



HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Hoover Pops Concert

This year the theme of the pops concert was fiesta. There was a lot of great music and fun. Everyone was having a great time. However, one sad event did occur. Mrs. Christie will be retiring at the end of this year.

Mrs. Kwitowski had a nice speech prepared because this was Mrs. Christie's last Hoover Pops Concert. Everyone is going to really miss her.

Besides that everyone had a great time. Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Kwitowski dressed up like tacos and other people won prizes for their extra fiesta spirit. The pops concert couldn't be a success without the help of the parents and the students for set up and clean up.

This year was another pops concert success!
By: Cameron Markott



Mrs. Kwitowski (Center) with Mark Begovich, Justin Moser, Colin Lynch and Tal James of Jazz Band



Mrs. Christie enjoying her last Pops Concert dressed as a Taco!!

Hoover Carnival

On April 16th, Hoover Middle had their annual carnival. There were many games such as ring toss, basketball bounce, and the dart throw. However, the best part was probably the pie throw!

The event started at the beginning of the day for team 8-2. They set up tables, made more cotton candy, prepared drinks, food, and games for the incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Every grade came in for 30 minutes and enjoyed hot food, cold drinks, sweets and of course, games!

Many kids spent their

tickets on the pie throw booth trying to cream their teachers! During the 8th graders time slot, Mrs. Tundo offered that anyone who wanted to hit her with a pie could come up for \$5 cash. Many of us jumped at the opportunity! She ended up raising about \$40 overall and it all went to the charity we were supporting!

We are still tallying the results of how much we raised, but I'm sure we raised a lot for the Dugan Foundation! Great job Dragons!

By: Rebekah Dunn

Sarah Gallagher, Andrew Monahan, and Anna Gray helped work the pie throw booth!



7th graders Whitney Spencer and Nicole Benner enjoying the Carnival!





NCAA Basketball Tournament

The NCAA tournament is over and we have our champion. The UConn Huskies are the national champs. After beating Butler with a shocking score of 53-41, the Huskies became the national champs after plowing through teams in the tournament. UConn beat #2 ranked San Diego State to advance to the Elite Eight.

UConn was not the only team to pull off an upset though. This year's tournament had 18 upsets.

Three of Butler's five wins were against higher ranked teams, including one against the #1 team in the Southeast Section, Pittsburgh.

Also, for the first time in many years, a #1 or #2 ranked team did not advance to the Final Four.

The leading scorer in the tourney was Jimmer Fredette of BYU who averaged 32.7 pts/game. Will UConn repeat as national champions? Can Butler finally win a national championship after losing

two years in a row? Watch the 2011-2012 NCAA season next year to find out!

NCAA Survey Results
Of the 100 people surveyed, these are the results of the NCAA basketball survey.

U Conn	29%
VCU	27%
Butler	24%
Kentucky	20%

By: Colin Lynch



NASCAR

NASCAR is a term that stands for "National Association for Stock Car Racing". The first race was on Daytona Beach, Florida in 1948. NASCAR started as a family owned sport, owned by the France family. There have been races in three countries, the United States, Mexico and Canada. NASCAR had gone to 100 tracks 38 states and Canada. Do you know it is the second most viewed sport in the U.S. next to football? In the 1920's and 30's Daytona Beach was the place to set world records for speed. The three

main series are called, The Sprint Cup, Nationwide and the Camping World Truck series.

NASCAR's biggest priority is safety. In the 2001 Daytona 500 on the final lap of race, Dale Earnhardt Sr. died in a car crash, and because of that, NASCAR's priority is a safety. Now they have safer barriers at all the race tracks. One safety feature in the car has a head and neck support device that keeps the driver's neck forward during a crash.

Now, in 2011, they have

gone back to the old style car but kept the best safety features from the "Car of Tomorrow".

There is a new point system to figure out NASCAR place standing, also known as the point standings. If you finished in 43rd, you get one point and if you finished 1st you get 40 points because you won the race. Currently Carl Edwards is leading the points race with 295 pts.

