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Liberty Elementary School

February 2021 Newsletter

Brickies... Be responsible... Be respectful... and Be safe!

Happy February!

February is Black History Month!

You must call the school if anyone in your home is going to be tested for COVID before sending your child to school.



Take your child's temperature before sending them to school each morning.

Cafe Update-Starting Monday, February 1st we will be offering three daily menu choices for lunch:

- Hot Lunch
- Chef Salad
- Yogurt Lunchable

We have procedures in place to ensure everyone's *safety*. When visiting the office you must have a state ID or driver's license along with an appointment. Visitors are to always report to door 1. We also have a drop off table in our main vestibule if there should be a need to drop something off to your child.

Students need a fully charged Chromebook each day at school.

Please remember to check your child's backpack daily. No matter how they old they are it is important you are checking in on what is being sent home each day. Assignments are posted in Canvas daily.

Students need a set plan as to how they go home. Please send a note to the change in the event that you are changing their dismissal. Do not call the school to change your child's dismissal.

Listen for our Weekly Notable that will go out every week. We will remind you of events, share news and give you information to help your child be even more successful at school.

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Our Brickies still go out for recess daily weather permitting. Please dress them in their winter coats, hats, and mittens/gloves daily. We also encourage you to label these items with your child's name.

We allow students to play in the snow at recess if they are wearing the following items:

- Winter Coat
- Snow Pants
- Hat
- Gloves/Mittens
- Snow Boots

Students are not permitted to throw the snow!



Liberty Kindness Spirit Week

Raising money for the Hobart Food Pantry

February 1 - February 5

Kick-start to a month of Kindness.

\$1 per day is a suggested donation

Monday: PJ Day - Kindness is Cozy
Tuesday: Rock Star Day - Kindness Rocks!
Wednesday: Dress to Impress - Kindness is impressive. Wear your best or what makes you unique.
Thursday: The Magic of Kindness - Disney or Harry Potter Theme
Friday: Be a good sport - practice kindness every day. - Favorite sports team or Brickie gear.



LIBERTY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

E-Learner Material Pick-up Day

Tuesday,
February 9, 2021

8 am - 4 pm



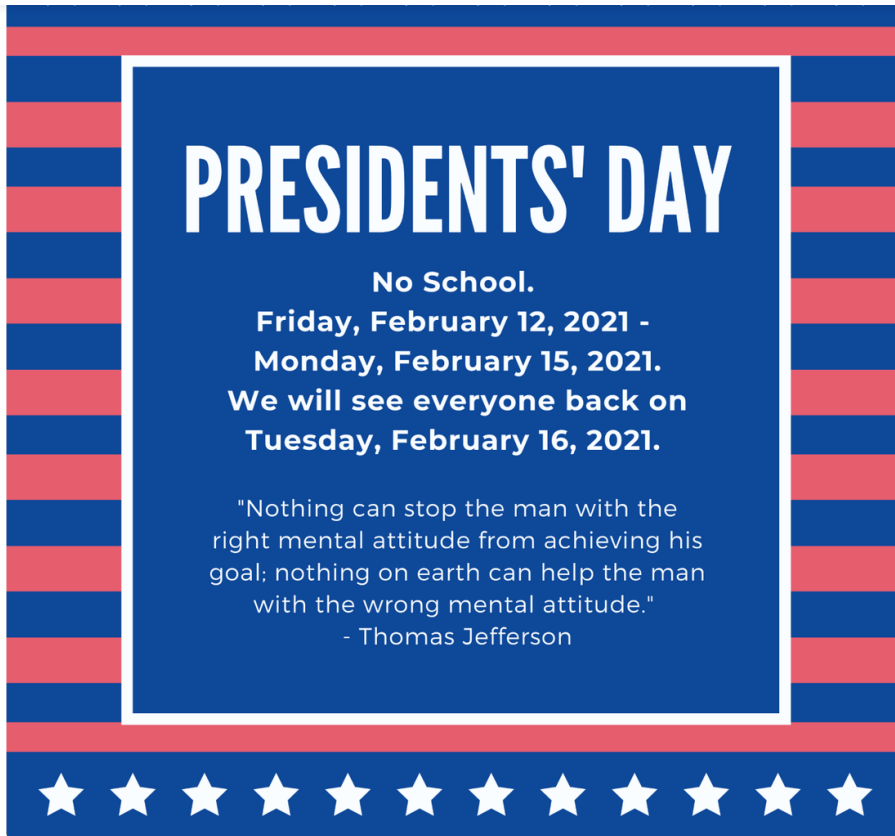
LIBERTY COLOR KINDNESS
CHALLENGE WEEK
FEBRUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 11

Join us in encouraging students to show kindness, gratitude, encouragement, and more throughout the week and beyond. Each day will be represented by a color and a daily challenge.

Monday: Wear GREEN for Gratitude - say THANK YOU to three or more people today!
Tuesday: Wear YELLOW for Positivity - try not to complain today!
Wednesday: Wear BLUE for Encouragement - Give someone a compliment today!
Thursday: Wear RED for Self-Love - Name three things you like about yourself in a journal!

We are excited to see Kindness spread in Liberty and throughout our community.





Kids Heart Challenge!

We are very excited to kick off our “ Kids Heart Challenge” with the **American Heart Association** and get our students heart healthy!

From **February 1st-26th** gym classes will be taught jump rope and other “heart healthy” activities!

