

HOOVER HAPPENINGS

September 2023

Hoover Elementary School
1123 8th St. N.W.
Mason City, Iowa



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hoover Families,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Hoover Elementary! We are thrilled to have our students and families back on campus, and we can already feel the energy and enthusiasm for learning in the air.

I want to extend a warm welcome to both our returning families and those who are joining the Hoover community for the first time. Your partnership is essential to creating a successful learning environment for our students. We are committed to working together to ensure a positive and enriching experience for each child.

Our dedicated teaching team has been hard at work preparing engaging and rigorous lessons for our students. We encourage you to engage in conversations with your child about their daily experiences to foster a love for learning.

Open communication between home and school is crucial for a successful school year. Our teachers are always here to address any questions or concerns you may have. Please reach out via email or schedule a meeting through the school office.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and partnership in education. We look forward to a fantastic year of growth, exploration, and achievement.

TK-4

Breakfast 7:45 - 8:00 a.m.
Doors Open 7:45 a.m.
M, T, Th, and F
8:05 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Wednesdays
8:05 a.m.-1:40 p.m.

Head Start:

M, T, Th, F
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Wednesdays
8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Important Info....

Please call the office in the morning if your child will be absent or tardy from school.

641-450-5300 or
641-450-5301

If there is a change to your student's end of day plans, please call the office before 2:00 p.m.



Living in Iowa requires adaptability to frequent weather changes. **We will go outside for recess every day that we can.** We care about every child's health but also know that outdoor activity is crucial to a healthy lifestyle. Watch/Listen to local weather reports and help your child dress according to our guidelines.

*Determinations will be made using [accuweather.com](https://www.accuweather.com) RealFeel temperature (windchill is factored in).



Strawbridge
Studios Inc.

Save the Date!
Hoover Picture Day
Friday, September 8.

Wind Chill/Temperature

Over 90 degrees
70-85 degrees
60-69 degrees
40-59 degrees
1-39 degrees
0 degrees & below zero

Clothing Guidelines

Inside recess
Pants, shorts, skirts/dresses, short sleeves
Long sleeves, sweatshirts or light jacket
Pants, jacket over long sleeves, layered clothes
Coat required with hats/hoods & gloves/mittens
Inside recess

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Beginning of Year Reminders

Student Absence - Please call the Hoover office (641-450-5300 or 641-450-5301) in the morning before 9 a.m. if your child will be absent from school or tardy. You will be contacted if we do not hear from you to be sure your child is safe. Students arriving late must check-in at the office before going to the classroom.

Riding Bikes To School - Students in grades 3 and 4 may ride bicycles to and from school. Bikes are not to be ridden on sidewalks, are to be parked in the racks provided, and not ridden during the school day or left overnight. **When on school property, students must walk beside their bikes.** Students may bring bike chains and locks for securing bikes. Bikes may not be ridden at any time on the school parking lot.

Birthday Celebrations – At Hoover we announce students' names during morning announcements, and students are invited to come to the office to select a birthday book and pencil. They are also given a personalized birthday card. **District policy prohibits students from bringing in birthday treats to share. We also ask that birthday balloons and floral bouquets not be delivered to school for your child.**

Drop-Off and Dismissal Procedures

Drop-Off:

Hoover Doors open at 7:45 a.m. School starts 8:05 a.m.

Breakfast Students: All K-4 students who wish to eat breakfast will report to the gym upon arrival. Breakfast will be served daily from 7:45-8:05 a.m.

Students not needing breakfast will walk to their locker, put all of their items in their locker, then proceed to their classroom.

Dismissal:

Bus Riders will be escorted by Hoover staff to buses.

Walkers and Bike Riders will exit from the Northwest Door (Door P).

Pick Up (K, 1st, and 2nd Grade) will exit from the Southwest door (Door N).

Pick Up (3rd and 4th Grade) will exit from the Northwest door (Door P).

Parents picking up students may park along Pierce Avenue heading North (no crossing Pierce, please). The entire curbside will be available for parking. Parking is also available on 8th Street or side streets off 8th Street.

Please make every effort to be on time picking up your child. If your child has a change to their end of day plans, please call the office before 2 p.m. (641-450-5300 or 641-450-5301).

2023-2024 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Grade K to 4

Fall 2023:	• November 16	1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Early Release at 12:15 p.m.
	• November 20	4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Spring 2024:	• March 26	4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	• March 28	1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Early Release at 12:15 p.m.



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School Counselor's Corner



Hoover Elementary
School Counselor
Ms. Gina Friederich
gfriederich@masoncityschools.org

Ms. Friederich will be at Hoover every day, Monday through Friday. You can e-mail her or leave her a message by calling the Hoover office at 641-450-5300 or 641-450-5301.

New Staff Members at Hoover!

