

Hawk Talk



Herbert Hoover Elementary School
Celebrating 50 Years

5TH GRADE GRADUATION

Reminder about 5th grade graduation

When: Wednesday, June 3rd

Where: Hoover Gym

Time: 2:30

There will be a short program celebrating your son/daughter's graduation from elementary school. Parents are encouraged to attend!



FROM YOUR HOOVER GREEN TEAM:

Thank you to our Hoover families and friends who collected plastic bags this past month. We are waiting to get the results from the district and Recycle More to find out if we won a recycled bench for our playground. Look on the Hoover/district website later this week to see the results. We know if we do not place 1st or 2nd; we will at least win \$100, which will be used for the design and implementation of an outdoor classroom.

Our students learned the value of recycling plastic and learned we should use re-useable bags when shopping rather than plastic! Thanks again~



MAY

- 5.....ELL Field Trip
- 6.....Kernels Assembly
- 8.....No School
- 9.....Hoover Harmony performs at Titan's Stadium
-Hoover night at Titan's Stadium
- 11..... Fire Safety House visits 3rd grade
- 12.....PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00
- 13..... Student Council Meeting
- 14.....Hoover night at the Kernels
- 15.....5th Grade Fun Run
- 18..... Culture Club Meeting (last one for the year)
- 20..... Early Dismissal
- 25.....No School- Memorial Day
- 27..... Student Council Meeting
- 29..... PARRT Assemblies
-May Birthday Celebrations



JUNE

- 1..... 5th Grade to Kernels Game
- 2..... 3rd Grade to Jacolyn Park
- 3..... Kindergarten to Jacolyn Park
- 5th Grade Graduation 2:30
- 4..... 1st Grade to Jacolyn Park
- Field Day
- Report cards go home
- 5..... Last day of school
- Early Dismissal 1:30



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello Hoover families,

It has been another fantastic year here at Hoover. Between watching the amazing growth all of the students have made, and seeing the excellent instruction that takes place here on a daily basis, I continue to consider myself very fortunate to be a part of Team Hoover. Our recent Science Night here at the building was another example of opportunities for our staff to spend time with all of you, and share our love of learning with your families. If you didn't have the opportunity to attend, please take the chance to look at some of the pictures we have posted on our Twitter page (@HooverHawk-sCR). We will continue to have events next year that provide us a chance to come together.

For our fifth grade friends and families that will be moving on to middle school next year, thank you so much for allowing us the chance to be a part of your children's lives. We hold near and dear all of our time with your children. Good luck, and please let us know all of the amazing things your children do in the future. For our families who will be returning to us in the fall, we have more exciting learning opportunities ahead, and look forward to sharing them with your families. We will be sending out summer mailings as the new year approaches in August with information about your child's next teacher, and dates for Open House, and other events to welcome you back to school.

If you have questions over the summer, Patty and I are generally here Monday through Thursday. I hope you have a great time with your children while we are on break, and look forward to seeing them again soon!

Take care,



Mr. Stone
Principal
Hoover Elementary

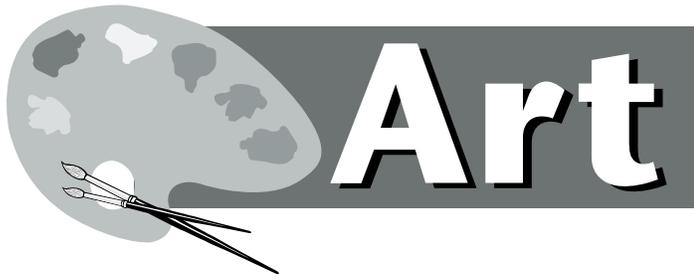
RECESS REMINDERS!
 50 degrees and above- Coats optional
 40-49 degrees- long sleeves
 Below 40 degrees- Jackets required
 We go outside for recess unless it is raining or below 10 degrees.
 Please remember to dress for the weather.

Follow the District on ,  @crschools, and  YouTube

BOX TOPS AND CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Please remember to save Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels. Please see websites for more information and ways to earn- www.boxtops4education.com and www.labelsforeducation.com. We earn money for our school and well as earning items for the playground and classrooms. Thank you Hoover families for doing your part.





ART ROOM NEWS

The year is winding down, but it has been great making projects with all of Hoover's artists! I really appreciate the donations students have dropped off, since there is always a need for paper, markers, paints, blue bottles/sticks, and any other crafting odds and ends. Since we are near the end of the year, I usually do shaving cream parties. We put shaving cream on the tables so we can draw and write using a fun medium. If you are able to, we could use bottles of foaming shaving cream (no gel please). Gillette is great, but the Dollar Tree carries a good generic brand for just \$1! Thank you in advance.