Starting Monday, February 1st we will be kicking off our program with a video in gym about our Kids Heart Challenge. There will be a letter and donation envelope to go home with the students. Students can raise awareness and help raise vital funds for kids and adults with heart disease. With it being the #1 Killer in Americans and 80% of it being preventable Kids Heart Challenge is a great way to keep our kids healthy.

Our **fundraising deadline is Friday Feb. 26, 2021.**

Online thank you gifts start with a wristband and keychain that will be handed out at the end of each gym class. Other thank you gifts will be mailed out to our school at the end of March.

We encourage online donations via our school's webpage at:
<http://www2.heart.org/goto/liberty>

This year we are only accepting checks made payable to American heart Association or online donations. **We will not accept any cash.** Please remember you can scan all checks on the Kids Heart Challenge app and see all the characters come to life on the app as well!

Please look for the letter to be coming home soon!!

Thank you in advance for helping us keep our kids healthy, kind, and active!



GOAL SETTING TIPS FOR OUR BRICKIES!



Here are some tips that can help students set effective goals:

1. Goals are intentional commitments to action, not a wish list.

"I want to get an A" lacks power. "I will work hard (How), to earn an A," is intentional and powerful.

2. Be specific.

"Find help" is too general. "I will find 5 resources that will help me before the end of the month" is better.

3. Share your goals with someone who cares if you reach them.

Sharing your intentions with your parents, your best friend, or your teacher will help ensure success.

4. Write down your goals and put them where you will see them.

The more often you read your list, the more results you get.

5. Review and revise your list.

Experiment with different ways of stating your goals. Goal setting improves with practice!

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Smart Goals

S **Specific**

Don't make your goals too big. Know exactly what is required to reach that goal.

M **Measurable**

The only way you will know if you have achieved your goals is if you can measure it. Achieving a high mark in an exam is measurable. Beating your personal best time is measurable.

A **Achievable**

Make sure your goal is realistic in terms of your ability and aptitude and that the time frame is appropriate for what you are trying to do.

R **Realistic**

Aim for simple steps in the right direction. Don't aim for an 'A' if you are getting a 'D' at the moment. There is no point in setting a goal if you can't realistically achieve it.

T **Time Bound**

Have an end point by which time you want to have achieved your goal.



School City of Hobart

Social Emotional Learning

WHAT IS SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING?

According to CASEL, "Social Emotional Learning is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions."

Social Emotional Parent Meetings

Join us for these meetings! More information will be sent via Skyward and on our School City of Hobart Facebook and Twitter pages closer to the date. However, mark your calendar now to join us!

Meeting dates - Feb. 2nd, 16th, 23rd - zoom meetings

Session 1: SEL 101- Feb. 2nd

Definition of Social Emotional Learning

Mental Wellness

How to apply SEL to home.

Session 2: Importance of Routines- Feb. 16

Session 3: Regulation and Self –Control Strategies – Feb 23

Benefits of Mindfulness For Kids

Studies show that the benefits of mindfulness for kids may include:

- 1. Increased focus**, attention, self-control, classroom participation, compassion.
- 2. Improved academic performance**, ability to resolve conflict, overall well-being.
- 3. Decreased levels of stress**, depression, anxiety, disruptive behavior.

Your children will participate in mindful practices focusing in on learning about the science of the brain, breathing and movement. Our goal is to teach your children how to successfully manage emotions, identify & discuss emotions, feel and show empathy to others and build positive relationships as well as make responsible decisions. The SEL tools that students will learn can be applied at home and taken with them to use throughout life. Our SCOH staff has been learning about the science of the brain for a number of years. We're looking forward to putting plans in place at each level. Students will participate in Mindful Mondays and/or Wellness Wednesdays during Power Hour at HHS, Homeroom at HMS and morning meeting at the elementary level.

Resources for families is located on the School City of Hobart's website under the title *Academics and Social Emotional Learning*.

Click here to access the page: [Social Emotional Resources for Parents and Families](#)

A Mindfulness Practice For Families



1. **To begin, find a comfortable sitting position.** You can even place a hand on the heart. Allow your eyes to close or lower your gaze toward the floor.
2. **Bring to mind someone who you really respect and look up to,** and who really loves you in return. Notice how you feel as you bring this person to mind.
3. **Make a kind wish and send it their way.** What would make them happy?
4. **Next, bring to mind someone else you love and care about:** A family member, a friend, a beloved colleague. Just bring this person to mind, sending this person a kind wish.
5. **We'll move from here to a more neutral person.** Perhaps someone you don't know very well: A parent you see occasionally in the pick-up line, a person who delivers your mail, or makes your coffee in the morning. Just bring this person to mind and imagine yourself sending them some kind of kind wish.
6. **Lastly, bring to mind someone who has frustrated you lately, someone who is a little difficult.** Send this last person a kind wish—something nice for them in their life.
7. **Check in with your mind and body as you conclude this practice.** Allow your eyes to open if they've been closed. Notice if there's any shift.

The point of is: We don't have to be perfectly loving beings at all times. We don't have the psychological, financial, or genetic resources to literally treat everyone as we treat our own child—let alone treat our own child as we'd always like to. Instead, we strive to do our best and aim for that middle path: loving, caring, and acts of kindness. Because compassion, and even self-compassion, [runs in families](#). I encourage you to find ways to practice compassion. What you do now will make a difference for future generations.



Nothing stops a Brickie Maker & Innovator!

Virtual!

7TH ANNUAL BRICKIE MAKERS & INNOVATORS SHOWCASE

Showcase your talents, hobbies, experiments, and creations **VIRTUALLY** at this year's Virtual Brickie Makers & Innovators Showcase!

www.hobart.k12.in.us/MakerRegistration
Students will need to log in with their Google account.
Entries due by **March 31, 2021!**

WE WILL POST THE LINK TO OUR VIRTUAL SHOWCASE ON APRIL 7TH!

