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NIGHTHAWK NEWS



Our Mission

The Hanover Public School District is committed to excellence in education by nurturing, challenging, and inspiring all students to achieve their full potential and to become productive citizens in a global community.



One Thousand Students Per Day A Message From Superintendent Dr. John A. Scola

The district is pleased to announce that approximately 1,000 students ride our busses daily. We are continuously striving to improve the service for the students and are pleased with the progress. Thank you for your continued support.

Leading The Way!

Visit Our Recently Opened Integrative Learning Centers

The open house and ribbon cutting event held at Hanover High School on October 8th was a resounding success. Over 100 people were in attendance to marvel at the transformation of the library into an Integrative Learning Center. The district has also completely redesigned the Middle School library into a second ILC.

The High School and Middle School ILCs were designed to transform the learning experience for students and staff of the district. These centers for learning with their splashes of colors, reading spaces, world-wide connectivity, and a vast array of emerging technologies will inspire and challenge our students to reach their full potential. The newly created spaces will facilitate interactive and team learning ideas, critical thinking, innovative and trans-



disciplinary research and in-depth learning.

The High School facility boasts:

- Two Nighthawk Studios, video/audio
- Three 3-D Printers
- One 3-D Scanner
- One Laser Engraver
- One Vinyl Cutter
- One Green Light

Gaming Station

- Two Virtual Reality Headsets
- Two Collaboration Spaces with monitors
- Six High End Computers
- One Presentation Studio
- Relevant Reading

Material - Fiction and Nonfiction

- Student Run Cafe
- 20 school-wide monitors

The Middle School ILC contains the following:
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ETAC Group Learning at High School ILC

On October 15, 2015 the Lincoln Intermediate Educational Technology Advisory Council (ETAC) held its October meeting at Hanover Public School District in Hanover High School's Integrative Learning Center.

The ETAC group is made up of Technology Coordinators, Directors, Administrators and Integration Specialists across many counties. The purpose of this meeting was to tour and learn about the Hanover High School and Hanover Middle School Integrative Learning Centers which were designed to transform the learning experience for students and staff of the Hanover Public School District.

Technology Director, Mr. David Fry, shared Superintendent Dr. John Scola's vision and the HPSD team's process from idea to fruition. Mr. Fry,



along with Technology Integration Specialist, Mrs. Rebecca Conover, and her students demonstrated usage of ILC components including Night Hawk Studios, 3D printers, Laser Engraver, Vinyl Cutter, Virtual Reality Stations, Gaming Areas, Presentation Studios, Technology Lending Library, and Presentation Studio. Dr. Susan Seiple, Assistant to Superintendent, explained the seamless curricular integration that is occurring in a variety of subject areas.

Hanover Public School District students and staff members are benefiting from the Integrative Technology Centers. These centers would not have been possible without the generous donation from the Hanover Shoe Farm Foundation.

Spark Squad Sparks Creativity in the High School ILC

The Hanover High School Integrative Learning Center is proud to highlight a tremendous group of students known as the "Spark Squad." The Spark Squad is a group of creative, innovative, and tech-savvy students that serve at the Help Desk in the ILC under the direction of Mrs. Conover, our Technology Integration Specialist. These students are assigned to the ILC for one period each day to assist students in making the most of the equipment available to them in the ILC.

Through experimenting, tinkering, watching instructional videos, and with some help from Mrs. Conover, our Spark Squad students learned not only how to use each piece of equipment, but also how the equipment works. They assist Mrs. Conover by providing great customer service to the students who come to the ILC. Mike Minetos says that one of the most challenging aspects of being a member of the Spark Squad is when he has to assist a student with a piece of equipment he hasn't quite mastered yet. Mariah Spenner shared she finds having to fix a piece of equipment that isn't working to be the most challenging part of her job.

Spark Squad students are encouraged to be creative and innovative. These students will seek out unique pathways to direct their own learning as well as the learning of their classmates. The Spark Squad not only helps students to learn how to use each piece of equipment, but they design projects that serve as models and examples for other students to modify or replicate. Jessica Reed created jewelry using our laser engraver. Mason Johnson says his goal is to one day create a "wearable" suit using the 3D printer, and a two feet replica of a castle with an entire town inside.

