

BGIS eNews

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BGIS Parents,

Rezoning

As you likely heard from our superintendent, Dr. Kathy Murphy, on Monday night, HCS is waiting for a decision from federal court regarding our pending and preliminarily approved rezoning plan. As you may recall, our rezoning plan was preliminarily approved last year, but remains before the judge and under her review. On Monday night Dr. Murphy shared with the Hoover Board of Education that she does not believe we do not have adequate time to rezone our school district for 2017-2018. As a result, should the federal judge rule on our rezoning plan, her request to the court will be to implement the rezoning plan in 2018-2019.

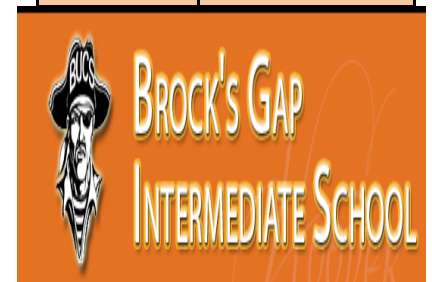
- That sets BGIS up as a 5th/6th grade school again next year 2017-18
- All BGIS passing 5th graders, unless they move or have moved, will remain zoned for BGIS for 6th grade in 2017-18
- All BGIS passing 6th graders, unless they move or have moved, will remain zoned for R.F. Bumpus Middle School for 7th grade in 2017-18
- All SSC/DVES/TC passing 4th graders, unless they move or have moved, will remain zoned for BGIS for 5th grade in 2017-18

There is no doubt that all of our school families as well as staff have experienced stress created by this rezoning process. There are so many "unknowns" and much potential for unintended consequences. Now adding to these factors there will be more delay. I wish there was a way to offset this stress, but we pledge to make this transition and process as smooth as possible. For us at BGIS we will conduct a similar transition as in typical years. We will work with our feeder schools to transition students to, within and leaving BGIS in a way to set all up for a successful 2017-18 school year.

Dates to Note for

April and May

April 17th – 20th	ACT Aspire testing 6th grade
April 19th	Sloss Furnace Field Trip 5th grade Voyagers
April 21st	4th Nine weeks Progress Reports go home
April 29th	Celebrate Hoover Day
May 4th	BGIS Fine Arts/ PTO Night
May 1st -5th	Spring Book Fair



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As Dr. Murphy recently shared with our staff, "Please be encouraged today that we are in a good place, with a focus on the future of this great school district, and a commitment like never before on our children." Please let us know if we can answer any questions about rezoning or the transition process to the 2017-18 school year.

Transition 5th - 6th

Course Selection Sheets - We will give course selection sheets to all 5th grade students on **Monday, April 17th** during homeroom. Homeroom teachers will go over these yellow sheets with all students and send them home. We will ask that they be returned within a week and a half (due Wednesday, April 26th).

Placement - Mr. Mitchell will send out a link for placement concerns for 2017-18. Remember teacher requests or placement with certain students will not be allowed.

Transition 6th - 7th

Transition Night at Bumpus - Bumpus Middle will host a transition night for all BGIS 6th grade students and their parents on the evening of **Tuesday, May 2nd at 6PM.**

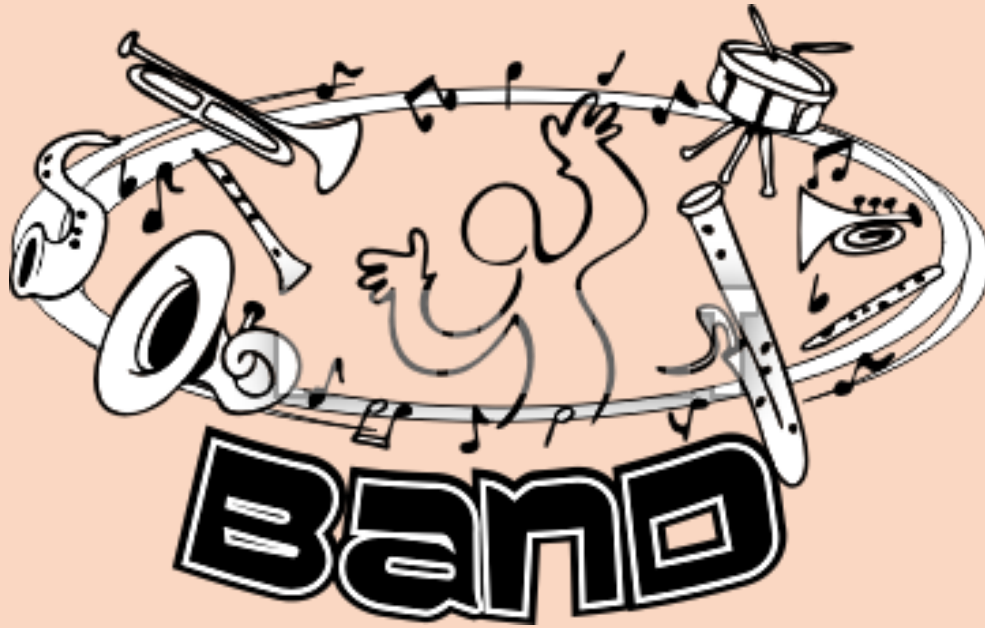
Course Selection - Course Selection Sheets will go home with BG 6th graders on **May 1st.** Students will get these and an explanation from their homeroom teachers that day and then students will have the chance to look over these forms with parents before they are due back. They will be returned to their homeroom teacher and we will get them back to Bumpus as a group.

