



HANOVER ONLINE SCHOOL

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Updates for the Week of 2/15/2021

Greetings OWLs! This week is Kindness Week, and I'm looking forward to the great reminders about the many things we can all do to be kind to others and ourselves. It makes me feel uplifted during these cold days of winter!

Today was "Be Kind To Yourself Day" and our great counselors shared a number of wonderful ways for being kind to ourselves. One of their ideas is to "practice gratitude" - so I'm going to be kind to myself by recognizing all of the great parents and students who came to pick up instructional materials last week. It was COLD out there - we even saw a few snow flurries. But all of the smiling faces and kind words made it all worth it. THANK YOU!!!

Tuesday is "Be Kind To Your Family Day", and one of the ideas from our counselors is to leave kind notes for our family members to find throughout the day. Don't tell my family - but that's the one I picked.

Listed below are great resources from our school counselors for [elementary](#), [middle](#) and [high](#) school.

What are "owl" the ways you can find to be kind this week?

Dr. Gresham

Important Resources

Phone numbers, team member names, and other important information about Hanover Online School may be [found here](#).



Please remember to



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Information for Everyone

Dates To Remember:

February 24th and 25th. Here are the [early release schedules](#).

Parent/Teacher Conferences: There will be several hours after the students are released on 2/25 available for parent/teacher conferences. Teachers will contact parents with whom they would specifically like to meet. If you do not receive a request from a teacher, but you would like to meet - please reach out to the teacher to

schedule a time on either February 25th or another day.

Chromebook Troubleshooting Guide Updated! Step by Step processes when trouble arises.

: Snap your photos/ videos and email them to: **owlmedia@students.hcps.us**

Make sure to include a description of the event & the student's name involved. Note: by uploading to this email you are granting permission for the media team to use.

Hanover Online PTO: Want to be involved and make a positive impact in our school? Celebrate our teachers? Share ideas, have a voice, and be better informed on school activities? Be a part of a rewarding organization that supports a positive and engaging atmosphere for our teachers and students? Feel more connected? Join the PTO! **PTO Membership Form (No Joining Fee)** We understand busy schedules and appreciate any time and effort you can spare, you can be as involved as you would like.

We have so much going on for our families and teachers, use **this to keep track of it all** and as always reach out if you have questions or this does not cover what you are looking for: **HanoverOnlinePTO@gmail.com**

Information for the Elementary OWLs

5th Grade Parents - Middle School Registration Information

Information for Middle School Registration has gone out. Use the link below to access the flyer with important dates and resources.

6th Grade Registration Flyer

If you missed Mrs. Gray's Registration Lesson on Feb. 8th, here's the link. Click on your child's zoned middle school video. **Registration Lesson**

If you missed BCMS Curriculum Night, here is the link: **BCMS Curriculum Night Link**

Here is LMS's Curriculum Night Link from Feb. 12th, as well as the zoom information for the Live Parent Q&A session on Feb. 16th: **LMS Curriculum Night/Live Parent Q & A Info.**

CMS Curriculum Night Information for February 15th: **CMS Curriculum Presentation - Video** and **CMS Curriculum Presentation - Google Slides/Links**

BCMS Live Q & A sessions: Feb. 16th: 8:00-8:45AM for LMES Families **Link**
Feb. 17th: 8:00-8:45AM for CHES Families **Link**
Feb. 18th: 2:30-3:15PM for BPES Families **Link**

If you have questions, please contact the 5th grade OWL school counselor, Mrs. Jennifer Gray, at **jwgray@hcps.us**.

Heart Health Month

American Heart Association- As you know, February is **Heart Health Month!** **Register** for Hanover Online School Heart Health Challenge to be a Heart Hero!

Family Life

Family Life will occur in May for online 4th & 5th grade students. Lessons will be asynchronous. Parent information sessions will occur in May (May 4, 5, 7, and 10) before instruction begins.

D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is an elementary program taught by School Resource Officers centered around teaching students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives. One of our 5th grade classes successfully piloted the D.A.R.E. program virtually in January. We are in the process of working out a schedule with the Sheriff's Office to provide this instruction for each of our 5th grade classes during 2nd semester.

Lunch Bunch Groups

If you are interested in your child participating in a Lunch Bunch Group once a week for 30 minutes during a 4 week time-frame second semester, please fill out this survey by February 17th. [Lunch Bunch Sign Up Form](#)

Virginia Kindness Week: February 14-20th: The Hanover Online School will be celebrating Kindness Week February 15-19. For elementary school students, teachers will have fun information to share with students during Morning Meeting time. Each day there will be a "challenge" for the students. Stay tuned to what each day's challenge will be. Please watch the following video: [Kindness Week Challenge Video](#) Encourage your students to watch Mrs. Freeman's and Mrs. Gray's Counseling Resource Lesson on Monday, February 15th about Kindness. They will have a Kindness BINGO card for the students. Have fun and "Spread Kindness like Confetti!"

Viewing a Child's Grade History in PowerSchool: If your child transferred from one class to another for second semester, you will no longer see the grades from the previous quarters or semester. Once a student is no longer enrolled in the previous course, his/her former grades can be viewed via the "Grade History" tab. Note, you can only view this information on an internet browser; it will not appear on the PowerSchool mobile app. Here are step-by-step directions to assist you in accessing your child's grade history: [Accessing Grade History in PowerSchool](#).

Information for the Middle School OWLs

Home Middle School Newsletters: Keep in the loop with activities from your home school by reviewing their respective weekly newsletter! Students can see updates from their school on their Schoology page. Be sure to check these frequently to stay up to date on activities, events, and important dates from your home schools!

