



HANOVER-HORTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
10400 Moscow Road
Horton, MI 492463

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2013

Special Points of Interest:

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

- Jan. 31* - MS/HS Grades 6-12
4:00-7:00 pm
- Feb 28* - K-5 4:00-7:30 pm
- March 1* - K-5 1:00-4:00 pm

SPRING BREAK

Week of April 1

NO SCHOOL DATES

- January 21* No School K-12
- February 15* Half Day K-12
- February 18* No School K-12
- March 1* Half Day K-12
- March 28* Half Day K-12
- March 29* No School K-12
- April 1-5* No School K-12
- May 27* No School K-12
- June 6* Last Day/Half Day K-12

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP INFORMATION

- April 10 6:30 pm Elementary*
Informational Meeting
for Parents
- April 24 & 25 By Appointment*
Kindergarten Roundup

SENIOR GRADUATION

- May 25 2:00 pm*
JCC Potter Center

FROM THE DESK OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

JOHN DENNEY...

As the New Year approaches, it seems fitting to reflect on the past year and the changes within our district. Our district has had many changes that have happened over the past month and will be taking place over the New Year.

Mrs. Kathy Michel resigned her position as President of the school board in November so that she can spend more time enjoying the sunshine during our cold Michigan winters. Mrs. Michel has helped in numerous positions over her many years of service to our district. She started out as a parent volunteering on a millage campaign. Her involvement continued as she worked to start up the Hanover-Horton PTA. A few years later, she ran for the school board. Mrs. Michel has held a seat on our school board since 1993. For the last 10 years, she has been our School Board President. She has played a major role in our district being as great as it is. We are so grateful for all of her years of dedication to our district and wish her well on her future endeavors.

At their November meeting, the board appointed Matt Murphy to fill Mrs. Michel's seat until the 2014 election. Mr. Murphy is a 2003 graduate of Hanover-Horton High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of San Diego. Currently, he works for Lomar Machine and Tool in Horton. We look forward to working with him.

Perhaps the most noticeable of our changes is the retirement of Mrs. Linda Brian as our superintendent as of January 1, 2013. For the past thirteen years, our district has benefitted greatly from the leadership of Mrs. Brian. Our district

has flourished under her leadership. She is leaving behind a remarkable legacy. During her time leading us, the district has shown so much improvement in so many areas. The achievement levels of our students have become an area of great pride. Due to her guidance and leadership, the faculty and staff of the district have been able to focus on the needs of the students and produce the best students in Jackson County. It was also through various bond projects and wise budgeting that our facilities have also witnessed vast improvements; our middle school and high school library, our athletic complex, as well as the countless other upgrades to our facilities.

During unprecedented funding reductions and increased accountability, Mrs. Brian had to maneuver the district through very difficult times. She was able to do so with grace and dignity. We are better because of her and for that, we are so thankful. Personally, I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn from her and gain her friendship. Our district will greatly miss Mrs. Brian, but we wish her joy and happiness in all that she does in this new chapter of her life.

Also at their November meeting, the school board approved an interim replacement for Mrs. Brian. That is where I come in. For the past two and a half years, I have been the principal of Hanover-Horton High School. As of January 1, I will be the interim superintendent for the district. There will be a couple of other administrative changes occurring at the High School. Mr. Dan Draper, current High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, will become the interim

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High School Principal. Ms. Kim Travis, current math teacher and volleyball coach, will take over duties of the Athletic Director. We have all been working hard to prepare for our new roles.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is John Denney. I have been married to my wife Stephanie for fourteen years. Together we have two children, Evan (11) and Leah (6), who both chose to come to our district last school year as School of Choice Students. We have been thrilled with the warm welcome, phenomenal staff and all of the extra things our district is able to offer. My wife, Stephanie, was hired last year at Hanover-Horton Elementary School to teach RTI part-time. She pulls out Kindergarten students and works on extra literacy with them. She loves it! We are so thankful for all of the wonderful families we have met over the past year and look forward to meeting more of you!