Please stay tuned as we will have more information on our transition plans as we move through the month.

Scott L. Mitchell, Ed.S

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Our rising 6th grade band instrument testing days are Wednesday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 24. Both sessions will be held in the cafeteria and lobby at Brock's Gap from 4PM-7PM.

In order to participate in band during 2017-18 school year, your student must attend one of these sessions. If you have any questions, please email jlynch@hoover.k12.al.us before May 24th.

Teacher Appreciation

Let's show the BGIS teachers how much we appreciate what they do for our children!

We need you to send in gift cards for our teachers. Gift cards can be any amount up to \$25.00. These will be randomly selected by the teachers during the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on May 12th. Please send them to the office ASAP.

We also need volunteers to sit with classes from 11:30-12:30 during the luncheon on May 12th. If you are available to help that day, please contact the volunteer coordinator for your child's grade level.

5th-Wade Morgan- wade@wademorgan.com
6th-Holley Houlditch- houlditch@ymail.com



Great
Job
BGIS
Families!

ZAXBY'S



You helped raise \$800.00 during the month of march by participating in spirit night and using planet fundraiser. These funds were dispersed to teachers for classroom supplies.



Hurry! They're going fast!

YM - sold out

YL - sold out

YXL - only 2 left

There are a few adult sizes available

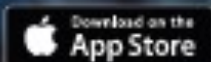
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Chromebooks Technology Fees

Parents please remember that technology fees follow your student from year to year. Any previous or current fees must be paid for a student to receive a device from the Technology Department for the next school year.

Fees may be paid online at My School [Fees.com](#) by choosing the Hoover-IT Department or at the Board of Education with a Money Order.

Any student with an outstanding technology fee will not receive a device for the 2017-18 school year until the student's account is cleared.

Here are additional instructions for paying a Technology Fee:

Money for fees and Device Protection cannot be collected at BGIS.

How to Pay a Chromebook/Technology Fee:

Log in to myschoolfees.com

When selecting school,
choose Hoover-IT Dept. NOT BROCK'S GAP INTERMEDIATE

Add your student on the right of the
screen

Select your student on the left of the
screen

Anything owed will show as an
Outstanding Fee.

Add to cart, check out



TESTING, TESTING 123

Grade	Date	Test	Time
6	Monday, April 17	ACT Aspire Reading	65 minutes
6	Tuesday, April 18	ACT Aspire Math	75 minutes
6	Wednesday, April 19	ACT Aspire English	40 minutes
6	Thursday, April 20	ACT Aspire Science	60 minutes

Students will need to begin bringing and leaving their chromebooks and chargers at school one week before their testing week.

Please encourage students to leave all electronic devices and smart watches including fitbits at home or turned off inside their lockers. If their phones go off inside their lockers, disciplinary actions will be taken. If phones are used during the test or out, disciplinary actions will be taken and their tests are invalidated if used. So please encourage your child to adhere to these policies.

We will begin at 8:30 each morning so please have your child at school before 8:00 a.m. If at all possible, please schedule all appointments in the afternoon or another week.

Encourage your child to do their best and get a good night's rest with a healthy breakfast each morning.

Don't stress!

