

## November Newsletter

***\* Please review the "Provision and Recording of Remote Educational Service" documents available on the district website under the COVID-19 Documentation information center regarding Student Privacy.***

### Important Dates

- November 2-Material pick-ups
  - 8:00-12:00
  - 4:00-7:00
- November 3- No school
- November 11- No student attendance
- November 13- First trimester ends
- November 20- Report Cards are available
- November 23-24
  - parent/teacher conferences
- November 25-27- No School
- November 30- Material pick-up
  - 8:00-12:00
  - 4:00-7:00

### Virtual Assembly

- A huge thank you to our PTO for purchasing a Virtual assembly for all Hooper students. Please enjoy this video from Matt Wilhelm, BMX Bike professional and America's Got Talent Finalist.
- ***This video will be deleted on Friday, October 30th.***
  - <https://www.mattwilhelm.com/shows/hooper/>
  - [https://youtu.be/TdH6-\\_VoXpo](https://youtu.be/TdH6-_VoXpo)

### CAMERA USAGE DURING REMOTE LEARNING

- During live instruction in the remote learning environment, we highly recommend that you leave your camera on and be visible for not only attendance, but also for participation, socialization, relationship building, and engagement purposes. We love to see you Jaguars EVERY DAY!!

## **Google Meets**

- Please remember to make sure your child is muted during the live google meets. Students should only be unmuted when the teacher calls on them. It is very distracting for the teacher and other students on google meet when they hear all of the background noise.
- If your child is at daycare during the day, please remind them to make sure your child is muted during the live google meets as well.
- Don't forget you can download seesaw to your phones. It's a great way to get the assignments from the teachers beforehand and see the work your child does everyday.

## **Chromebook Difficulties**

- **Daily support & repair operations have resumed:** We have resumed daily repair operations as well as general support as of 8/3. We have temporarily centralized support at Peter J. Palombi Middle School during full remote. If your student is having an issue with their school Chromebook or any other general school related IT issue, please send an email to [technology@district41.org](mailto:technology@district41.org) and a ticket will be created for you in our system. One slight change from the spring, during this full remote portion of the school year, if you need to come onsite (for repair, exchange....etc), please come to the media center entrance at Peter J. Palombi NOT the front office.
- Another option is to clear your Cache and Cookies. Please follow the directions at this site:
  - <https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/32050?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>
- Make sure you are turning your Chromebook off at night as this will help.

## Come Bake with Mr. Feldman!!!!



- Come join Mr. Feldman and Bake S'Mores Bars!!!!
- When: Thursday, October 29th
  - K-2 from 5:45pm-6:15pm. Google meet code is feldmank-2
  - 3-6 grade from 6:20pm-6:50pm Google meet code is feldman3-6
- Ingredients needed:
  - ½ cup heavy Whipping Cream



- 1 ¾ cups of chocolate chips



- 3 ½ cups of mini marshmallows



- 1 cup of chocolate-covered graham crackers, broken into bite-size pieces



- You will need to refrigerate bars for roughly 2 hours before you eat them(Sorry).
- Highly recommended to have parents help!!!

## **Red Ribbon Week**

**October 26-30**

**Monday:** Proud to be Drug Free, Wear **RED** to kick off Red Ribbon Week

**Tuesday:** Crazy about my Health Day, Crazy Hair Day

**Wednesday:** Boo to Drugs! Wear Halloween colors or shirts

**Thursday:** Sock it to Drugs, Wear crazy socks

**Friday:** Healthy Hooper Leaders! Wear Hooper Leader Spirit Wear or Hooper Blue

### **HOOPER ATTENDANCE LINE 847-245-8198**

- Please be sure to call in absences to the attendance line before 9:00am. Leave your student's name, grade and reason for absence.
- Our goal this year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly even if it is virtually. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school, regardless of the reason, it can cause them to fall behind academically.

Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month. We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends every live google meet and arrives on time.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for the live google meets on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information please contact your child's teacher, Mrs. Vinson, or Mr. Feldman.

### **SixFlags Read to Succeed!**

- Important Notice Due to COVID-19, the 2021 Read to Succeed Program has been suspended. Unused tickets earned during the 2020 season will be valid through August 31, 2021.