See you next issue!

By: Brock Kowalski



"The Snack Shack was better than ever!"

Hoover Snack Shack

This year, Hoover carried on it's tradition of the Snack Shack. With a name change, new employees, slogan and recipes, The Snack Shack was better than ever!

Team 8-1 did a wonderful job. They sold Crazy Crunchers— which are pretzel and chocolate clusters, Chocolate

covered pretzels, and cookie pizzas.

All the students on team sold the items. Our top seller was Mia Anastasia.

Congratulations Mia! All the money we made will be donated to the SPCA. The total amount that the team 8-1 Snack Shack will donate

this year is: \$397.34. Great job Team 8-1!

By: Alexis Troutman



Academic Bee

The Academic Bee took place on April 5th, 2011 in the Kenmore East High School auditorium. Several students from our school and Franklin Middle participated. This event required students to take a test to get in and they had to go to several practices to prepare. Miss Campanella made sure all students were as ready as possible to compete.

The first round was the seventh grade teams. Claire Butler, Katie Licata, Erin Lexner, and Nina Brocculeri competed for the Hoover Middle School team. The audience team consisted of

Whitney Spencer, Nicole Benner, Andrew Widmer, and Jonathan Rusch (a Franklin Middle School student). The Franklin seventh grade team also competed. In the end, the Hoover team won, the audience team came in second, and the Franklin team finished in third place.

The eighth grade teams competed during the second round of the bee. Mark Begovich, Terry Cook, Max Kalnitz, and Alex Schultz represented Hoover. The audience team was composed of Franklin students. Unfortunately, Hoover came in

second place. The Franklin team won. However, it was a very close game and Hoover lost by only a few points.

Finally, the third round was with the two winning teams from the previous rounds. Hoover suffered a terrible defeat, losing by fifty points! This was the first year that Franklin has won. The students who participated in the Academic Bee had a lot of fun, even though they didn't win. I'm sure we will win next year!

By: Whitney Spencer



Interview with Mrs. Persico

Why did you become a principal?

So that I could make a difference, provide students with opportunities to grow academically, emotionally and socially.

Have you always wanted to become a principal?

I've always wanted to be in education and my role in education has lead me to this point.

If you weren't a principal what would you be?

I think I would probably be a teacher.

Did any one inspire you to become a principal?

Yes, Barbara Fields inspired me. She was the principal at Kenmore East.

What has been your favorite school event so far?

I really enjoyed the pep rally in the fall.

Do you enjoy this job?

Yes!

Do you encourage kids to become a principal?

I encourage kids to follow their dreams and never give up.

Is this a fun job?

I think this is a fun job but there are challenges as well. That's what makes this job fulfilling.

Do you ever wish you were some thing else?

I think I'm meant to be at Hoover Middle school.

Did you ever think you would be a principal?

I always wanted to be a teacher and I always looked up to the principal and it's an honor to be a principal.

By: Paige Phillips & Christina Dang

"I encourage kids to follow their dreams and never give up."

-Mrs. Persico

Wellness Policy

One thing that you may have noticed as I have, is that our District has adopted a new wellness policy. If you are in Select Choir like I am, you have probably noticed the lack of doughnuts for breakfast in the morning when we meet. This is mainly because of the wellness

policy.

This policy has been put in place so that the Ken-Ton students eat much healthier than they have before during the school day. This has affected many things around our school, including the school carnival, early morning activities, and the snack

shack.

Overall it is a good idea to encourage students to think about choosing healthier food options. This can lead to better eating habits both inside and outside of school.

By: Jonathan Duchene



Easter Traditions



The word Easter comes from the Latin word "Eastre." Easter is a holiday celebrated by Christians everywhere. It is not on the same days each year. Easter is also somehow linked to the Jewish holiday Passover. Easter actually came from European nature religions. There are different ways to celebrate Easter, but the ways of celebrating often have nothing to do with religion.

On Easter there are lots of different activities that people do; one is having Easter egg hunts.

