



The Buzz

Hoover Weekly Newsletter # 2

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Calendar Notes

September 7, Friday- ONE-HOUR LATE START, SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:35 AM

September 14, Friday- ONE-HOUR LATE START, SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:35 AM

September 15, Saturday- DCSD Fun Run (See additional attachment and details below)

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A Note from Mrs. Haas: At this point in the year, most of our students have settled into their classroom routines and are continuing to develop relationships with both the students and adults in their classrooms. At Hoover School, each student starts his/her day with a "Morning Meeting" in his/her classroom. Morning Meetings are a school-wide initiative, in which students participate in a classroom greeting and activity to start their day. The goal of our Morning Meeting is to give each child a non-threatening and enjoyable way to start their school day, while building relationships between students and adults, resulting in the creation of a safe, supportive and caring classroom community. In order for your child to benefit from Morning Meeting, it is essential that he/she arrive to school on time each day. If you have any questions about Morning Meeting, please contact your child's teacher, or me. As always, thank you for your support of Hoover School! ~Mrs.

Haas

Attendance: September is Attendance Awareness Month! Building the habit of good attendance from the very start of the school year is essential because school success goes hand in hand with good attendance. Attending school regularly helps students feel better about school and about themselves. Start building this habit during the first weeks of school so your child grows accustomed to attending daily, being on time to school, and staying focused on schoolwork. Research shows that: Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two every few weeks, being late to school may lead to poor attendance, and absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help a student catch up. Arriving late to school and leaving school early are also habits that negatively impact a child's progress, both academically and socially in school. Please help your child get to school each day on time, and stay for the entire school day to help lay the foundation for a successful school year from the beginning.

Community Council News: My Pie in Dubuque (800 Wacker Drive), is hosting a benefit night for Hoover Elementary School on Thursday, September 20 from 4-9 pm. During this time, please feel free to present the attached flyer, (or show it on your phone) and 15% of your purchase will be donated back to Hoover School! What a win-win, you get to enjoy a nice pizza dinner with the family and support Hoover School at the same time. Supporting school has never been so easy, or tasted so good!

Fun Run: Dubuque Community Schools is having a Fun Run on **Saturday, September 15!** This event is FREE and all ages are welcome! Participants will meet at Audubon Elementary School. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the race will begin at 9:00 a.m. The Fun Run will take place along the Bee Branch Creek Greenway. (See additional attachment)

Safety Alert: When picking up students and walking across the street to a parked vehicle, please use the crosswalks. We have had some families cross the bus lane. Although we do try to control traffic as much as possible in the bus lane, the large school bus may block the view of a daycare van or other vehicle driving down the outside lane. In order to avoid unnecessary injury, or a tragedy, please use the marked crosswalks manned by our school crossing guards. Please help us keep all students safe. DO NOT cross in the middle of the bus lane or street. As adults we are the best models for our children, using the cross walks with them will teach them to use these safe habits when an adult is not present.

Arrival: Thank you to parents who have been waiting with students on the playground, or ensuring they get to the right location in the gym on rainy days to help make a smooth transition into the school year. However, at this point in the year, I must ask you to leave the playground or gym after dropping off your student(s) so the children are able to learn to follow our morning procedures and routine independently. **Please use the drive-up lane in front of Hoover to drop off your student(s).**

Morning Drop-Off Lane: In order to ensure the safety of all students, we ask that you **DO NOT PARK in the drop off and DO NOT have students exit the driver side of your vehicle.**

Dismissal: All students are dismissed at 3:25. Please remember that the drive up lane in front of school is **RESERVED** for the district school bus and day-care vans. **Parent vehicles may enter the drive-up lane for pick-up after the yellow school busses and day care vans have exited.**

Parking Alert: We received a call from the Hillcrest Apartments (behind Hoover on Pasadena). We are having a large number of families parking cars in the lot for the apartment building. Please note that this is a private lot and all cars not belonging to residents of the building will be towed.