The Spark Squad members also demonstrate leadership by being great role models for their classmates. They model the responsible use of



Pictured: (L to R) Mariah Spenner, Wendel Oliveras, Malcolm Ellis, Katelyn Rice, Nachalie Oliveras, Abigail Humbert, Mason Johnson, Jessica Reed

social media, encouraging others to create a positive digital footprint. They will write blog posts that highlight ILC equipment and how it can be used in the classroom. Mike Minetos loves being able to help, and being the "go to guy" who knows what to do if there are problems. He enjoys that kind of leadership. Mariah enjoys the opportunity she gets to collaborate with students when she serves in the ILC. Kate Rice says she would love to create a time lapse video that demonstrates how the 3D printer creates an object from start to finish.

The Spark Squad stole the show during the ILC Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Stationed at one of the many features of the ILC, these students provided a guided tour of all the tools and equipment. They did an outstanding job presenting and answering questions.

The High School is proud of all of the efforts that Mrs. Conover and her Spark Squad have made. We are all looking forward to seeing more sparks fly in the ILC.



- December 8: Elementary Holiday Concert, 7 PM (@ High School)**
- December 10: 7th/8th Grade Vocal Concert, 7:30 PM (@ Middle School)**
- December 13: High School Vocal Concert, 2 PM (@ High School)**
- December 16: 5th/6th Grade Vocal Concert, 7:30 PM (@ Middle School)**
- December 17: High School/Middle School Instrumental Holiday Concert, 7:30 PM (@ High School)**
- SNOW DATES: 12/20 High School Vocal Concert, 2 PM (@ High School)**
- 12/21 Elementary Holiday Concert, 7 PM (@ High School)**

Integrative Learning Centers Continued From Front

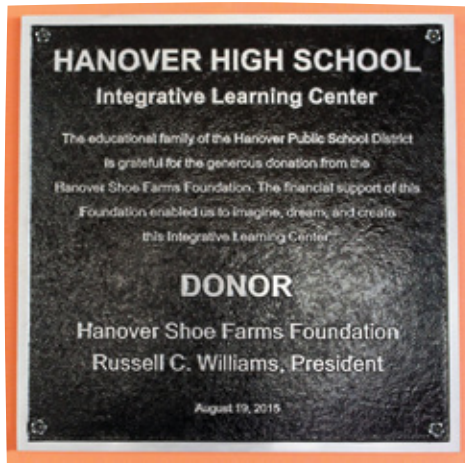
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Without the assistance of both Mr. Sheppard, RH Sheppard Inc., and Mr. Russell Williams, Hanover Shoe Farms, this transformation would not have been possible.

Thank you for your continued support.



Above: Dr. John Scola, Superintendent of Hanover Public School District, and Russell Williams, Hanover Shoe Farm Foundations, and Peter Sheppard, R. H. Sheppard Co., Inc., cut the ribbon to officially open the Integrative Learning Center at the High School. Below: The plaque that the school district displayed in recognition of the donation for the ILC.



A Busy Beginning At Clearview Elementary

The start of the year was busy at Clearview Elementary. We were busy with new bussing for students, and a lot of activities for our students.

For the last five years we have offered our Outdoor Movie Night for not only Clearview students but for the students at Hanover St. and Washington as well. This is a great way for the kids to meet new friends before entering the middle school.

At the start of the year we also need to know our students' academic strengths and needs so we can offer targeted instruction. We do this with a variety of benchmark tests such as the following: An assessment called DIBELS gives us information on students' reading fluency. Another assessment, AimsWeb, helps us



determine how well the students know their math facts and if they can apply math concepts. Fontas & Pinnell benchmark testing helps us determine reading levels in the area of comprehension and fluency. Finally, we offer students who meet certain criteria System 44 and LLI (Leveled Literacy Instruction) overseen by our Reading Specialist.

The teachers administer these assessments at the beginning of the school year so they know exactly how to help their students. This process has been beneficial for the Clearview students. Last year, we again attained PSSA scores that were above the state average and extremely competitive across the state of Pennsylvania.

Fourth Graders Strive to be the "Honorary Hawk"

Have you ever heard of an Honorary Hawk? You might have if you have been to a Hanover High School sporting event! This program has been around since 2007, however, it is really starting to gain a lot of popularity among various fourth graders and sports teams within the district.

The program is actually quite simple to orchestrate. All 4th grade teachers are given a schedule of when they can elect a student from their classroom to become the "Honorary Hawk" at their chosen sports game. Students from the 4th grade classrooms are chosen based on their recent effort for good attendance,



striving to work hard on grades, no weekly disciplinary referrals, and outstanding character. Fourth grade students are recognized at the various sporting events and they work hard for this recognition and strive to wear the coveted orange "Honorary Hawk" jersey to the game. Coaches and players on the sports teams love the honorary hawk and various referees and officials find them to be encouraging to others, and helpful to them throughout the game.