Visit www.hobart.k12.in.us/maker to see past showcases!



PLEASE NOTE
THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL
CALENDAR HAS BEEN
UPDATED.



six (6) E-Learning days for
all students (once a month).
The dates include the following:

OCTOBER 2
NOVEMBER 3*
DECEMBER 4
JANUARY 8
FEBRUARY 5
MARCH 5
APRIL 9
MAY 4*

*already an E-Learning day due to election

Report Cards are Electronic!

Accessing and printing your student's Report Card
is as easy as 1,2,3!

1. Log in to your PARENT Skyward account.
2. Click on "Student Documents".
3. All of your students should be listed and you simply click on their recent report card!

Having issues logging into your Skyward?
Give our Technology Department a call at (219) 942-1388 ext. 4

Check Your Child's Progress Weekly in Skyward!



Checking Grades in Skyward

LOG IN ID: Your Parent Skyward Login
PASSWORD: Your Personal Password

Website

Step One on the Website:
Visit the skyward web page at www.hobart.k12.in.us/skyward and enter your Parent Skyward Login and Personal Password. Then click "Sign in".
Need help with your login? Call the Technology Department at (219) 942-1388.

Step Two on the Website:
If you only have one child in our school system, simply click on "Gradebook" to view their grades.
If you have multiple children, you will click on the specific child in the drop-down box at the top. Then click on "Gradebook" to view that child's grades.


Step Three on the Website:
Once you are in their gradebook you can see any missing assignments at the top.
You can click on the arrow by the subject to see individual assignments and grades.
You can also click on the subject itself to see the course length, room number, days they have the class, class time, and more!

Phone App

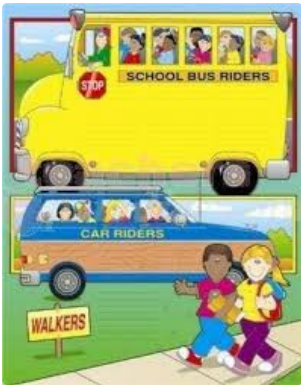
Step One on the App:
Download the Skyward Mobile Access app on your smartphone.
Add your student to the account by selecting "District by Name" and entering "School City of Hobart"

Step Two on the App:
Next, click on "School Management" and enter your Parent Skyward Login and Personal Password.
Need help with your login? Call the Technology Department at (219) 942-1388.
Click on the "Save" icon at the top and you are all set!

Step Three on the App:
Once you set up your account you will be able to select your child, if you have more than one, and see all of their grades.
You can click on the grade itself to see the breakdown of assignments and individual grades.
You can also see their messages and any notifications they may have.



Arrival and Dismissal



Arrival:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
8:30 Breakfast
8:45 Students Go to Classrooms
8:55 Attendance is Taken

Wednesday

8:50 Breakfast
9:05 Students Go to Classrooms
9:15 Attendance is Taken

Dismissal:

3:20 Walkers and Car Riders Dismiss
3:35 Approximate Time Buses will Leave the School

Communication

Every month you will receive a monthly newsletter and calendar. This is the school's way of communicating important events that are taking place at the school.

You will also receive notables from the school on your phone. A weekly notable goes out from the school every Wednesday at 5 p.m. There may be other occasions the school will call with announcements.

You can also find current information about school events:

<https://www.facebook.com/LibertyElementarySCOH>

<https://www.hobart.k12.in.us/le>

February Breakfast:



February Lunch:

<https://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/webmenus2/#/view?id=5ff37269534a130c5fff2e54&siteCode=1973>

The School City of Hobart's Focus on Education:

[SCOH February Newsletter](#)



ATTENTION VISITORS:

IF YOU ARE VISITING THE SCHOOL AT ANY TIME, YOU MUST ENTER AT DOOR 1 AND SCAN YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE I.D. AT THE IPAD IN THE VESTIBULE. FOR SECURITY REASONS, WE CANNOT MAKE ANY EXCEPTIONS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP IN KEEPING OUR BRICKIES SAFE!



The Nurse's Corner

Our School System has a great staff of nurses with each school housing a license registered nurse to assist with any possibility that can happen at school. Whether is be administering shots for diabetics, aiding with gym injuries, placing band-aids on scraped knees, or even saving our teacher's life - you can count on them to take care of your child as if it were their own. They are always there to assist and we could not thank them enough. We wanted to share some of their knowledge to help educate parents on head lice, flu symptoms, immunizations, and more!

www.hobart.k12.in.us/healthservices

your flu shot and stay protected. Contact your healthcare provider or make an appointment at our Brickie Clinic 219-945-9383

Sick Students

PLEASE KEEP ALL SICK OR SUSPECTED SICK STUDENTS HOME FROM SCHOOL. PLEASE MARK THEM OFF IN SKYWARD. SYMPTOMS INCLUDE: fever greater than 100.4 degrees, CHILLS, SORE THROAT, COUGH(especially new onset, uncontrolled cough), DIARRHEA, VOMITING, HEADACHE(particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with a fever) , NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL, MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES OR FATIGUE, CONGESTION OR RUNNY NOSE, SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING. If you are unsure, please call your healthcare provider or school nurse for advice. Please do not send your student to school and instruct them to go directly to the nurse before the school day begins. Again, if you have any questions or concerns please contact your school nurse. For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.hobart.k12.in.us/protectbrickies> - SKYWARD INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS ABSENT REQUESTS IN SKYWARD FOR PARENT/GUARDIANS- SEE VIDEO BELOW <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UVUSq5USyAh-AwDoDXVhZl-nP83REUqB/view?usp=sharing>