To have the hunt, the Easter Bunny must go to every single home and hide plastic eggs that contain different things from jellybeans to chocolate. Then kids have to find them. Other things the Easter Bunny hides are Easter baskets. The baskets are filled with different things such as chocolate, candy, toys, etc.

During Easter people have large dinners which include ham, mashed potatoes, bread, and many more delicious foods.

Lent (the period of time leading up to Easter) goes from Ash

Wednesday up to Easter and lasts about forty days. During Lent, you have to give up something that you can't live without. Usually kids pick things like chocolate, ice cream, and toys.

If you go to church during Lent, most Lenten decorations will be purple, which is the royal color. Finally, on Fridays during Lent you are not supposed to eat meat. Hope you enjoyed your Spring Holiday!

By: Christina Dang and Paige Phillips

"The dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 18th and pickup starts at 3:30pm."

Chiavetta's BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

Hello everyone... today I write to you about the Student Council's fantastic (and yummy) chicken dinner fundraiser. Now of course, you may be thinking, 'Well how do I know when to go to this splendid dinner?' Lucky for you, I have that information for you.

- It will be held on Wednesday, May 18th.
- It is a DRIVE IN dinner

(which is fun) so your food will be handed to you by one of the awesome student council members whilst sitting in your car.

- Pick up starts at 3:30 and ends at 6:30. Please pick up your tasty, finger lickin' meal on the Thorncliff Rd. side of the building.
- You need to purchase a ticket to be able to get a dinner. They are \$8.00 a

piece and you can purchase one by asking Mr. Strauss, Mrs. Ventrice, or Mrs. Halt.

If you participate in this event, you know you're supporting the school, which is great, especially in this economy! In conclusion, have a GREAT dinner!!! WTYL (Write to you later),

Sara Breene



*A Dark Rose
Look at that Flower,
And look how it glows,
Look at that Flower,
As light as Snow,
You must be careful,
Just look at its form,
Every rose has its thorn.
-Alyssa Weber*



STRANGE WORDS

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BY: MATTHEW STERNIN

GOBBLEDYGOOK: UNINTELLIGIBLE LANGUAGE

IGNIVOMOUS: VOMITING FIRE

COULROPHOBIA: THE FEAR OF CLOWNS

TRISKAIDEKAPHOBIA: THE FEAR OF THE NUMBER 13

TITCH: A SMALL PERSON

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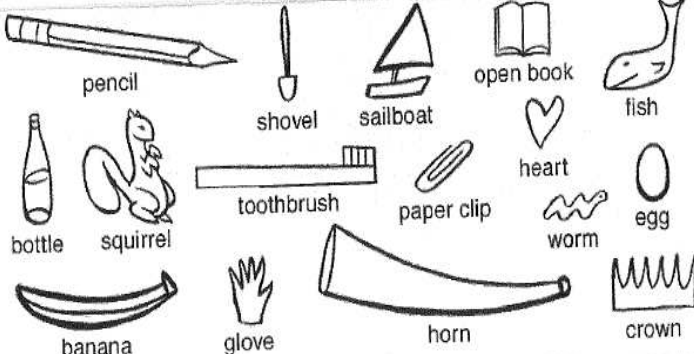
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**HIDDEN PICTURES
APRIL SHOWERS**

HOT OR NOT

Survey By: Paige Phillips

Topic	Hot or Not	% of students
Justin Bieber	NOT	57%
P!NK (The Singer)	HOT	82%
Lace	NOT	67%
Zebra Print	HOT	78%
Straight Hair	HOT	96%
Curls	HOT	54%
Nail Polish	HOT	80%
Lip Gloss	HOT	72%
American Eagle	HOT	80%



Can you find all these hidden pictures in the image above?

We're on the Web— Just go to the Hoover Middle School Homepage and Click on the Dragon Chronicle Tab!

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Aquarius January 20- February 18

It's nearly impossible to suppress your hope now, but you may be hard-pressed to wrap words around your current optimism. Don't worry about your inability to explain yourself today; the smartest thing you can do is to lead by example. Anyway, you'll be better able to share the process of your inner journey in a couple of weeks, and it should be well worth the wait.



