

Hanshew Happenings

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November/December 2007

From the Principal's Desk

Student-Led Conferences

Scheduling Conference Times Via the Internet

Student-led conferences will be held on November 7th and 8th. This year we will be scheduling conference times through the Internet with a new tool called the Online Scheduler. We are excited about using technology to help us make the scheduling process more convenient for both parents and teachers. With the Online Scheduler, you will be able to view the schedule for your child's team and then select a time slot that is convenient for you. If you provide your email address when signing up, you will receive an automatic reminder and then an additional reminder two days before your conference. If you do not have access to the Internet or prefer to schedule your conference by phone, that is not a problem. Please call your child's team directly.

The conference slots are approximately 20-minutes so your child can lead you through his/her portfolio. The core teachers will drop in before, during, or after the conference to provide valuable information about your child's learning. You can see the Elective and PE teachers before or after your assigned time, so please plan on about an hour for the entire process. Report cards will be distributed in the library where you can also visit the Book Fair.

There is a lot more information about student-led conferences and the new Online Scheduler at our middle school Web site called the Middle Link. You can view a short video of an actual student-led conference, you can download parent tips, and you can also find step-by-step directions for using the Online Scheduler. We hope you will take a moment to look at our resources at www.asdk12.org/MiddleLink.

The Online Scheduler will be available for parents two weeks before conferences. Look for it to be open starting October 22. You will be able to access the Online Scheduler from the ASD home page, from the Middle Link, or from our very own Hanshew web site. Sign up early so you can get the conference time of your choice.

We look forward to seeing you on November 7th and 8th.

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Assistant Principal's News

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Peggy Huscusson and this year I am excited to be working with 7th graders at Hanshew Middle School. I have been an assistant principal for nearly a decade - most recently at Gruening Middle School in Eagle River and before that at Mirror Lake Middle School in Chugiak ... AND, before that I worked as a teacher and as an administrator at both high school and middle school levels in North Carolina and South Carolina. I truly enjoy everything about schooling and the learning process! Please, please call me if at any time you have a question or concern. My direct line is 267-0218 or call Hanshew Middle School at 349-1561.

Mrs. Ellers, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Huscusson, and Hanshew Middle School Faculty are very eager to make this year the best one your son or daughter has ever experienced. We feel that our school year is off to a sizzling start. The buses are rolling, students are pursuing numerous academic and athletic activities, and parents are volunteering for PTA assignments and other school events. Your input is appreciated and you are always welcome at our school. If you have not had an opportunity to visit our campus, please drop by during lunch or schedule (24 hours notice) a classroom visit. Check in at our main office, pick up a visitor badge, and join us when you can. As always, you are invited to visit our school, meet our professional staff, or you may even want to pretend that you are a student at Hanshew Middle School and follow your child's schedule!

In addition to working with Mr. Wilson (8th grade assistant principal), other members of our administrative team are Mr. Michael Pinkney - 7th grade Safety and Security, Ms. Mickey Bieszczak - 8th grade Safety and Security, and Mr. Ned Graham - In School Suspension (ISS) supervisor. We will all strive to assist and motivate students to reach their potential in a positive, productive and respectful manner.

Cross Country Runners (XC Run) and Mountain Bikers have finished their season. Girls volleyball is on the sports calendar now. Check our website at www.asdk12.org/activities/middle/volleyball.asp for additional details.

I look forward to meeting you and working with your child this year. Again, please contact me at Huscusson_Peggy@asdk12.org if I can help in any way.

Here is information on the times and places of our upcoming High School Forums. After last year's district-wide High School Forum, we are following-up with attendance-area meetings to discuss high schools of the 21st Century. We want to hear ideas from parents, students, staff and community members about how our high schools of the future can best meet student and community needs and prepare all students to be work or college ready. What should graduation requirements look like? What is the role of technology? Vocational education? Come share your ideas with the superintendent.