- [Bell Creek Middle School](#)
- [Chickahominy Middle School](#)
- [Liberty Middle School](#)
- [Oak Knoll Middle School](#)
- [OWL Middle School](#)

Instructional Material Pickup - Rescheduled Date: We have scheduled one additional date for instructional material pick up. We will be in the OKMS/HHS outer busloop between 4:30 to 6:00 on Tuesday, February 23rd. Please do not pull into the busloop prior to 4:30 as buses still need to be able to get through until then. Middle schoolers in the following courses have materials to be picked up:

EL40 - Art 6

EL15 - Art 7/8

EL16 - Art 8 (additional paper for second semester or new kit if joining class for spring)

EL107 - Agriscience and Technology - This is a year long class. The only students who need to pick up their supplies are those who did not pick them up during first semester.

EL32 - Make it Your Business

EL105 - Pre-Engineering 7

EL102 - Teen Living

M200 - Mathematics 6

SE32 - SC Math 6

Hope to see you Thursday @ 4:00pm. [Presentation and Information](#)

Course Registration: Please find all information for middle school registration [HERE](#). All students will register for 2021-2022 courses with their *homeschool counselors*. **Parents can pre-register for classes using the Hanover [HERE](#), open from Monday, February 15 - Monday, March 1.** Homeschool counselors will follow up with all students on course selection between March 1 - April 23.

Random Acts of Kindness Week: This week, Monday, 2/15 - Friday, 2/19 is Random Acts of Kindness Week. Click [HERE](#) to see a brief overview of what we've got planned for our students. Any student who participates every day and completes [THIS FORM](#) on Friday, 2/19 will be entered to win a drawing for an awesome prize, donated by Chick-fil-A!

: Use this [LINK](#) to learn more information from each middle school on purchasing and submitting photos to the yearbook.

8th grade Jr. Beta students - Remember to pick up your certificate and pin. They are at your home school front office from 8:30-4:00 pm. M-F.

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: Please find all information for high school registration [HERE](#). All students will register for 2021-2022 courses with their *homeschool counselors*. **Parents can pre-register for classes using the Hanover [HERE](#), open from Monday, February 15 - Monday, March 1.** Homeschool counselors will follow up with all students on course selection between March 1 - April 23.

Attention online high school families: Starting end of day Friday, 2/12, we will officially be entering our add/drop period which limits class changes to leveling down (AP to advanced, or advanced to standard) or dropping a course to a study hall. All requests are granted based on course availability and are not guaranteed. Please keep in mind there is limited room for adjustments in the online schedule based on enrollment numbers. **Add/drop** . A virtual copy of the form can be found [HERE](#) and a PDF of the form can be found [HERE](#). A list of homeschool counselors can be found [HERE](#).

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Please do not pull into the busloop prior to 4:30 as buses still need to be able to get through until then. High schoolers in the following courses have materials to be picked up:

PA47 - Advanced Marketing
PA17 - Business and Marketing
PA50 - Entrepreneurship
PA46 - Marketing
M286 - Programming
PA49 - Sports Marketing
C194 - Graphic Arts I
C195 - Graphic Arts 2
FA01 - Fine Art I
FA02 - Fine Art II
FA03 - Fine Art III
FA04 - Fine Art IV
FA09 - Photography I
FA12 - Art III Adv
FA13 - Art IV Adv
FA16 - Photography II

It is that time of year. AP exam fee collection begins on Monday, February 15th through HOMESCHOOLS and will conclude on Friday, March 5. Please use this [document to](#) find all the information needed to finalize registration and pay for the exams.

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- [Atlee High School](#)
- [Hanover High School](#)
- [Mechanicsville High School](#)
- [Patrick Henry High School](#)

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- Wednesday, February 17th at 12:30 p.m. – University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Thursday, February 18th at 12:30 p.m. – FIDM-Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (Los Angeles)
- Friday, February 19th at 12:30 p.m. – Virginia Wesleyan University
- Friday, February 26th at 12:30 p.m. – Averett University
- Monday, March 1st at 12:30 p.m. – United States Air Force
- Friday, March 19th at 12:30 p.m. – St. Bonaventure University

Register [here](#) for upcoming Virtual College/Military Visits! If you are unable to attend a Virtual College/Military Visit or [Career Cafe](#) live, you will receive a link to the recorded session following the event via e-mail and may also view from our [Hanover Career Counseling YouTube page](#).

February Career Cafe - Careers in Cybersecurity: On Tuesday, February 16 at 12:30pm, Career Counseling will be hosting our sixth Virtual Career Cafe this school year. This virtual event will focus on the topic of “Careers in Cybersecurity” with special guest speaker, Lenora Thorbjornsen, First Year Student Success Coordinator and Academic Advisor for the School of Cybersecurity at Old Dominion University (<https://www.odu.edu/cyber>). Students can register [here](#) for this exciting event and other future Virtual Career Cafes! Check out our [Career Cafe Playlist](#) on YouTube for past Career Cafe videos and view our [Career Counseling calendar](#) for additional

upcoming virtual Career Counseling events!

Home/Zoned School Connections

Remember to make sure you are signed up to receive email messages from both Online School as well as your home/zoned school. Email subscriptions can be managed [here](#).

Please use [this page](#) to access information about **Elementary** Home/Zoned School events. If you have questions about any of these events, please reach out to the elementary school.

Secondary students can see updates from their schools in their Schoology courses and in the home/zoned school newsletters (please see sections above). Please make sure to check these frequently to stay up to date on activities, events, and important dates from your home/zoned schools.

Elementary school picture day information will be entered into [this document](#). Please contact home/zoned schools with questions.