COVID-19 INFORMATION- SYMPTOMS/SICK AND RETURN SCHOOL POLICY

Notify your school immediately of COVID-19 symptoms or any exposure to a COVID-19 positive test: nurse@hobart.k12.in.us COVID-19: When a student, faculty, or staff member can return to school (Indiana Department of Health) Updated 8.25.20 Indiana COVID-19 Testing Sites - Added July 18, 2020 Click Here to access the Indiana State Department of Health's Indiana COVID-19 Testing Sites Note: For each testing site, the following information is provided: Location, Scheduling Options, Hours, Requirements to be Tested, Payment Options, Phone Number, Days/Hours of Operation, Format of Testing Reporting.

Current Testing Sites in Lake County (As of July 18, 2020):

- Methodist Hospital-Southlake Campus - 8701 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410
- Family Urgent Care - 1217 US HWY 41, Schererville, IN 46375
- Methodist Hospitals-Northlake Campus - 600 Grant St, Gary, IN 46402
- NW Indiana ER & Hospital - 7904 Cabela Dr, Hammond, IN 46324
- Physicians Urgent Care Indianapolis - 10343 Indianapolis Blvd, Highland, IN 46322
- HealthLinc Community Health Center - 1313 W Chicago Ave, East Chicago, IN 46312
- ISDH Drive-Thru at Ivy Tech CC - 410 E Columbus Dr, East Chicago, IN 46312
- ISDH Drive-Thru at Oliver P. Morton High School - 6915 Grand Ave, Hammond, IN 46323

Don't Touch Your Face To help prevent infections, keep your hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth. WHY?

Touching the mucous membranes on your face with your dirty hands allows germs that cause respiratory infections to enter the body. Why Is Not Touching Your Face SO Important? It is estimated that people touch their faces about 23 times per hour! Respiratory infections can be caused by many different bacterial, viruses, and other disease-causing germs. When you touch your face with dirty, unwashed hands, germs can take up residence in your mucous membranes which can lead to an infection. How Are Respiratory Infections Spread? Respiratory infections, like pneumonia or the flu, can spread through droplets in the air when a sick person coughs, sneezes, or talks near you. Respiratory infections can also be spread by direct contact with bacteria, viruses, and other disease-causing germs. When we touch people who are sick, or touch dirty surfaces, we contaminate our hands with germs. We can then infect ourselves with those germs by touching our face. How Can I Protect Myself From Respiratory Infections?

There are several ways that you can protect yourself from getting a respiratory infection:

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Never touch your face with dirty hands.
- Wash your hands frequently. Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs in most situations.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer to clean your hands if soap and water are not available.
- Get a flu shot every year. Encourage your family and friends to get a flu shot too!
- Ask your healthcare provider if the pneumonia vaccine is right for you.



prevent the spread of respiratory and diarrheal infections from one person to the next. Germs can spread from other people or surfaces when you:

- Touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
 - Prepare or eat food and drinks with unwashed hands
 - Touch a contaminated surface or objects
 - Blow your nose, cough, or sneeze into hands and then touch other people's hands or common objects
- Key Times to Wash Hands** You can help yourself and your loved ones stay healthy by washing your hands often, especially during these key times when you are likely to get and spread germs:
- Before, during, and after preparing food
 - Before eating food
 - Before and after caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
 - Before and after treating a cut or wound
 - After using the toilet
 - After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
 - After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
 - After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
 - After handling pet food or pet treats
 - After touching garbage
- During the COVID-19 Pandemic, you should also wash your hands
- After you have been in a public place and touched an item or surface that may have been frequently touched by other people, such as door handles, tables, gas pumps, shopping carts, or electronic cash registers/screens, etc.
 - Before touching your eyes, nose, or mouth because that's how germs enter our bodies.
- Follow **Five Steps to Wash Your Hands the Right Way** Washing your hands is easy, and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community—from your home and workplace to childcare facilities and hospital. Follow these five steps every time.

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them. Why? Read the science behind the recommendations. Use Hand Sanitizer When You Can't Use Soap and Water

You can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available. Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs in most situations. If soap and water are not readily available, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. You can tell if the sanitizer contains at least 60% alcohol by looking at the product label. Sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands in many situations. However,

- Sanitizers do not get rid of all types of germs.
 - Hand sanitizers may not be as effective when hands are visibly dirty or greasy.
 - Hand sanitizers might not remove harmful chemicals from hands like pesticides and heavy metals.
- Caution!** Swallowing alcohol-based hand sanitizers can cause alcohol poisoning if more than a couple of mouthfuls are swallowed. Keep it out of reach of young children and supervise their use.
- How to use hand sanitizer**
- Apply the gel product to the palm of one hand (read the label to learn the correct amount).
 - Rub your hands together.
 - Rub the gel over all the surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry. This should take around 20 seconds.
- CDC's Handwashing Campaign: Life is Better with Clean Hands** CDC's Life is Better with Clean Hands campaign encourages adults to make handwashing part of their everyday life and encourages parents to wash their hands to set a good example for their kids. Visit the Life is Better with Clean Hands campaign page to download resources to help promote handwashing in your



