

What's New? Week of April 30, 2007

Important Dates

May 10 - Deadline for Providing Input in the Proposed Drug Testing Policy

May 10 - 5:30 p.m. - School Board Work Session

May 14 - 5:30 p.m. - School Board Meeting

May 15 - 9:00 a.m. - District-wide Test of the SchoolCast system

[Click here to view the Hoover City School District Calendar for May 2007](#)

Mary Veal Named Director of Human Resources - *posted 04/27/07*

Mrs. Veal is currently the District's School Improvement Specialist. She replaces Dr. Sandra Spivey, who is leaving to take a position in Madison County Schools as their Director of Secondary Education. This placement is effective May 1.

Chief Academic Officer Position Posted - *posted 04/25/07*

Click the link above to access the job description for the Chief Academic Officer position. Applications will be taken through May 7, with a start date of May 15, 2007. Superintendent Andy Craig created this position when he accepted the position of Superintendent from the Board of Education.

Scholars Bowl Team from Hoover High School Places First in State - *posted 04/29/07*

[Click here to read Jon Anderson's post.](#) Congratulations!

School Nutrition Program Survey Results - *posted 04/27/07*

These results have been presented to Ms. Susan Wood, Director of the Child Nutrition Program for Hoover City Schools.

Called Board of Education Meeting - Thursday, April 26, 8:00 a.m. - *posted 04/24/07* - click to view the [Agenda](#)

Remember: If you would like to receive formal notification of Board meetings, e-mail Mary Jo Powell at mpowell@hoover.k12.al.us and asked to be placed on the notification list.

Linking Families to Learning - *posted 04/24/07*

[Click to read Dr. Karen Mapp's commentary](#) on how educators can best link students' families to learning. The large majority of the presentation below, "Engaging Families", was taken from the chapter "**Linking to Learning: How Will Involving Parents Help Your Test Scores**" of [Beyond the Bake Sale: The Essential Guide to Family and School Partnerships](#), written by Dr. Mapp and Anne T. Henderson.

A+ Education Foundation Newsletter - *posted 04/24/07*

From the Community Concerns Page

"Pharm" Parties --- Do You Know What They Are?

[Prescription Drugs Emerge As Growing Threat - April 25, Mobile Press-Register](#)

News Articles and Newsletters

[Hoover Teacher Vying For Award - April 28, Birmingham News](#)

[Search Firms Offer to Reach Out for Schools Boss - April 28, Birmingham News](#) - regarding Mobile County's search for a Superintendent - The same search firm used for Hoover's search is interviewing.

[School's Location a Deal-Breaker for Vestavia Hills - April 27, Birmingham News](#)

[Board Approves Bids for High Tech Projection System - April 27, Birmingham News](#)

[Schools Taking Applications for Chief Academic Officer - April 26, Birmingham News](#)

[Initiative's "\\$100 Laptop" Will Cost \\$175 - April 26, Birmingham News](#)

[Green Valley Elementary to Get Title I Money - April 25, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Pupils Blessed with Good Teachers - April 25, Birmingham News Editorial](#)

[King to Lead Hoover Parent Teacher Council - April 25, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover School Board May Drug Test Student Drivers - April 25, Birmingham News](#)

[Zero Tolerance By Any Other Name Is Still Zero Tolerance - April 25, Birmingham News - Speak Out](#)

[Teachers, First Graders Abuzz on Web with Blogs - April 25, Birmingham News](#)

[House Committee Approves Record \\$6.7 Billion Budget - April 25, Birmingham News](#)

[Nutrition Standards Urged for School Food - April 25, Birmingham News](#)

[Senate OKs Math, Science Funding - April 25, Birmingham News](#)

[Nonprofit Sets Five-Year Goal of Raising \\$1 Million - Birmingham News](#)

[Prescription Drugs Emerge As Growing Threat - April 25, Mobile Press-Register](#)

[Bills to End Annual Appraisals Stalled in Legislature - April 25, Birmingham News](#)

[Report: Texting Hurting Ireland's Youth - April 25, Birmingham News](#)

[Project Wants More Talk About Education - April 24, Birmingham News](#)

[Bush: No Child Law Should Be Renewed - April 24, Birmingham News](#)

[The Commission on No Child Left Behind - Beyond NCLB - The Aspen Institute - \(click here for additional information on the Commission\)](#)

[The Achiever - The No Child Left Behind Newsletter from the U.S. Department of Education - April 2007](#)

[The Achiever - The No Child Left Behind Newsletter from the U.S. Department of Education - March 2007](#) - included here as a courtesy, as we are just now beginning to publish links to this newsletter

[Hoover Built on Retail, Schools - April 22, Birmingham News](#)

[Police Protection Need Led to Hoover's Birth - April 22, Birmingham News](#)

[New School Systems Sprout Amid Concerns - April 22, Birmingham News](#)

[More Area Schools Plan to Offer Elite College-Credit Program - April 22, Mobile Press-Register](#) - regarding the addition of the IB program at Daphne, Davidson, and Fairhope high schools.

[Just Being Good Isn't Good Enough - April 22, Mobile Press-Register](#) - regarding Mobile's search for a new superintendent and their upcoming Education Summit

[International Flavor Ahead for Students - April 22, Huntsville Times](#) - regarding Huntsville City's IB Program for high school and K-8