

BACK TO SCHOOL

School started on August, 20th. The first few days have been busy but everyone is adjusting to being back to school.

As we embark on a new school year we will have many changes to our school. The biggest impact is on funding. Hoover is now receiving Title 1 Funds for the next two years. This funding will help improve technology throughout the building and provide wonderful learning opportunities for our students. Check out the Smartboards in the classrooms! Title 1 Funds are determined by the percentage of students receiving free or reduced lunches. This percentage was lowered by President Obama.

The other funding bonus is from the Stimulus Money that was received by the district. Each school has received some money. This money will be used for Professional Development for the teachers, tutoring for at risk students in grades 3-5, and again more technology and classroom materials.

Other changes include:

Changes to our PreK program. It is now all day, instead of a half day program..

A trailer has been brought in to accommodate our space issue. It will provide two classrooms

Annual Partnership Kick-off Breakfast

**Sponsored by the Tulsa
Chamber of Commerce**

September 29, 2009
7:30-9:00 A.M.
Doubletree Hotel
61st and Yale

Chinese Program

Once again we are offering Chinese for our students in grades 3-5. The students spend 18 weeks in Chinese. They are exposed to the language and customs. Each year we host a new teacher from China. We are pleased to welcome Han Dongni. She will be living with one of our teachers but would love to participate in a variety of Oklahoma experiences, including churches. If any of you would like to include her in an event please contact Alice Gregory, her host teacher to work out the details.

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Unfortunately with the H1N1 flu our sister school, RenHeJiePrimary School in Chongqing, China, will not be sending a delegation of teachers and students to Tulsa, nor will we be going to China this year. We will continue this bond through pen-pal experiences and video exchanges.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO INCREASE OUR INVOLVEMENT WITH OUR PARTNERSHIP?

- **Lunch Buddy** – you are assigned to a student. Each week you take time to eat lunch with them in the cafeteria and then go out on the playground or to the classroom to play a game. You do not need to buy lunch for them just be a friend and share your time.
- **A mentor to a 3, 4, 5th grader.** This is a weekly commitment of one hour to help a student achieve success by working on math and reading skills. Once again you are assigned a student in which to build a relationship. Typically these are students that are struggling academically because of a situation in at home, high mobility or attendance issues. Usually these students work with their mentor during the time that their class goes to specials (art, Chinese, Music, PE) or during the lunch/recess period.
- **Adopt a classroom** to help meet their needs or to come and work within the classroom
- **Paired reading – 1st and 2nd grade.** One hour commitment. A great thing to do if you need a flexible schedule. This provides an opportunity for students to practice their reading by reading to an adult. Many never get that opportunity at home.
- **Supporting our incentive program in the 4th and 5th grade.** The 4th/5th grade team is working on increasing responsibility for these students. They will be earning points each week that will enable them to participate in a variety of fun activities; such as after school movie and snack, basketball games, ice cream rewards, etc.
- **Gardening in the courtyard- an ongoing activity**
- **Pencil sharpener – this can be done at home**
- **Box Top for Education-** either saving them or helping the student council count and prepare them for sending in for \$\$.
- **Helping with needs as they arise**
- **Encouraging each student to read 25 books per year.**
- **Classroom support** –preparing folders to go home each Monday with bulletins (typically PreK -2)
- **Pencil sharpener** – keep those pencils sharp for teachers. We will supply the sharpener. This can be done at home.
- **Cut and count Box Top for Education labels for student council.** This can be done at home as well.

One of our goals this year is to update the corner sign with all of our new Partners.

Our partnership logos will also be on our website. Please contact Gary Smith to give him permission to use your logo.
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What is a Partner

Webster's dictionary says "A partner is one who participates with another; who shares in action; a colleague

*We at Hoover want to **Thank** our partners for choosing to become a Partner in Education.*

*We want our **Partnership** to be a friendship that is meaningful to both parties.*

*Your **Partnership** is an important investment that will continue to pay great dividends for everyone involved -*

Thank you for becoming involved in so many different ways!

Partners

Highland Park Christian Church

Waste Management

Berean Baptist Church

29th and Yale Church of Christ

Dr. Wesley Black

Tulsa Select Hotel

SE Tulsa Jaycees (now the Greater Tulsa Jaycees)

Harden's Hamburgers

Freckles Frozen Custard at 21st and Yale

Hoover Neighborhood Association