Vaccinations-

All students SHOULD be up to date on their vaccinations. Indiana state law requires you to have up to date immunizations. If you have any questions or concerns about the new school year 2020-21 requirements, please contact your school nurse. Health Conditions-If your student has a specific health condition or needs special care during the school day such as medication, treatments, or monitoring, please inform your school nurse and provide your nurse with a care plan. Individual health care plans help keep your student safe and healthy. Head Lice- It's that time of year where our students break out their coats, scarves and hats. Please encourage your child not to share such items as hats, scarves, brushes or any personal items. Lice is not a danger to your child's health, it is simply an annoying problem that comes around this time of year, so no need to panic. Please know that anyone and everyone can get lice. Getting lice has nothing to do with you being clean or dirty, it only has to do with the fact that you are human. It is very important to check your family for lice this time of year regularly. If you find any live lice or eggs, it is absolutely necessary to treat each "infected" person, but more importantly, you must notify the school so that we can effectively and confidentially assist you with monitoring. The school nurse can assist you with proper treatment options as well as identify and demonstrate for you what to do. CLOTHING- Please make sure your student has an extra change of clothing in his/her backpack incase needed for unseen circumstances that may arise during the school day. If you have any questions, please call your school nurse or visit our school web page at <http://www.hobart.k12.in.us> for more information on student health, school forms, and other helpful links.



Let's continue to keep each other safe and healthy! **2021**

Follow the 3 W's every day:
Wash your hands, Wear a mask, Watch your distance.

Keep up to date with the School City of Hobart COVID announcements by regularly checking your Skyward account and the Protect Brickies web page at:

www.hobart.k12.in.us/ProtectBrickies

The banner features a cartoon character of a bricklayer in a yellow shirt and blue pants, holding a pencil that is part of the '2021' graphic.



COVID-19 INCUBATION TIMELINE

COVID-19 has up to a 14 day incubation period

SALLY WAS EXPOSED TO COVID-19.

DAY 0

Sally was exposed to COVID-19.

DAY 10

Sally became symptomatic and tested positive.



DAY 5

Sally got tested for COVID-19 and the results came back negative.

DAY 8

Thinking she didn't have COVID-19, Sally attended school and a family cookout. She was contagious days 8 & 9 (48 hours before symptoms) and now exposed 17 people.



Help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Stay home if:



You **OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD** are experiencing any of the symptoms:

- Temperature 100.4° F or higher
- Sore Throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline.)
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Abdominal Pain
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

You or anyone in your household are being tested for COVID-19.

You or anyone in your household tested positive.



Report **ALL household symptoms, testing, positives** to nurse@hobart.k12.in.us

Our Coordinator of Health Services for the School District will assist you in monitoring your student(s) and let you know when they can safely return to help control the spread in our schools and community.

Your student will **NOT** fall behind; we have staff that will assist them with Elearning while symptoms and/or results are confirmed and subside.



TEN

2 **KNOW THE SYMPTOMS!**

- Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain;
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

Source: Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

3 **SELF-SCREEN AND REPORT TO THE SCHOOL IN SKYWARD**

- In Skyward, parents will need to report the conditions when calling off a child.
- Parents will utilize the Absence Requests section in Skyward.
- Parents will have options to select the symptom(s) a child is exhibiting and/or have an opportunity to explain such symptoms as they relate to a known medical condition.

4 **PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST COMMUNICATE INFORMATION TO THE SCHOOL WHEN SYMPTOMATIC OR EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH A COVID-19 POSITIVE TEST.**

Close Contact:

- A close contact is a person who spends greater than 15 minutes within six feet of a positive COVID-19 person from the 48 hours prior to the positive person's symptom onset or positive test collection date if asymptomatic.
- Close contacts need to quarantine at home for 14 days after the date of their last exposure. (Source: CDC)

6 **PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE**

Teach the importance of not touching your face. Teach and reinforce good hygiene practices like hand washing, using hand sanitizer, covering sneezes/coughs, and keeping one's hands to self. Teach the proper use and removal of masks. Don't touch the mask like not touching your face. Remove the mask from the sides of the mask.

7 **MASK USAGE**

Teach the importance of wearing a mask. Staff and students are required to wear masks as instructed. Masks are used when moving in the school like entering hallways, talking face to face, or in large crowds.

8 **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Adhere to safe social distancing practices (6 feet) and follow all safety instructions and signage.

9 **FOOD SERVICE IS BOXED & ONLINE PAYMENT IS PREFERRED.**

THE 3 W'S

W - Wear A Mask!
W - Wash Your Hands!
W - Watch Your Distance!

- Students and employees will be re-hashed from site campus instruction if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 based on CDC Guidance that are not otherwise explained by medical history.
- Examples of this include: Students with symptoms that aren't related to COVID-19 may be a cough due to allergies or migraine headaches.
- Family health care providers may need to provide assistance. Student's Attendance MUST be reported in Skyward, and COVID-19 symptoms MUST be reported to source@hobart.k12.in.us

I pledge to

PROTECT BRICKIES

PROTECT MYSELF
PROTECT OTHERS
PROTECT OUR RESPECT COMMUNITY

- Use a checklist of things to bring to school daily in order to prevent the need for dropping off items.
- Visitors are restricted!

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COVID-19 SYMPTOMATIC OR POSITIVE TEST EXPOSURE REQUIRES RETURN TO SCHOOL RULES.


