



# HANOVER ONLINE SCHOOL

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Updates for the Week of 5/10/2021

Dear OWL Community,

I hope all you Moms had a wonderful Mother's Day weekend!

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the HCOS PTO for all of their hard work recognizing our OWL-some faculty and staff last week for Teacher Appreciation Week! Thank you as well to the many business partners who so kindly made donations to the PTO.

I would also like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Cool Spring Baptist Church who partnered with the Online Leadership Team in celebrating our teachers last week. They contributed to fun gift bags, delivered the bags, and sponsored one of our famous OWL Drive Through Events on Thursday - complete with music and bubbles!

As had been the case all year, our community came together to support our teachers and our school! I am beyond grateful!

Have a great week!

Dr. Gresham

### Important Resources

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

### Information for Everyone

#### **Calendar Items:**

May 31 - Memorial Day Holiday

**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.

### PTO Notes:

The winner of our Senior T-Shirt Design Contest is Kristyn Corbin. She is a senior and her homeschool is Mechanicsville HS. Many thanks for the great entries and votes. Check-out [Kristyn's design!](#) Order details will be provided in the next week.

Our last OWL spirit night is May 20 from 4-8:00 pm at Sweet Frog's Bell Creek Location. All funds raised will be used for live, guided, virtual classroom field trips for our online students. Mention Hanover Online School to the cashier.

Throughout the year, OWL students have received learning materials and manipulatives they have used in their virtual classroom. At the end of the school year, if you no longer have use for these items and would like to donate them, Jenn Slicks will be collecting materials throughout the summer at 9439 Dogwood Garth Lane, Mechanicsville, 23116 to make sure these are used at schools in need. Other contact-free collection locations are needed as well, please contact her if you can help in this way: [jenslicks@yahoo.com](mailto:jenslicks@yahoo.com)

PTO Meeting for May is cancelled. Our monthly meeting scheduled for this evening will not take place. Don't worry, you will still be kept up to date on any important info through our usual means of communication.

**Family Life Modules (Grades 4-10):** Students in 4th - 10th grades will now see a Family Life Course in their Schoology Courses. If your child cannot find this course, ask them to Reorder Courses and drag the Course tile into the visible area. Students who opted-out are not enrolled in these courses. Students will progress through these Courses independently on their asynchronous time. Family Life instructors will be available for Parent and Instructional Support Sessions on **May 21st** and **24th** at the following times: [Family Life Parent and Student Instructional Support Sessions Time Slots](#). These days are not for specific curriculum questions, but rather for support as children are working in the Schoology Module. Here is the instructor information and Zoom links for Support Sessions:

Girls Zoom Link: [bit.ly/FLgirls](https://bit.ly/FLgirls)

Boys Zoom Link: [bit.ly/FLboys](https://bit.ly/FLboys)

Instructors:

Wendy Ames: [wames@hcps.us](mailto:wames@hcps.us) (girls)

Kelly Madison: [kmadison@hcps.us](mailto:kmadison@hcps.us) (boys)

**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

#### End of Year Events for Elementary Students:

- **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 the 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.

- **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.

**SOL Testing:** Testing for our 4th and 5th grade students begins in buildings this week; 3rd grade will begin the week after. Here is the [online testing calendar](#) for the month. Please carefully review the following information regarding testing and reach out to me or online test coordinators Sarah Pike ([spike@hcps.us](mailto:spike@hcps.us)) or Michelle Whaley ([mwhaley@hcps.us](mailto:mwhaley@hcps.us)) with any questions.

- OWL students need to arrive at home schools and sign in between **8:30 AM** and **8:50 AM**. The testing session begins promptly at **9 AM**. Students arriving after 9 AM will not be allowed to enter the session and their test administration will be rescheduled for a later date.
- Please review this document to see where students are to be dropped off at each school: [Drop-Off Directions for Online Testers](#).
- **Masks are required to be worn in the building at all times.**
- Testing students must bring:
  - fully charged school-issued chrome book/laptop
  - writing utensil
- We also recommend that students bring a plastic water bottle and a book to read once they have finished testing.
- Students need to be picked up from testing at 10:30AM. Once home, they will log back into Zoom for the remainder of the school day.
- If you anticipate your child will take several hours to complete their test, please send a lunch with him/her. Please ensure all items packed are peanut free.

