

# Online School Website Updates for the Week of 3/8/2021

# **Important Resources**

Phone numbers, team member names, and other important information about Hanover Online School may be found here.



Hanover Online School is now a Publix Partner! Please <u>enroll here</u>. Publix has provided <u>this information</u> to help navigate the process. Thank you for supporting Online School when you shop at Publix!

# Information for Everyone

**It's Time for Kindergarten!** Kindergarten registration is right around the corner. To help prepare for the 2020-21 school year, we are surveying our community to determine kindergarten enrollment. Any child who turns five before September 30, 2021 is eligible for kindergarten. If you have a child starting kindergarten this Fall, <u>please complete the survey</u> Dates and directions for registration will be posted on the HCPS and face-to-face school websites in the near future.

**Share your pics**: 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:** This week:

With OWL yearbook announcements, school counselors and administrators bringing us important highlights, student recognition and activities & upcoming plans being shared, we hope you can join us for March's PTO meeting this evening:

Meeting link and agenda.



First Yearbook Planning Session Info, Kindergarten & 1st Grade Worthday Service Project, and Spring OWL Spirit Wear Sale also going on this week! Don't miss out on all that is going on, keep up to date by joining the PTO (no membership fee) and using our PTO calendar and quick reference links.

## Information for the Elementary OWLs

# March Book Madness Challenge

The Elementary OWLs are invited to participate in the March Madness Challenge to promote reading. Look for the March Madness information on your child's class Schoology page. Each week will have a theme aligned to March Madness and students will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite books.

# 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, 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: <u>BCMS Curriculum Night Link</u>
- Here is LMS's Curriculum Night Link: LMS Curriculum Night
- CMS Curriculum Information: <u>CMS Curriculum Presentation Video</u> and <u>CMS Curriculum Presentation Google Slides/Links</u>
- If you have questions, please contact the 5th grade OWL school counselor, Mrs. Jennifer Gray, at <a href="mailto:jwgray@hcps.us">jwgray@hcps.us</a>.
- Please note: Mrs. Gray will meet with 5th grade students to register for middle school courses whether or not they have pre-registered with a parent. All courses are loaded to HCPS middle schools at the same time. Courses are not offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Student Recognitions:** Elementary OWLS will be recognized each month based on the characteristics from the Profile of a Hanover Graduate (Empowered Learner, Globally-Engaged Communicator, Resilient Individual, and Responsible Citizen). Our teachers will nominate at least two students each month that have shown these characteristics. The month of February was the Empowered Learner. Please click on this link to see all of our amazing students who were being Empowered Learners.

# **SOL Testing**

Parents of 3rd, 4th, and/or 5th grade children received communication from teachers last week regarding Spring SOL testing for elementary students. In order to assist us with planning, we are asking parents to please complete the Google form at <a href="http://bit.ly/SOLTestingSPR21">http://bit.ly/SOLTestingSPR21</a> by March 9, 2021, to register for a SOL assessment or to indicate a student will not participate during the Spring SOL test window. Before completing the form, please review the following document as it contains many answers to frequently asked questions: <a href="mailto:FAQ: SOL Testing Spring 2021">FAQ: SOL Testing Spring 2021</a> Elementary. Feel free to contact Nicolle Currie @ <a href="mailto:ncurrie@hcps.us">ncurrie@hcps.us</a>, Division Director of Testing, or Sarah Pike @ <a href="mailto:spike@hcps.us">spike@hcps.us</a> with questions or concerns.

#### 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
- <u>Chickahominy Middle School</u>
- Liberty Middle School
- Oak Knoll Middle School
- OWL Middle School

**SOL Testing** Reminders for 8th grade students who registered to take the 8th Grade Writing SOL at home schools on 3/16 and 3/17 can be found <u>here</u>.

"Middle of the Nest" - The Nest Has Talent! We are excited to put together a talent showcase to debut during Middle of the Nest on Thursday, March 18 @ 4:00pm. You can submit a video of your talent or you can simply join us to enjoy the showcase! Please click here for more information. There will be no nest on March 11.

**Course Registration**: Please find all information for middle school registration <u>HERE</u>. All students will register for 2021-2022 courses with their *homeschool counselors*. Homeschool counselors will follow up with all students on course selection between March 1 - April 23.

**2020-2021 Yearbooks**: Use this <u>LINK</u> to learn more information from each middle school on purchasing and submitting photos to the yearbook.

#### Information for the High School OWLs

**Home High School Newsletters**: Keep in the loop with activities from your home school by reviewing their respective weekly newsletter! Additionally, 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!

- Atlee High School
- <u>Hanover High School</u>
- Mechanicsville High School
- Patrick Henry High School

**Student Recognitions:** High School OWLS will be recognized each month based on the characteristics from the Profile of a Hanover Graduate (Empowered Learner, Globally-Engaged Communicator, Resilient Individual, and Responsible Citizen). For the month of February we will recognize Empowered Learners. Please click on this link to see all of our amazing students who were being Empowered Learners.

**Hearing and Vision Screenings:** Each year, we are required to complete hearing and vision screenings for students in grades K, 3, 7, and 10. This year, parents have the option to opt-out of this screening due to our current online setting. In order to opt-out you will need to complete and return this form to your home school nurse or to Terry Woody at the School Board Office - Health Services Department or fax to: (804) 365-4631.

**Course Registration**: Please find all information for high school registration <u>HERE</u>. All students will register for 2021-2022 courses with their *homeschool counselors*. Homeschool counselors will follow up with all students on

course selection between March 1 - April 23.

Add/Drop for High School Courses: At this point in time, anyone making an adjustment to their schedule will have that change reflected on their transcript with a withdrawal passing ("WP") or withdrawal failing ("WF"). Students may only 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 requests need to be sent through the homeschool counselor. 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.

# **Upcoming Virtual College Visits**:

- Tuesday, March 9th at 12:30 p.m. Colorado Mesa University
- Thursday, March 11th at 12:30 p.m. Hauni Richmond Apprenticeship Program
- Monday, March 15th at 12:30 p.m. United States Army
- Thursday, March 18th at 12:30 p.m. Virginia Wesleyan University
- Friday, March 19th at 12:30 p.m. St. Bonaventure University
- Monday, April 12th at 12:30 p.m. Texas A & M University

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

The PTO is holding a meeting for all online high school students to discuss an unofficial yearbook! The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10. Click here for meeting details!

The PTO is accepting entries for a Senior OWL t-shirt contest! Click here for details on how to enter!



Home/Zoned School Connections



Here's information about a fun bookmark contest from the library.

Look here for information about UR's Summer Reading Program.

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 <u>here</u>.

Please use <u>this page</u> 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 <u>this document</u>. Please contact home/zoned schools with questions.

Make sure to also check out **social media** from each school (Facebook, Twitter).

Check out **each school's website**. On most you'll even be able to see recent FB and/or Twitter posts. You can find links to each one from the <u>HCPS website</u>.