As for my qualifications for this new position, I have a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, major in English and minor in Social Science, from Olivet College. I completed a Master's degree from Eastern Michigan University and a Specialist's degree from Siena Heights University; both were in Educational Leadership. I taught for six years at Napoleon Middle School, primarily 8th grade English and History. Since then, I have held administrative positions in Hudson, Eaton Rapids and Leslie. My career experiences have provided me a solid foundation in preparation of this opportunity.

It is our hope that this position will be one that I am able to fill for many years to come. As we all work together to make our district even better, I look forward to working with you. Please feel free to let me know how we are doing as a district.

I can be reached by phone, (517)563-0100, or by email at john.denney@hanoverhorton.org.

Go Comets!

John Denney

Interim Superintendent



KIDS CLUB



If you need a safe, fun place to leave your child before school starts or after school gets out, consider our Latchkey program located within the Elementary building. Pay only for days you attend, and use this program as you need. We offer help with homework, easy transition to and from class and snacks. Open mornings at 6:30 a.m. and closed evenings at 6:00 p.m. All staff is certified CPR, First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens and have received a criminal background check.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE CALL 563-0107

CHILD CARE



Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Meeting

The elementary will be holding a parent meeting for all incoming kindergartners on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the elementary gymnasium. This is a very important meeting, where the following topics will be discussed:

- *what to bring with you and expect at Kindergarten Round-Up;
- *how to fill out the forms required for registration;
- *the different skills we'd like each child to have before entering Kindergarten;
- *what they will learn throughout the school year;
- *transportation information;
- *our food service program; and
- *the Kids Club program.

At this meeting, parents will also be able to schedule a Round-Up time. We look forward to seeing you!

Healthy Changes in Our School Cafeterias!

This fall, Hanover-Horton School District cafeterias are meeting tough new federal nutrition standards for school meals, ensuring that meals are healthy and well-balanced and provide students all the nutrition they need to succeed at school. Now is a great time to encourage your kids to choose school lunch!

School meals offer students milk, fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains, and they must meet strict limits on saturated fat and portion size. Starting in School Year 2012-2013, school lunches will meet additional standards requiring:

- Age-appropriate calorie limits
- Larger servings of vegetables and fruits (students must take at least one serving of produce)
- A wider variety of vegetables, including dark green and red/orange vegetables and legumes
- Fat-free or 1% milk (flavored milk must be fat-free)
- More whole grains
- And less sodium

We're always working to offer Hanover-Horton students healthier and tastier choices. We are focusing on serving healthy homemade entrees, locally grown foods and increased offerings of whole grains.

School meals are a great value and a huge convenience for busy families too! Below are the meal prices.

	Elementary School	Middle Schools	High School	Milk
Breakfast	\$1.35	\$1.35	\$1.35	\$0.45
Lunch	\$2.15	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$0.45

SendMoneyToSchool.com is a great tool to monitor your student's meal account activity, deposit funds online and view the account balance. If you would like to receive email alerts when your student's account falls below the minimum balance contact the Food Service Office, 517-990-3603, to have this service set-up.

Meal applications can be submitted prior to the beginning of school by stopping by any of the building offices or submitting an application online at LunchApp.com. Applications can take up to 10 days for processing. For fastest approval utilize our online portal at www.LunchApp.com.

To find out more about Hanover Horton School's healthy school meals contact Alan Breneman, Director of Food Services at 517-990-3603.

Thank you!

Alan Breneman, Director of Food Services
Hanover Horton Schools
517-990-3603



Kindergarten Round-Up April 24 & 25

All children who will be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2013 are eligible to attend. Please make an appointment for your child at the parent meeting, which will be held on April 10, 2013. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the elementary office will take reservations starting April 11th up until the first day of Round-Up.

