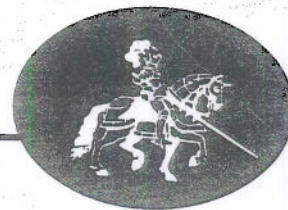


Herbert Hoover Middle School



July, 2011

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to the 2011-12 school year! Hoover Middle School has moved to the Tilden Holding Center at 6300 Tilden Lane, North Bethesda 20852. We will return to our official location and to a brand new building for the start of the 2013-14 school year. On behalf of the entire staff, we are looking forward to a fabulous opening and school year at the Tilden Center.

The building is in the process of being scrubbed, painted and waxed in anticipation of the arrival of our students on August 29th, 2011. Although we are not quite ready for visitors yet, all students and parents are invited to visit the Tilden Center on one of the following dates and times for a self guided tour of the building. **The Open House will be held August 16th and August 18th from either 3:30-5:00 pm or 6:30-8:00 pm.** Administrators will be at the front entrance for all four sessions to welcome you and provide a school map. Student schedule cards will not be available but homeroom listings for the first day will be posted around the building. Seventh and eighth grade students are especially encouraged to visit the building during one of these times in order to get acquainted with the school layout. Sixth grade students may attend the Open House but they should also mark the calendar for Mini Day on August 25th.

Mini Day will provide the 6th graders with an opportunity to walk the building and meet their teachers. The school buses will operate that morning. The program will start at 7:55 am and end at 11:40 am. This is an important program, but students who are unable to attend will participate in many orientation and team building activities the first two weeks of school. Seventh or eighth grade students NEW to the Hoover community are invited to attend an orientation meeting from 10:30 am- 11:40 am that day. Please call 301-469-1015 to RSVP if your new 7th or 8th grader plans to attend new student orientation. Returning seventh and eighth graders will receive schedules on the first day of school and they should not attend Mini Day.

Hoover P.E. uniforms are only sold online. Visit the Hoover Online Store to purchase P.E. uniforms and optional Hoover apparel. Items purchased by 5:00 pm on August 9th will be distributed at school during the first few days of school. Items ordered by 5:00 pm on August 30th will be delivered to school on September 8th. No shipping or handling charges will apply to these orders. All items purchased online after August 30th will be shipped home and shipping charges will be applied. Access to the online store is on the right side of the Hoover webpage.

Students are expected to be in their first period class ready to learn BEFORE the 7:55 am bell. Students who arrive to school before 7:20 am will remain outside the building. The walkway is covered. Students will be permitted in the cafeteria from 7:20-7:35 am. Students will be permitted to go to their lockers and prepare for the day at the 7:35 am bell. A reminder bell will ring at 7:50 am and all students are expected in first period by the 7:55 am bell.

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The MCPS bus schedule (which will also be used for Mini Day) is posted on the Hoover website. Please note you should look for the **route number** *not* the bus number. The route number will be displayed in the second window behind the driver on both sides of the bus. In addition, please go the Hoover website and click on Back to School Information for suggested supplies, forms and other important school information.

Please save the evening of Thursday, September 8, 2011 for Back to School Night. At that time parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers, learn about the curriculum and the policies and procedures for each class.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billie-Jean Bensen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "B".

Billie-Jean Bensen
Principal