

Open House for Parents

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be from 6:30 - 7:10 p.m.

Grades K, 1, and 2 will be from 7:15 - 7:55 p.m.

This Open House is for parents (no children, please) to get an overview of the curriculum for the year as well as how the classroom will function.

A Principal Presentation

On Tuesday, September 14, Dr. Sidell will be presenting Hoover MCAS results and answering questions about the co-taught model. The presentation will be in the All-Purpose Room from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., followed by our monthly PTO meeting.

Say Cheese!

Picture day is Friday, September 10, 2010. Order forms went home in backpacks; remember to bring in your completed order form and payment by this Friday if you intend to order pictures.

Letter from Our PTO Presidents

Please join us on Tuesday, September 14 for the 7:30 p.m. PTO meeting in the All-Purpose Room (following Dr. Sidell's MCAS/co-taught model presentation at 6:45 p.m.). Agenda to follow.

PTO Meetings 2010-2011

Meetings occur at 7:00 p.m. on **the 2nd Tuesday of each month**. Mark your calendars!

- September 14 (special presentation at 6:45 p.m. followed by PTO at 7:30 p.m.)
- October 12
- November 9
- January 11
- February 8
- March 8

- April 12
- May 10

Thank you to all who donated baked goods for our back to school coffees. Also, a big thank you to some grade 2 parents and grandmother for the great job with all the beautiful flowers .

Look out for Welcome packets going home in backpacks on Tuesday! Lots of great volunteer opportunities inside.

Hoover Hoe-Down: NEW DATE

The Hoover Hoedown has moved to Friday, Sept. 24. Delicious vittles, games, door prizes, and loads of fun! The whole family is welcome. Save the date and watch for more details!

Election Day Lunchtime Volunteers Needed!

Tuesday, Sept. 14 is election day in Melrose, and students will be eating in classrooms. Two volunteers for each classroom are needed to serve lunch and supervise. Grades 3-5 have lunch at 11:20 and grades K-2 have lunch at 12:00. This is a good way to check out your child's classroom and other classrooms! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tracie Shine (Lunchroom Coordinator) as soon as possible and tell her which class(es) you are interested in helping. You must be registered through The Bridge and no experience is necessary. (Note: students may order lunch as usual on this day.)

MPS Behavior Intervention Rubric

In order to promote positive behaviors, the staff at Melrose Public Schools follows a standard behavior and consequence intervention rubric. Click here for details.

<http://www.melroseschools.com/hoover/behavior%20intervention%20rubric.pdf>

Food Reminder

All classroom snacks **MUST** be nut free. Please read labels carefully. Food containing nuts may be brought in for school lunches, however, except on those days when children will be eating in classrooms. Additionally, the district's Wellness Policy clearly calls for the elimination of sweet treats for birthday celebrations. Please confer with your child's teacher about how your child can celebrate birthdays with a non-food item or a healthy treat.

New Teacher Parking Spaces

All teachers have a numbered parking spot in the front lot. Please refrain from parking in these spots during the school day, but if there are open spots at afternoon pick-up, they may be used. Please take a moment to review the Parking and drop-off policy at <http://www.melroseschools.com/hover/parkingpolicy.cfm>.

Victorian Fair

Thank you to those who have already donated items for the Victorian fair prize baskets for our Hoover booth at the Melrose Victorian Fair on Sunday, September 12. We are now especially looking for items for adults. All donations are truly appreciated and can be dropped off at **Kelly Marusich's house**. *Volunteers are also needed to staff the booth: Two people per hour from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Please contact Tammy O'Keefe or Lauren Hitchman to volunteer your time for even just an hour. It's a fun way to meet people and experience the fair!*

Golfing, Dining, and Dancing for a Good Cause

The third annual Hoover School Golf Classic is October 1, 2010. Tickets will be on sale during the week of September 7 after school - look for the table! The ticket cost for individual golfer is \$140.00 (including dinner/dance) and tickets for the Dinner/Dance are \$40.00 per person. This event is our school's biggest fundraiser and was sold out last year! Please join us for a wonderful day and evening that raises the money we need to enhance the experience of our students. If you are interested in volunteering to help make the Hoover Golf Classic a great success, please contact Donna George.

Mrs. Flynn and Mrs. Muscarella's First Grade Blog!

Parents can read about what the 1-FL fantastic first graders are up to this year in Mrs. Flynn's and Mrs. Muscarella's First Grade Blog! Click on the link on Mrs. Flynn's 1-FL class page.

Trimester Report Card Schedule 2010-2011

- December 16, 2010 (grades 1-5)
- February 9, 2011 (kindergarten)
- March 25, 2011 (grades 1-5)
- June 13, 2011 or last day of school (K-5)

Elementary School Early Release Days

Lunch is served on early dismissal days. School will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m., after lunch. Teachers are available for conferences on the days listed below, by appointment.

Tues., Oct. 26, 2010	parent/teacher conferences
Wed., Oct. 27, 2010	parent/teacher conferences
Thurs. Nov. 4, 2010	parent/teacher conferences
Wed., Feb. 2, 2011	professional development
Tues., Mar. 8, 2011	parent/teacher conferences
Wed., Mar. 9, 2011	parent/teacher conferences
Wed., June 1, 2011	professional development

Teacher Professional Development Day

There is NO SCHOOL on Tues., Oct. 12 for teacher professional development

What's For Lunch?

You can always check out the daily lunch schedule by clicking on the link on our Hoover website home page.

Cut it Out!

The Hoover School is once again participating in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. Last year we were able to raise approximately \$600 from box tops! The Hoover School receives ten cents for every box top logo that we redeem. In addition, you may log onto www.boxtops4education.com and follow the directions to "sign up now" for additional ways to help Hoover earn points. Box tops may be sent into school in an envelope with your child, or dropped off in the Box Tops for Education collection box located on the PTO shelf in the school lobby. For more information contact [Lauren Hitchman](#) or [Tammy O'Keefe](#).

Have you registered with the Bridge?

To volunteer at Hoover - chaperone a field trip; help in the classroom, lunchroom or library; or do just about anything inside our school building - you must register with the Bridge (the Melrose Public School's volunteer organization) each year. With your first registration and each subsequent 3 year period thereafter, you will be required to complete a CORI form in person. If you are reregistering, you can send the forms to school with your child. The registration forms can be found at <http://www.melroseschools.com/bridge/registration.cfm>.

Mark Your Calendars

Please note these important upcoming dates, and link to the website calendar for complete listings. <http://www.melroseschools.com/hoover/calendar.cfm>

- Sept. 7 First full day for Kindergarten, 8:15 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.
- Sept. 14 MCAS/co-taught model presentation by Dr. Sidell (6:45 p.m.) followed by PTO meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- Sept. 16 Hoover Open House, Grs. K-2 (7:15 - 7:55 p.m.), Grs. 3-5 (6:30 - 7:10 p.m.)
- Sept. 24 Hoover Hoe-Down - new date!
- Oct. 1 Hoover Golf Classic
- Oct. 11 Columbus Day, no school
- Oct. 12 No school, professional development day

Have an E-Notice to send to the Hoover community? Send all submissions to hooverhighlights@gmail.com. Do not reply directly to this E-Notice.