## PTO Update

- FALL BOOK FAIR
  - This year we will be having a virtual book fair November 2nd through 15th! [Click here](#) to access District 41s book fair. Click on Hooper and it will send you to our page with links to fair information, games for the kids to win books, teacher wishlists, and this seasons' flyer!
- ROCK GARDEN

Reminder to have your kids decorate rocks for our rock garden. I've been posting the kids rocks as they come on the Hooper parents-PTO page.

**B J HOOPER SCHOOL**

**OCT 2020**

Deadline for drop off  
10/30/20

# TOGETHER WE ROCK



**HOW TO GET STARTED ROCK PAINTING TODAY!**

**STEP 1: GATHER ROCKS**  
Search for rocks around your yard or neighborhood. If you have a car wash, you can wash rocks from your car at the car wash or wash your

**STEP 2: PREP ROCKS**  
Clean rocks in soapy water to remove dirt and debris. Before painting, rocks in outdoor areas may have mold or algae. Use a brush and soap to clean them. Rinse and dry for 24 hours.

**STEP 3: PAINT & DECORATE**  
Use acrylic paint and paint pens with any number of colors to create designs. Be creative! The possibilities are endless!

**STEP 4: SEAL ROCKS**  
Use a sealant to protect your rocks from weather and UV rays. This will protect your rocks from the weather and keep your designs looking like new!

The PTO and B J Hooper would like to come together to add some brightness to the students', staff, and school's day! Students or families can paint a rock and deliver it to Hooper during the month of October. The PTO and volunteers will then spread the rocks around the path of the school. This is a fun way to get the kids involved in a school project while remote learning!

Please no rocks too large to move, all other shapes and sizes welcome.

**EMAIL HOOPERPTO@GMAIL.COM FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**



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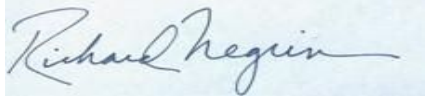
October 9, 2020

Dear School Leadership,

I hope this letter finds you, your students and staff safe and in good health during these challenging times. We at ComEd understand that all, or part, of your District's academic instruction is being conducted online. For this reason and more, we remain diligent to our commitment to provide your staff and students with reliable, safe and affordable electricity during this unprecedented time of e-learning. At the same time, we understand that some members of your staff and some of your students' families may be experiencing financial hardship as a result of the ongoing pandemic. That is why we're taking the time to let you know of the bill assistance options available to help those struggling with past-due balances. If you are aware of staff members or families that could benefit from additional support, *we ask that you share this information with them and have them call us immediately at **1-800-EDISON1 (1-800-334-7661), M-F, 7am-7pm***. Our customers can also visit [ComEd.com/Support](https://www.comed.com/Support) to learn more about the following payment assistance options and eligibility requirements:

- **CARE Customer Hardship Grants.** Residential customers facing financial hardship may be eligible to receive one-time CARE grants from ComEd to help them get back on their feet.
- **COVID-19 Financial Bill Assistance.** A one-time bill assistance credit of up to \$500 is available this year for eligible, low-income households.
- **Flexible, Extended Payment Arrangements.** For a limited time, low-income households and residential customers expressing financial hardship may be eligible for a flexible payment arrangement so they can spread balances over 24 payments, with 0% down. Residential customers who may not be facing financial hardship, but would like to spread balances, may be able to do so over 18 payments, with no more than 25% down.
- **Waiver of New Deposits and Fee Relief.** ComEd is waiving any new deposit requirements for a limited time for customers expressing financial hardship and extending relief from various fees (such as reconnection fees) to help low-income residential customers.
- **State and Federal Financial Energy Assistance.** Illinois' Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) and the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) also provide valuable financial help to households that may be facing financial challenges.
- On behalf of ComEd's dedicated essential front-line workers, thank you for the privilege of serving you, your staff and your vibrant educational community. Please be well and safe.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Negrin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light blue background.

Rich Negrin  
Vice President, External Affairs

If you have any other questions please feel free to contact your children(s) teacher, or the administration.

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