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Updates for the Week of 5/3/2021

### Important Resources

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



Dear Online Community,

Please join me in thanking the amazing teachers and faculty of Hanover Online School! This week we celebrate the extraordinary people who have worked so diligently to teach our children during this extraordinary year. I count myself privileged to have worked alongside this amazing group of people. I have witnessed firsthand their dedication, their willingness to learn and adjust, and their sacrifices. As both their Principal and an Online School parent myself - I can't begin to adequately express my gratitude to each and every one of them.

Many thanks to Cool Spring Baptist Church who have partnered with the Online School Leadership Team to provide a fun goodie bag to all of our teachers this week! Along with our partners at CSBC, the Online Leadership Team and I are looking forward to handing them out throughout the week and, particularly, during our drive through event on Thursday.

A great big thanks as well to our fabulous PTO for planning a number of fun events to recognize our Online teachers this week!

We hope that each and every Online student will find a way to say thank you to their teachers this week. Here's an opportunity from the [Virginia Lottery](#) for students to send notes of appreciation to their teachers.

**Thank you OWL teachers and faculty!!!! You're the best!!!!**

Dr. Gresham



## Information for Everyone

### Calendar Items:

May 31 - Memorial Day Holiday

June 17th - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! We will be having a virtual school-wide celebration at 11:00. Stay tuned for more details and the Zoom link.

**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](mailto: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.

## Information for the Elementary OWLs

**Elementary Virtual Field Day:** Elementary OWL Virtual Field Day will be May 28th. Mr. Campbell is planning some fun activities that teachers will incorporate throughout the day and that students can do on their own. More information to come!

**5th Grade Recognitions:** At all schools, both online and face-to-face, "promotion" activities for 5th grade students are being conducted in the classrooms. 5th grade online students will participate in a classroom ceremony on the morning of the final day of school, Thursday, June 17th. Some components will be recorded and some will be live with the teacher. We will also be holding a 5th grade fun day for our students during the school day on Monday, June 14th. Classroom teachers will share more information on this in coming weeks! Some home schools are also doing other activities such as drive through events; OWL students are invited to participate in all activities that occur outside of the school day. For questions related to home school events, please check the information posted on [home school event pages](#) or reach out to your home school directly.

**Kindergarten:** The spring administration of the mathematics component of the **Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program (VKRP)** will take place beginning April 19- May 7. [Here](#) is more information about what your child will need and how this assessment will be used.

**Elementary Materials Pick-up:** The elementary student materials have been picked up from each home elementary school as we prepare for Teacher Appreciation materials. The Elementary student materials have been brought to Oak Knoll Middle School and Liberty Middle School. For any families that would still like to pick up their students' materials, please take a moment to complete this [Google Form](#) and we will have them ready for

pick up at either OKMS or LMS. Please reach out to Mrs. Whaley (Assistant Principal - Grades  $\frac{2}{3}$ ) at [mwhaley@hcps.us](mailto:mwhaley@hcps.us) if you have any additional questions.

**Honoring our Resilient Individuals:** From the month of April we are honoring those students who have displayed the characteristics of a Resilient Individual. Resilient Individuals are students who can; set goals for their own learning, identify things they can do well, make mistakes and learn from them, be brave and try something new, be okay with change, be aware of their feelings, and use words to show how they feel.

Please take a look at this [slideshow](#) to see those students who were Resilient Individuals for the month of April.

#### 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](#)  
*T-shirt design contest*  
*8th grade only - Golden Knight Award procedures*
- [OWL Middle School](#)

[8th grade T-shirts](#) order forms

**"Middle of the Nest"** - 3 big "nests" coming up in the next few weeks! We're so excited to bring you ["Among Us"](#) week this week, Thursday, May 6 @ 4:00pm. Mark your calendars for ["STEM at the Nest"](#) on May 27 and ["The Nest Has Talent, Part 2!"](#) on June 3. June 3 will also be our final nest of the year. Click the links for more information on each event. Hope to see you there!

**"Spring Into Student Events!"** - No lunch time groups this week but look for some in the weeks ahead! [Spring Events Calendar - HCOMS](#)

**2020-2021 Yearbooks:** Use this [LINK](#) to learn more information from each middle school on purchasing and submitting photos to the yearbook.

**May Assessments:**

[SOL and VRSPT calendar](#)

[SOL and VRSPT reminders](#)

#### Information for the High School OWLs

Be sure to follow our [HCOHS Instagram](#)! Students and families can find information about upcoming school events and see 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](#)

**Senior Activities!** Be sure to check out our [Senior Information document](#) to keep up with Senior activities at your home school! This document will be continuously updated as more information is available.

**Afterschool Activities:** We are excited to offer afterschool activities throughout the remainder of the semester! Check out our [Activities Calendar](#) 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 [list of volunteer opportunities](#) and find one that's right for you!

### Counselor Update

Ms. Kathryn Shapiro, will be out for the remainder of the 20-21 school year as she has welcomed home sweet baby Arthur. Her long-term substitute is Jared Collier, a native of North Carolina and previous school counselor for nine years. We are very excited to welcome Mr. Collier into the OWL counseling community. Please see below for any questions about contacting a counselor for your student:

- [Homeschool Counselor List](#) (as a reminder, all secondary students are still a part of their homeschool counselor's caseloads). Feel free to reach out to any of these school counselors via email OR Schoology message. [Online Request to Speak with a Counselor](#)
- Jared M. Collier - Long-term Sub, Secondary Counseling Liaison  
[jmcollier@hcps.us](mailto:jmcollier@hcps.us)  
804-723-1258
- Suzanne MacDougall - OWL Secondary Counseling  
[smacdougall@hcps.us](mailto:smacdougall@hcps.us)

The VCU Center for Innovation in STEM Education, CodeVA, CodeRVA are proud to offer our FREE online summer innovation camp for students interested in learning more about computer science (CS) through solving team-based challenges. Students will learn CS skills in computational thinking and entry-level coding, as well as workplace skills and career opportunities that exist in CS in collaboration with our corporate partners: Capital One, Bank of America, and Carmax. Finally, students will work on authentic CS challenges and present their solutions in a virtual showcase on the last day of the camp, with the "best-in-show" winners across three categories entering their solutions in the Conrad Challenge. [Sign up here!](#)



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.

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 [HCPS website](#).