If you have questions, please refer to our [FAQ: SOL Testing Spring 2021 Elementary](#)

**VRSP (Virginia Remote Student Progress Test):**

Students who are not going into buildings for SOL tests will be participating in the Virginia Remote Student Progress Test (VRSP) during class on the following days:

	<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>Grade 5</b>
<b>Reading</b>	May 17	May 13	May 11
<b>Math</b>	May 24	May 27	May 26
<b>History</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Science</b>	N/A	N/A	May 19

Students will test on Zoom with their teacher using TestNav. The TestNav website will be shared with students during class and on Schoology. Each child will receive a testing ticket in their Google Drive with a unique username and password allowing them to access each test. Tests must be completed within one school day. Class will resume when testing finishes.

Additional information is available regarding this assessment at <https://www.doe.virginia.gov/remotetest/>.

**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 Liberty Middle School **only**. 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 in the front office at LMS. Please reach out to Mrs. Whaley (Assistant Principal - Grades 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

**8th Grade May SOL Information:** Please find attached information about the [May 8th grade SOL assessments](#).

**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"** - There is **NO NEST** this week. 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 Testing & VRSPT -Virginia Remote Student Progress Test):**

Please click the links below to see information related to dates for testing and locations.

[SOL and VRSPT calendar](#)

[SOL and VRSPT reminders](#)

**END of the YEAR CELEBRATIONS** for our OWL 6th/7th/8th graders

### 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](#)

**Driver Education:** Green (DEC-1) Cards for students who took Driver Education during Semester 2 are available for pick up at the home schools. Please make sure that you communicate with the home school to verify pick up procedures.

**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.

**SOL Information:**

The spring SOL testing window is Monday, May 24 through Thursday, May 27:

- Monday, May 24: History (World History I, World History II, Modern Global Studies, Virginia/US History)
- Tuesday, May 25: Science (Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science)
- Wednesday, May 26: Reading (11th Grade English)
- Thursday, May 27: Math (Algebra, Algebra II, Geometry)

Some additional information for students and parents about SOL testing:

- Online School students must provide their own transportation to and from their home school for testing.
- Testing begins at 8:00am each morning. Please arrive at 7:45am for check in.
- SOL tests are untimed. Students will be able to text/call their ride after they have finished their test.
- Masks are required to be worn in the school building at all times.
- Students must earn a passing score on an SOL test to be exempted from the final exam for a class.
- School-based testing information will be sent out at a later date.

If you have questions about testing or would like to request a late registration, please reach out to your student's home school testing coordinator.

- Atlee High School - [Tricia Moran](#)
- Hanover High School - [Janice Massey](#)

- Mechanicsville High School - [Bonita Reynolds](#)
- Patrick Henry High School - [Kelly Day](#)

**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!

**Honoring our resilient individuals.** For the month of April, we are honoring our resilient individuals. The students nominated by our teachers can be found on this [document](#).

**Final Exam Information.** Details about final exams which will be given in June can be found on this [document](#). Updated bells schedules will be released soon.

**Advanced Placement Exam Information.** Details about Advanced Placement exams which will be given in June can be found on this [document](#).

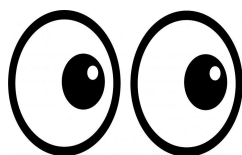
### Counselor Update

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)



Home/Zoned School Connections



### Community Events:

[Randolph-Macon Summer Basketball Camp](#)

[Ashland Strawberry Faire](#)

### Online Summer Innovation Camp for Middle and High Schoolers

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!](#)

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](#).

