



HOOVER HAWK

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Principal Chung's "Hawkeye" View



Dear Terrific HMSA Community,

I hope that you and your family enjoyed the extended break this past week. My family and I spent some quality time together and we had an opportunity to go sledding at a local hill in Arlington Heights. We got our sleds ready and hit the hills for a few hours of fun. My oldest son tells others that he meets that he is 6 and $\frac{3}{4}$'s and my youngest son is 3 and a $\frac{1}{2}$. Last year at this time, my oldest son was pretty timid about going up the steepest hill and my youngest couldn't make it up the shortest hill, so we were constantly carrying him up. That wasn't a lot of fun in my opinion, but in the course of a year my oldest son was asking us to go to the steepest hill and my youngest son was climbing the hills by himself and going up the steepest hill with his brother. My oldest son even told me that he wanted to snowboard down the hill like some of the older kids. I told him that we would talk about it next year, so that bought me *at least* another year.

It's amazing to think how quickly the year has gone by and how many things have changed over the course of time. Instead of time going slower, it seems that time is moving by at a greater rate of speed. So, as I watched my boys going down the hill in their sleds by themselves, and as I watched them argue about who got down the hill first, I decided to stop for just a moment and appreciate how fortunate I am to have such a great family and where I am in life. Now I know that I should do this more often, and I am hopeful that I can, but for that split moment as I was standing next to my wife watching my boys zoom down the hill, I felt that the stars had aligned and I was the luckiest man in Arlington Heights. Sometimes life just zooms by and I forget to celebrate the special things around me, but I am hopeful that in 2012 I'll take things just a little slower so that I can appreciate more moments with my family. This is one of my resolutions for the new year.

In a few weeks, the Hoover Math & Science Academy will mark the first anniversary of being marketed to the School District 54 community at the open enrollment fair that is held each year. This is a time where all of the open enrollment schools get together and share out what their school is able to offer to the community.

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We had worked diligently over the previous two years to develop a vision, write curriculum, and finalize the details that would make our school such a special place. The open enrollment fair was the beginning of a successful year. Hoover Math and Science Academy has been a tremendous success because of our staff, students, and community coming together to implement our vision for the school. We have had such strong interest in HMSA that we filled our quota of students given to us by the school district and have a waiting list a mile long. We expect this to continue! The best part about HMSA is that it continues to evolve, and we look forward to sharing out some important announcements with our school community in a few months. I am incredibly proud of our school and how the school community continues to push HMSA forward. It is a phenomenal collaborative partnership. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Jake Chung



HMSA Happenings...

Monday, January 23

11:45-12:30 – Make A Difference Club (209)
11:45-12:30 – Math Olympiad (109)
1:30-2:30 – Mr. Freeze Assembly – Grades 2-6 (Gym)
3:00-4:00 – Glee Club (103)

Tuesday, January 24

8:00-8:25 – Wake Up and Read (LRC)
SPECIAL LUNCH
11:45-12:30 – National Geography Bee (109)
11:45-12:30 – Math Lunch Bunch (209)
11:45-12:30 – Brown Bag Book Club - 3rd Grade (LRC)
3:00-4:00 – Mural Artists Club (209)
3:00-3:45 – ELL Game & Conversation Group (120)
6:15-7:15 – 4th Grade Beach Ball Volleyball (Gym)

Wednesday, January 25

7:45-8:25 – Chess Club 3rd/4th Grade (211)
7:45-8:25 – 5th/6th Battle of the Books (LMC)
11:45-12:30 – Brown Bag Book Club - 2nd Grade (LRC)
6:00-7:30 - Open Enrollment Fair @ Addams Jr. High

Thursday, January 26 – Pizza Thursday!

8:00-8:25 – Wake Up and Read (LRC)
11:45-12:30 – Math Lunch Bunch (209)
11:45-12:30 – Spanish Club 2 (109)
3:00-4:00 – Podcast Club (207)
7:00-8:00 – 5th/6th Orchestra Concert (Schaumburg H.S.)

Friday, January 27 – Spirit Friday!

