

What's New? Week of October 22, 2007

Important Dates

October 22-26 - Red Ribbon Week

[October 22, Prayer Rally, 6:00 a.m., Veterans Park](#)

October 23 - Dyslexia Support Group, 12:00 noon, Hoover Public Library

November 8 - Board Work Session, 5:30 p.m., Central Office

November 8 - Board Meeting, immediately following the Work Session, Central Office

[Click here to view the Hoover City Schools' Calendar for October](#)

Red Ribbon Week Starts Monday - *posted 10/21/07*

Hoover City Schools will once again participate in Red Ribbon Week starting Monday, October 22. A variety of activities related to keeping our children drug-free are planned at each school. Check with your child's school for specific planned activities.

[Click here to see the national Red Ribbon Week site.](#)

Prayer Rally Scheduled for Monday, October 22, 6:00 a.m.

- *posted 10/20/07*

Hoover residents have organized a prayer rally for 6:00 a.m. on Monday morning at Veterans Park. [Click to read the full story.](#)

Dyslexia Support Group to Meet at Hoover Library - *posted 10/17/07*

The Central Alabama Dyslexia Support Group will meet on Tuesday, October 23, from noon to 1:00 p.m., at the Hoover Public Library. The support group's purpose is to get schools to provide specific services for dyslexia and to inform parents about teaching strategies that can help. For more information about the group, visit www.centralaldyslexicsupport.com.

[Dyslexia Support Group Meets at Hoover Library - October 17, Birmingham News](#)

Please participate in our survey.....

Backpack Survey - *posted 10/12/07*

There is growing research to compel us to be concerned about the weight of our children's backpacks. In 2002, the AOTA (American Occupational Therapy Association) teamed up with L.L. Bean to promote awareness of backpack safety, recommending that backpacks be limited to 15% of a child's weight. So, a child weighing 100 pounds should carry a backpack no heavier than 15 pounds.

The ACA (American Chiropractic Association), the APTA (American Physical Therapy Association), and the AAOS (American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons) developed similar recommended limits based on the child's weight:

Person's Weight (lb.)	Maximum Backpack Weight (lb.)
60	5
60-75	10
100	15
125	18
150	20
200 or more	25*

*No one should carry more than 25 lb.

Through this survey, we hope to be able to provide information to our Board of Education and administrators in Hoover City Schools to encourage use of electronic textbooks and/or a class set of textbooks. This is becoming common practice in the more forward-thinking districts across the country. Take a moment to read "[More Schools Going Locker-Less](#)", and "[Eliminating Lockers](#)", both articles from 2002 addressing the idea of removing lockers for other reasons, but the result is that children are provided two sets of textbooks: one for home, one for school. We are aware that this is the practice in some of Hoover's classrooms, but not all. We'd like to gather more information to see exactly where we are and what it would take to ensure all children have access to either electronic textbooks or class sets of textbooks.

The results of this survey will be presented to the Board of Education and Mr. Andy Craig.

This survey opportunity will be available through October 25.

We will ask you for the actual weight of your child's backpack during this survey. If you do not have your child's backpack available, please estimate its weight.

[Click here to view the survey prior to participating in it.](#)

[Click here to take the survey.](#)

Hoover High Investigation Update - includes recent television interviews as well.

Recent Birmingham News articles

[Math Teacher Still Has Questions - October 15, Birmingham News](#)

[Board Chief in No Rush to Deal with Propst - October 16, Birmingham News](#)

[New Propst T-Shirt Tells All - John Archibald - October 16, Birmingham News](#)

[Letting Athletes Coast Will Hurt Them Someday - October 16, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover and Propst Are Happening! - Scott Stantis Cartoon - October 16, Birmingham News](#)

[Attorney: Propst Cleared of Grade Changing - October 17, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Council President Calls for Quick Action - October 17, Birmingham News](#)

[Propst Wants to Keep Coaching at Hoover - October 17, Birmingham News](#)

[How Much Rule-Bending is Too Much? - Editorial - October 17, Birmingham News](#)

[Pointer's Points - Editorial - October 17, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Council President Calls for Quick Action - October 17, Birmingham News](#)

[Video Update: Hoover Reassigns Assistant Principal - October 18, Birmingham News](#)

[AHSAA Probes Player's Status - October 18, Birmingham News](#)

[Craig Calls for Ethics Probe of Propst - October 18, Birmingham News](#)

[Propst Attorney: Coach Didn't Hide Income - October 18, Birmingham News Breaking News](#)

[Prayer Meeting Set in Response to Hoover's Problems - October 19, Breaking News](#)

[Councilman Wants Propst Put on Leave - October 19, Birmingham News](#)

[No Time Frame for Purifoy Ruling - October 19, Birmingham News](#)

[Grade-Changing Cases End Quietly - October 20, Mobile Press-Register - regarding a similar situation in Mobile County Schools](#)

[Martin, Hoover Set Reassignment Deal - October 20, Birmingham News](#)

[People Around Propst Deserve Some Blame, Too - October 20, Ray Melick, Birmingham News](#)

[Bucs End Difficult Week with Win Over Patriots - October 20, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Doesn't Need Propst Anymore - Editorial - October 21, Birmingham News](#)

[Football, Hoover Style - Editorial - October 21, Birmingham News](#)

[Attorney Says Propst Should Be Allowed to Finish Season for Players - October 21, Birmingham News](#)

[Sound Off - October 21, Birmingham News](#)

[Letters, Faxes, and E-mail - October 21, Birmingham News](#)

News Articles and Newsletters

Hoover News

Please note that all articles pertaining to the Hoover High Investigation will now be posted only on the [Hoover High Investigation Update](#) page as of 10/20/07

[Hoover Band Seeks Money for Performances Near, Far - October 17, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover Students Take Part in Community Walk - October 17, Birmingham News](#)

[Pointer's Points - Editorial - October 17, Birmingham News](#)

[State Gives School \\$20,000 for High Test Scores - October 17, Birmingham News](#)

[Hoover to Screen for Sex Offenders - October 16, Birmingham News](#)