



The Buzz

Hoover Weekly Newsletter #8

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Calendar Notes

October 26, Thursday - Preschool to Papa's Pumpkin Patch, 9:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Hoover Community Council Halloween Event (Details below)

October 27, Friday - **ONE-HOUR LATE START, SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:35 A.M.**

4th Grade to E.B. Lyons, 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (CANCELLED due to inclement weather)

November 1, Wednesday- Author's Day- Dress as your favorite storybook character

November 3, Friday - **ONE-HOUR LATE START, SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:35 A.M.**

5-H Brownbag Luncheon, Mrs. Hannan's Classroom, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

November 7-10, Tuesday-Friday- **ITP Testing for students in grades 3-5**

November 8, Wednesday- 5th Grade Arts Trek to the Symphony, Five Flags Theater, 10:15-11:40 a.m.

November 9, Thursday- Hoover Site Council Meeting, Hoover School Lounge, 3:40-5:00 p.m.

November 10, Friday- **ONE-HOUR LATE START, SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:35 A.M.**

November 14, Tuesday- Hoover Community Council (Parent Group) Meeting, Hoover School, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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A Note from Mrs. Haas: **THANK YOU** to all our families for your attendance at conferences! As you know, meeting face to face during conference time provides the opportunity to communicate in a very personal way about your child's individual progress, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. In addition, **THANK YOU** to our Hoover School Community Council and all the individual families who donated their time, talents, and baked goods to provide the Hoover Staff with a delicious luncheon and yummy snacks during conferences! On behalf of our teaching staff, we appreciate your generosity more than we can say! ~Mrs. Haas

Community Council News:

- **Halloween "Trick or Treat":** Join the Community Council for a spooktacular night of Tricks and Treats on Thursday, October 26th. Parents, please bring candy or a treat to pass out while your children Trick or Treat in the Hoover School gym! Please be in the gym ready to hand out candy by 6:15 pm. Trick or Treating begins at 6:30 pm! Students and families are welcome to dress up in their Halloween costumes!
- **Fundraiser Pick Up-** Pick up for all items ordered through the fundraiser will be on Thursday, November 16, from 3:30-5:30 pm. We have no freezer space to store Butterbraids that are not picked up, so it is essential that you plan ahead and make arrangements for pick up. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support!

October 31st / Halloween: We will not celebrate Halloween at school on Tuesday, October 31st. Please do not send your child to school with a costume, and please do not send any edible treats to be shared with the class. Any student wearing a costume will be asked to change, and any candy or edible treats will be returned home with your student unopened. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support!

Safety Alert: The area around Hoover School is extremely congested at the end of the day when all parents are arriving to pick up students. The parking lot on the side of the building is extremely busy, and has become very unsafe. We have many families trying to access the parking lot, parking in the isles behind other parked vehicles. Unfortunately, this poses a safety concern. With the parking lot as congested as it is, we have students trying to walk through the lot, between cars parked in non-parking spaces, making it difficult for those students to be seen. In addition, we have had families unable to utilize our accessible parking spaces, and had other staff and families blocked in the lot with cars parked and left unattended behind them. Finally, having vehicles parked in the isles prevents first responders and emergency vehicles from being able to access the parking lot if needed. With this in mind, please feel free to park in any open spaces in the parking lot when you are picking up your child. However, **parking in the isles, behind other parked vehicles will not be permitted.** During the week of October 30-November 3, staff in the parking lot will give friendly reminders to vehicles that are parked in the isles. Beginning the week of November 6, orange cones will be placed in the parking lot to block parking in the isles behind parked vehicles. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping our students, families and staff safe.

ITP TESTING: **Students in grades 3-5 will be taking the ITP (formerly known as ITBS) assessments on November 7, 8, 9, and 10.** The ITP consists of several "subtests", including reading comprehension, vocabulary, math computation and problem solving, science, social studies, spelling, and language. The tests are administered with standardized instructions and time limits. The results of these assessments are used to gauge individual student progress, as well as Hoover School's progress toward meeting overall student achievement goals. **Please help your child prepare for ITP testing by making sure that he/she gets a good night's sleep, and eats a healthy breakfast. If possible, please make sure that your child is in school for all of the testing days.** Make-up tests will be given November 13-17. **If you have any specific questions regarding ITP testing at Hoover School, please contact the Hoover School office, or your child's teacher at 563-552-3700.**