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From the Principal's Desk...

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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 27th from 5:00 –7:00 pm 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 18th 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!



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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

It has been a good month for PE! This May we focused on collaborative games in grades 3-5 as well as finished up fitness testing. We have been able to be outside at times as we have dodged rain showers. As we finish up our school year, students will be doing some kickball activities and collaborative game activities.



In grade K-2 we did some collaborative movement activities including relays and Yoshi Tag. We also focused on spatial awareness activities. We will be finishing our year with some kicking activities, station skill work and playing a kickball game.

HES had a GLOW Party on May 17th and we had a fun obstacle course in the gym. The families of HES really supported the event and we had a huge turnout. Fun was had by all!

HES Field Day was also a big success! Thank you for coming to watch if you were able to. The students really enjoyed the activities and worked very hard during the event. Thank you to all who made the day a successful one! We are hoping for good weather for 5th grade field day.



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!



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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.

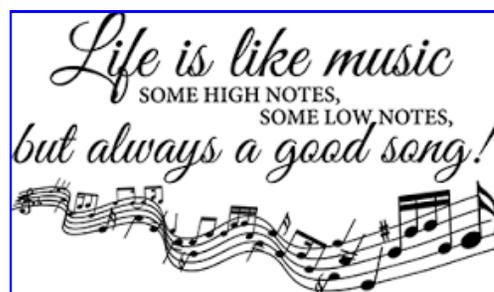


Our kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade students continued work on their "Carnival of the Animals" Unit and our "Composer Books" as well as playing instruments along with folk songs.

Throughout this year I've loved watching the musical growth of all the students at Hanover and look forward to another wonderful year of music making!

Have a great summer!

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Artistic Expressions

5th Grade and Kindergarten : These classes have been finishing the year working on a special collaborative project. For this project, each 5th grader was paired up with at least one kindergarten student. Students in Mrs. Lantz, Thaler and West's classes thought up their own monster and drew a picture of it. During art class, the kindergarten students came to visit for an interview process so the 5th graders could know everything they needed to know about the kindergarten monster. 5th graders then turned the kindergarten monster drawings into a 3D clay monster for the kindergarten students to keep. It's a very fun process to see how 5th grade students turn kindergarten ideas into a sculpture.



4th grade : To end the year, 4th graders have been working in groups to design their own cereal boxes. We have a conversation about what cereal box companies use to get buyers interested and how to attract attention. Each box must have a mascot, a slogan, a picture of the cereal, a brand and a name for the cereal. 4th graders come up with some pretty great ideas for new cereals during this project.



2nd : Throughout the school year we work on portraits occasionally, but I save our 2nd grade royal portraits for the end of the year because it is one of my favorites. Instead of a regular self portrait, 2nd graders turn themselves into royalty: kings, queens, knights. To really make these fancy we use glitter, metallic markers and metallic watercolor paints.

1st : We spent the end of the year learning about an interesting animal, llamas. We learned about South America, where llamas came from, and some fun facts about the animal before we drew and painted our own llamas.

It has truly been a joy getting to know all of the students at HES this year. I look forward to being back for the '24-'25 school year. Until then, I hope all of you have a wonderful, relaxing summer.

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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.... Best wishes to **Eric Ogren**, HES custodian for over 30 years who retired in February and to **Linda Proell**, HES Special Education teacher retiring at the end of this school year. Thank you for your many years of dedication and service to our school. We wish you well. You will be missed! Good luck!



Congratulations to our 5th grade relay teams! Both the boys and girls teams came in first place against the other BHM elementary schools at the All-District Track and Field Day. Way to go!!!! Girls team members included Alexis Thorson, Brielle Schumacher, Madison Thorson, Matilda Scherer and Sedona Jurmu (alternate). Boys team members included JD Grussing, Cole Johnson, Wylie Franzen, Jarrett Day and John Wondra (alternate).



Donations

From PTO

Health Office	\$484.85
Track & Field Day	\$42.94
All School Picnic	\$271.63
Bus Patrol Twins Game	\$1,034.00
Buddy Bench	\$1045.37



Dates to Remember

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June 3: 1st/2nd Grade Picnic, Settler's Park

June 4: BHS Graduate Walk at HES

June 4: 5th Grade Graduation, 1:30 pm

June 5: 4th Grade Field Trip, Science Museum

June 6: Last Day of School;
Dress Up Day—Wear Hanover Pride

July 18: Dive Into Kindergarten, 3-5 pm

Early August: teacher assignment letters
will be mailed

August 27: Open House for Grades K-5, 5-7 pm

September 3: First Day of School, A-K

September 4: First Day of School, L-Z

Alternate Destination Forms

The Bus Company requests that Alternate Destination Forms for the 2024-2025 school year be completed and turned in by August 2nd. 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 2023-2024 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. \$16 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.

Five strategies can keep children reading through summer months

Students who don't read over the summer months can lose months of growth in reading skills. Those who keep reading often experience gains.