ART CLUB

Art Club has been doing some fabulous work this year! Lately, we have been exploring African art, particularly, the Ndebele people and their beautiful painted houses. Students created a section of Ndebele designs, and then painted them. We are planning on making a African musical instrument next!

END OF THE YEAR REMINDERS

Report cards will be sent home with students on June 4th, please check your student's backpack. Also school supply list and information for the fall will go home with students that day. Classes will start again on August 24th, please make sure to update your student's e-registration after July 1st and before August 24th. You will receive a postcard in August with more information about the fall.

Please remember to contact the main office if you move over the summer. This is so we make sure you receive your information for the fall. The main office is open Monday-Thursday most weeks of the summer. The office number is 558-2369.

Thank you!

HY-VEE RECEIPTS, BOX TOPS AND CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Please remember to collect all summer long, this is a great way for Hoover to earn money for student activities and equipment. An envelope will be coming home with students before the end of the year and you can return these envelopes in the fall. Remind family and friends to collect for Hoover. ☺



2015-2016 Iowa Department of Education Open Enrollment applications (district to district)

- Grades 1-12 **DEADLINE:** March 1, 2015
- Incoming Kindergarten deadline:
September 1, 2015

2015-2016 In-District Permit Application

This is a request for a student who resides in the Cedar Rapids Community School District (CRCS) to attend another CRCS school that is not in the attendance area where the family resides. Please refer to Procedure 602.4a and check with your building counselor to determine if a permit is allowed or required.

- **January 5, 2015** Permit application and guidelines available from resident school
- **March 1, 2015** **DEADLINE:** Submit application to a students attending building
- **April 2015** Parent/legal guardian will be notified in writing of decision on permit

Johnson Elementary will become a STEAM school starting in 2015-2016. The enrollment procedure for new students asking to attend will be by lottery process that will take place later this spring. No new students will be allowed to permit to Johnson Elementary during the 15-16 school year. All students who are currently enrolled may continue to attend if they so choose. There will be a process for students who are currently attending and do not wish to continue in the STEAM school. These procedures will be explained in detail later this spring.

SUMMER SAFETY

As the weather warms up and summertime approaches, it is important to be reminded of some safety tips. Here are a few ideas to help keep your child or teen or any adult safe this summer:

Water Safety

No one should ever swim alone.

Remain with and watch over children while in or near water.

Don't swim in unsafe water.

Be sure your child learns to swim.

Bikes, Skates, and Skateboards

Be sure your child always wears a helmet that fits.

Wear knee and elbow pads when appropriate

Be sure your child knows your rules about where and when your child may ride or skate.

Teach your child the rules of the road.

Sun Exposure

Insist that your child or teen wears sunscreen and don't forget to reapply yourself, too.

Make sure to have adequate water and fluids for all to prevent dehydration.

Avoid peak sun exposure between the hours of 11AM and 2PM.

Miscellaneous

When in wooded or grassy areas, wear protective clothing or bug sprays to protect against ticks and other insects. Remember to check scalp and clothing after being in these areas.

Iowa state law requires seat belts be worn in the front seat by all passengers and beginning July 1, 2010 Iowa state law will require passengers up to age 18 wear a seat belt or be in a proper restraint seat in the back seat of a vehicle. By law a child under 6 years must be secured in a child restraint seat (a safety seat or booster seat). A child under 1 year **and** less than 20# must be secured in a rear facing child restraint system. Due to possible air bag injuries children should be restrained in the back seat of your vehicle.

Remember: Children learn from example and will imitate both your safe and unsafe habits. Take the time to enjoy the outdoors and play with them!

FUTURE KINDERGARTENERS AND PRESCHOOLERS

March 6th was kindergarten & preschool registration for the school year of 2015-2016. This was a city wide registration for incoming kindergarteners. If you have a child the will be 5 years old or a preschooler please stop by to register them or spread the word if you know someone with a child that age. All registrations will be taken at the district main office at 2500 Edgewood RD NW on that date. Please feel free to contact Hoover's main office with any questions 319-558-2369.

Thank you

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Parents/Guardians in the Cedar Rapids Community School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teachers: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. You may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves your student in a schoolwide Title I program. Parents/Guardians may request this information by calling the Hoover Office.

The Cedar Rapids community School District ensures that parents will be notified in writing if their child has been assigned, or has been taught by a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks who is not considered highly qualified.



CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED



Hoover is in need of additional crossing guards.

Please apply online www.cr.k12.ia.us/employment Or call 558-2421

MAKING UP WEATHER RELATED HOURS

Beginning Monday, March 30, 2015, classes in the District will begin 10 minutes earlier and will end 10 minutes later. This schedule adjustment will help us make up instructional time that was lost to weather-related delays and cancellations without extending the length of the school year. All District elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as preschool and alternative kindergarten programs will follow the adjusted schedule through the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Beginning March 30, 2015:

Elementary schools will begin the school day at 8:50 a.m. and conclude at 3:55 p.m.