- Student gets tested for COVID-19 at a testing event set up by a community organization. The student was symptomatic when they got the test. The test comes back positive. The student must isolate and stop going to school for 10 days after the test.
- Student gets tested for COVID-19 at a testing event set up by a community organization. The student was symptomatic when they got the test. The test comes back positive. The student gets diagnosed 7-10 days after the test but had the test for symptoms like fatigue, sore throat, and cough. The student must isolate at home for at least 10 days and 10 hours after the test without their symptoms improving or getting worse to quarantine. The student must stop going to school for 10 days.
- Student tests positive and has three siblings in the home or an other contact who attend other schools. If the sibling tests negative, the student must isolate and stop going to school for 10 days. However, sibling must quarantine for 10 days before returning to school. Siblings of the sibling who are considered a close contact unless the sibling or parent quarantines.
- Student has a close contact, though, contacts are not positive and are asymptomatic. The student gets an antigen positive test in a regular classroom or in a school. There is at least a 15-minute of talking to close contact. Therefore, a parent will be required to isolate student at home for 10 days and 10 hours after the test. However, the student must isolate at home for at least 10 days and 10 hours after the test. However, the student must isolate at home for at least 10 days and 10 hours after the test. However, the student must isolate at home for at least 10 days and 10 hours after the test.
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Source: Indiana State Department of Health
Visit www.hobart.k12.in.us/protectbrickies for more information!

10 **BUS STOPS AND BUS TRAVEL REQUIRE MASKS!**

Plans are subject to change based on guidance from state and local authorities.





THE NURSE


IS HERE TO HELP.

IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN!

MANY HAVE TURNED THEIR STUDENT'S IMMUNIZATION IN, BUT WE ARE STILL WAITING ON A FEW. THE NURSES HAVE REACHED OUT TO THESE FAMILIES DIRECTLY.

IF YOUR STUDENT'S IMMUNIZATIONS ARE NOT RECEIVED BY THE START OF SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 8TH - THEY WILL BE MOVED TO E-LEARNING. THIS ALSO INCLUDES ANY RELIGIOUS/MEDICAL WAIVER PAPERWORK THAT IS NEEDED ON FILE.

SIMPLY TAKE A PICTURE OF THEM AND EMAIL IT TO YOUR STUDENT'S SCHOOL NURSE. GIVE THEM A CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



EARLY LEARNING CENTER : CARRIE SCANLON
CSCANLON@HOBART.K12.IN.US OR (219) 942-7263

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY : VERONICA SHINKLE
VSHINKLE@HOBART.K12.IN.US OR (219) 942-4251

VETERANS ELEMENTARY : JILL BOBER
JBOBER@HOBART.K12.IN.US OR (219) 942-5614

JOAN MARTIN ELEMENTARY : MICHELLE ENGLISH
MENGLISH@HOBART.K12.IN.US OR (219) 947-7869

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JNOEL@HOBART.K12.IN.US OR (219) 942-8541

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PROTECT BRICKIES



WEAR A MASK!

MASK BREAKS WHEN
ANNOUNCED

do not touch your face!



WASH YOUR HANDS!

As much as possible



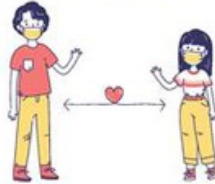
OR HAND SANITIZE WHEN
YOU CANNOT!



WATCH YOUR DISTANCE!

6FT PREFERENCE

**ALWAYS USE A
MASK!**



VISIT US @: WWW.HOBART.K12.IN.US/PROTECTBRICKIES

NEW! How To Report An Absence!

If your child isn't feeling well, please keep him or her at home. You must report the absence to the school before 10:00 AM. Click the link below to learn how to report an absence.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UVUSq5USyAh-AwDoDXVhZI-nP83REUqB/view>



Report An Absence

Log Into Skyward Using Parent/Guardian

1 Account

Please Contact Technology If You Need Help With Parent Login 942-1388

STAY IN BED




Select Attendance In Right Corner, Select Absence Request **2** A Window Will Open to Select Child's Name

3 Enter Date
Select Reason
Add Comment
Save To Submit

You can copy your entry before saving to include other children in your home. You Do Not Need to Call Your School To Report Absence Once You Have Completed in Skyward

 **SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART** 
IS LOOKING FOR SOME GREAT SUBSTITUTES TO JOIN OUR TEAM AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR BRICKIES!


Help our Brickies learn by becoming a substitute teacher! Great for those that are earning a teaching degree, retired, or those looking to make some extra money!

 Indiana Teacher's License - \$80.00 per day
Sub Permit with BS Degree or higher - \$75.00 per day
Sub Permit with HS Diploma - \$65.00 per day
Sub Aide / Clerical - \$9.25 per hour

Love re-energizing kids with a good meal & then sending them back to class? Then this is the position for you! Great opportunity for any parent that is looking to make some extra money while still being able to get your Brickies to and from school!


 Substitute Food Service Pay is \$9.23 per hour

Cleaning is a natural part of life. We clean our house, clean our cars, clean our dogs - all for free! So why not clean AND get paid!? Our custodial engineers work hard and have fun doing it. Come be a part of their great team!


 Substitute Custodial Pay is \$10.50 per hour

The wheels on the bus go around & around transporting our Brickies to school safely! Join our amazing transportation team and "steer" our Brickies to success!

<p>Substitute Bus Drivers: Must have OR be willing to get a Class B CDL Hours are 6:00am - 9:00am & 2:00pm - 4:30pm Pay is \$13.78 per hour</p>	<p>Substitute Bus Aides: Hours are: 6:00am - 9:00am, 10:30am - 1:30pm, and 2:00pm - 4:30pm Pay is \$9.12 per hour</p>
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Encourage our Brickies to stay healthy and help those not feeling well by becoming a substitute nurse! Know that every day you will impact a student, and hopefully they will impact you.

