

Hawk Watch

Hawthorne Elementary School Parent Newsletter December 2016

Dear Families,

December is a month of celebrations. At this time, we recognize many traditional events such as Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Festivus and the Winter Solstice. There are many not so traditional events such as Bathtub Day, Day of the Ninja, Make up Your Mind Day and National Cookie Day. I have made up my mind to enjoy the month as this year comes to a close. We can celebrate and be proud of our accomplishments: Top Performing Non-Title School and an “A” on the state report card. We can look forward with hope as to what the new year will bring. I chose cookies and hope for all of us.

Sincerely,

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Winter Weather Reminders:

With the winter months upon us and snow right around the corner we offer a few reminders. Please have your children dressed for the weather. Our students will be outside most days for recess. Please make sure they come to school with hats, mittens, and winter coats.

Hour of Code:

Hawthorne students will be joining over 100 million students across the world December 5th – 11th for Computer Science Education Week’s “Hour of Code.” Directed by our computer lab assistant Michele Miller, teachers and students will choose a variety of activities like “Minecraft Hour of Code” or “Star Wars Building a Galaxy of Code.” These activities are geared to teach, inspire and engage them in an introduction to computer science.

PTA:

Thanks to all who made our Reflections award night a success. The theme “What is Your Story?” was represented in beautiful and engaging entries. A number of students will go on to the next level of competition. A complete list of awards will be posted in the foyer. Good luck to them! PTA meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 in the faculty room. Parents and staff are welcome.

Traffic Concerns:

Parents are reminded not to double park on 600 East and to avoid making ‘U’ turns on 600 East and 1700 South. We need to be careful and lawful at all times when children are being picked up or dropped off. There are signs and painted arrows indication traffic direction through the school parking lot which need to be followed. Drivers should never park or back up in the yellow striped entrance to the school. The curb cut on 1700 South is for daycare company vehicles like the Boys and Girls Club and the JCC. Also, use extra caution when dropping off and picking up your child. With the slippery roads and the traffic please slow down, look, and take a few extra minutes for the safety of all. Together we need to keep the drop off and pick up times at school safe by following traffic signs and traffic laws. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Resources:

One of the best uses of school allocated funds are the LAND Trust state funds which Hawthorne used in 2015-2016 to pay for an art specialist and personnel who provide math support. Hawthorne has had art specialist for over 10 years. Student work is beautifully displayed every year in the spring during the school Art Walk. Our student work can also be seen in the District offices every May. The LAND Trust monies allocated to math fund in part our advanced math class and cover paraprofessional support for at-risk math students. The funding of LAND trust monies is overseen by our School Community Council.

REMINDER: With the first snow fall students are clearly informed that as per SLC ordinance that snowballing is prohibited on the streets and city property. This includes Hawthorne school. Discipline notes will be written for offenders for throwing snowballs on school grounds before, during and after school.