Morning preschool and alternative kindergarten classes will be from 8:30 -11:40 a.m.

Afternoon preschool and alternative kindergarten classes will be from 12:40 – 3:50 p.m.

Middle schools will begin classes at 7:50 a.m. and dismiss at 3:00 p.m.

High school principals will be communicating the updated schedules for their school to families directly.

Students who ride the school bus will be picked up 10 minutes earlier and returned home 10 minutes later.

Scheduled District early-dismissal times will not change and will continue to be 12:30 p.m. for middle and high schools and 1:30 p.m. for elementary schools.

You can also find this information on the District Website at www.cr.k12.ia.us

Thank you.

SCHOOL FEES REMINDER!

Please pay your consumable material fees. Consumable Fees are due at the beginning of the school year. Consumable fees are \$27.00 per student for the entire year. The fee is used to cover a part of the cost of consumable instructional materials. Please see Patty in the main office or you may pay these on line with Cashonline.com.



E-REGISTRATION

PowerSchool is the student information system used by the Cedar Rapids Community Schools. It gives parents the ability to access their child's attendance and stored grades and to email their teacher or teachers anywhere there is internet access. You can update your child's information for your school- new phone numbers, address, health information etc. You can access your parent account you set up last year. Or parents will need to set up their own account using the temporary access id and password which was provided to you if you do not have an account already. We will need every family to update their account as soon as possible this gives us current emergency contact information and permissions for field trips and computer use. Thank you!



IMPORTANT!

Remember if you have a phone number change or address change please update in PowerSchool or contact the school. It is very important for us to have correct contact information in case of an emergency or sick child.



VIRTUAL BACKPACK

The District offers an online Virtual Backpack site to support the efforts of community organizations wanting to share information about educationally-based programming.

Individuals or organizations wishing to post material on the Virtual Backpack submit items electronically and approved materials will appear online for families to access.

Organizations will find a link to submit flyers for consideration on the District homepage at www.cr.k12.ia.us . Families can access the Virtual Backpack from their school Web site.

THE CORNERSTONE CLOTHES HANGER

The Cornerstone Clothes Hanger is a FREE clothes closet that is opened year round to help meet the needs of the people of our community. It is located at 162 Jacolyn Drive NW across the street from Dollar General and next door to St. Mark's Church. It is open every Tuesday morning 9-11AM and every Wednesday evening 5-6PM and Saturday 9-11AM. Donations are accepted during operating hours. For more information contact Jenny Drake at djdrake@mcleodusa.net or St Marks Church at 396-6361.



SAFETY

Cedar Rapids Community School District takes your safety seriously and welcomes your input. Please contact your building principal/administrator and report any safety concerns that you may have. Thank you for helping us keep staff and students safe.

HERE IS THE IOWA SEX OFFENDER WEB SITE

[Http://www.iowasexoffender.com/mapsearch.php](http://www.iowasexoffender.com/mapsearch.php)

You can enter any address you want to see who is registered. Set the distance at 3 miles to see all around you.

STUDENTS THAT ARE SICK OR LATE

When your child is ill, absent or going to be late, please call the clinic at 558-2370. If you are leaving a message please be a detailed message, the time you called and a phone number that you can be reached at if necessary. Students are expected to be in class and to make attendance a top priority. Parents/guardians of the student who will be absent are to notify the school attendance office prior to the absence. If advance notification is not possible, parents/guardians are asked to notify the school office on the day of the absence. If notification is not received, the office attempts to contact the parents/guardians at their emergency number(s). The school determines whether an absence is excused or unexcused. Excused absences include, but are not limited to, illness, family emergency, recognized religious observances and school activities. Unexcused absences include, but are not limited to, tardiness, shopping, hunting, concerts, preparation or participation in parties or other celebrations, and employment.

KINDERGARTEN

The Cedar Rapids Community School District held preschool and kindergarten registration for the 2015-16 school year on Friday, March 6, 2015. Registration took place at the Educational Leadership and Support Center, 2500 Edgewood Road NW.

Children must be three- or four-years-old on or before Sept. 15, to be registered for preschool or five-years-old by Sept. 15, to register for kindergarten.

- Bring the child's birth certificate.
- Proof of family income is needed for preschool registration
- Proof of residence is required for kindergarten.

You can still register your preschooler or kindergartener for next fall. Please stop by the District Offices on Edgewood Road.

