



# Hoover Hawks Headlines

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Welcome to the Hoover Headlines for families.

Connecting-Collaborating-Communicating-Caring

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Hoover Elementary

3223 S Hampton Drive

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*School Hours: M, T, Th, F (8:30 a.m.-3:20 p.m.); Wednesdays (8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)*

*Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. Students arrive at 8:20 a.m.*

## Dates to Remember:

**August 11<sup>th</sup>** --PTO Family Swimming Event at Splash Landing (6:00-8:00pm)

**August 21<sup>st</sup>** - *Unpack Your Backpack* ( 5:00-6:00pm )

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 1st-5th First full day of school

Kindergarten Orientation by Last Name

A-L: 9:00-9:45AM

M-Z: 10:15-11:00AM

**August 29<sup>th</sup>**- Boo-Hoo Breakfast in Library for all new/Kindergarten parents (8:30am)

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** - Hoover Family Ice Cream Social (5:30-7:00pm)

PTO Meeting (7:00pm)

## Early Dismissals

Every Wednesday is an early dismissal.

When students leave, teachers will be engaged in

Professional Learning Communities (PLC's). After

students leave, from 2:30-4:00 p.m., teachers

interdependently focus on four questions:

1. What do we want our students to know?
2. How will we know when they have learned it?
3. How will we respond when they don't learn?
4. How will we respond when they have already learned it?

## P.T.O.

**"Working Together For Our Kids"**

Hoover has a Parent Teacher Organization and

all Hoover Parents and staff are members.

The PTO is a not for profit organization

and there are no dues.

Email or visit the PTO website for more information.

[herberthooverpto1@gmail.com](mailto:herberthooverpto1@gmail.com)

<http://hh.bettendorf.k12.ia.us>



## School Hours

School hours are from 8:30 a.m. -3:20 p.m. Students can enter the building at 8:20 a.m. with an exception for children enrolled in the YMCA program or to eat breakfast at school. Students eating breakfast at school may enter the building at 8:00 a.m.

**\*\*** *Students arriving **after** 8:30 a.m. need to be accompanied by an adult into the office.*

## Dropping Off and Picking Up Your Child



Parents dropping off and picking up students have two options:

1. Pull up along the curb and have student exit on the right side of your vehicle  
(This is for student safety)
2. Park in a parking space and walk your child across the sidewalk at the crossing guard's direction



## Visiting & Volunteering at Hoover

Visitors and volunteers are welcome at Hoover.

Please check in at the office with a valid government-issued ID.

All visitors must go to the front office before entering the building.



## Nurse's Notes

Welcome back! If your student will be taking medication at school, please review the medication administration policy. Every parent must sign a parent medication authorization form to give medication at school. A link to this form can be found here:

<http://bettendorf.k12.ia.us/application/files/3214/3817/8352/507-2E2.pdf>

Please stop in and see me if you have any questions regarding medications at school!



## Positive Behaviors and Intervention Supports

### Hawk Habits at Hoover

Hoover is a PBIS school and we support students through common language, teaching expectations, and reinforcing students who are displaying Hawk Habits.

The three expectations across the building are:

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

PBIS is a research-based program that is supported by the Bettendorf District and Iowa Department of Education. The goals of PBIS is maximize academic success for all students by supporting positive student behavior. We teach and reteach these expectations throughout the year.

## Mr. Schalk's Counseling Corner

Mr. Schalk visits each classroom once every 2 weeks for classroom counseling lessons. The first school counseling unit is "Caring Communities". Students will be working on foundational skills such as kindness and teamwork. As part of our "Caring Communities" unit. Students will be introduced to Paxton our therapy dog.

Also students will be bringing home a blue "Challenge 5" certificate. The Challenge 5 is a Quad Cities community wide campaign to improve school attendance. Students are encouraged to try and keep their absences for the year under 5 days to complete the challenge! Check out the [Challenge 5 video](#)

## 5 TIPS for Great Attendance

- Set a regular bedtime.
- Prepare clothes and backpacks the night before.
- Only keep children home if they are truly sick.
- Have a back-up plan for getting to school.
- Avoid scheduling doctor's appointments and trips during school hours.



## BUS SAFETY



## Boost Bus Safety

**G**et your child on board with school bus safety! To avoid dangerous situations and accidents, students must follow bus safety rules and procedures. First, review your school's specific bus rules and procedures with your children. Then, make sure they understand these general bus safety principles.

**Board the bus safely.** Students should walk, not run, to the bus stop. While waiting for the bus, children should stay in a safe spot away from the road. Remind your child never to never speak to strangers at the bus stop. When the bus arrives, students should wait their turn to board and never push or shove on the stairs. Students should ask the driver for help if they drop something while getting on or off the school bus.

**Follow the driver's rules.** Explain to your child that drivers have to focus on the road to keep students safe. Distracting the driver, even for a second, could put all the riders in danger. Remind students to treat drivers with respect, and always follow printed rules or the driver's procedures—especially in case of an emergency.

**Keep the bus calm and quiet.** Students should find a seat quickly and stay in it. Many schools have a code of conduct for the bus—go over it with your child to make sure he or she understands the behaviors that are acceptable and unacceptable. Behaviors that might seem "cool" (waving one's arms out the window, for instance) can put your child's, and other children's, safety at risk. Enforce tough punishment if your child exhibits bad bus behavior. Students should never throw things on the bus or out the windows, or play with emergency exits. Make sure students know to use their "inside voices," and never play loud music on the bus.

**Watch for bullying behavior.** Alert the bus driver if students on the bus are harassing your child. School bus drivers are not counselors, but they are there to transport students safely. You can work with them to find a solution to problems.

**Avoid the "danger zone."** Children should wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting off, and use the handrails. When crossing in front of the bus, children should take five giant steps away from the bus, make eye contact with the driver, and cross when the driver indicates that it's safe. Teach your child to look both ways before crossing, and to stay away from the wheels of the bus.

**Listen and report.** Remind your child to tell you if they notice something odd or unsafe on the bus, such as the driver seeming impaired or students bullying one another. If your child tells you about any inappropriate behavior, speak to your principal.



### Web Resources

The **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration** has a bus safety pledge students can take.  
[www.nhtsa.gov/parents/parents-bus.html](http://www.nhtsa.gov/parents/parents-bus.html)

Visit **SafeKids.org** for factsheets on bus accidents and safety statistics.  
[www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_risks/school-bus-safety](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/school-bus-safety)

Your state's **Department of Transportation** website may have state-specific guidelines or activities related to bus safety.



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# Splash Landing Family Swim

\$5.00 per family (cash)

Sponsored by the Hoover PTO

Sunday, August 11th (6:00-8:00pm)

All Hoover families are invited to come and swim at Splash Landing.

You will also be able to view the Hoover Spirit Wear.

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