October 23	Dimond	Room C112
October 24	Service	Theatre
November 6	Chugiak	Library
November 7	East	M2 and M3
November 14	West	Cafeteria
November 28	ERHS	Cafeteria
November 29	South	Commons

High School Forums
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All meetings are at 7:00 -9:00 pm
If you have questions call 741-4312

Library News

The library is off and running! We've had record book checkouts, lots of research and even a visit from a mystery author. Check out our website at http://asdk12.org/staff/Leseman_Wendy/pages/library/ to see all of what's new for books, research tools and also link to the current Battle of the Books titles.

Chantal Davis will be heading up the 7th grade Battle of the Books and Steve Wottlin will head up 8th graders. So far, the groups are small but dedicated. The winning team from Hanshew last year is back again and ready to take on the eager 7th graders.

We've got some exciting things coming up soon. This week you can check out a Banned or Challenged Book. Two weeks from now, reading students will again be participating in Dance Dance Revolution. We hosted an Internet Safety night for parents in October, and finally we'll have a Scholastic Book Fair in November! Stop by anytime and see what we've got going on to help your students become better lifelong readers!

Wendy Leseman, Librarian
Roberta Struck, Librarian Assistant
Deb Hinnah, Kim Garcia and Donna Heath

Homework Request

If your student is absent for more than one day you should request homework. You can do this by e-mail, a phone call to the teachers, or call the main office and they will contact the teachers. It is helpful to call first thing in the morning. Teachers will put the homework in a folder in the office. You can call after 2:00 to see if work is there for you to pick up.

If you are going on vacation or will be out of school on a pre-arranged absence, there are forms in the office that are to be taken home and filled out, then taken to each teacher for homework assignments. Turn the first page of the form into the office before leaving.

Band

I can't believe it's been 4 weeks since Hanshew Middle School's Open House! Thank you to all Band parents who stopped in and politely listened to my spiel.

Currently we are reviewing and honing basic skills which include: posture, breathing, dynamics, rhythm reading, following the conductor, tonguing, slurring and decorum. The faster these skills become second nature, the faster we move out of our technical books and into performance literature. Parents, please support your young person's efforts to practice daily. Hmmmm, I envision another use for those heated garages in Alaska.

Jazz Band auditions and results were completed the first week in October. The students are very excited, and this attitude is infectious. It will be a pleasure to get together to create some "kickin'" music, in spite of the early morning hour.

Student-led conferences will be here sooner than you know. Please be sure to stop by the Band Room. The students will fill out a self-critique in advance of your visit regarding their effort and improvement in Band.

I must make an important schedule change announcement: **The Winter Concert will include ALL bands on Thursday, December 13, 2007, 7:00 pm in the Hanshew Gymnasium.** I did briefly mention this possibility at Open House, and the Administration has graciously agreed to it. I love the idea of 7th, 8th and Jazz Band students together in one concert, allowing them to hear each other. Naturally, I will need assistance setting up and tearing down, so I think student volunteers could "squeeze" some extra credit from me! Permission forms to assist will be sent home with details, closer to the event, and for parent signatures.

Until next newsletter, Frau Lucht

Journalism

The Hanshew Hawk Journalism Staff has started meeting on Thursdays after school in Room 115. If you would like to participate on the school newspaper staff, please contact Mrs. Lemery or come to our meeting on Thursdays at 2:45. This is a great learning experience and lots of fun!

Gym Footnotes

Our classes are jogging right along as the students have finished their 2-mile, yes, 2-mile jog test. The students have trained for the last 3½ weeks and have been equipped with strategic tools to help them succeed. These tools are training tips that you would receive if you were to go to a local gym in town! This 2-mile event was a huge milestone in the lives of your student. As they completed the 2 miles, their faces shone with elation, knowing that they had just accomplished what they thought was impossible. What a rewarding sight it was to witness the students attain the goal that they had set. Truly a life skill in action!!!! Be sure to cheer them on as well as ask them, "What have you been learning in gym class?"

