

# Hawk Watch

Hawthorne Elementary School Parent Newsletter    January 2018  
"Equity and Excellence; Every Student, Every day, Every Classroom"

Dear Hawthorne Families,

Welcome back to school. It is always fun for me to see so many of you when I am the crossing guard or in the lunchroom. I missed you all. I hope your winter break was a safe one and that everyone is back in the school routine. Change in our routines such as a break from school is a part of life and it is always important to learn how to handle this process. The National Association of Elementary Principals recently reported to parents that children need to have routines in their lives; they are comforted by them. It is always good to remember that we cannot protect children from change. However, getting back to a school routine should bring some "normalcy" to our students' days. We have a lot of work ahead of us as we start this new year. It feels good to be back in the "swing of things."

Sincerely,

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## SCC

School Community Council meets the first Monday of the month in the library at 5:30. School community members are welcome. Agendas are posted in the foyer and in the office.

## Attendance:

What can families do to help their student's attendance? Establish a habit of good attendance in early grades. Set a family expectation that absences won't be allowed unless the student is truly sick. Did you know that missing 2 days of school per month fails to meet the expected 95% attendance rate? One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day.

## School Policy:

As the holiday season brings new electronic devices and cell phones, please note the SLCSO Elementary School policy on these items. Students are not permitted to use cell phones during the school day. Students may have electronic devices in their possession during the regular school day, but these must remain out of sight, turned off or on a silent mode. Students are prohibited from using electronic devices in ways that bully, humiliate, harass or intimidate school related individuals. The school is not liable if devices are lost, broken or stolen. If a student is found using a phone during school hours, the phone will be confiscated and held in the office. A parent or guardian will need to pick it up. The complete policy is found in the SLCSO Elementary hand book.

## Science Fair:

Science Fair projects start with a question, like "Why do we add salt when making homemade ice-cream?" Is there a science fair project in your questions? Ever wondered if Wonder Woman could really move fast enough to dodge bullets? What do you wonder about? Turn questions and wonderings into science fair projects and share these at our annual Science Fair January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Students can purchase science fair boards for \$1 while they last. Teachers will collect the money and distribute the boards.