

Welcome Back Hoover Students!

The first day of school, Grades 1-5, is Tuesday, August 31, 8:15 a.m. - 2:20 p.m. The forecast calls for temperatures around 90° F all week, so keep that in mind when you are planning those "first week of school" outfits. Have a great first day!

Staffing Updates

Mrs. LaCount is now on staff as a permanent Kindergarten teacher. We also have a new full time school psychologist (Betsy Wendt) as well as some new special education teachers (Stacie Muscarella, Nadine Feraco). Welcome to all new staff!

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.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off Information

Please take a moment to review the Parking and drop-off policy at <http://www.melroseschools.com/hoover/parkingpolicy.cfm>. Below is a quick summary.

Where do I park to drop off my children? If you need to park for drop-off or pick-up, please park in the back of the school, up the hill, or on Echo or Glendower Streets. Do not park in a numbered teacher's space, even for just a minute.

Where do I drop off my children if I'm not stopping? New lines now clearly mark off the drop-off area. You will notice a **YELLOW** line just after you pass the school and another **YELLOW** line as you go up the hill. Please make sure that you are between these two lines when your child exits your car. Also, if you are the first car in line, please pull **ALL THE WAY** up to the furthest point of the drop-off area before your child exits your car, so that as many cars as possible can use the drop-off area at one time.

Where do I pick up my children? You may park your car in any legal spot for afternoon pick-up. If you are not exiting your car, your child needs to be waiting at the circle for pick-up or you should make a loop around Glendower and Echo rather than idling in the drop-off area.

Remember that these procedures are in place to keep all children safe coming to school and leaving the premises!

PTO Meeting Minutes and Budget

The PTO has a website (<http://www.melroseschools.com/hover/pto.cfm>) that contains important information, including minutes from recent meetings.

If you were not able to attend the first PTO meeting on August 25, please take a moment to read the meeting minutes and the current PTO budget, and plan on coming to PTO next month! Both of these items are found on the Hoover website under PTO "Quick Links."

<http://www.melroseschools.com/hover/Minutes-1.pdf>

http://www.melroseschools.com/hover/Hoover_Treas_10_11.pdf

<http://www.melroseschools.com/hover/ptoagendas2008.cfm>

Back to School Coffee (Tuesday 8/31 and Thursday 9/2)

Stick around immediately after morning drop-off to meet new people and catch up on what's been going on with your neighbors over the summer. (In case of inclement weather, come to the All-Purpose Room.) Siblings are welcome! *Baked goods are also needed; please contact Lauren Hitchman or Tammy O'Keefe if you'd like to provide something.*

Victorian Fair

The Hoover hosts a table at this Main Street Melrose community event held this year on Sunday, September 12. We are currently collecting raffle items for prize baskets, such as books, candles, household items, games, childrens' items, etc. 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 are needed, from 12:00-4:00 p.m.*

Third Annual Hoover Golf Classic

We proudly present our third annual Hoover School fundraiser, the Hoover Golf Classic, which will take place on **Friday, October 1, 2010** at Mt. Hood Golf Club located in Melrose. Both golf and dinner tickets sold out last year, so get your tickets early!! Tickets are \$140 per golfer (includes 18 holes of golf with cart followed by dinner) or \$40 for dinner and evening festivities only. Nighttime fun includes DJ, cash bar, silent auctions, prizes, raffles and dancing the night away with friends. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. *For tickets and further information contact **Donna George**.* All proceeds directly benefit the students of Hoover School.

New This Year at Melrose Public Schools!

Student contact information can be completed online! Families have the opportunity to submit all important and annual emergency contact information via an on-line form. Check out the website at <http://www.melroseschools.com/studentcontactinfo/index.cfm>

Volunteers Needed

The PTO needs volunteers to plan and coordinate some of this year's events, including Frightful Flicks, Lucky Irish Bingo, and the Cake Walk. Please contact Tammy O'Keefe if you're interested.

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

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](#).

Quick Review: Hoover Website and E-Notice Publishing Policies

The Hoover website (www.melroseschools.com/hoover) publishes classroom information, Hoover-wide activities and notices, and Melrose Public Schools district-wide news.

Hoover Weekly E-Notices will alert the community to all of the above, plus may be used for appropriate family, community, or Melrose notices.

For further information (including publishing flyers and photos on the website), please see our [publishing policies](#).

Mark Your Calendars

Please note these important upcoming dates, and link to the website calendar for complete listings.

Aug. 31	First day of school (Grades 1-5), 8:15 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.
Sept. 2	Half day for Kindergarten, 8:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Sept. 3	No School
Sept. 6	No School - Labor Day
Sept. 7	First full day for Kinderarten. 8:15 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.

Sept. 16 Hoover Open House, Time TBA
Oct. 1 Hoover Golf Classic - Save the Date!
Oct. 11 Columbus Day, no school
Nov. 5 Hoover Fall Hoe-Down Festival (rain Date Nov. 12)

*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.*