As the end of the quarter quickly approaches, we will finish up with fitness testing and a variety of games. 2nd quarter will usher in a Rhythms and Dance Unit. Get ready to learn some fun new steps.

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your sons and daughters .

Student Council

Student Council organized Spirit Days on October 24, 25, and 26 to celebrate Red Ribbon Week and drug free schools. All students dressed in their Team Colors on Wednesday, dressed in their favorite sport clothes on Thursday and wore Red and Black, Hanshew colors on Friday.

Math Support

Hanshew students are fortunate to have Math Support classes available as an elective class separate from the general 7th and 8th grade math curriculum. This class is designed to provide the necessary support for students to grow in their math confidence and skills. Students use a computer based math program called Larson's Intermediate Math to work independently on deficit skill areas. A written test is administered upon completion of each module and individual remediation occurs when necessary. Directed classroom activities and warm-ups are designed to strengthen math skills. Ongoing formative assessments are also used to diagnose specific skill deficits. Students are usually enrolled for the entire year. In the past, students' Standards Based Assessment scores have jumped as high as 100 points from their previous years' scores. See your counselor for details.

LUNCH BUNCH TUTORING

Are you having trouble understanding your math class work or homework?

Join the Lunch Bunch crew and receive tutoring assistance. After you eat lunch, sign out in the lunchroom and get a pass to room 102 or 104. We tutor all subject areas on Tuesday through Friday. 7th Grade Tues. & Thurs., 8th Grade Wed. & Fri.

Student Government

Student government will begin meeting at Hanshew for the students who are representing their team. Come to Mrs. Lemery's room on Thursday, October 10th at 7:30 in the morning in Room 115.

Blue Pass

If you need to pick up your child for an appointment, send a signed and dated note with pertinent information. When she/he delivers the note to the Attendance Office she/he will be given a Blue Pass to leave at the requested time.

Hanshew Cross-Country Running

Hanshew had 52 runners on the team. They worked hard and had fun! Coach Trotter and White want to thank everyone for coming out this year! We hope that all of you keep running next year with a High school team or again at Hanshew.

The final result for the City Championships:

8th Boys

	<u>School</u>	<u>Pts</u>		<u>School</u>	<u>Pts</u>
First Place	Mirror Lake	29	Sixth Place	Girdwood	103
Second Place	Mears	43	Seventh Place	Begich	157
Third Place	Goldenview	60	Eighth Place	Hanshew	158
Fourth Place	Wendler	71	Ninth Place	Romig	175
Fifth Place	Central	98	Tenth Place	Gruening	

Hanshews Best finishers:

8	11.2	Carpentier, Nelson	Hanshew
14	11.47	Juliussen, Jared	Hanshew
66	14.19	Barnhart, P.J.	Hanshew
70	14.27	Weldon, Andrew	Hanshew
81	17.21	Scarpella, Mason	Hanshew

8th Girls

	<u>School</u>	<u>Pts</u>		<u>School</u>	<u>Pts</u>
First Place	Goldenview	17	Sixth Place	Hanshew	96
Second Place	Mirror Lake	49	Seventh Place	Gruening	101
Third Place	Romig	60	Eighth Place	Begich	195
Fourth Place	Mears	62	Ninth Place	Girdwood	226
Fifth Place	Wendler	69	Tenth Place	Central	257

Hanshews Best finishers:

6	12.39	Pruszenski, Jordan	Hanshew
23	13.28	Cavens, Yelenna	Hanshew
26	13.34	Westdahl, Kara	Hanshew
41	14.12	Lenahan, Brittney	Hanshew
75	16.08	Keogh, Erica	Hanshew
83	17.08	Fundeen, Erica	Hanshew
86	17.36	Temptin, Molly	Hanshew
91	21.54	Smith, Breanna	Hanshew
92	21.54	Winkler, Kelly	Hanshew
93	22.57	Benedict, Breanna	Hanshew