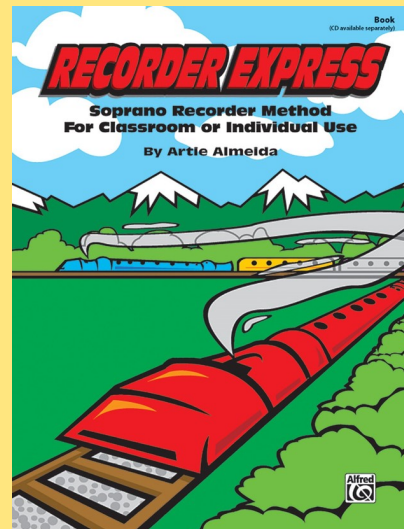


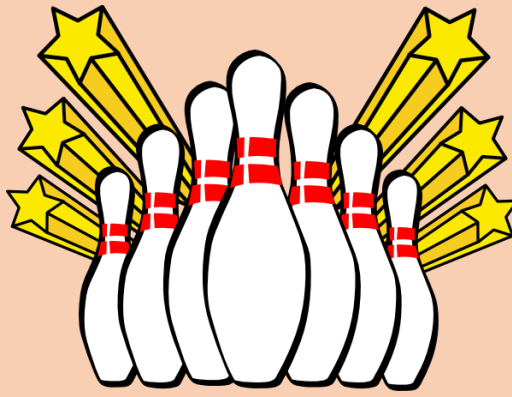
We would like to thank all of you for bring in your box tops. We had a good year we brought in \$1533.90. Great job! The winners of the prizes are: Maddie Roberts, Cade Carr, Christina Zou, Alex Dobyns, Lindsey Crider, Olivia John, AJ Franklin and Kaylei White. The Class winner is Dr. Rutledge's class. They will be rewarded with a cookies/ice cream sandwich party . Congratulations to all of you!



Fifth Grade Students,
If you are finished with your
recorder book
please bring them to
Mrs. Vines as soon as possible.

Thank you!!





Bowling Team Tryouts

Any rising 7th Grader or 8th Grader interested in trying out for 2017-2018 Bumpus Bowling team please join the Google Classroom with code hb8p3f. Tryouts for the girls team will be held on May 8th and 9th and tryouts for the boys team will be held on May 10th and 11th. Tryouts will take place at Vestavia Bowl from 3:45 to 5:15. Students must provide their own ride for tryouts. Students will need a current physical form on file.

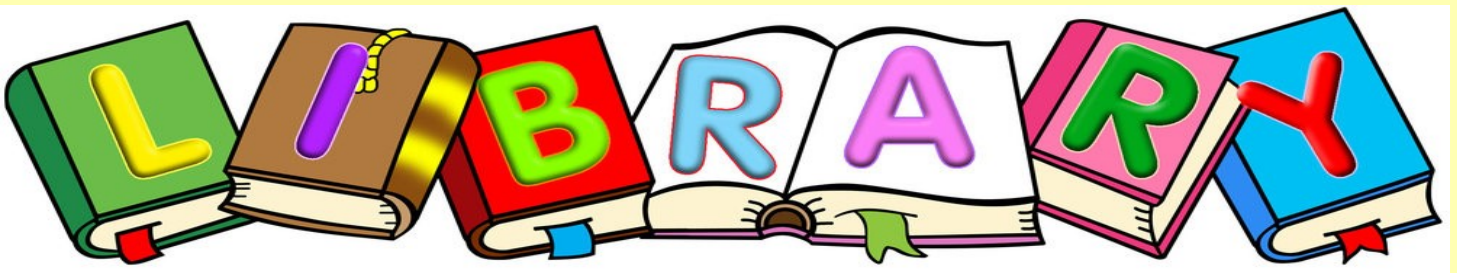


At Brock's Gap we are excited to announce that our very own Coach Jess Harbison has been offered and accepted the new Junior Varsity Buccanette coach at Hoover High School for the 2017-2018 season! She will still teach with us and work with these kids after school.

Jess grew up dancing competitively and has a passion for dance. We are proud of her accomplishments and all she does for the students of Hoover.

Go BGIS and Go Bucs!





The **Spring Book Fair** is coming to BGIS May 1st through May 5th. This is a great time to stock up on some good books to read for summer reading.

Volunteers are needed for the book fair. Parents, if you can help out during the book fair please contact Mrs. Stewart at 439-1642 or rstewart@hoover.k12.al.us.

So excited about some of the things happening in the library! Our new paint job makes everything bright and cheery. New tables and chairs have been ordered and will be here soon!

Thanks PTO and everyone who uses Planet Fundraiser for making these things happen. Don't have the Planet Fundraiser app ... no worries. Just send your receipt from Chick-Fil-A, Gigi's Cupcakes, or any participating stores to the library and we will scan the receipt for you so that our school and library will still receive the rewards.