11:45-12:30 – B.U.G. Lunch (109)
SCHOOL STORE @ LUNCH

Monday, January 30

Vision & Hearing Rescreening
11:45-12:30 – Make A Difference Club (209)
11:45-12:30 – Math Olympiad (109)
3:00-4:00 – Glee Club (103)
4:30-5:30 - MARKET DAY

Tuesday, January 31

8:00-8:25 – Wake Up and Read (LRC)
11:45-12:30 – National Geography Bee (109)
11:45-12:30 – Math Lunch Bunch (209)
11:45-12:30 – Brown Bag Book Club - 3rd Grade (LRC)
3:00-4:00 – Mural Artists Club (209)
3:00-3:45 – ELL Game & Conversation Group (120)
All Day - FAMILY DINING @ BUONA BEEF

Wednesday, February 1

7:45-8:25 – Chess Club 5th/6th Grade (211)
11:45-12:30 – Brown Bag Book Club - 2nd Grade (LRC)

Thursday, February 2 – Pizza Thursday!

8:00-8:25 – Wake Up and Read (LRC)
11:45-12:30 – Math Lunch Bunch (209)
11:45-12:30 – Spanish Club 2 (109)
3:00-4:00 – Podcast Club (207)
3:00-4:00 – Student Leadership Club (208)
7:00-8:30 – School Board Meeting



Friday, February 3 – Spirit Friday!

TREAT DAY @ LUNCH
6:00-8:00 – Taste of Hoover (Gym) – See Page 6

Are you interested in getting more involved at HMSA?

Consider becoming a Hoover PTA Executive Committee Officer for 2012-2013

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone you know for any of the open positions for the upcoming school year, please contact Sue Grubb at sgrubb8@sbcglobal.net by January 27th.

The open positions are: President, 1st Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary.

Complete officer position descriptions and responsibilities are outlined in the Hoover PTA Bylaws available on the Hoover PTA website.



January, 2012

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mr. Kyle Jenkins and I am Mrs. Griebel's student teacher for this upcoming semester. I am currently a student at Northern Illinois University set to graduate in May with a degree in Physical Education and a minor in Health Education. During my time at Northern Illinois University, I participated on the football team where we won a MAC Championship and 2 bowl games. I have recently played my final year for the Huskies and am looking forward to starting my career as a physical educator. Other than football, I also enjoy playing basketball, baseball, and golf. I also enjoy spending quality time with my family, friends, and my 2 dogs.

It is very important to ensure that your child has the best education possible. In order to do this, I feel that it is necessary to have great communication between parents and teachers. If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please feel free to contact me. You can reach me at 847-357-2141 or via email at Karengriebel@sd54.org.

I am very excited about starting my student teaching experience and getting the opportunity to learn from your children on how to be an effective teacher. During my time at Hoover, my goal is to teach your children the benefits of staying physically active. I also want to create a positive learning atmosphere so your children can have a great experience in my physical education class. I am very excited to begin this experience and look forward to working with your children!

Sincerely,

Kyle Jenkins



It's Really Cold – It's Snowing...Do we have School Today???



With the snowy and cold weather bearing down upon us, please be aware that District 54 uses the Alert Now system which contacts every Hoover household very early in the morning should school be closed. These messages come via home phones, cell phones and the internet. School closings are also broadcast during morning news shows on our local TV and radio stations. If you do not receive a phone call or email from District 54, even on snowy days, please assume that our school will be open, warm, and ready for learning!



We need your help!

The cold temps have arrived! We hope at this time of year our Labels for Education UPCs are collected in LARGE numbers. We have a goal of many thousands. Be part of getting new things for our school.

In the past we have been able to earn:

Various supplies for Art class

Movies

Music Bells

Basketball Nets

We have BIG goals this year! Let's make them come true for our classrooms.

Clip those Labels for Education and send them in!



the difference
I can make.

Box Top Update

Congratulations to all of our Hawks! Our Box Top collection has been a huge success for the 1st part of the school year. Just think, we collected over 10,000 Box Tops! We have received our first check. This money will go toward funding programs hosted by the PTA. Hats off to all of you! Don't STOP we still have the rest of the school year to collect and get EVEN more money!!!

