



HANBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Hanby Families,

On behalf of the staff at Hanby Elementary School, I am excited to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year! We have been busy preparing to welcome our fabulous Hanby Bees back to school. Summer is our time to deep clean the building, upgrade security measures, plan curriculum updates, schedule parent engagement events, and refresh ourselves to welcome our community back to Hanby.

As I enter my third year as Hanby's PrinciPAL, it is clear that the partnership between school and home is what makes all of the difference for our Hanby Bees. With your partnership, I am confident that we will support each student to achieve their highest potential. As partners, we share the responsibility for each child's success and promise to do our best! This school year, our students will continue to learn and grow with the support of their fabulous teachers, along with the following curricula: Bookworms for ELA (K-5), CKLA for reading (K-2), Kid Writing (K-2), I ready Writing (3-5), Zearn and Eureka 2 for Math (K-5), Next Generation Science Kits, and engaging Social Studies units.

Hanby has several exciting staffing adjustments for the upcoming school year. We strive to meet the needs of all of our Hanby Bees, so please welcome our new Bees to the Hive and cheer on those who are changing roles or teams. Liz Combs has joined our kindergarten teaching team. Amy Cabrera is returning to the kindergarten classroom. Naja Alexander has joined the special education team. Nicole Young Wallace has joined the first grade team and Lauren Samples has returned to the special education team. Elle deLorraine is expected to move up to join the third grade team. Maura Klink is moving into a fifth grade homeroom position. Ms. Wright will be joining kindergarten and Ms. Lorentz will be joining fifth grade, both as special education teachers. Alexandra Miller is our new school psychologist. As enrollment adjusts this summer we will continue to shift staffing to meet the needs of our students. We are also very excited to announce Ms. Dana Jackson as Hanby's new Assistant Principal. Ms. Jackson is joining us from Claymont Elementary and has shared an introductory note, attached to this letter.

Save the date for the following events:

- New Family Orientation (8/15 at 6:00 pm)
- Sneak a Peek event (8/22 at 4:30-6:00 pm)
 - Stop by to peek into your child's classroom, meet their teacher, and enjoy some festivities!
- KN Orientation (8/26)
 - Kindergarten parents will bring their children to school at one of their designated times to explore classrooms. Your child's teacher will provide additional information to you at the Sneak a Peek event.
- 1st Day of School for 1st-5th (8/26)
- Cheers & Tears Breakfast- KN (8/27 at 8:40 am in Library)
 - Bring your Kindergartener to the library for a sweet send off on their first day of school.
- Hanby's TENTATIVE Open House- (9/19 at 6:00 pm)
 - Join your child's teacher for a deeper dive into your child's classroom environment, routines, and curriculum.

Please remember that school begins at 8:55am. We open our doors to allow children to enter the building at 8:40am. Staff are stationed throughout the building to guide students to their classrooms and monitor students eating breakfast in the cafeteria. There are three car lines out front of the school. The BUSH preschool Bears use the curbside line for safety. Hanby families are provided the middle and outside car lines for arrival and dismissal. If your child is a bus rider, you will receive information, by mail, from our transportation department regarding times and location of pick up and drop off. At the end of the day, dismissal begins at 3:35 with walkers dismissing first out of the back of the school, car riders dismiss from the gym, then buses are called individually by number. Please be patient as our students and staff get accustomed to the procedures. If you need to pick up your child for an early dismissal, please park and come into the building before 2:45pm, when possible. This will help keep our parking lot safe for students during dismissal.

As always, we are here to assist you. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 302-479-2220 or email me at Juliet.agresti@bsd.k12.de.us if you have any questions. Enjoy the remainder of the summer. We will see you soon!

Respectfully!

Juliet Agresti
Hanby's PrinciPAL



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My name is Ms. Dana Jackson, and I am the proud Assistant Principal of Hanby Elementary. I'm a graduate of both the University of Delaware and Wilmington University, earning degrees in Elementary Education and School Leadership. I've worked in the Brandywine School District for 18 years as a teacher of grades 3-5, 5th Grade Team Leader, Dean of Students, and as an Assistant Principal. I am in my third year as an Assistant Principal and loving the experience.

In addition to being a life-long educator, I am committed to community service. I serve Wilmington, Delaware by providing mindfulness and social-emotional education to teens, promoting literacy to young learners, and encouraging green sustainability practices within our surrounding area. In my personal life, I have the privilege of spoiling my 6-year-old goddaughter and live with one feisty and energetic fur baby named Heddie May. I like to begin my day with iced coffee and Apple Music. My favorite pastime activities are walking the Delaware River while listening to music, taking weekend road trips, making candles, attending outdoor festivals, and cruising antique shops.

At the end of the day, I am enthusiastic about providing engaging and meaningful learning opportunities for all students. I truly believe that a good education is the foundation for a better future.

One Hive. One Goal. Hanby BEE-lieves!