Hanshew Cross-Country Running Continued:

7th Boys

	<u>School</u>	<u>Pts</u>		<u>School</u>	<u>Pts</u>
First Place	Goldenview	23	Sixth Place	Wendler	100
Second Place	Mears	46	Seventh Place	Hanshew	152
Third Place	Central	54	Eighth Place	Romig	225
Fourth Place	Gruening	56	Ninth Place	Begich	280
Fifth Place	Mirror Lake	74	Tenth Place	Girdwood	291

Hanshews Best finishers:

29	12.3	Harris, Steve	Hanshew
34	12.36	Oen, Travis	Hanshew
37	12.43	Jarvis, Cayman	Hanshew
52	13.09	Kuelper, Kristofer	Hanshew
58	13.2	Lentz, Coery	Hanshew
62	13.26	Ferntheil, Zachary	Hanshew
67	13.36	Cuddihy, Zachary	Hanshew
69	13.38	Keech, Kevin	Hanshew
73	13.43	Williams, Scott	Hanshew
79	13.55	Skieens, Rilen	Hanshew
88	14.19	Burgess, Jonathan	Hanshew
101	15.01	Arnes, Colton	Hanshew

7th Girls

	<u>School</u>	<u>Pts</u>		<u>School</u>	<u>Pts</u>
First Place	Mirror Lake	16	Sixth Place	Begich	133
Second Place	Mears	40	Seventh Place	Central	135
Third Place	Goldenview	73	Eighth Place	Gruening	154
Fourth Place	Romig	102	Ninth Place	Hanshew	185
Fifth Place	Wendler	122	Tenth Place	Girdwood	

Hanshews Best finishers:

8	12.41	Northey, Jenette	Hanshew
52	14.36	Brawner, Allison	Hanshew
60	14.54	Smith, Sadie	Hanshew
64	14.59	Wee, Ashley	Hanshew
77	15.32	Pearce, Kala	Hanshew
88	15.53	Smith, Loni	Hanshew
93	16.06	Martin, Kristyn	Hanshew
99	16.25	Allard, Dayna	Hanshew
108	17.01	Kozyrenko, Anna	Hanshew
115	17.55	Dotten, Emily	Hanshew
117	18.11	Chenier, Monica	Hanshew
122	18.3	Toomer, Brianna	Hanshew
137	21.34	Erickson, Lindsey	Hanshew
138	21.53	Haugen, Cassie	Hanshew
139	21.59	Piraino, Jessica	Hanshew

Nurse's News

My name is Mary Luken, I am the new Hanshew Middle School nurse. I've been a registered nurse for 17 years and have worked in hospitals as well as in the Anchorage School District. I'm excited to be here and look forward to everyone having a healthy and safe year.

Seventh grade students will be receiving their TB tests during gym classes in the middle of October through the beginning of November. I will immediately notify parents of a student who has a reaction to the test.

Cafeteria

Help is needed in many school cafeterias to assist with preparing food and serving lunch to students. Hours are perfect for parents: part-time and flexible. Fill out an application at the ASD Building located at 5530 East Northern Lights Blvd. in the Boniface Mall.

Regular Price Lunch: \$3.05

Regular Price Breakfast: \$1.30

Reduced Price Lunch: \$.40

Reduced Price Breakfast: \$.30

Milk: \$.50

Adult lunch, without milk: \$3.30

If your child had money in his/her account at the end of last year, the balance will carry over to this year. If your child had charges accrued at the end of last year, the charges have also carried over to this school year.

Memory Book Cover

We are looking for a design for the Memory Book Cover. Submit an 8 1/2 x 11 original piece of art work, three colors, red, white and black, incorporate Hanshew Hawks and 2007-2007 in your design. Turn it into Mrs. Volz in the Art Room, 208; she will also answer any questions.