Looking for parents to volunteer! Please sign up at the following link if you would be willing to help out in the BGIS library.

Thanks so much for volunteering to help!

Mrs. Stewart

[Library Volunteer Link](#) or

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4fa9a929a31-library1>

School Counselor SPOTLIGHT

www.schoolcounselor.com

Mrs. Robichaux and Mrs. Coleman are proud to be the school counselors for Brock's Gap Intermediate School. Ms. Robichaux will be working with 5th grade this year and Mrs. Coleman will be working with 6th grade this year. We both deliver classroom guidance, academic guidance, and personal counseling to students. In addition, we serve on the school leadership team, student support team, and coordinate standardized testing. We look forward to serving the wonderful students and parents that make up our dynamic school.

Coley Robichaux

5th Grade Counselor (439-1624) nrobichaux@hoover.k12.al.us

Terri Coleman

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Character Trait for April

Humility

Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.



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APRIL 2017 | *School of Herring*

HUMILITY

Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

This poster features a teal background with a school of herring. A large, detailed illustration of a herring is on the left side. The word 'HUMILITY' is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters across the center. The text 'Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.' is written in white below the word. In the top left corner is the Core logo and website information. In the top right corner, it says 'APRIL 2017 | School of Herring'.



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ABRIL 2017 | *Escuela de Arenques*

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SAY IT:

Humility is putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

KNOW IT:

Ask a kid:

- Would it be harder to put a sibling or your best friend first? Why do you think so?
- How do adults in your life put your needs first?

Ask a grown up:

- Who inspires you to live out humility?
- What does it cost to put others first?

SEE IT:

Search on YouTube for the scene called “Keep Swimming” in *Finding Nemo*. How did the fish show humility? What might have happened to them if they didn’t work together and listen to Marlin and Nemo?

BE IT:

Use scrap paper to put each family member’s name in a bowl or jar. For the rest of the month, draw a name from the bowl when a decision needs to be made (where to eat out, what to cook for dinner, what movie to watch, what game to play, etc.). When a family member’s name is drawn, they give up the chance to make that choice and say the name of a different family member to make the decision.

HUMILDAD

Poniendo a otros primero cuando dejas ir aquello que piensas que te mereces.

DILO:

Humildad es poner a otros primero dejando aquello que piensas que te mereces.

CONÓCELO:

Pregunta a un niño:

- ¿Es difícil poner a tu hermano/a o tu mejor amigo/a primero? ¿Por qué piensas que es así?
- ¿Cómo los adultos en tu vida ponen tus necesidades primero?

Pregunta a un adulto:

- ¿Quién te inspira en vivir en humildad?
- ¿Cuál es el costo de poner a otros primero?

MIRALO:

Busca en YouTube la escena llamada “Continua nadando” de la película “Buscando a Nemo” (En inglés: “Keep Swimming”). ¿Cómo el pez mostró humildad? ¿Qué hubiera pasado con ellos si no hubieran trabajado y escuchado juntos a Marlin y Nemo?

HAZLO:

Usa papel de construcción para poner el nombre de cada miembro de la familia en un tazón o jarra. Durante el resto del mes, saca un nombre del tazón cuando una decisión se tiene que hacer (donde salir a comer, que cocinar para la cena, cual película se va a mirar, cual juego se va a jugar, etc.) Cuando se saca el nombre de alguien de la familia, este tiene que dejar su turno y decir el nombre de aquel que va tomar la decisión.



Character Trait of the Month

Humility

Putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

Character Winners:

6th Grade

Voyagers: Joseph Walls & Carsyn Gibson

Discoverers: Elise Hart & Nathan Li

Explorers: Reilee McCorkel & Kaleb Jackson

Navigators: Mashod Evans & Madelyn Pitts

5th Grade

Voyagers: Martin Ngyuen & Presley Simmons

Discoverers: MaKenzie Newsome & Kefir Emory

Explorers: Austin Davis & Lilly Etheridge

Navigators: Madison Porche & Cannon Peters

BUCs Club

The BUCs Club (Believe, Unite, Contribute) students collected, organized, and created Spring baskets to benefit children of various ages for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.





The FDA has recently announced a recall for specific Epi Pen injectors. Please follow the link to view the lot numbers that are involved with this recall. The school nurse is in the process of checking the epi pens that are stored in the health room or authorized per physician to be carried on person by students. If any of these injectors are involved in the recall, you will be notified by the school nurse.