Please bring:

- ☼ your kindergartner
- ☼ immunization record
- ☼ original birth certificate
- ☼ paperwork from the parent meeting

We look forward to seeing you!



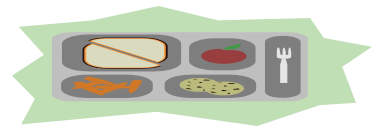
Deposit funds into student accounts online, www.SendMoneytoSchool.com.



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2012 Talent Show

Depicts many talented students.



Middle School Parent Math Night

On the evening of November 12, the Hanover Horton Middle School Math Department held a Parent Math Night to share information with parents about how to help their student succeed in math class. After a light dinner, teachers presented information on three different topics. Sandy Barrus and Marcia Shevy explained grading and organizational techniques. Emily Wilburn talked about the textbook and companion website. Finally, Donna French shared several helpful websites and community resources. The Math Department hopes to repeat the successful program again next year.

JOURNALISM STUDENTS WIN IN ESSAY CONTEST

Congratulations to our Hanover-Horton High School students for winning the FDR writing contest.

Three students won an essay contest they wrote in Journalism class about their hero. The Comets took all 3 places. Olivia Hicks won first place and \$100, Carrie Kendra won second place and \$50 and Desiree Frantum won an honorable mention.

Khalob Cognata won first place for writing a paper on his own about FDR. He also won \$100.

All of the students, their parents and their teacher Mrs. Shelley Job are invited to the 55th Annual FDR Dinner, sponsored by the Jackson County Democratic Committee.

This is quite an honor for our school. Congratulations to all our students who entered and won this distinguished event. We are proud of the writing they have done.

Second and Third Grade Service Project

Mrs. Lafollette's second grade and Mrs. Hobson's third grade have partnered up this year to be book buddies. For the Thanksgiving holiday, they teamed up to create a Thanksgiving book to give to Mrs. Maddalena's kindergarten class. The book has the theme of the "Brown Bear Brown Bear" book that is so popular with beginning readers. Each student created four pages for the book and then they met to put them together. The students went into the kindergarten class to read the book to a student and to wish them a Happy Thanksgiving.





DATES TO KNOW

January:

- 7 School Resumes
- 8 PTA Meeting 6 pm
Music Booster Meeting
- 9 Blood Drive 9 am - 3 pm, HS Library
- 17 PTA Family Game Night 6-7 pm
- 21 No School for Students K-12, Teacher In Service
Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 24 Market Day & Scrip Pickup at Elementary
- 25 K-8 End of 2nd 9 Weeks, end of 1st Semester
BBB Snowfest w/Michigan Center 5:30 pm
- 31 MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conf. 4:00-7:00 pm
K-5 End of 2nd 9 Weeks

February:

- 5 Music Booster Meeting 7:00 pm Band Room
District Jazz Festival
- 9 High School Solo & Ensemble
- 11 Board of Education Meeting 6:30
- 12 PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
- 13 State Pupil Accounting Day
- 14 Happy Valentines Day
- 14 - 16 Band - Cedarville University Music Showcase
- 15 Grades K-12 Half Day of School
- 18 No School, Presidents Day
- 21 Market Day & Scrip Pickup at Elementary
- 23 PTA Mother/Son Dodge Ball 5 pm
- 27 State Jazz Festival
- 28 K-5 Parent/Teacher Conf. 4:00 - 7:30 pm

March:

- 1 End of 2nd HS Trimester
K-12 Students - Half Day
K-5 Parent/Teacher Conf. 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- 1 & 2 High School Play (HS Caf ) 7:00 pm
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- 4 PTA Reading Night 5 - 7 pm
- 5 Testing Day for High School Students
Music Booster Meeting 7:00 pm Band Room
- 12 PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
- 18 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 21 Market Day & Scrip Pickup at Elementary
- 23 State High School Solo & Ensemble

- 28 K-12 Students Half Day of School
K-8 End of 3rd 9 Weeks
- 29 No School, Good Friday