PLEASE JOIN HOOVER'S
CHESS CLUB

AS WE PRESENT THE THIRD ANNUAL



EVENING WITH A
CHESS GRAND MASTER

FEATURING

GRAND MASTER YURI SHULMAN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2012

6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

GM SHULMAN WILL:

- SPEAK ABOUT CHESS AS IT RELATES TO MATH AND SCIENCE SKILLS
- RELATE HIS EXPERIENCES AS AN INTERNATIONAL GRAND MASTER
- GIVE INSIGHT INTO PLAYING THE GAME OF CHESS

HE WILL ALSO PLAY SIMULTANEOUSLY AGAINST CHESS CLUB MEMBERS; UP TO 16 AT ONE TIME!

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU COME!





Taste of Hoover

Presented by the Multi-Cultural Committee and Hoover PTA

February 3, 2012

6:00 – 8:00

Hoover Gymnasium

The Hoover Math and Science Academy Multi-Cultural Committee invites all families to take part in sharing food and treats that represent your cultural heritage or family traditions! On Friday, February 3rd we will gather together to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of Hoover Math and Science Academy. Please join us for activities, games and delicious food.

All families are invited to bring donated foods that represent your culture or family traditions to serve to participants. Tickets will be sold that are then used for a sample of various donated food items. All proceeds from ticket sales will support future multi-cultural events at Hoover.

If you would like to donate food or time to serve, please fill out and return the form below. Please note that you will not be reimbursed for the cost of your donated food items, but the PTA will supply plates, napkins, and utensils as needed. All families and friends are welcome to participate in the events.

Please fill out and return the form below to Ms. Govoni at Hoover or send an e-mail.

YES, we would like to participate in the Taste of Hoover. (Check all that apply.)

- Bring a food sample Plan/demonstrate an activity
 Provide decorations Provide and run a game

Culture/Heritage represented: _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please check here if you would like to volunteer at the event selling tickets, setting up, cleaning up, at the event.

Please contact Rebecca Darr at rebecca7darr@yahoo.com or Kim Govoni at KimberlyGovoni@sd54.k12.il.us.

Ozzie Reading Program

Dear Hoover Community,

The Hoover students should be concluding their first two weeks of the Ozzie Reading program. **On Monday, every student should be turning in their 1st parent verification paper that records their reading minutes for these two weeks.** As they turn in these forms, the students will get to move to the first base on their classroom poster and will receive an Ozzie bookmark. Our students are $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way to hitting a homerun in reading.

All students who achieve a homerun on their classroom poster within the eight week period will receive a Kane County Cougars baseball game ticket. They will use this ticket on May 29th to take our first ever "all-school" field trip during the school day. In addition to the free ticket, the sponsors of the Ozzie's Reading Club also provide a free hot dog and drink during the game. The students and staff of Hoover Math and Science Academy are so excited to end the year with a celebration of everyone's hard work throughout the year.

If for any reason you do not have a form or know of this program, please contact me or your child's classroom teacher. We are really striving for 100% participation and attendance to our field trip!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Polanco
HMSA Social Worker

Food Drive - Extended

Dear Hoover Community,

We are close to the end of our Hoover Math & Science Academy food drive. Due to conferences and holidays, we would like to extend our food collection for a few more days. **We request that all items be brought in by Wednesday, January 25th.** Our students have done an amazing job as always. So far we have collected over 400 items. Every can of soup, pasta mix or noodles, rice, etc. does make a difference.

Thank you for all your contributions. Hoover has a wonderful and supportive community.

Sincerely,
The Make a Difference Club members,
Mrs. Hellesen
Mrs. Suarez
Mrs. Lutz
Mrs. Polanco



Schaumburg Parent University



Navigating Community Resources

- *Has your child been diagnosed as being on the Autism Spectrum or as having a Developmental Delay?*
- *Do you find yourself confused about how to locate the essential community services, or even how to identify the services that your child or adolescent needs?*

If you answered "yes" to these questions, please join us as we explore the following areas:

- Community Resources- what is available
- First steps in connecting to resources
- Services available with private or public insurance
- Supports available to the family (siblings and parents)
- The effect of the diagnosis on the family
- *How* to talk to your child and *when* to talk to your child (or others in their lives) about the diagnosis
- Any other questions you may have...

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2012

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm

Place: District Office (524 E. Schaumburg Road)

Presenter: Brianne Lukowski, Psy.D., Clinical Navigator,
Autism Spectrum and Developmental Resource
Center, Alexian Brothers Hospital Network

Interested? Please sign up by e-mail at SPU@sd54.org or contact Meg Kwak at (847)357-5534.