 Must be an LPN or RN to qualify.
Substitute Nurse Pay is \$17.59 per hour

Any questions? Call (219) 942-8885
APPLY TO ANY OF THESE POSITIONS ONLINE AT:
WWW.HOBART.K12.IN.US/HR
There is no substitute for a great substitute!



Employers Are Searching For?

INDIANA EMPLOYERS WANT HIGHLY-SKILLED EMPLOYEES. DEVELOPING THESE 18 **Employability Skills** CAN HELP YOU LAND YOUR DREAM JOB!



MINDSETS Lifelong Learning DEMONSTRATE WILLINGNESS TO WORK AND LEARN, AND CONTINUALLY APPLY NEW KNOWLEDGE. Possess belief in own ability to succeed and assist self when necessary. SELF-CONFIDENCE		WORK ETHIC Self-Discipline Demonstrate self-control and behave in accordance to rules with minimal direction. Successfully carry out expectations with minimal supervision. INDEPENDENCE	
LEARNING STRATEGIES Effective Communication Apply skills to clearly, effectively, and concisely express ideas and messages to others appropriate to the environment. DECISION-MAKING Utilize critical thinking skills and perspectives of others to make informed decisions based on options, rewards, risks, limits, and goals.		PERSEVERANCE DEMONSTRATE ENDURANCE AND CAPACITY TO COMPLETE TASKS. TIME MANAGEMENT & ORGANIZATION Plan and organize long and short-term goals while understanding how to balance school, home, and community activities.	
INITIATIVE Apply self-motivation and self-direction to work and learning. Attention to Detail Achieve thoroughness and accuracy when accomplishing a task. APTITUDE Awareness Identify and communicate individual interests and skills that align coursework and experiences to potential career paths and to in-demand occupations.		Manage transitions and adjust to changing situations and responsibilities. ADAPTABILITY INTEGRITY ACT IN A TRUSTWORTHY AND HONEST MANNER. PROFESSIONALISM Demonstrate skills and behaviors appropriate for school and work.	
Connection Demonstrate the ability to network with others through social awareness and cultural sensitivity.		SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL SKILLS REGULATION Recognize and manage one's emotions. Collaboration Work well with others in a team.	




 Want to learn more?
www.employabilityskills.in.gov



Due to the rapid, epidemic like influx of JUULING and in partnership with the school staff, our School Resource Officer's from the Hobart Police Department will continue to vigorously confiscate and charge students through the schools or through the courts with any violations.



Chromebooks

Chromebooks are used daily in class. All students need to have their headphones and a fully charged Chromebook every day. If your child does not have it he/she will miss out on many class activities, projects, assessments and assignments, which will have to be made up during their recess time or at home.

While I strongly encourage students to use their Chromebook at home, as a family I recommend establishing a routine at the beginning of the school year on how it will be utilized for academic purposes and a designated charging station that is not in the student's bedroom.

DO YOU NEED TECHNOLOGY HELP?

If you are having technical issues, don't panic.
The Technical Team is here to help!

Online Helpdesk - If you are able to access the internet, you can contact the Online Helpdesk. Your Chromebook has an "H" icon that says **Technology Helpdesk**. This will take you directly to the Helpdesk where you can login with your Canvas login. You can also access it at www.hobart.k12.in.us/helpdesk

Technology Department - If you are unable to access the internet, call the Technology Department and they can connect you to the next available technician. If someone is not immediately available, they will call you back as soon as possible.

(219) 942-1388, SELECT 4 FOR TECHNOLOGY



**MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT
WWW.HOBART.K12.IN.US/2020**

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP THEIR CHILD THRIVE AT SCHOOL

by @inner_drive | www.innerdrive.co.uk

- ▶ Have high academic expectations
- ▶ Regular communication about how school is going
- ▶ Praise their processes, not their natural ability
- ▶ See their setbacks as learning opportunities
- ▶ Eat dinner together round the table
- ▶ Set clear homework rules
- ▶ Ask open ended questions
- ▶ Foster good reading habits
- ▶ Spend time talking about about non-school stuff
- ▶ Create both challenging and supportive environments
- ▶ Have a consistent and calm bedtime routine for them



Free Meals for Everyone






Free Breakfast and Lunch for ALL Brickies!

The USDA recently extended waivers allowing School Nutrition Programs to provide FREE meals to all students. School City of Hobart will gratefully accept this option and begin to provide all students: both in-school and E-Learners, FREE breakfast and lunch meals. This program is for School City of Hobart students only.

Meals will continue to be packed by food service staff, as recommended by the CDC to help keep all students and staff safe while enjoying their meals.

E-LEARNER PICK-UP TIMES

Monday - Two (2) days of Breakfast and Lunch
AND
Wednesday - Three (3) days of Breakfast and Lunch

Hobart Middle School and Hobart High School 3:00pm - 4:00pm	Joan Martin, Liberty, and Veterans Elementary Schools 5:00pm - 6:00pm
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If you are an E-Learner family and interested in picking up FREE meals, please complete the online survey at www.hobart.k12.in.us/FreeMeals to let us know. You will then be issued a card with your child(ren)'s name and barcode printed on it to be used in the drive through pick-up lines.

These cards are for counting purposes only - the meals are FREE and will not be charged to their accounts. Children do not have to be present in the car if the parent has the card with them. Cards will be given to you at the location that you indicate in the survey during the first week of distribution.

Please take advantage of this opportunity! Extend your food budget and help our food service budget stay solvent. - so it is a WIN/WIN for both families and the Food Service Department!