The next time you see an Honorary Hawk jersey, be sure to congratulate the student wearing it for having a super week at school! Go Nighthawks!

Careers Class at the Middle School



Hanover Middle School 8th graders are learning it is never too early to think about the future. All 8th grade students are required to take a Careers Class with guidance counselor, Mrs. Debra Caler. Mrs. Caler covers a variety of topics with students including preparing for the transition to high school, as well as a focus on college and career readiness.

The class begins with students being introduced to the many course options available at Hanover High School. Following this course overview, students complete an interest inventory which helps to identify possible future career paths. This activity is in preparation for a research project that allows the students to gather current information on a particular career. Students research the educational requirements and trends of each occupation. The information gathered is compiled into a presentation which is presented to classmates.

Mrs. Caler has expanded the Careers Class with visitations to community businesses. Students recently visited Elsner Engineering, Inc. to tour the facility and learn about the opportunities in the field of manufacturing. Mrs. Caler will be reaching out to other businesses in the Hanover Area Community to schedule future visitations for our students. Guest speakers are also invited to Hanover Middle School to present to the class. Hanover High School graduate, State Representative Kate Klunk, spoke to the Careers Class about her journey to become our State Representative. Another Hanover graduate, Rachel (Henry) Mummert, spoke about becoming an entrepreneur in the field of photography. Students have enjoyed these unique opportunities to interact with members of the community and learn from their experiences.

It is our hope through the Careers Class that students will gain a better understanding of the importance of college and career preparation, along with an awareness of the many opportunities available to them in the future.

Welcome New Employees!



Pictured Above: (Front Row L to R) Megan Cox, Part-Time Cafeteria; Johnny Raynor, Elementary Nurse; Olivia Quynn, High School French; Katherine Walton, Elementary English

(Back Row L to R) Brittany Burkhardt, Part-Time Cafeteria; Marc Abels, High School Assistant Principal; Lori Killinger, Hanover Street Secretary; Rachel Ranieri, Middle School and High School Family and Consumer Science.

We're Proud of Our Educators

Pictured: (L to R) Kristin Hahn, Elementary Teacher; Betsy Beall, High School Math Teacher; and Erin Smith, Middle School Teacher. Mrs. Hahn and Ms. Beall were recognized as Shippenburg Outstanding Teachers and Mrs. Smith was recognized as Chamber Educator of the Year.



Thank You!

Pictured (L to R) are Mr. Michael Kelly and Dr. James O'Connor. Both Mr. Kelly and Dr. O'Connor are retiring after many years of outstanding service as members of the Hanover Public School District Board of Directors. We wish them the best in their future endeavors!

Hanover Street Collects Coins for College With Nighthawk Pride Flying High



Recently Hanover Street Elementary was filled with football frenzy! Nighthawk football players Kyle Krout, Nick Seymour, Colten Ehrhart, Nathan Klunk, Tavin Zinn, Bailey Kenworthy, Aaron Bowman, and Deandre Kerr visited all the classrooms at Hanover Street Elementary to read to the students. The football players spread Nighthawk Spirit when they painted student faces in preparation for the big game against York Catholic. All students were beaming with Nighthawk pride.

FOR MORE INFO ON
COMMUNITY EVENTS
AND OPPORTUNITIES:
HANOVERPUBLIC.ORG



Nighthawks Are YAIAA Division III Champions!

The Hanover High School Football Team clinched a share of the YAIAA Division III championship with a resounding 45-20 win over Delone. Go Nighthawks!



Keystone Technology Innovators Summit

Hanover Public School District teachers, Victoria Kozdron and Amanda Morgret, recently attended the PAECT Keystone Technology Innovators Summit held at Shippensburg University. Each school principal in Pennsylvania is invited to nominate a teacher for Keystone recognition and nominees may apply to attend the Summit. Victoria and Amanda were chosen through a portfolio-based application. Attendees are chosen based on their demonstrated passion for education and technology. They are creative, innovative teachers who embrace best practices and technology integration in their schools. Keystones advocate the use of technology as a transformative tool to nurture the intellect, innovation, and imagination of students.

The Summit is a week-long event where teachers spend time working in cohorts, attending pedagogical and technology-driven workshops, and building their personal learn-



ing networks (PLN). Additional highlights from the KTI Summit include keynote speakers, Ed-camp or "un-conference sessions," and a STEAM hands-on event where par-

ticipants engaged in 3D printing, coding, and robotics. The KTI Summit is organized by the Pennsylvania Association for Educational Technology and Communications (PAECT) which boasts a membership of over 450 educators from across Pennsylvania.