Pisces February 19-March 20

You are swinging back and forth today, stretched between feeling overly confident and worrying yourself sick about the judgments of those around you. Unfortunately, it's probably more complicated than whether or not you are recognized for the contributions you make in a relationship or at work. Examine your assumptions about others before they get in the way of an otherwise perfect partnership.



Aries March 21- April 19

Your efforts to prevent everything from falling apart may be futile today because your life grows more complex each time you succeed. It's similar to playing a video game; you are given a harder level to solve once you successfully finish your current level. It may be the right time for an entirely new strategy. Don't waste all your resources on maintaining control; just stop playing for a while. Giving up your authority may be the easiest thing you'll ever do.



Taurus April 20- May 20

It isn't your normal style to say something before thinking it all the way through. However, now you may be feeling mentally on edge, especially if you are trying to keep a secret. Hiding something only makes you more anxious. There's little reason to worry about offending someone today; it makes more sense to concern yourself with your own motives instead. If your intentions are good, then the details of what you say won't matter as much as you think.



Gemini May 21- June 20

Instead of successfully doing damage control for something you recently said or did, you could inadvertently dig your hole a little deeper today. Even with the best of intentions, you can still raise someone's anger. Naturally, a sincere apology works wonders, but it only has an impact if you truly mean it. Nevertheless, this little drama may still take another day to play out before your relationships begin to make sense again.



Cancer June 21- July 22

You might not be willing to back down from a confrontation today, even if it would be to your advantage if you did. You may feel as if you are beyond the point of no return which encourages you to take a risk for your beliefs. You don't have as much to lose as you think. Just be certain that the current issue is important enough before you jeopardize what you have already gained.



Leo July 23-August 22

You may remember something that makes you quite serious today, but it's still easy to project a light-hearted attitude. However, your upbeat nature could complicate matters, especially if others think you're not taking things seriously enough. Meanwhile, you know you're not ignoring what's happening; you're just making a conscious choice about where to focus your attention. Keep in mind that the reaction of your friends is less important now than what you experience on your own.



Virgo August 23-September 22

It's challenging to stay on task today, especially if your work demands exacting concentration. Your ruling planet Mercury enjoys sorting out the details, but its current retrograde motion makes it more difficult to communicate what you are thinking. You still may need to maintain productivity, but don't be too hard on yourself if you fall short of your own expectations. Even Virgos need to take a break now and then.



Libra September 23-October 22

Your ruling planet Venus is like a love magnet, encouraging you to act sweetly to others while expecting the same in return. But, there is some tricky ground to cover today as the coolness of Saturn's restraint makes you feel as if you cannot show your true feelings. Don't just overcompensate by slipping into denial in order to turn an uncomfortable situation into something more pleasant. It's much smarter to work at improving the real world than escaping into a fictional one.



Scorpio October 23- November 21

Your emotions are out of whack now and you aren't sure how to get them back to where they belong. You may be feeling very spiritual and want to connect with your friends, but you aren't receiving positive responses to your overtures. You prefer a warmer reaction and without encouragement, you cannot keep expressing yourself in such a vulnerable way. Nevertheless, remember that it's not about how you are loved; it's about how you love that really matters.



Sagittarius November 22-December 21

You are naturally spontaneous and want to show others how to have fun today. Additionally, you are refreshingly upfront and could shatter people's expectations of how maturely you should act. However, being responsible might take a back seat to your wildly creative side now. Luckily, your competence enables you to handle things well enough that no one realizes you have escaped into the recesses of your own private universe.



Capricorn December 22-January 19

Self-discipline comes naturally to you, but not now when indulgent Venus tugs on your key planet, taskmaster Saturn. You might attempt to be somber, but you are having too much fun today. You don't see any harm in feeling joyful, even if your exuberance has nothing to do with your job. And, if you feel revitalized by doing something outside your normal comfort zone, you'll return to work even more ready to make a positive impact.