We welcome these staff members to the Hoover Elementary Building. We are excited to have them join our Hoover team.

TK - Transitional Kindergarten - Shandra Goosen
Kindergarten - Amy Culberson
Kindergarten - Erika Drumheller
1st Grade - Alaura Waid
3rd Grade - Ashley Klouse
Connections Room - Samantha Studer

We welcome back these staff members who will be filling new roles. We look forward to all the support they will be offering our students.

CarolAnn Eppens - Title 1 Math
Marne Markwardt - 1st Grade



Meal Accounts

Please make sure that you are keeping up to date on your students lunch account. If you did not fill out a Fee Waiver then you are responsible for putting money in their account. We can take payments in the office, over the phone. We are happy to help you with those.

Parent Handbook

The Parent Handbook has information regarding district/school policies and procedures. You can access the Handbook by going to masoncityschools.org, clicking on Documents in the top right corner, then clicking on Handbooks.

Nurse Notes



This year, we have two nurses at Hoover. Jolene Schweitzer from Jefferson Elementary in the AM and Julie Fritz from Harding Elementary from in the PM. We welcome them to Hoover!

A little note from the Nurses: Please make sure that your kids are up to date on all their Back to School shots and physicals They will be reaching out if your student is in need of shots, physicals.



Welcome back to our Hoover Families! Hoover PTO is a group of parents and teachers who work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience at Hoover. In past years, the PTO has helped organize and plan events such as the fall fundraiser, Spring walk-a-thon, movie nights, chili supper, whole school roller skating day, and so much more.

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend the Hoover PTO meetings. They are held the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Hoover IC, Room 127. Check out and follow the Hoover Elementary PTO on Facebook for more information.

Meeting Dates:

September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12
January 9
February 13
March 5,
April 9 and
May 2

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PBIS Update

Hoover is in the eighth year of implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Teachers, parents and students will work together to achieve optimum student behavior at school. The PBIS program is based on the philosophy of recognizing the POSITIVE contributions of every student, to reduce disruptive behaviors and create appropriate learning environments to educate all students. Hoover will again be focusing on 3 expectations.

Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be Safe.

Skills for Student Success is something that will be again implemented here at Hoover this year as well as Zones of Regulation. PTS skills are from a trauma responsive system and all social skills taught at Hoover fall under one of these categories.

- **Tone/Volume**
- **Area of Designation**
- **Physical Boundaries**
- **Accepting Directions**
- **Participation**
- **Self Regulation**
- **Interactions**
- **Self Time**

Greetings from the Hoover PE Department

Everything in the gym is ready for students and physical activity. We have five classroom expectations which are:

1. **Be respectful and kind to others**
2. **Follow activity directions**
3. **Build stamina - No quitting**
4. **Play safely**
5. **Clean up and line up as a team**



These expectations ensure that everyone has the opportunity to have fun and succeed safely in the gymnasium or outside. Please make sure you are aware which days your child has PE. We move and play a lot and clothes/shoes that stay on and stay put work best so that we can focus on the activities that we want to do. Shoes that stay fastened and are clean are the best for moving and stopping quickly so that students can do their best in each activity such as exercise centers, gymnastics, bowling, basketball, line soccer, cage ball, tee ball, along with other sports and skills. Flip flops can make it difficult for students to run and stop, and clothing items such as skirts and pants without a belt can make most activities much harder, especially activities like gymnastics! Thank you for being sure your child is dressed appropriately for P.E.!

Title I Support

Title I Reading Specialists Mrs. Jean Kraft along with Mrs. Chrismar Colvin will again be offering reading support to those students who qualify for services based on screening / assessment results. Mrs. Jennifer Martin will serve as a full time at-risk reading paraprofessional who will also be serving at-risk readers. Also this year, we welcome Mrs. CarolAnn Eppens and Ms. Ann Foley as Hoover's Title I Math Specialists. We are very excited to have these professionals helping to support our students in the areas of math and reading.



MC Community School District Virtual Backpack

The school district is a part of the larger community in which it carries out its education mission. The school district has been a conduit for providing information by permitting distribution of non-school materials to inform students and their families of youth-related programs or activities, and of events that intend to improve the health, education or welfare of students according to Board policy. Please visit www.masoncityschools.org click on the backpack icon in the upper right hand section of the website to access all of the current flyers.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 Labor Day - No School	5	6 Wednesday - Early Dismissal - 1:40	7	8
11 Ag In the Classroom 11 - 15	12 PTO Meeting Hoover - IC 5:00 p.m.	13 Wednesday - Early Dismissal - 1:40	14	15
18	19	20 Wednesday - Early Dismissal - 1:40	21	22
25	26	27 Wednesday - Early Dismissal - 1:40	28	29 Riverhawk Homecoming