It is the goal of Summit to inspire attendees to return to their districts with heightened enthusiasm for technology-supported learning and to embrace the ideas of develop, connect, lead, and advocate. Victoria Kozdron and Amanda Morgret are excited to share their knowledge and passion with their colleagues at Hanover Public School District.

Strike Gold!

The district offers a Gold Key Card to all district residents aged 60 years and older. This card will allow the Gold Key person free admission to district sponsored events including admissions at sporting events as well as one free pass to one performance for the fall play and spring musical. Also, the pass is honored by the South Western School District. It is a lifetime pass as long as you are a resident of Hanover Borough. Please contact Kathy Poist at 717-637-9000 for info.



Hanover High School Alumni Association

Please support the Golden Scholarship Endowment with annual and estate contributions. Please contact Phyllis Egger (EHS Class of 1961) at 717-632-0548. Or send contributions to **P.O. Box 620, Hanover, PA 17331**. Checks should be made out to Hanover High School Alumni Association, Golden Scholarship Fund.



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 25-30

Thanksgiving Holiday Vacation

December 7

6 PM School Board Reorganization Mtg.

December 24 - January 1, 2016

Winter Vacation: No School for Students & Teachers

January 11, 2016

6 PM Tentative School Board Planning Mtg.

January 18, 2016

Act 80 Day: No School for Students

January 25, 2016

6 PM Tentative School Board Meeting

February 8, 2016

6 PM Tentative School Board Planning Mtg.

February 12-15, 2016

District Holiday: No School for Students & Teachers

February 22, 2016

6 PM Tentative School Board Meeting

March 14, 2016

6 PM Tentative School Board Planning Mtg.

March 16, 2016

Kindergarten Registration Day
Act 80 Day: No School for Students

March 24-29, 2016

District Holiday: No School for Students & Teachers

March 30, 2016

6 PM Tentative School Board Mtg.

April 11, 2016

6 PM Tentative School Board Planning Mtg.

April 25, 2016

6 PM Tentative School Board Mtg.

May 9, 2016

6 PM Tentative School Board Planning Mtg.

May 23, 2016

6 PM Tentative School Board Mtg.

May 25

Early Dismissal

May 26

Early Dismissal

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Imagination Library at Dutch Days

During Dutch Days on July 25 HPSD sought out parents of pre-Kindergarten (birth to age 5) children. Our goal was to show District parents a unique opportunity to get books into their children's hands early and often. Through the generous support of the Hanover Foundation for Excellence in Education, pre-Kindergarten children are eligible to receive books each month - free of charge.

Dutch Days was another big success as we were able to enroll 30 children and begin to expose them to the wonderful world of literature, art, and children's books.

We would like to thank those staff members who were able to help on this beautiful Saturday in Wirt Park - Barb Sanders, Kristin Hahn, Caren Evans, Sandy



Pictured: Mrs. Chase and her husband along with Dr. Krout



Chase and Tom Krout.

The goal of The Hanover Foundation for Excellence in Education, Inc. is to develop a partnership between local business leaders and the Hanover Public School District to allow our students to participate in innovative learning opportunities that align with and support current and future district initiatives, which may not be able to be implemented through local tax dollar revenue.

One of the implemented learning opportunities has been the Imagination Library. This program puts free books into the hands of district **children from birth to age 5** on a monthly basis. For more information on the Foundation or to register for the Imagination Library, contact Mrs. Lois Dubbs at **630-4644** or visit **www.hpsd.k12.pa.us/pages/Hanover_Foundation/**.

Emergency School Closings

If the district cancels or delays the opening of school, or dismisses early because of inclement weather or any other reason, the announcement will be broadcast on Blackboard as well as over these radio and television stations:

- WHVR 98.5 FM
- WGET 1320 AM
- WGAL-TV Channel 8
- WSBA 910 AM
- WGTY 108 FM
- WHTM-TV Channel 27
- WPMT Fox 43
- Warm 103.3
- WHP-TV Channel 21

The district will also post cancellations, delays, and early dismissals at www.hanoverpublic.org or twitter [@HanoverPublic](https://twitter.com/HanoverPublic).

According to Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendment: No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Hanover Public School District's Title IX Compliance Co-Officers are Mrs. BJ Frock, and Dr. Susan Seiple. They are responsible for the coordination of complaints received pursuant to Title IX. The officers can be reached via email: bfrock@hanoverpublic.org sseiple@hanoverpublic.org or at 717-637-9000.