

What's New? Week of March 19, 2007

Important Dates

March 19-23 - *Spring Break*

March 26 - 4:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. - *Green Valley Baptist Church - Open House for Superintendent Andy Craig*

March 26 - 6:30 p.m. - *Hoover Library - Public Forum to Discuss Zero Tolerance Discipline Policy*

[Approved School Calendar for 2007-2008](#) - *posted 03/13/07*

[Open House for Superintendent Andy Craig](#) - *posted 03/14/07*

Please make plans to come and meet our new Superintendent Andy Craig at an Open House on Monday, March 26, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Green Valley Baptist Church on Patton Chapel Road. [Click to open the Invitation](#). Directions to the Church are provided on the Invitation.

The Hoover School Community Information Network, along with the Hoover Parent Teacher Council, the Hoover City Schools Board of Education and the Hoover City Council are sponsoring this event to allow our community to have a chance to meet Mr. Craig.

Please make plans to stop by sometime between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the 26th. Children are welcome as well.

New Survey - What Should We Do with the Old Berry Campus? - *posted 03/16/07*

The old W. A. Berry campus has been sitting vacant since August 2006. The results of a series of community surveys, focus groups, and a Community Planning Team recommended to Superintendent Dr. Williams to move the entire population of the old Berry Middle School to the new campus near Spain Park High School.

The Superintendent made the recommendation to the Board and it was unanimously approved on February 28, 2005. That Plan can be viewed by clicking [here](#). The comments at the end of the Approved Plan are as follows:

"While this is certainly not the 'perfect solution', it is responsive to the 'voice of the community' in terms of the desire for students to remain on their current track in regard to middle school and high school

attendance zones. It is our belief that the benefits outweigh the costs in fulfilling the wishes of the majority of the parents of our school district."

This was the first time any Community group was given a formal path for input when a Rezoning Plan was considered.

The Community Planning Team recommended that a group of representatives be convened immediately to discuss exactly what to do with what was about to become the old Berry campus. That group was never formed.

Many great ideas have surfaced for use of the campus, but no decisions have been made.

Please take a moment to give us your thoughts on what should be done with the Old Berry Campus.

[Click Here to take the survey](#)

Remember, survey participation is anonymous.

Public Forum to Discuss "Zero Tolerance" Discipline Policy - *posted 03/16/07*

Virginia Mitchell, whose son was sent to Crossroads Alternative School after an incident involving a paintball gun, has organized a Public Forum to educate Hoover families on the current Hoover City Schools Discipline Policy and how it is applied to students. Two attorneys will present the legal side of the Policy and what families can do to protect their children's rights.

The Forum will be held Monday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hoover Public Library.

Public discussion of current Policy is one of the HSCIN's goals, and we commend Mitchell for organizing this event.

[Tell Us What You're Thinking.....Survey Results-](#) *posted 03/13/07*

Click to view the entire Survey results. Thank you to those of you who took the time (average 8 minutes per survey) to complete the Survey.

News Articles and Newsletters

[Church Offers Tutoring, Hot Meals, Support for Struggling Students - March 18, Huntsville Times](#)

[Doing Pre-K the Right Way - March 16, Birmingham News Editorial](#)

[Area Schools Excel in Math Contests - March 15, Birmingham News](#)

[Parent Plans Forum on Discipline - March 15, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Honors Teacher, Two Students for Character - March 14, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover City Schools' Classroom Clips - March 14, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover High Students Gather Money, Supplies to Send to Tornado-Scarred Enterprise - March 14, Birmingham News](#)

[Artificial Turf Unreal as Priority - Speak Out, March 14, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Working Out Kinks in SchoolCast System - March 13, Birmingham News](#)

[Changes Approved for Ross Bridge Rezoning - March 13, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover, Bessemer Promote Image in TV Commercials - March 12, Birmingham News](#)