations helped the school. We look forward to not only sharing those results, but to another successful fundraiser in the fall to continue all of the things YOUR DONATIONS support:

1. Teacher Activity Fees - fees you used to pay - now paid for by the PTO
2. Technology access in every classroom
3. DARE Program
4. Hornetdale
5. Book It Program
6. In-home app access
7. Musicals and Plays
8. Hardship Fund and Food Service Angel Account
9. All-School Picnics
10. New books in the Media Center
11. New Music curriculum
12. Family Events - Bingo Night, Movie Night, Engineering Night, Spring Event
13. And so many more activities that create the "Hanover Experience"

## Upcoming PTO Sponsored Events:

- ◆ All-School Picnic
- ◆ 1st and 2nd Grade Picnic
- ◆ Bussing for end-of-year field trips
- ◆ Staff Appreciation
- ◆ 5th Grade DARE Graduation
- ◆ Kindergarten Graduation



Giving is not just  
about make a donation,  
it's about  
**making a difference.**

- Kathy Calvin

## HES received the following donations:

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| From Box Tops for Education | \$1000.00 |
| From the PTO -<br>Library   | \$3000.00 |

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## Upcoming Events

- May 3: Golden Guest Luncheon
- May 3: PTO Spring Event: Be the Nice Kid, 6:00 pm
- May 7: District Wide Spelling Bee at DES, 6:30 pm
- May 9: 3rd Grade Grandparents Day, 9:30 am
- May 9: 5th Grade Field Trip to Target Field
- May 9: Kindergarten Field Trip to Stages Theater
- May 10: Bus Patrol Trip to Twins Game
- May 12: Mother's Day
- May 14: Early Childhood Screening
- May 21: 2nd Grade Field Trip to Como Park Zoo & Conservatory
- May 21: 3rd Grade Field trip to Minnesota Zoo
- May 24: 3rd & 4th Grade Track & Field Day, 8:45-11:00
- May 24: 1st & 2nd Grade Track & Field Day, 11:45-2:00
- May 27: No School, Memorial Day
- May 28: BOGO Scholastic Book Fair begins
- May 29: 5th Grade DARE Graduation, 1:15 pm
- May 30: All School Picnic, 4:30 pm
- May 31: 5th Grade Track & Field Day at BCMS
- June 5: 1st Grade Field Trip to Baker Near Wilderness Center
- June 5: 4th Grade Field Trip to Science Museum
- June 6: Dress Up Day: Hanover Pride
- June 6: Last Day of School!



# ***HES All-School Picnic***

Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 p.m.



**Join the fun!!**

**The PTO will be providing all the food!**



- Come for an evening of socializing.
- Celebrate the end of another successful school year!
- Check out the Art Gallery in the phy ed gym.
- Shop the BOGO Book Fair.

**Reminders:** Bring chairs or blankets to use on the playground while eating.

**In case of rain the event will still be held...indoors!**

## **Remember the 85-15 rule when it comes to discipline**

Too often, discipline gets a bad rap. Many parents think it means punishing their children when they misbehave, which isn't very enjoyable for children or parents.

However, the word discipline actually comes from the Latin word disciplina, which means "teaching." So try thinking about discipline in a different way. Think of discipline as a way to teach your child the skills she needs to succeed in life.

Most of your discipline—roughly 85 percent—should focus on encouraging the behavior you want to see in your child. You can do this by being a good role model. For example, if you want your child to be kind, be kind to others. If you want her to be responsible, keep your own commitments.

You can also point out others who display the behaviors you'd like to encourage. And when you see your child doing the right thing, notice and compliment her.

That leaves just 15 percent of the time to focus on correcting her negative behavior. While you will still have to set rules and enforce consequences, you'll get to spend most of your time focusing on the positive.

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## Four ways to motivate your child to read over the summer

Studies show that when kids don't keep up with reading over the summer, they can lose up to three months of learning—and feel the effects for a long time! Fortunately, this doesn't have to happen.

To encourage summer reading:

1. Join a reading program. Ask the librarian at your local library for a list of programs your child can attend.
2. Be creative. Remember that all kinds of reading materials can help your child build and maintain skills—craft magazines, comic books and even cookbooks.
3. Focus on your child's interests. Ask him if there is something he would like to learn more about during the school break? Maybe he wants to identify stars and constellations at night or learn how to camp. Help him find books about subjects he loves.
4. Plan a book swap. Have your child invite friends to participate in a book exchange event. If a child donates two books he has read, he can exchange them for two books he hasn't read.

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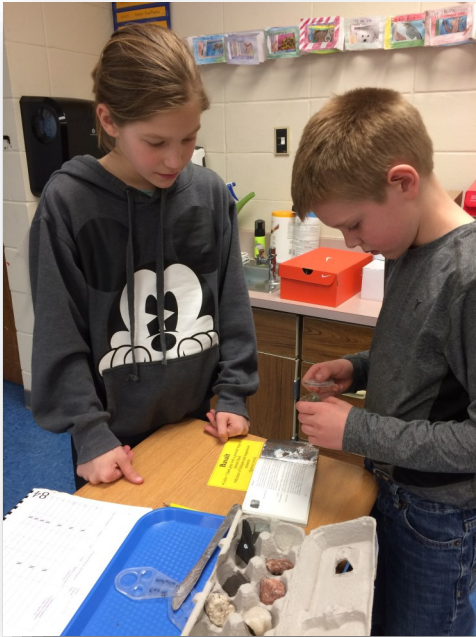
## Help your child reflect on the year and celebrate success

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

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## 4th Grade Explores Rocks & Minerals



### Room 403's MakerSpace Challenge



Ellie Olson was the overall winner of Room 403's MakerSpace Challenge for April! Each student needed to design a room or rooms using provided materials only, for a person the size of half of a Popsicle stick. They had to think creatively and scale down all of their furnishings.



# 5th Grade Spelling Bee



## Spelling Bee Winners

Cecilia Tregaskis - First Place  
Isabella Johnson - Runner-Up  
Drew Lindquist - Alternate  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
And good luck at Districts!



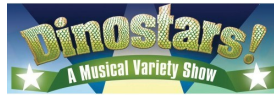
## Lunch With Cops







## 2nd Grade Musical







## 5th Grade Linus Project

