

# Hanover Community School Corporation

Making a Difference...Realizing Potential

Hanover Central High School Hanover Central Middle School Jane Ball and Lincoln Elementary Schools

## All New From



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Our parents and community have asked for an easier, more user friendly website, and we believe we've delivered! This month, the Hanover Community School Corporation website, as well as the individual school pages, have undergone a radical transformation. Not only will each page offer an easy to use directory of topics, it will be available on the device you choose to use!

The stories and photos about our students, staff and accomplishments will continue to be updated regularly, **PLUS** we've added a live Facebook feed and incorporated into the site all of the up to the minute **Alerts** you now receive via phone.

Check out the new website and we'd love to hear from you! Visit the home-page directory, or any individual school page directory and select "Contact Us With Your Questions/Concerns" and drop us a line.

## From The Superintendent

I have had the privilege of conducting community forums over the last nine months. What has become known as "A Night Out With the Superintendent" has gradually picked up steam as attendance continues to increase at these events. I want those that have attended to know how appreciative I am of their time and their input. The dialogue has been good. I am also appreciative of those who have emailed me, stating that, due to family or work commitments they could not make the meeting but would like to offer their point of view as well. These forums have given me the opportunity to throw out ideas and possible concerns that I have about delivering quality educational services to Hanover kids. It also has given you the opportunity to respond and me to listen. I have heard concerns and viewpoints that I hadn't thought about. Certainly, the learning has occurred in both directions. It has underscored the adage that "All the IQs in the room are greater than one IQ."



Up to this point, I have used the forums to have conversations around four topics. These topics include:

1. Moving the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to the middle school due to space concerns at the two elementary schools.
2. The idea of a balanced calendar to provide an end to the semester before Christmas and balancing breaks in the schedule.
3. A look at later start times for middle school and high school students based on widely accepted findings in adolescent sleep research.
4. Moving teaching and learning models to a more personalized learning environment for students with the introduction of a plan to give every student a digital device, commonly referred to as a 1:1 environment.

Over the course of the last seven forums, I have received productive feedback from the Hanover Community. One valuable idea was to provide several links to some of the sleep research on our school website. That has been done. Another suggestion was to survey the school community concerning balanced calendar options. That has been done. I have listened and am pleased to have provided pathways for communication and involvement.

In the end, the School Board and I are charged with making decisions. While our decisions will not make everybody happy, I do feel strongly that by keeping our communication pathway open, we are making better informed decisions for our students and school community. Once again, I would like to thank the Hanover Community for their involvement and input.

***I would like to invite you to our last forum of this school year. It will be held at the high school, in the cafeteria on March 23, at 6:30 P.M. I hope to see you there.***

# Our First 100 Days

We've passed the magic 100 day mark and closed out the first half of the school year, and it's been great fun for our students, our staff and the entire Hanover Community. Take a look at just a couple of our favorite success stories.

## Jane Ball Students Make History

Our Jane Ball Elementary School Spell Bowl team made history in the first 100 days of school by winning the Regional Spell Bowl competition. Nineteen students participated on the team and attended the competition held at Colonel John Wheeler Middle School in Crown Point. The team took first place in their division and went on to place 18<sup>th</sup> in the State.

"The only requirements to be on the team are that you have a good attitude and put forth a good effort," said Coach Gay Plants. "They were focused, worked hard and came together as a team."

Helping to lead the team to their history making success were Scarlett Nelson who posted a perfect score of 7 out of 7 and

Kaitlin Duffy who earned a near perfect score of 6 out of 7.

"I liked the way we all had to work together as a team. It wasn't just one person who had to know all of the words, it was everyone working together as one," said Kaitlin.



This is what 100 looks like to Ashley Bender, a student at Jane Ball Elementary School.

## Wildcats Make History

Friday night lights brought Hanover Central High School fans and the Hanover Community to its feet week after week as the Hanover Central Wildcats Football team put its mark in the record book.

The Wildcats finished off their season as Conference Champions and Coach Pete Koulianos shared the credit with players, staff and fans.

"It's an amazing time to be part of the Wildcat family," said Coach K. "We have such a great athletic program, and we're just glad we could contribute to it in a positive manner. There is a long list of those who participated in making this season a successful one, and we appreciated them more than they can imagine. Wildcat Nation has the best fans in the world,

and we really appreciate their support."

In a great year so far, the football team was not alone as Conference Champions. The Varsity Girl's Golf, Cross Country and Volleyball teams all earned Conference Championships. We are indeed proud to be HC!



Cross Country runners Makayla DeBoer and Angela Gonzalez

## Making Music

Members of the Hanover Bands (grades 7-12) continue to make us proud. They recently participated in the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) Solo and Ensemble competition. 87 band members attended and our

talent netted 48 gold ratings and 39 silver ratings. 3 students qualified for State level solos including: Ariana Arce - Sophomore (French Horn), Dakota Pederson - Junior (Drum Set) and Kayla Denklaun - Freshman

(Alto Sax). The quartet of Stephanie Oliver - Senior, Sydney Maciejewski - Sophomore, Julia Ceh - Senior, and Lauren Holden - Junior, qualified for State competition as well.

**A performance you are sure to love! Hanover Bands will return to the Town Grounds in 2017 on May 20th for an Evening Of Music. The concert will begin at 4:00 p.m.**



Corinne Meekma

