

From the Superintendent Switch Plates & Hardware

Many years ago, I thought it would be great fun to build a home. That home has long since been sold, but I remember that time vividly. Of course, I imagined the colors I'd select, the cabinets, carpeting and envisioned all the wonderful times I would have making our home just right. Then, the reality set in when I learned that switch plates, hardware for doors and cabinets, light fixtures, toilets, ceiling fans, etc., all had to be selected. That was the less than glamorous part of the building project. It was tedious, but both necessary and important.



Fast forward many years and through the efforts of so many and the strong affirmation of a supportive community, Hanover will be constructing a new upper elementary school building, a corporation resource center, a community athletic building and will completely renovate the current high school. Collectively, this important work will serve our district for many years to come.

I hope you have been going to our website: www.hanover.k12.in.us and clicking on the "Building Project" tab to see the designs for each of the buildings. Many of you may be wondering, "When will they start?" If all goes according to plan, shovels should be in the ground by late March or early April. This is such an exciting time! Families continue to move into our district and are looking forward to being a part of the Hanover district and family. We can all be proud of the reputation we have built together and celebrate this exciting growth.

Right now, however, is the less than glamorous part of all the work that needs to happen *prior* to shovels in the ground, *prior* to kids experiencing even more rewarding learning experiences in new spaces, and *prior* to the addition of much needed space. It brings me back to the hard work of building that first home. It takes a long time, but it's worth the wait. I hope you'll visit the website soon to see the plans. In the meantime, switch plates and hardware serve as reminders that we continue to make progress through the necessary and important work and soon we will see the fruits of our labor and the results of your support.

Mary Tracy-MacAulay, Ed. S.
Superintendent of Schools
Hanover Community School Corporation

PLANNING FOR KINDERGARTEN 2021-2022 STARTS NOW!

The incoming Kindergarten parent meeting scheduled for **March 10, 2021**, at Jane Ball and Lincoln Elementary Schools has been cancelled to maintain Covid-19 protocols. In lieu of the scheduled parent meeting, parents/guardians of incoming Kindergarten students are asked to fill out a "Google Form" on our website at www.hanover.k12.in.us under the 'Announcements' section. The form requests student and family information. It is important that we reach as many families as possible. Once the Google Form is received, all of the important information that would have been shared at the traditional parent meeting will be sent to parents/guardians electronically. **Kindergarten Roundup** is scheduled for the following dates at each school:



Locklynn Mears, a current Kindergarten student at Jane Ball Elementary School, will welcome new Kindergarten students when she becomes a first grader next year.

Jane Ball Elementary School - May 6-7
Lincoln Elementary School - April 15-16

4th Annual Penguin Plop



The Hanover Schools Education Foundation (HSEF) has contributed more than \$10,000 in scholarships for students and grants for teachers in the past year.

The 4th Annual Penguin Plop hosted by the HSEF will take place on Saturday, March 6th, at the Cedar Lake Town Complex located at 7408 Constitution Avenue in Cedar Lake. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., participants will 'plop' into the warm and soothing waters of Cedar Lake to help raise funds for the HSEF. Those who prefer to show their support, but remain dry, can make an individual donation.

Please visit the 'Announcements' section on our Corporation website at www.hanover.k12.in.us for the link to more information and to participate and/or contribute.



Alana Krout and Kayla Carver might have different ways of understanding how to calculate the rate of change of cell phone usage from a graph, but together they may discover an understanding that leads to a correct answer.

Parent Generosity Leads to Student Success

It's almost hard to remember August and the start of the school year. For parents, students, teachers and staff, trepidation threatened to overwhelm us, but careful planning, consistent precautions and continuing adaptability have presented unparalleled opportunities to shine.

"I was very nervous to start the school year, but that nervousness was gone within the first week. The protocols that Hanover has in place have worked," said Tara Kanger, 7th grade math teacher, team leader and Department Chair at Hanover Central Middle School. "There have been several challenges for me this year and the biggest challenge was trying to keep my teaching style the same," she added. In the past, Mrs. Kanger's classes would frequently work in small groups. Students need to interact with one another in a classroom. Students learn different strategies by collaborating with other students. Due to Covid-19 restrictions and protocols, there had not been a lot of partner or small group work this school year.

Through the generosity and kindness of a group of parents, Mrs. Kanger's classroom now has plastic dividers that allow students to work together, safely.

As part of their education awareness efforts, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), is hosting a poster contest for students in grades K-12. Winners will have their artwork displayed on 2022 MS-ISAC official posters and calendars.

A chance to show off the artistic talents and reinforce lessons of cybersecurity and cyberbullying was all the incentive Computer Coordinator, Debra Meekma, needed to start her computer class students at Lincoln Elementary School on a project seemingly tailor made for them.

"This was a fun break from our everyday lessons and a nice creative way for them to show what they know about staying safe online. For the most part, they know what's okay and what's not okay to do online. Sometimes I think it surprises them when I tell them they are internet safety experts already. They still have much to learn, as everyone does, but they have a grasp of the basics and it shows in their posters!"

Unfortunately, despite dozens of amazing posters, Mrs. Meekma was limited to ten entrants into the contest. Selected for submission were posters by: Jocelyn Silveyra-2nd grade, Rhyan Jones-4th grade, Olivia Silveyra-4th grade, Eleanor Nevett-3rd grade, Leah Clark-2nd grade, Noah Ramirez-4th grade, Lorenzo Salas-4th grade, Riley Valiska-4th grade, Madison McNinch-4th grade and Ella Fruth-3rd grade.



Poster by Madison McNinch

Welcome Aboard

At the end of 2020, we said goodbye to two icons of the Hanover community who served as members of the Board of Trustees for the Hanover Community School Corporation, Chuck Kouder and Dennis Wilkening. We thank them for their service and take this opportunity to welcome aboard two new Trustees,

Tara Beilke and Tracy Haskell. You can learn more about these dedicated women and why they chose to join the Board of Trustees and what they hope to accomplish during their four year terms by reading the 'Headline' story,

"Welcome Aboard," on our website at www.hanover.k12.in.us.



Tara Beilke



Tracy Haskell



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