The more your child reads, the easier reading will be—and the more likely your child is to want to read. Set a goal for your elementary schooler to read at least 30 minutes every day.

You can make reading fun with activities like these:

1. Read the news together. Give your child the comics to read. Ask which one's the funniest. Discuss sports, the weather, letters to the editor, travel destinations, etc. If you don't get a printed newspaper, share articles of interest you find online.
2. Read aloud together. You read a page of a book, then your child does. Or, you read the narrative and let your child read the dialogue.
3. Dramatize what you read. Select a simple scene from one of your child's books. Assign character roles. Discuss what happens first, second, next. Then act it out, adding lots of dialogue.
4. Promote practical reading. Ask your child to read the recipe while you bake cookies. Involve your child in reading instructions to build or repair something.
5. Create reading-related jobs. Ask your child to rewrite damaged recipe cards, organize the family bookshelf or put kitchen spices in alphabetical order.

Celebrate your child's personal and school achievements

There is no better motivator for children than setting a goal and reaching it. But sometimes, a major accomplishment also calls for a celebration.

Perhaps your child earned a higher grade in a class this grading period. Or, maybe your child finally finished reading that book series. Whenever your elementary schooler sets and reaches a challenging goal, try one of these fun ideas:

1. Take a picture of your child reaching the goal—holding up a report card or a finished book series, for example. You could also ask your child to draw a picture of the accomplishment. Frame the picture and place it by your child's bed. When children regularly see images of themselves being successful, they will start to see themselves as achievers.
2. Plan a special surprise. On one side of a piece of paper, write down a goal your child wants to achieve. On the other side, write down a small reward—such as having a friend over for a sleepover or a one-on-one activity with you. Roll up the paper, put it into a balloon, and then blow up the balloon. After reaching your goal, your child can pop the balloon to find out what the reward is.
3. Host a family victory dinner to celebrate your child's success. Set a "fancy" table and serve some of your child's favorite foods. During dinner, ask your child to say a few words about how great it feels to reach a goal.

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Maintain a consistent schedule over the summer months

Summer is a time to relax—but not a time to relax important routines. Routines help children cooperate, develop responsibility and become self-disciplined. They also make it easier to adjust when school starts again.

Maintain family routines for:

- Sleep. When school is out, your child's bedtime and rising time may be later than usual. Once you choose a reasonable sleep schedule, however, stick with it.
- Reading. Schedule time for it. Keep your home stocked with reading material and encourage reading every day, including in fun spots, such as the pool or the park.
- Meals. Make it a priority to have at least one meal as a family each day. This is a chance to catch up and enjoy one another's company.
- Screen time. Extra free time should not mean more time for screen media. Maintain healthy limits for the amount of time your child spends in front of screens.

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Kindergarten Fun



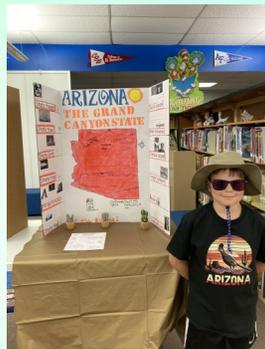
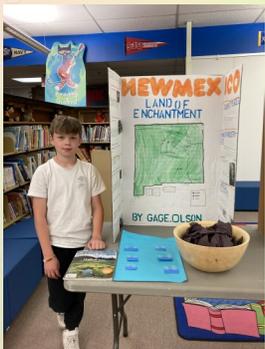
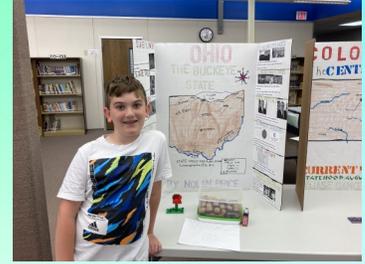
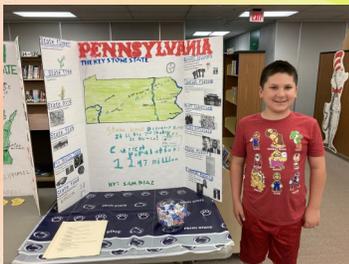
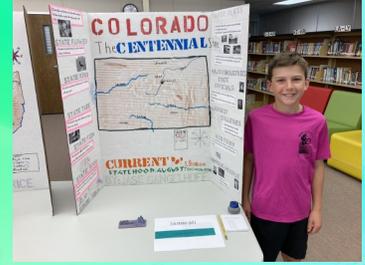
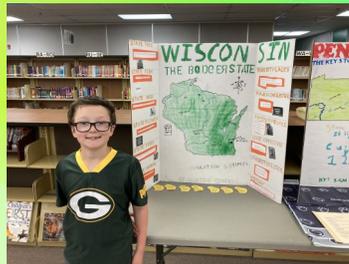
1st Grade Fun



3rd Grade Fun



4th Grade State Fair



Hanover School Forest

