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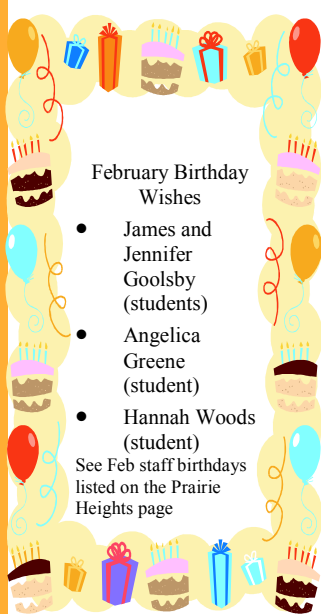


Scholarship Opportunity

Over the summer we lost a key member of the Hanover community, Erik Pierson. He personified everything good that Hanover stands for. In light of this, and in order to continue his legacy, the family of Erik Pierson has put together the Erik Pierson Hanover Scholarship Award. The award will be given to a current Hanover High School senior, one who best personifies the qualities of Erik Pierson. To receive an application or for more information, please contact Jeff Bloodworth at 683-2247 ext. 140 or email jbloodworth@hanover.ppbooces.org.

Erik Pierson Scholarship Drawings

We would like to invite you to purchase raffle tickets for a laptop computer and a Dresser/Vanity. You can look at the dresser/vanity at the high school. The proceeds will go towards the Erik Pierson Memorial Scholarship to be given to a Hanover High School Senior each year starting this year. The cost of the tickets for the laptop are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. The Cost of the tickets for the Dresser/Vanity are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. We will sell them at home games and they will be available at the front office at the high school. You don't need to be present to win. The drawing will take place at our last home basketball game against Simla on Feb. 20.



February Birthday Wishes

- James and Jennifer Goolsby (students)
- Angelica Greene (student)
- Hannah Woods (student)

See Feb staff birthdays listed on the Prairie Heights page

Preschool Celebrates the New Year in a New Room

With many thanks to the Hanover Board of Education, Mr. Webb, Mr. Ferguson and Brian Woollard and his crew, the Hanover Preschool is enjoying the addition of another room where our growing children can explore and learn. Over the winter break, Joseph, Ed, Tony and Mark, our custodians, dismantled the wall between our room and the room next door. With the addition of a big double doorway, we now have two rooms, and a brand new computer to add to our eight learning centers. Please stop and see us when you can. You will find a busy bunch enjoying learning, and having a great deal of fun doing it.

We also would like to let you know that pre-registration for the 2009-2010 preschool school year will open in March. If you have, or know of a child who will be four years old on or before August 1st, please stop by Hanover Elementary or Prairie Heights Elementary and pick up information about our preschool program. More information will follow or call (719) 683-2247 Ext. 168

Kathy Poseley, preschool teacher/director
(AKA: Mrs. P.)

February

Quality-Time Activities

Do one of the following activities with your child each day. These activities do not have to be done in order. Put a check mark before each statement as you do them. Repeat the ones you enjoy the most.

1. Have your child list words that begin with the letters in the word February.
2. Discuss the history of Ground hog Day. Find shadows in your home.
3. Have your child draw a February calendar. Mark off each day together.
4. Check out library books about Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and Martin Luther King Jr. Share the books.
5. Help your child look up three words in the dictionary. Read the definitions.
6. Tell a Valentine's Day story. Have your child create a new ending.
7. Have your child read aloud to you.
8. Have your child make valentine paper-weights as gifts. Draw hearts on several smooth rocks with a permanent red marker.
9. Have your child name five red things found in your home.
10. Write a Valentine's Day poem together. Make it rhyme.
11. Have your child use the letters in the words *Valentine's Day* to make six new words.
12. Celebrate Lincoln's birthday. Have your child use pretzel sticks and icing to design a log cabin.
13. Have your child place a friendly note under each family member's plate at dinner.
14. Bake heart-shaped cookies or cut heart-shaped sandwiches and share.
15. Talk about what it means to have freedom.
16. Exercise with your child.
17. Have your child list ten healthy foods he or she likes to eat.
18. Help your child set up a work center for homework, or improve the present one.
19. Read a book about Harriet Tubman.
20. Help your child cut three half-moons from a newspaper. Staple or glue the ends and top to make a tri-corn hat.
21. Help your child tell you five facts about George Washington carver or Thurgood Marshall.
22. To celebrate Washington's Birthday, Bake a cherry pie together.
23. Observe National Dental health Month by helping your child make a tooth-brushing chart.
24. Make homemade peanut butter and bread and enjoy.
25. Discuss the difference between "junk" foods and healthy foods.
26. Have your child count his or her teeth.
27. Have your child write a poem about a bright smile.
28. Discuss leap year. Ask how your child might spend an extra day.

