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A Message from our Principal

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Dear Hoover Families,

I look forward to seeing you at conferences this week. It's hard to believe that we are at the halfway point for this school year. At this time in the year, I think it's always good to remind parents about the importance of having students at school every day. Nothing can replace direct instruction from the highly qualified teachers at Hoover Math & Science Academy.

Students need to be in school every day to stay on track. Teachers' lesson plans are carefully constructed to introduce new concepts, reinforce them with learning activities, and then move on to new skills and ideas. When children aren't in school, they fall behind. And the more days they miss, the harder it is to catch up. That's where you come in.

Report In. Schools are required to track attendance of every child in every classroom every day. It is essential that you always contact the school if your child is going to be late for class, will need an early dismissal, or will be absent. Please be sure to call the main office before 9:00 a.m.

Get the Work. If your child is out unexpectedly, due to illness or other reasons, in addition to contacting the school attendance office, make arrangements with your child's teachers to pick up a packet of work from the school. Although homework may not be available on short notice, it never hurts to ask.

Religious Absences. It is inevitable that some families' important religious observances will fall on school days. Let your children's teachers know early in the year precisely which days your children will not be attending or will need to leave early.

How Sick Is Too Sick? It's impossible to say categorically when a child should go to school or stay home. However, one guideline is that a child must be fever and vomit free for 24 hours before returning to school. The decision to keep a child home from school is best made between you and your child's health care provider. If the doctor or nurse recommends that your child stay home, find out exactly how long and on what conditions he or she can return to class (e.g., after 24 hours of antibiotics).

Faking It? If your child is complaining of a fever, but you're suspicious, make sure to stay in the room the entire time the child's temperature is being taken. A child complaining of nausea will probably be paler in color and slightly sweaty, and will usually need to vomit more than once. Send your child to school if you don't see a real symptom, knowing that the school nurse will contact you if things change. Also, be alert if your child seems to be "sick" on school days but always rebounds for the weekend.

Vacation Plans. It's tempting to pull your kids from school for a family trip, but it's a bad idea. Why? First, it gives your children the impression that their schooling is not your top priority. When they miss classwork they can fall behind because they're missing many hours of instructional time each day. Instead of thinking of how you can miss the crowds by taking trips during the school year, think about what it could be costing your child in the long run.

Check Those Appointments. Schedule your kids' doctor and dental appointments for after-school or weekend hours unless there's an emergency. Schedule your children's twice-yearly dental appointment during winter and summer breaks, and schedule school physicals, immunizations, and other routine care for school holidays or summer break.

Finally, remember to show and tell your children that attendance is important—whether it's as a child in school or as an adult on the job. You'll be helping them succeed, both in school and in life.

I look forward to seeing you at school. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

John Schmelzer
Principal
johnschmelzer@sd54.org

Excerpts taken from *Report to Parents, Volume 36, Number 1. "School Attendance"*. Published by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. www.naes.org

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015. At Hoover Math & Science Academy the hours will be 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, and 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Proof of residency and a certified copy of your child's birth certificate will be required as well as payment of a \$50 consumable materials fee.

Children entering Kindergarten must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2015.

On registration day you will need to bring the following items with you:

1. CHILD'S ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE – PHOTOCOPIES NOT ACCEPTED.

Information on how to obtain birth certificates can be found on the following county office websites:

Cook County – www.cookctyclerk.com

DuPage County – www.dupageco.org/countyclerk

Kane County – www.co.kane.il.us/coc

2. PROOF OF RESIDENCY WITHIN HOOVER SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

Provide ONE of the following: CURRENT - signed lease, real estate tax bill or closing statement from the purchase of your home

ALSO provide TWO of the following: CURRENT - driver's license, gas, electric or telephone bill, auto registration or receipt of vehicle sticker.

If you have any questions, please call the Hoover Math & Science Academy office at 847-357-5800.



Happy New Year!

It's time for our next Family Dining Fundraiser.

We're holding this one at Panda Express located by the Jewel on Barrington & Schaumburg Roads.

Thursday, January 15th

(1/2 Day of school)

11:30 am – 9:00 pm

Mark your calendars and tell your friends, teammates & co-workers.

You will need to bring this flyer or show it on your phone for us to get credit.*

Hope you can make it – thanks, in advance, for your support!



EVENT FOR:
HOOVER

EVENT DATE
Thursday, January 15, 2015

EVENT TIME
11:30 AM - 9:00 PM

AT THIS PANDA LOCATION
Scharrington Square PX
2519 W. Schaumburg Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60194
(p) 847-923-6882

Participating Panda Express guests are required to present a valid Panda Express Flyer (on/your or smart phone) with each order to receive credit for the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or outside of restaurant including, without limitation, in the restaurant parking lot before or during your fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or without payment of associated donation funds if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.

