



The Buzz

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Calendar Notes

- January 18, Friday-** ONE-HOUR LATE START, SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:35 AM
5th Grade to Bald Eagle Watch, Grand River Center, 11:20 am-2:15 pm
- January 21, Monday-** NO SCHOOL, in Observance of MLK Jr. Day
- January 25, Friday-** ONE-HOUR LATE START, SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:35 AM
- January 31, Thursday-** Jersey Day- Wear Your Favorite Jersey to School Today
Kindergarten Brown Bag Luncheon- 11:25 am -12:25 pm
- February 1, Friday-** NO SCHOOL- District-Wide Professional Development Day
- February 4, Monday-** Pre-School Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year, 7:00 am (More information to come)
- February 8, Friday-** ONE-HOUR LATE START, SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:35 AM
- February 13, Wednesday -** Conferences and Book Fair, Hoover School, 4-8 p.m.
- February 14, Thursday -** NO SCHOOL, Conferences and Book Fair, Hoover School, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- February 15, Friday -** NO SCHOOL
- February 21, Thursday-** District Orchestra Festival (Including Hoover Students), Senior High School, 6:30 pm
- February 22, Friday-** ONE-HOUR LATE START, SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:35 AM

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A Note from Mrs. Haas: Every winter, bad weather — snow, slush, and freezing temperatures can present challenges to getting children to school. Illnesses such as colds, fevers and earaches that often come with the winter months can affect a child’s attendance. These absences, even if they are excused, can add up to academic trouble. If it is a snowy day but school is still open, students miss out on learning if they aren’t in class. These absences can result in lower test scores and grades. There’s not much we can do about the weather, but there are two key steps every family can take to help avoid absences this year. First, develop back up plans for getting your children to school in winter weather. That could mean checking with other families who have a car that can manage in the cold and snow or forming a “walking school bus” to walk your children to school with other parents. If you’re stuck, call the school and inform them about your circumstance. Second, keep your children healthy. Dress them warmly for the cold weather and make sure they’ve got hats and gloves. Encourage them to wash their hands regularly. ~Mrs. Haas

News from the Hoover Family Organization (HFO):

- **Please Join Us for our next HFO meeting Thursday, February 7 at 3:45 pm!** We will be discussing and planning our yearly fundraiser, as well as additional activities for the year.

Hoover Preschool Registration Monday February 4th: Students eligible to register for the program must be 4 years old by September 15, 2019. There will be 2 preschool sessions; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The morning session will run 8:40-11:10 am Monday-Thursday mornings and 9:40-11:10 am on Friday mornings. The afternoon session will run 12:50-3:20 pm Monday-Friday afternoons. There will be openings for 10 students in each session. **There is no cost for 4-year-old students to attend the program. (5-year-old students are not eligible for the preschool program at this time.)** All students must be transported by parents, and there will be no wrap around care available at Hoover School.

Registration for this program will begin at 7:00 am on Monday, February 4th. Applications will only be accepted if they are complete, including proof of age (birth certificate). Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. If we receive more applications than available slots, you will be added to a waiting list. If you have any questions or concerns about this exciting preschool opportunity at Hoover School, please contact the Hoover School office.

Conference Scheduling: We will be scheduling spring conferences online, just as we did for fall conferences in October. **The conference scheduler will open at 7:00 am on Monday, January 28 and will close at 11:59 pm on Sunday, February 3.**

Secondary Open Enrollment Applications for Grades 6-12: This year all open enrollment applications will be submitted online. This will be a smart phone friendly application, and families without computer access may use a computer at school to complete the application if needed. Other sites offering computer access are the Dubuque Public Library, The Multicultural Center, and the Forum lobby. Beginning January 15, 2019, the District web page will direct viewers to the Open Enrollment page for a link to the form. The deadline for applying for secondary open enrollment is March 1, 2019.

Health Alert: With the recent increase in illnesses within the district, the Dubuque Community School District will begin enforcement of health policy requiring students to remain out of school until free from fever (greater than or equal to 101 F), diarrhea or vomiting without the use of medications for 24 hours to help reduce the spread of illness. In addition, we will be reminding students of the importance of good handwashing.