Winning Ways To Talk With Young Children

“Use More Do’s Than Don’ts”

Tell a child what to do rather than what not to do. Using “Do’s” rather than “Don’ts” is very difficult, especially if adults already have the “Don’t” habit. It is hard to break bad habits. Using “Do’s” rather than “Don’ts” requires much thought and practice. However, the improvements in your relationship with your child will make it worth the effort.

Don’ts

- Don’t drag your coat on the ground.
- Don’t squeeze the kitten.
- Don’t slam the door.
- Don’t draw on the table.

Do’s

- Hold your coat up so it doesn’t drag.
- Carry the kitten gently.
- Close the door softly, Please
- You can color on this page.

Talk to children as you talk to your friends. You will on the way to excellent relationships!

Hanover Elementary SWARM the Spirit!



Mrs. Black’s 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade social studies classes, performed the dragon dance to celebrate Chinese New Year which took place January 26, 2009.

January SWARM Winners:

Desiree Archuleta, Amanda Goolsby, Crystal Angel, Alex Romero, William Welmon and Dagny Noring



During Spirit Week, Lane Johnson wore his very creative Farm Hat that “My mom made”

Awards, Awards, Awards!



In January, Mrs. Konrad was recognized for her humanitarian works with the Community Center and beyond. She has been a blessing to each and every one of us. Thank you Mrs. Konrad!



Dare Graduation

Deputy Dennis worked along side Mr. Carpenter to have another successful year of the wonderful Dare Program.



To Help Prepare Your Child for CSAP Testing:

Here are some tips for parents to help their students do their best everyday and especially during the CSAP testing period. We ask for your help in the following areas.

Please help your child prepare by doing the following:

- Get a good nights sleep (**at least 8-10 hours**)
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Arrive at school on time and here for the testing period (please reschedule any appointments for after the testing if possible)
- Plan ahead to ensure that your child is present and on time for the test. Do not plan any medical or dental appointments on testing days.
- Have a positive “can do” student attitude

TEST TAKING TIPS– Remind your child:

- Read the test directions carefully.
- Read the questions carefully and be sure to read all of the answer choices before responding.
- If you don't know an answer to a question, skip it and go on to the next question.
- If there is time at the end of the test, then return to the unanswered question.
- Eliminate any answers that you know are wrong, and then consider only those that might be right.
- If you finish early, check your answers.

We know that as a partner in your child's education, you will do all you can to help ensure your child's success and we greatly appreciate your support.

The Hanover School

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Schedule of Regular Board Meetings

	DATE	LOCATION
Wednesday	15-Jul-08	Hanover Library
Wednesday	20-Aug-08	Hanover Library
Wednesday	15-Oct-08	Hanover Library
Wednesday	19-Nov-08	Hanover Library
Wednesday	17-Dec-08	Hanover Library
Wednesday	21-Jan-09	Prairie Heights
Wednesday	18-Feb-09	Hanover Library
Wednesday	18-Mar-09	Hanover Library
Wednesday	15-Apr-09	Hanover Library
Wednesday	20-May-09	Hanover Library
Wednesday	17-Jun-09	Hanover Library
Wednesday	15-Jul-09	Hanover Library

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Superintendent at (719) 683-2247 ext 141.

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Questions or comments regarding the
newsletter, please contact me : Jody Brennan
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School District Mission

The Hanover School District No. 28 shall strive to provide a safe environment, meaningful opportunities and innovative educational programs for all students so that they reach their learning potential, including that they meet or exceed state and district content standards, through partnerships between home, school and the community.



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