Family Picture Day/Night

To be held during Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, January 15, 2015 – 12:30pm – 7:30pm



Have you noticed the beautiful gallery of family portraits that's in the main hallway and front stairwell of Hoover Math & Science Academy? Does your family have a portrait on display? If not, would you like to have your family portrait taken so that you can be part of our gallery?

All Hoover students are invited to have their family photographed on January 15th between 12:30pm and 7:30pm.

Appointments are required and you may call the HMSA office at 847-357-5800 during school hours to schedule a convenient time for your family to be photographed. There is no cost for the photo session and portrait packages are reasonably priced between \$11 and \$55. There is no obligation to purchase a package. Our school will receive a complimentary 3 x 5 photo to frame and add to our Family Gallery.

Please note that if your family portrait is already on display you may still have a new photo taken if you plan to purchase a package. **We will not be replacing your original photo that is on display with the new one.** If you have any questions regarding this program or would like to schedule an appointment, please call the Hoover office at 847-357-5800.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – January 15th & 16th

Parent - Teacher conferences will be held on January 15th & 16th. On Thursday teachers will be meeting through the evening and on Friday they will be here for the morning only. **Kindergarten, will NOT be held on these days.** The reason for this is that the teachers have a double class and therefore meet with twice the number of parents. Students in grades 1-6 will be dismissed at 11:40 AM on Thursday, January 15th.

We are always very happy to see the outstanding turnout of Parents during Parent / Teacher Conferences. A shortage of parking spaces tends to become evident during this event. Parking on the side streets is also recommended as well as asking those parents who are within walking distance of Hoover school to walk over if possible. **Please remember that we no longer have permission to park in the church parking lot across the street.**

Please call Hoover Math & Science Academy at 847-357-5800 if you have questions regarding Parent -Teacher Conferences.



MEET OUR STAFF



Hoover Welcomes Ms. Allison Nagy!

2nd Grade Teacher

Professional/Educational Background: I attended Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. I took part in an internship at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind during my time at Augustana. I traveled to Norway and studied the educational system there.

In my free time I like to: Run! I've run on my middle, high school, and college cross country and track team. I currently compete in triathlons, half marathons, and any road race I can fit into my schedule! I also spend a lot of my free time reading, cross stitching, or knitting!

Favorite Sports Team: Northern Illinois Huskies and the Chicago Bulls

Favorite Vacation Spot: Door County, Wisconsin

My Personal Message to the Hoover Community: Thank you all for your continuous support and for welcoming me to Hoover this year! I have felt "at home" here and can't thank you enough!

Lifetouch Yearbooks Community Image Upload Site



Calling All Photographers

Share your candid photos—
they could be included in the yearbook!

Submit candid school photos for consideration in the yearbook. To submit photos to the yearbook staff, go to community.lifetouch.com and register with the following access code:

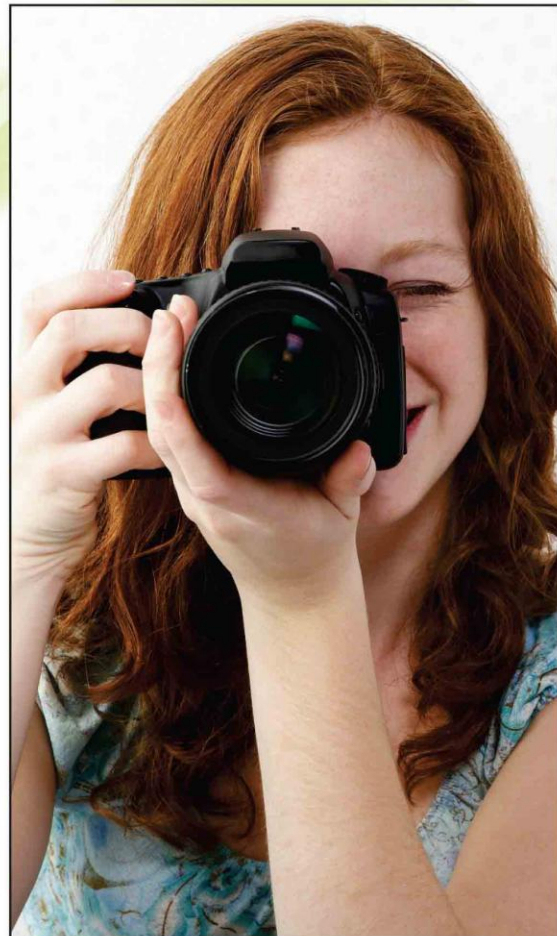
Access Code: KOYURM

Once registered, you will receive an email from Lifetouch with an activation link. You must click the activation link before you can log into the Lifetouch Community Image Upload site.