This program will only be available until December 31, 2020 or until funds are depleted.

QUESTIONS? CALL (219) 947-2413 X8955




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PICK-UP TIMES

Every Monday
Hobart Middle School
Door #6
9am - 10:30am or 3pm - 4:30pm

If you are an E-Learner family and interested in picking up FREE meals, please complete the online survey at www.hobart.k12.in.us/FreeMeals to let us know. You will then be issued a card with your child(ren)'s name and barcode printed on it to be used in the drive through pick-up lines.

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WE HAVE TUTORS!



The School City of Hobart has great teachers & they love what they do! Seeing students succeed and understand a subject is a priority, that is why select teachers have chosen to be one-on-one tutors! If you have a child in K-12 that are in need of some extra assistance with a subject, let us know and we can help! Hourly wages are based on individual teachers and they are always willing to negotiate! :)

Help your child succeed and get a tutor today!

CALL THEIR SCHOOL OR THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AT (219) 942-8885 AND WE WILL GET YOU IN TOUCH WITH A TEACHER.

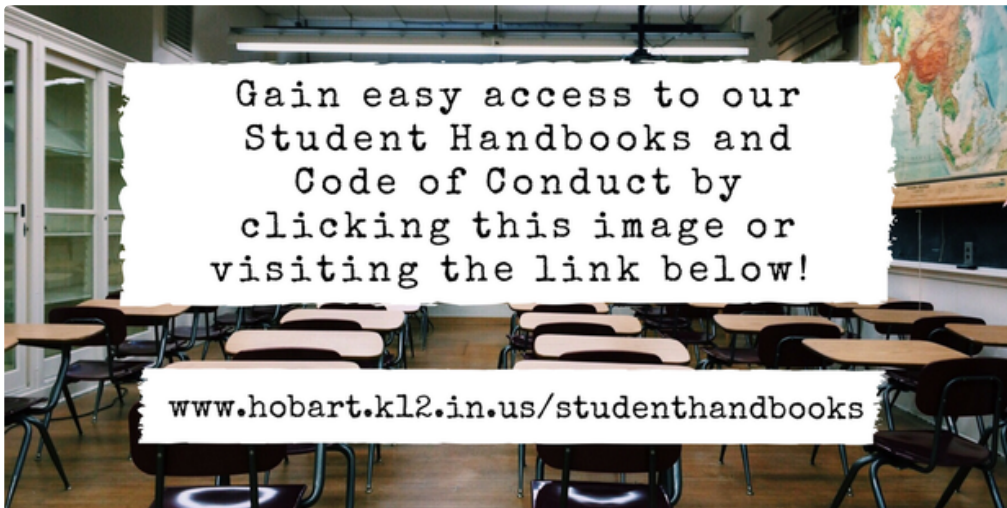
Also, Hobart High School offers after school tutoring in Math & English every Monday and Wednesday- for FREE! They even provide bus transportation! For more information with this, visit www.hobart.k12.in.us/HHstutoring



SCHOOL SAFETY METAL DETECTORS

As a part of a comprehensive program of school security and safety, all persons are subject to metal detector screening. Please find more information by clicking the policy links below.

POLICY 5771 - SEARCH AND SEIZURE
POLICY 7440 - FACILITY SECURITY PROGRAM



Emergency School Closing Information

Whether we are ready for it or not, winter is here and we want you to be informed should there be a need to delay or close our schools.

The School City of Hobart's first priority is the safety of our students and personnel. We encourage you to have a plan in place for school delays, cancellations, and emergency dismissal situations. There are many factors that go into the decision to close or delay the opening of school. It is important for you to know this process, our guidelines, and to also have the Here Comes the Bus app active on your devices.

Please visit

www.hobart.k12.in.us/schoolclosings
for complete information about the process.



Here Comes the Bus App

The School City of Hobart uses the Here Comes the Bus app that is a bus and student tracking software tool that helps keep you informed and your children safe as they travel to and from home and school on the bus. Here Comes the Bus gives you real-time bus location and alerts to help you get your children to the bus stop at just the right time.

Visit
www.hobart.k12.in.us/hercomesthebus
for more information and directions to sign-up!



The School City of Hobart is required by Federal and State law, as well as Board Policy, to provide annual notices to parents/guardians prior to the start of the school year.



To visit the Annual Notices online visit:
www.hobart.k12.in.us/Notices



To request a hard copy of all annual notices for the school year, please contact the Administration Office at (219) 942-8885.

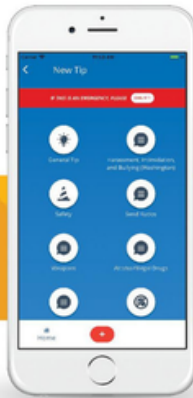


School City of Hobart

Report It

SafeSchools Alert is our district's tip reporting service. If you have information about a threat to our safety, do your part and report it! And remember, you can remain anonymous.

SUBMIT USING OUR APP



FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 911

EASY WAYS TO REPORT



Visit the website
<http://1190.alert1.us>



Email your Tip to
1190@alert1.us



Call to report your tip
 219.942.TIPS (8477)



Text your Tip to
 219.942.TIPS (8477)

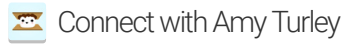
- REPORT ON:**
- BULLYING
 - INTIMIDATION
 - HARASSMENT
 - WEAPONS
 - DRUGS
 - OTHER



Our District Code is: 1190

All tips submitted are taken seriously and will be acted upon. Please be responsible with your submissions.





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