

COMMUNICATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS: STAYING INFORMED

Hanover School District utilized multiple avenues to communicate with parents and the community. It is recommended that parents and community members remain plugged in to these avenues. These avenues are as follows:

District Website (www.hanoverhornets.org)

The website houses the district's master calendar of events. The events are for both school sites, as well as district. The master calendar (Interactive Calendar) is on the middle of the district's website. On the left side of the website important dates in the near future are highlighted.

The website also houses links to current headline stories, the monthly district newsletter, open employment positions, live streaming of Board of Education meetings, the finances of the district, and the academic calendar.

District Newsletter

On a monthly basis the district newsletter is published. The newsletter is usually 10-15 pages in length, covering information from both school sites as well as district level. The newsletter link is found on the district website. If you prefer to receive the newsletter by mail contact your child's school to let them know.

Board of Education Meetings

The Board of Education meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 6:30pm. Parents and community members are able to sign up to speak at the start of each meeting by asking the Secretary to the Board prior to the meeting. All meetings are open to the public. You are able to attend the meetings or watch live using the live stream link on the front right of the website.

EZ Message System

The district uses a student database system which has the ability to send text messages, emails and phone calls to parents. Both schools and the district use the EZ Message System to send reminders to parents, announcements and other necessary communications. Parents are asked to be sure their current email and phone numbers are up to date by informing the school.

Town Hall Meetings

On a monthly basis the Superintendent hosts online Town Hall meetings. Parents and community members are able to participate in these monthly meetings. The Superintendent starts each meeting with an update of current news, and then opens the meeting up for questions from parents and community members. This format is designed to be a communication tool, as well as an opportunity for feedback.

District Accountability Committee

The District Accountability Committee reports to the Board of Education. The committee is comprised of community members approved by the Board of Education. The committee includes staff members and parents approved by the Board of Education. The District Accountability Committee meetings on a near monthly basis to perform the responsibilities set aside by the Colorado Department of Education, and approved state legislation. Parents, staff

and community is allowed to observe these meetings in person. Additionally, the District Accountability Committee co-chairs make a verbal report to the Board of Education at nearly every Board of Education meeting. The report can be witnessed by attending or watching the live stream link of each Board of Education meeting.

Parent Teacher Organization/ Parent Teacher Student Association

Both schools have a parent organization that meeting monthly. The purpose of these groups is to communicate updates, respond to questions, support the school through parent led activities, and support fundraising. The PTO group at Prairie Heights Elementary School posted the minutes of all meetings on Class DoJo.

Booster Club

Hanover Jr-Sr High School has a parent run Booster Club. The purpose of the club is to support the athletic and activities at the school. The Booster Club holds fundraisers to include running concessions at athletic events.

Class DoJo

Prairie Heights Elementary School uses Class DoJo for multiple purposes. Teachers and staff use Class DoJo on a daily basis to communicate with parents. School specific announcements and celebrations are posted regularly on Class DoJo. All parents are asked to register with Class DoJo to receive these communications.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Twice a school year the schools hold conferences for parents and teachers. The purpose of the conferences is it to provide an update on student academic, social and emotional status. Parents are advised to attend their student's conferences.

Report Cards

On a quarterly basis the schools sends to parents the academic progress through a report card. The report card serves as the current progress of each student in meeting the standards and curriculum objectives for each grade level and course.

Parent Portal

Every parent is assigned a login to the Parent Portal. The portal is a direct-connect to the student database system. Parents are able to login to the portal to view the current gradebook for their child, attendance, any disciplinary actions, and any positive actions.

EZ School Pay

Parents are able to view the current balance and to make payments for breakfast and lunch. The system is an online program. Payments can be made online using a credit/debit card. As well, payments can be made by giving the school office cash or check.