Non-Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Cedar Rapids Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (employment only), marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status (students/program only) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. District employees with questions or a grievance related to this policy should contact Jill Cirivello, Director of Human Resources, 319-558-2421; jcirivello@cr.k12.ia.us. Students and others should contact Ken Morris, Manager of Student Equity, 319-558-1504; kmorris@cr.k12.ia.us. The District mailing address is 2500 Edgewood Rd NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405-1015.

LYME DISEASE

Lyme Disease is an infectious disease which is transmitted by the bite of the deer tick. It cannot be transmitted from person to person. The mature deer tick is about 2 millimeters in diameter, about twice the size of a pinhead. They feed by inserting their mouths into the skin of a host and slowly taking in blood. They are most likely to transmit infection after feeding for two or more days. Lyme Disease most commonly occurs during late spring and summer (May through August).

In the United States, the greatest risk areas are the northeastern (New England) states-particularly along the coastal areas, and the western third of Wisconsin. (92% of the cases in 1999 were from these areas.) In eastern Iowa, the risk is low to moderate depending on the area. Individuals who live, work, or play in areas surrounded by tick-infested woods or overgrown brush are at risk of getting Lyme Disease. Hiking, camping, fishing, playing in these areas puts individuals at greater risk for getting the disease.

Signs and symptoms of the disease include a red, slowly expanding, "bull's eye" rash. This occurs within days to weeks following a tick bite, and occurs in 80% of infected people. It may be accompanied by general tiredness, fever, headache, stiff neck, muscle aches, and joint pain. If untreated, arthritis may develop weeks or months later. Lyme Disease is rarely fatal, however, the arthritis symptoms can be long term and unpleasant to deal with.

The best prevention is to reduce your exposure to ticks. Check your clothes and body after being outside, particularly in high risk areas, and removing and disposing of any ticks found. By doing this routinely you should be able to reduce the possibility of contracting this disease, since the tick usually needs to be attached for several days before transmission occurs.

Treatment involves the use of antibiotics, and is usually effective if given early in the disease process. Antibiotics are given for 3-4 weeks. When treatment does not start early, more aggressive antibiotic treatment may be necessary. If you suspect that you or a family member has been exposed to Lyme Disease, contact your doctor to discuss treatment options.

Most of this information was obtained from the Center for Disease Control. You can access additional information by going to their website. www.cdc.gov

YOUR SCHOOL'S HEALTH OFFICE

In the Cedar Rapids Community Schools we believe that healthy students are better learners. Each school's health office is staffed by a school nurse and a health secretary. The school nurse may care for students in more than one building and will visit each school at least once each week. They may be reached by telephone or e-mail at all times. The health secretary is trained in CPR, First Aid and medication administration and is in the health office every day.

The school should be informed of students' health needs. This information should be added or updated when you e-register your child at the beginning of the school year. Please notify the school nurse or health secretary of any changes to your child's health needs.

Any student who becomes ill while at school should report to the health office. Their temperature may be taken. If the student does not have a fever the health secretary or nurse may have the student rest for 10-15 minutes and then return to class. If the student continues to feel ill parents will then be contacted for permission for the student to go home. You will be called if your child has a temperature that is 100 degrees F. or over, and your child will be sent home. The student may return to school when they are fever free without the use of medicine.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding health issues for your child, do not hesitate to call your school's health office.



METRO CARE CONNECTION

The Cedar Rapids School District is lucky to have four “Metro Care Connection” (MCC) health clinics. They offer free health care to all Cedar Rapids students who do not have access to affordable medical care. Each clinic is staffed by a Children’s Nurse Practitioner.

Our clinics provide:

Physical exams and immunizations

Treatment of minor illness

Basic laboratory tests

Prescriptions for medications

Health education and counseling

Referral for complex medical conditions

Included in these services are school-based mental health counseling and substance abuse counseling. These services are confidential and are also offered at no cost to the student and their family. Contact your school’s health office if you would like to know more about MCC and what they do.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding a health issue or if you need assistance finding a health care provider, please call your school’s health office.



HY-VEE CASH FOR STUDENTS

Please remember to bring in your Hy-Vee receipts. This is a very easy way to raise money for your student’s school. For every \$200 in receipts, Hoover receives a \$1. No receipt is too small, all the amounts add up in the end. Please remind family and friends to save their receipts. We have a bin in the front foyer for you to deposit receipts in (right next to the main office door). Hy-Vee receipts for this school year ends April 1st. Receipts collected after that day will go towards next year’s collection total. Keep saving your receipts. Hoover really appreciates it!!!

Thank you!

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SCHOOL HOURS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

The school day for Students starts at
8:50 AM and ends 3:55 PM

If your child arrives after 8:50 AM they will
be counted tardy.

Breakfast is from 8:25- 8:45 AM

Early Dismissal Days

8:50- 1:30