Free childcare will be provided and a gift card drawing held!

This presentation will be presented in English



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At the midyear mark, here's how District 54 is faring

By Ed Rafferty, Superintendent of Schools

Published in the *Daily Herald* on Thursday, January 12, 2012

Annually, the District 54 Board of Education approves a variety of projects aligned with our mission of ensuring student success. These projects guide our work and support our staff in meeting the district's student achievement goals. A complete list of this year's projects can be found on our website at www.sd54.org/.

Progress is monitored on a regular basis at both the individual school and district levels. The midyear status report on several of the key projects is highlighted below.

Early elementary students continue to experience significant gains in reading with the second year of successful implementation of the K-2 Literacy Plan and Assessment Package.

Our English Language Learners have been making substantial progress with the instructional program improvements that were instituted last year. Due to the progress that our students are making, District 54 was selected as one of only 10 districts across the country to participate in a best practice research study conducted by the United States Department of Education. The findings will be made available for other districts to replicate.

A new interactive social studies curriculum is being taught in kindergarten through sixth grade. Students are excited, more engaged with the content, and better able to understand and apply their new learning in real life situations.

New opportunities for students to participate in art, music and physical education enrichment activities are taking place in all 21 of our elementary schools. Students are being provided with supplemental classes which allow them to explore, learn about and further develop specific areas that may be of interest. Feedback from students, parents and staff has been extremely positive.

To keep pace with the ever-changing world of instructional technology, hardware and software upgrades have been initiated in all 27 schools. The final rollout will be completed by early spring.

The online communication tool which will enable parents to view their children's grades will be fully operational in all six of our junior high schools by the end of February. Parents and students will be able to monitor assignments and class grades in real time.

To continue to strengthen the District's commitment to being transparent, a Web-based system for creating, posting and storing board of education meeting information and supporting documents is now available on our website.

An additional school boundary change recommendation will be part of the annual staffing plan, which will be presented at the first school board meeting in March. Impacted families have already been notified. The changes to school boundaries that have occurred over the past two years have helped to balance and stabilize student enrollment across the district.

The PTA, YMCA, other local community agencies and District 54 have been working together to support and promote the Healthier Communities Initiative. Healthier hot lunch alternatives and planning for increasing the number of schools that plant vegetable gardens are only two of the many changes that are beginning to occur.

To augment the internal monitoring process of the district's progress, we participate in an annual independent benchmarking study. This helps us evaluate our progress in comparison to other school districts across the state. Results from this year's benchmarking study indicate that District 54 continues to make strong and steady gains in every area. Over the past several years, our district has moved to being in the top 9% when ranked against all other school districts in Illinois.

The results indicate that our students continue to make remarkable progress. The positive outcomes we are seeing each year can be directly attributed to the leadership of our board of education; the outstanding teachers, support staff and administrators who work in our district; and the ongoing support that we receive from our parents and community.



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- **Make a Difference Club**
Turn in your holiday cards to support St. Jude's Ranch for Children. This is an organization for abused, abandoned, and neglected children. The children earn money by removing the fronts of donated cards to make new ones sold in packets of 10. **This year's cards will be accepted through January 27, 2012.** Place cards in box outside Mrs. Hellesen's room – Room 210.
- **Schaumburg School District Office Blood Drive - Tuesday, February 14th**
1:30 – 7:00 pm
524 E. Schaumburg Road
(Upstairs Conference Room) **To register, you must go to: heartlandbc.org**

For further information, contact Heather Collier @ 708-951-4118
- **Become a member of the PTA! Cost is \$6/per person.** Membership forms available on our PTA web page.
- **Collect Box Tops & Labels for Education** – Turn in on Wednesdays in your PTA folder!
- **Yearbook Orders** – Accepted any Wednesday in your PTA folder. Forms are available in the PTA section of the HMSA website. **Last day to order is FEBRUARY 15th!**
- **Yearbook Pictures** – If you want to submit pictures for this year's yearbook, don't delay. Procedures can be found in the PTA section of the HMSA website.

These reminders are from flyers that were sent home with your child or from information in previous Hawks or e-mails. You can access any previous Hawk and various forms on our HMSA website.