Counselors Corner

Red Ribbon Week Oct. 22-26

Red Ribbon Week focuses on educating students about healthy choices, especially the choice to avoid drugs. This week delivered powerful messages to encourage students to make smart, drug free choices.

Wednesday Team Colors

Thursday Sports Day

Friday Red and Black

On Monday, October 29th the AIRFORCE BAND OF THE PACIFIC gave a fantastic performance in honor of Red Ribbon Week.

King Career Center Tours

Hanshew 8th Grade students visited the King Career Center to check out the 28 vocations, skills and trainings that are offered through the Anchorage School District. This is a great way for students to begin setting goals.

Friday, September 28 SAPPHIRE TEAM

Friday, October 12 OUTBACK & GOLD TEAM

Friday, October 26 GOLD TEAM

The tour was enjoyed by students and teachers alike.

JEAN POLLARD is counselor for the JADE and OUTBACK Teams. Ms. Pollard co-ordinates the King Career Center Tours, Red Ribbon Week, Welcomer's Program and the Young Womens Leadership Conference.

KAROL BENROTH is counselor for the Orange and Sapphire Teams. She will co-ordinate the SBA Testing and the 7th - 8th grade transition. Karol has experience both as a Middle School Teacher and Counselor and high school level as well.

MORIAH HUSEMAN is counselor for the Teal and Gold Teams. She is the sponsor for the National Junior Honor Society and the Safe and Drug Free Schools. Moriah will co-ordinate the CAT testing and 6th - 7th grade transition.

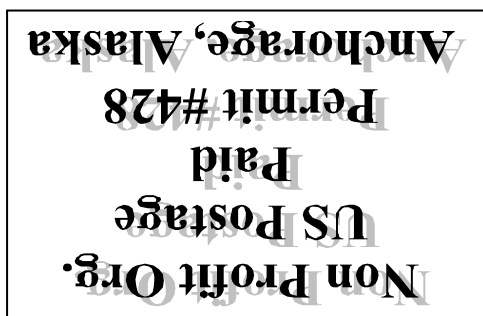
If you have concerns please feel free to contact your child's counselor.

Driving Safety at Hanshew

Please remember to drive carefully as you enter and leave the Hanshew area. We have many students and staff traveling between buildings and managing several parking areas and driveways.

- Slow down! This is not a speedway and caution counts.
- Drive the correct direction. We have had a barricade reminding people that this is a one-way traffic pattern in front of the building. Due to snowplowing, the barricade will be removed for the winter months - but the driveway remains one direction.
- During afternoon dismissal, parents are not to use the back road behind the Hanshew building since that is used by the buses and there is little room to safely drive through.
- Handicap parking spaces are located across from each of the front entrances and on the side of the building by the gym. Please park use these spaces only if you display the handicap parking stickers.
- Two spaces are reserved across from the front entrance for municipal employees, our school resource officers. Please observe those signs.
- When picking up students, do not form a double lane. Cars stacked up cause students to cross into the line of traffic to get into a car. Please park along the curb (across from the hockey rink) to wait for your turn to move forward.
- The front curb is a no parking area. It is used as a bus drop off and pick up before and after school.

Thanks for working with us to make Hanshew a safe place for everyone!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Volleyball Jamboree	November 1 - 1:30
Parent Teacher Conferences	November 7 & 8 students dismissed at 11:45
In-Service Day	November 9
Volleyball Jamboree	November 13 - 1:30
Volleyball Jamboree	November 15 - 1:30
Thanksgiving Holliday	November 22 and 23
Volleyball Jamboree	November 27 -1:30
Volleyball Jamboree	November 29 -1:30
Band Extravaganza	December 13 - 7:00 p.m.
Orchestra and Choir Concert	December 18 -7:00 p.m.
In-Service Day End of 2 nd quarter	December 21
Winter Vacation	December 24 thru January 4
Back to School January 7, 2008	

