

Hawk Watch

Hawthorne Elementary School Parent Newsletter August 2017

"Equity and Excellence; Every Student, Every day, Every Classroom"

Dear Families,

It has been a great start to our fall trimester. We danced to the music of JABOM at our back to school barbeque and on the first day of school a once in a life time event occurred right before our very eyes. Students and staff watched a glorious celestial phenomena, almost a total eclipse! What a memorable experience to begin our year.

Every day I take a few minutes to visit classrooms and participate in recess duty. It is a wonderful experience that allows me to observe instruction, interact with students and stay informed. Our students are twenty-first century children who have more than the 3Rs to worry about. Every student now needs knowledge of and skills in reading or language arts, technology, math, science, foreign languages, civics, government, economics, arts, health/fitness/nutrition, geography and history. They need to be able to think critically, problem solve, produce quality work, contribute to the community, communicate, collaborate, create and innovate. Our hope for Hawthorne students is that they are on a path to gain skills to support their future choices as effective citizens, family and community members, workers and leaders. Hawthorne is pleased to be a part of this process and to have your support and trust as the educators in your students' lives.

Sincerely,

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New Faces at Hawthorne:

Welcome to: Lauren Dunn First grade ELP, Pamela Flaherty ELD teacher, Sharley Bradley Kindergarten ELP, Camille Gallagher Neighborhood ELP, Shelby Denkyi Afterschool coordinator and Ali Kinkade classroom aide. We are thrilled with these new additions to our staff.

SCC:

School Community Council meets on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm in the library. Our first meeting will be September 5th. At that time, we will elect a new chairman and parent members. Interested parents are welcome. Thank you to Bill and Megan Buhler for serving as co-chairs for two years. A new schedule of meetings, agendas and minutes will be posted in the foyer and in a binder in the office. New and returning members' contact information will also be in the office in a binder. This year the council will be reviewing LAND Trust funds, emergency plans, and school fundraising among other topics.

PTA:

PTA members are welcome to attend monthly meetings on the first Thursday evening in the faculty room at 7:00 pm. Even if you are unable to attend meetings or volunteer, your membership in PTA is appreciated. Money raised through the PTA supports class field trips, Reading is Fundamental book purchases, the back to school barbeque, the Health and Safety Fair, the Art Walk and many other school-wide events. An easy way to be involved with the PTA is through Box Tops for Education collections. Last year over \$1,500 dollars was raised through these collections. We look forward to family support for the "Hawk Walk" on September 15th at 6:00 pm. Debbie Gordon is the current PTA president.

SLCSD Policy Reminders:

Parents /guardians reviewed and signed off on several policies when they registered their students. Additional policies to be aware of include:

- **Emergency Preparedness and Response G-2** which states that school must address a plan for responding to and recovering from emergencies. We have close working relationships with agencies that are responsible for directing and coordination emergency services. Hawthorne in accordance with District guidelines has an Emergency Plan, Emergency Committee (SCC) and conducts school-wide drills. The purpose of this policy is to promote safety and the welfare of

students, staff and facilities. Information is posted in the school foyer regarding shelter in place and evacuation procedures.

- Look for a letter home regarding **Board Policy Outdoor Air Quality G-9**
- **Board Policy G-20; Bullying, Cyber-bullying, Hazing and Harassment Prohibited** addresses the SLCSDD's commitment to provide a safe learning environment free from bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing and harassment. The district has the authority to discipline students for both on-campus and off-campus violations. Students found in violation shall be disciplined by appropriate measures. A student may lose the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities. School employees found to have violated this policy are subject to discipline, as well.
- **Student Conduct and Discipline S-3** is located in the Elementary Handbook which Parents/guardians have access to online and would have read during registration.
- **Child Abuse Board Policy S-8** requires any employee who has reason to believe a child has been subject to abuse or who observes a child being subjected to conditions which would reasonably result in abuse, immediately contact authorities. **Parents are encouraged to take a prevent child abuse training at: <https://pcautah.org/> . All staff members take this training every year.**
- **Student Fees, Fee waivers and Fines S-10** ensures that a free public education is provided to all students K-6th grades. Voluntary donations may be made to elementary schools and /or classrooms, but these are not required.
- **Student Electronic Devices in Schools S-11** states that the Board promotes an environment conducive to teaching and learning and depending upon how they are used, electronic devices may be valuable instructional tools or a source of disruption. The Board permits appropriate use of devices. **At Hawthorne** students are asked to keep phones off during class time and out of sight. We ask that students do not use their phones during recess, lunch or class. We encourage students to leave personal electronics at home and as per the Elementary Handbook "if brought to school by students they will be confiscated and returned only to parents."
- **Religion in the Classroom I-11 policy** states that the district recognizes and accommodates the rights of religious practice and expression guaranteed by state and federal laws. Religion may be presented as part of a secular educational program. Teaching about religion informs students of the critical role that religion has played in the historical, cultural, literary and social development of the United States. Parents and legal guardians may request their students be excused or refrain from participating in a school activity or portion of the curriculum that they feel infringes upon their right of religious freedom.

SLCSDD Board policies are posted on the District Website under Board of Education, Policies. Refer to this link for more information <http://www.slcschools.org/policies>

SLCSDD Link to Safe Schools Resolution: <http://www.slcschools.org/board-of-education/safe-school-resolution.php#.WZc8MCh96Uk>.

School Meals:

Parents paying for school meals can set up accounts at MyPaymentPlus.com through the district or pay in the office. We encourage parents to maintain positive balances and pay overdue amounts quickly as students 'unpaid balances become the responsibility of the school. Look for school menus for the month which will be go home with your students. Classes with great manners and behavior in the cafeteria earn the "Golden Tray Award", have their pictures taken and receive recognition. We added the "Golden Tray Award" two years ago and it has been a big success. Look for class pictures every month in the cafeteria.