<https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm550170.htm>

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'LIL BIT FAN CLUB



Registration for the *'Lil Bit (Bucs In Training) Fan Club* is open to ages 4-12. Members will receive the following:

- Membership card
- Fan Club T-shirt
- FREE entry to all 2017 Hoover High softball home games* by wearing the Fan Club T-shirt
- One FREE bag of popcorn at the home game* attending
- Meet the players and coaches after the games
- Take the field with the players for the National Anthem at the Central Phenix (5:00) game on April 20th
- Pizza party with all the players after the Central Phenix game on April 20th in the hitting house

Fan Club Pricing: 1 Child - \$30; 2 Kids - \$50; \$3+ Kids - \$75

Sign up at bit.ly/bitfanclub

For more information or questions, contact Coach Matlock at tmatlock@hoover.k12.al.us.

Make checks payable to Hoover High School and send to:

Hoover High School, HHS Softball-Fan Club, 1000 Buccaneer Dr., Hoover, AL 35244

*Excludes Hoover Classic and Area Playoffs



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Dress Code for 5th & 6th Graders

Our teachers have reviewed the Code of Conduct in 1st period with all classes, but we are still seeing some issues with student dress code. Please review the dress code with your child again especially with the length of shorts. Some of our girls are wearing clothing that are too short. The range in the size of the girls is broad, so what's looks okay for one is not okay for the other. We try to be consistent with all our students.

Please remind your child of the length of shorts/dresses, which is number 5 in the Hoover Code of Conduct on page 29.

Please make note of the following...

2. Clothing should not reveal the body in an inappropriate manner. Examples: clothing which is too tight, too short, bare at the midriff, bare at the sides, sun dresses, "spaghetti strap" type tops, off-the-shoulder tops, tank tops, Racer-Back tops, low-cut front or back tops, sheer or see-through clothing, clothing worn backward or inside-out, pants worn too low (low riders), too long, or excessively large, etc. **Legging/Jeggings are not considered pants.** Undergarments should not be visible.

3. Excessively large clothing is not allowed.

4. Pants with holes above the knee are not appropriate.

5. **Shorts must be hemmed and not shorter than mid-thigh when student is seated. The following types of shorts are not allowed: shorts that are torn or in disrepair, sweatshirt material, tennis shorts, spandex shorts.** ○ High school students may wear athletic shorts.

○ Shorts Rule may be adjusted at the Elementary Level.

6. **Length of dresses, skirts, etc., is required to be at the top of the knee front and back when standing or walking.**

○ Length of dresses, skirts, etc. may be adjusted at the Elementary Level.



Absences

We believe nothing hinders student success more than absences, tardies, and checkouts.

When a student returns, the parent MUST provide in writing within three (3) days of the return an excuse that includes the following:

- 1. A written statement from the parent or doctor stating the reason for the absence.**
- 2. The date of the absence.**
- 3. Parent signature**

****Pre-arranged absence forms can be found on the school website****

If a student has more than 5 unexcused absences during the school year (not semester), the student may be referred to the District Office of Attendance or Early Warning Court.

We encourage you to check your student's absences and grades in INOW frequently. If you have questions regarding your child's attendance, please contact Jennifer Cole, BGIS Registrar, at jcole@hoover.k12.al.us or (205) 439-1615.

Community Service

Community service occurs whenever a student voluntarily does an act of kindness or good deed for another. To pursue the Community Service Award, a student must see their grade level counselor for a community service application or print off the application on the next page of the newsletter. Once the application is complete and service activities are approved, the student may begin documenting community service hours on a community service card. A student must complete 30 hours of service within one year to receive the Community Service Award. Examples of qualifying deeds include volunteer work in: tutoring, hospital programs, church, youth groups, and scouting service projects.



Brock's Gap Intermediate School
Record of Community Service Hours

Name _____ Grade _____

Homerom Teacher _____

Community Service is defined as those activities which assist others or the community for which the student receives neither pay nor academic credit.

Suggested Activities includes: tutoring, yard work for an elderly neighbor, being a "mother's helper" for small children other than your family, library volunteer, homeless shelters, Humane Society, church nursery, environmental projects, etc.

This form should be turned into either Mrs. Robichaux or Mrs. Coleman by May 5, 2017.

Thirty (30) hours of service are required to earn an award.

<i>Date of Activity</i>	<i>Community Service Location/Activity</i>	<i>Hours Logged</i>	<i>Signature of Service Supervisor</i>

Total Number of Hours _____

I agree that I have performed the above hours.

Student Signature **Date**

Counselor Signature **Date**