

Hawk Watch

Hawthorne Elementary School Parent Newsletter October 2018

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

Dear Families,

This month we were pleased to learn that Hawthorne was named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2018. After being nominated last year by the State of Utah, there was a lengthy application to write which was submitted last spring. We had to wait until this fall to learn how well our students did on the end of the year state tests. High student achievement was the other requirement if we were to receive this award. Our students soared! What an honor for our community and our amazing students.

Thank you for your support at home with homework, projects, papers and an occasional diorama. Thank you for your presence in our classrooms as volunteers. What students learn at school is so much more than what they are tested on each spring and we all know this. Of course we are a Blue Ribbon School and we have Blue Ribbon Families, too. Great job all.

Sincerely,

Marian

SEP Conferences:

You are your children's first and most important teachers. You and Hawthorne school have a lot in common: we both want your children to do well and learn while at school. A great time to review your children's progress and find out about expectations and academic standards is at SEPs. These were held in September to give parents and children chances to set goals earlier in the trimester. We hope these were successful meetings that gave you insights to your children's progress, teachers' instruction, classroom materials and pullouts and answered any questions you may have had. The PTA hosted a lovely dinner for the staff which allowed them to stay at school and be flexible with SEP scheduling.

School Community Council:

Join us on the first Monday of the month at 5:30PM in the library for SCC.

Reflections Reminder:

Reflections information is posted in the front hall near the trophy case. This year's theme is "Heroes Around Me." Categories for Reflections include: literature, dance, music, visual arts, photography, film production and 3-dimensional art work. Students may enter in one or more art categories with a limit of one entry per category. Entries are due October 26th.

Westminster Day of Service:

Hawthorne students recently participated in our 10th annual Day of Service with student volunteers from Westminster College. During this event our students worked with college volunteers to tie blankets which were given to veterans at the VA hospital and made treats for animals in the local shelter. They filled book bags with school supplies and made up hygiene kits. Cardboard boxes were decorated by kindergarten students for the Food Bank. While they worked, our students heard firsthand from the Westminster students how meaningful and important it is to be in college. Kathy Harvey our

school volunteer coordinator and Julie Tille, the Westminster student service advisor, have coordinated this day of service together for the last decade. I know everyone enjoyed working together doing service for others be they two legged or four legged.

Visiting School

The school is locked 24 hours a day to increase security. The buzz-in security system is working well and we appreciate everyone taking this change in stride. After buzzing-in we ask guests volunteering to check in at the kiosk and wear volunteer badges. If you are checking in or checking out students, come to the office. After school pick-ups are easy. Olivia, the after school coordinator, is available to take your phone calls and open the front door. Thanks to all our parents and volunteers for your support of this important safety measure..

Counseling services

Wendy Child is Hawthorne's counselor. To date, she has met with every classroom to introduce herself, explain what she does and teach anti-bullying lessons. Each student was given a sample bully report and a summary of the bully policy. If any student has questions about bullying or counseling services, Miss Wendy is available Tuesdays and Thursdays and every other Friday. Students know her as a friend and confidant. She has been at Hawthorne for over 29 years.

Weather Changes

The weather is changing. We ask families to prepare for weather changes and students to dress for these changes. Parents are encouraged to label all of their children's outer wear. Missing coats, sweaters, gloves, and hats end up in the lost and found near the office. It is easy to return items to students when their names are on the clothing. We encourage families to check the lost and found during the year for missing items. Items that are left at the end of the year are donated.

******Parking Concerns******

Please do not block Hawthorne neighbor's driveways when dropping off or picking up your students.



Dates to Remember:

October 9th PTA Fundraiser at MOD Pizza

October 17th – half-day

October 18th – 22nd - No school

October 25th - Picture Day

October 31st – Halloween Parade 9:00AM – check with teachers for party times

No district employee or student shall be subjected to discrimination in employment or any district program or activity on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The district is committed to providing equal access and equal opportunity in its programs, services and employment including its policies, complaint processes, program accessibility, district facility use, accommodations and other Equal Employment Opportunity matters. The district also provides equal access to district facilities for all youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code, including scouting groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation: Tina Hatch, Compliance and Investigations, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 578-8388. You may also contact the Office for Civil Rights, Denver, CO, (303) 844-5695