April:

- 1-5 Spring Break
- 8 School Resumes
- 9 PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
Music Booster Meeting 7:00 pm Band Room
- 10 Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6:30 pm
- 15 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 25 Market Day & Scrip Pickup at Elementary
- 20 Jazz Bash 6:30 pm
- 24 & 25 Kindergarten Roundup (By Appointment)
- 29 Book Fair Begins



May:

- 3 Book Fair Last Day
- 7 Music Booster Meeting 7:00 pm Band Room
- 4 Junior/Senior Prom at Fair Event Center
- 13 - 24 JCEA Art Fair @ Jackson Crossing
- 14 PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
- 15 Band/Choir Concert @ Potter Center 7:00 pm
- 17 Elementary Carnival
- 20 Board of Education Meeting 5:30 pm
Senior Honors Night 6:30 pm
- 22 & 23 Mackinac Trip 7th Grade Girls
- 23 Market Day & Scrip Pickup at Elementary
- 23 & 24 Mackinac Trip 7th Grade Boys
- 25 Senior Graduation @ Potter Center 2:00 pm
- 27 K-12 No School, Memorial Day



June:

- 6 Last Day of School, Half Day All Students
- 13 Market Day & Scrip Pickup @ Elementary
- 17 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.



GIVE THE GIFT OF SAVING

Looking for a gift to give your child or grandchild that could last into their adult life? Start a savings account for them! It's easy and inexpensive! A 25 cents deposit will open a savings account for that special child in your life. If your child attends one of our participating schools, they can save money each week at their school's student run branch. Contact CP Federal Credit Union 800-554-7101 for details or visit us online at www.TheVaultCP.com



2012-2013 FALL ACADEMIC ATHLETIC AWARDS

COMET ATHLETIC REPORT

Academic All-Conference -

Boy's Cross-Country	Isaac Pringle, Bryce Stroede
Girl's Cross-Country	Megan Hubbard
Football	Jonathan Bettenga, Brody Ellison, Trevor Heath, Jacob Kughn
Volleyball	Alyssa Fausneaucht
Girl's Golf	Alyssa Fausneaucht, Emily Bristow, Amanda Crisanti

Academic All-State -

Boy's Cross-Country	Bryce Stroede
Girl's Cross Country	Shannon Richardson
Volleyball	Alyssa Fausneaucht
Girl's Golf	Emily Bristow, Honorable Mention

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Jackson Citizen Patriot - *Runner of the Year:*
Megan Hubbard and Bryce Stroede

Academic All-State Teams:

Girls' Cross Country Team - 2nd Place - 3.918 GPA
Boys' Cross Country Team - 3rd Place - 3.818 GPA
Girl's Golf Team - All Divisions - 4.01 GPA

COACHES AWARDS

2012 Spring Boy's Golf Coach:
Regional Coach of the Year - **Mike Brockie**

2012 Fall Girl's Golf Coach:
Regional Coach of the Year and named Jackson
Citizen Patriot Coach of the Year: **Chris Burger**

CONGRATULATIONS COACHES!!

Check out the Hanover-Horton Athletic Website for Schedules and News

www.hhcomets.com



A Friendly Reminder

For the safety of Hanover-Horton children, parental supervision is required at basketball games, as well as all other athletic events. Children should not be dropped off and left unsupervised. We encourage students to be seated in the stands and have reserved a special student section for this purpose. Unruly student behavior will not be allowed.

We appreciate your cooperation to maintain a safe and orderly environment for our athletic events.



DISTRICT PHONE NUMBERS

- Administration.....517-563-0100
- High School.....517-563-0101
- Athletics.....517-563-0143
- Middle School..... 517-563-0102
- Elementary.....517-563-0103 or 563-0104
- Transportation.....517-563-0106
- Kids Club.....517-563-0107
- Lil' Comets.....517-563-0124
- SCHOOL CLOSINGS.....517-563-0117

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