- Upload 5 images at a time (10 mb or smaller).
- Enter a description for each image so the yearbook staff can easily identify what is happening in the photo.
- The adviser will determine which images are used in the yearbook.

**Please submit your
photos by:**

 March 1, 2015





Hoover 2014-15 Yearbooks

Yearbook Cost - \$18.00

Checks made payable to Hoover PTA

Please submit the order form below with payment in an envelope

Attn: Jeanette Ackland.

Questions? Contact the yearbook committee:

Vanessa Zach

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Jeanette Ackland

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Rachel Garcia

racheldgarcia@yahoo.com



Yearbook Order Form

Child's Name _____ Room #/Teacher _____

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Number of Yearbooks Ordering _____ x \$18.00/each = \$ _____ (Total Due)

Email address or phone number (in case we have a question for you) _____

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING AT HOOVER

Vision and Hearing Screening will be taking place for Kdg. thru 6th grade on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 and Rescreen Day will be Tuesday, January 27, 2015. Typically, students in **K, 2, 4, 6**, and/or receiving a special education service, or new to D54 will have a ***Vision Screening***. Students in **K, 1, 2, 3**, and/or receiving a special education service, or new to D54 will have a ***Hearing Screening***. **It is important to note that Vision Screening at school is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor.** Children who wear glasses and/or are under the care of an eye doctor do not receive vision screening at school. *Children in Kindergarten who received vision exams by their eye doctor prior to entering school will not have a vision screening, because they have already been evaluated by their eye care professional. (Kindergarten Parents, if you have not turned your child's completed Vision Exam Form in, please do so immediately!) Please feel free to contact me if your child would not ordinarily be screened, and you would like his or her Vision or Hearing to be screened. Please call me at 847-357-5832 or email me at chrisgrandt@sd54.org. Thanks!*

-Christine Grandt, RN, HMSA School Nurse

THE NEXT 2 WEEKS...

Monday, January 12

PTA Meeting 9:15am

Birthday Book

Hoover Harmonic Club 3-4:15pm

Zumba Kids-Gym 3-4pm

Club Unify 3-4:15pm

Garden Art Club 3-4pm

Tuesday, January 13

Special Lunch

Vision and Hearing Screenings

Battle of Books Gr.5/6 11:45am-12:30pm

ELL Game and Conversation Club 3-3:30

Sports Club 3/4 Grade 3-4pm

LEGO Robotics 3:10-4:10pm

2D/3D Art Club 3-4pm

Wednesday, January 14

Chess Club 3/4grade Rm 110 7:45-8:25am

PBIS Ambassadors Mtg 11:45-12:30pm

Thursday, January 15

½ day-no Kindergarten

Book Fair in Gym 1-7:30pm

Parent Teacher Conferences 1-7:30pm

Family Portraits 1-7:30pm

Family Dining Night

Friday, January 16

Parent Teacher Conferences-no school

Monday, January 19

MLK Jr. Day- No School

Tuesday, January 20

Library Field Trip Rms 107&108 9:30-10:30am

Library Speaker Rms 114&115 1:30-2:30pm

ELL Game and Conversation Club 3-3:30

Sports Club 3/4 Grade 3-4pm

LEGO Robotics 3:10-4:10pm

2D/3D Art Club 3-4pm

Wednesday, January 21

PBIS Celebration- 9:30-10:15am

Chess Club 3/4grade Rm 110 7:45-8:25am

Math Olympiad Rm 110 11:45am-12:30pm

PBIS Ambassadors Mtg 11:45-12:30pm

Battle of the Books 3/4grade 7:45-8:25am

Thursday, January 22

Pizza Lunch

Parents and Pastries 3rd Grade 8-8:25am

Library Speaker Rms 112, 113&121 1-2pm

Sports Club 5/6grade 3-4pm

Photo Club 5th Grade 3-4pm

Board of Education Meeting -7pm

Friday, January 23

Treat Day 11-12:30pm

Advanced Photo Club 4th grade 3-4pm

DID YOU KNOW...



CHECK IT OUT...SCHOOL DISTRICT 54'S VIRTUAL BACKPACK WEBSITE 24/7!



This website was created to eliminate paper in backpacks and provide links to community educational & recreational events such as girl scouts and boys scouts, sports, and other community things for children and their families.

hoover.sd54.org

sd54.org/virtualbackpack

These reminders are from flyers that were sent home with your child or from information in previous Hawks or e-mails. You can access any previous Hawk and various forms on our HMSA website.