

Online School Website Updates for the Week of 3/22/2021

Important Resources

Phone numbers, team member names, and other important information about Hanover Online School may be found here. (Please note: 2021-2022 Course Registration information has been moved to this Important Resources page.)



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. **Hanover County Public Schools is now** accepting kindergarten registrations for the 2021-2022 school year.

Children must be five years old on or before September 30, 2021, to be eligible. Parents and guardians may locate the school their child will attend at http://bit.ly/AttendanceZone.

Please follow the steps outlined on the Student Enrollment webpage to register your child for kindergarten.

Please note that registration will not be considered complete until the in-person appointment takes place and the school registrar receives all necessary documentation required, including, but not limited to, a photo ID, an original birth certificate, and proof of residency.

Families are encouraged to register their child for kindergarten by May 1.

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:

OWL PTO Book Fair in Collaboration with bbgb kicks off today! Great book options from age 0 to 100!

We are working out issues with our PayPal that have come up again with the group ordering. However, the spirit

gear and wear custom ink direct links and order forms are still open through today.

Please submit your individual photo if you'd like to our OWL yearbook and any other photos/media. See how to submit those.

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.

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.

OWL Elementary Virtual BINGO Night: Please join us for our first Virtual Family BINGO Night on Tuesday, March 23rd from 6:30-7:30. Come enjoy some fun with the OWL family along with a chance to win some great prizes. Please see this flyer for more details. We will be using teacher names to fill the BINGO cards. Here is a list of teachers and staff to help fill out your card and you will need to have your own materials to place on the spaces. Some great ideas are buttons, paper clips, pieces of construction paper. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Whaley at mwhaley@hcps.us.

SOL Testing: <u>Parents of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students</u> - If you would like your child to participate in SOL testing this spring, you must fill out the form emailed by the teacher this week. Only students who have registered via the form will be able to participate in May testing.

D.A.R.E. Instruction in 5th Grade: Live instruction for DARE has begun in several of our 5th grade classes! We thank the Hanover Sheriff's office for their partnership in providing this instruction on Zoom. All 5th grade classes will participate in this program at some point this spring.

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

"Middle of the Nest" - Marvel Trivia at the Nest! This week, we will be hosting all our Marvel fans out there. If you choose to dress up, your team will receive bonus points! See you Thursday, March 25 at 4:00pm. Click here to see more information and to sign up!

"Spring Into Student Events!" - We are excited to offer a variety of student activities during lunch time and after school, in addition to Middle of the Nest. Included in the info are monthly calendars for the remainder of the year, plus PTO sponsored events. <u>Click here for more information.</u>

★ Tuesday, March 23 - Join Ms. Murphy for a cooking / healthy snack social event! Bring your lunch and come hang out. Information for the sign-up is on the Nest link above.

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



New Instagram Page! Be sure to follow our <u>HCOHS Instagram!</u> Students and families can find information about upcoming school events and view highlights from various classes!

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
- Hanover High School
- Mechanicsville High School
- Patrick Henry High School

Afterschool Activities: We are excited to of offer afterschool activities throughout the remainder of the semester! Check out our <u>Activites Calendar</u> to find online school-sponsored activities as well as PTO-sponsored activities offered to all high school students. We hope that you are able to find an activity that interests you!

Volunteering! Are you looking for service hours for an honor society or diploma seal? Do you just want to help out around your community? Check out our <u>list of volunteer opportunities</u> and find one that's right for you!

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.

Add/Drop for High School Courses: At this point in time, students may only make class changes to level 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, Military, and Employer Visits:

- Tuesday, March 23rd at 12:30 p.m. University of Kentucky
- Friday, March 26th at 12:30 p.m. Virginia Tech College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
- Monday, April 12th at 12:30 p.m. Texas A&M University
- Thursday, April 15th at 12:30 p.m. The University of Virginia's College at Wise

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>.

Opportunity for Current High School Juniors: American Legion Post 90, we are searching for current High School Juniors who have an interest in participating in the Boys State government simulation to be held this summer (June 20-26, 2021). This program is a great opportunity for students seeking a military career and applying to the military service academies. Many university admissions programs also look at participation in this simulation as an important indicator of commitment and understanding of US political institutions. Students who are outgoing and have a strong interest in history and gaining a better understanding of how government functions should apply. Interested students/families send an email with their contact information to: albpost90@gmail.com



Home/Zoned School Connections



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

<u>Look here</u> 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 this document. 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>.

