

Hawk Watch

Hawthorne Elementary September Parent Newsletter Soar - Sail- Succeed

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school. It is wonderful to have our hallways filled with eager students and energized staff. We started the year with our annual back to school barbeque featuring the music of JABOM. Families lounged on the grass and listened to oldies while children played on the playground.

We extend a warm welcome to new staff in the building. Katherine Kelly teaches 2nd grade ELP. She is a Westminster graduate and an Illinois native. Amanda Van Meter teaches 4th grade ELP. Amanda is a former SLCSD NELP teacher who relocated from Florida. New classroom and office support personnel include Tessa Burrows, Renee Goudie, Jenny Kearl, Steve Thiese, and Rachel Urban. We have a talented and capable staff and we are ready for a new year.

Best to all,

-Marian Broadhead,

Hawthorne Principal

School Community Council

The next meeting for School Community Council is Monday October 1, 2018 at 5:30PM in the library. We welcome back Chair Anthony Moncur, members Kristi Christenson, Marian Broadhead, Joseph Nielsen and Beth Soria. Lizzie Jolley, Ashley Moncur and Debbie Gordon were elected to the committee. Our thanks goes out to Jean Eastham for her service on SCC. Meeting times, an agenda and minutes are posted in the foyer and online.

PTA

PTA members are welcome to attend monthly meetings on the evening of the first Thursday of the month at 7:00PM. 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 Health and Safety Fair, Reflections, family nights and other school events. Easy ways to support PTA are through Box Tops for Education collections and family restaurant nights. The next restaurant night is October 9th at MOD Pizza. Thank you to all who helped with this year's Hawk Walk. This is always one of the best events all year!

Reflections time!

National PTA is celebrating 50 years of Reflections with an exciting theme, "Heroes Around Me." The deadline for entries is Friday October 26th. Hawthorne's contact is Christy Christenson at 801-

362-7467 or to learn more go to PTA.ORG/REFLECTIONS. Categories include: dance choreography, film, literature, music, photography and visual arts. The goal of Reflections for the last 50 years has been to help students “explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.” Entry forms will be available in October. All entries must include these forms. Rules for submission of specific entry types will be located in the foyer by the trophy case. Good luck to all!

End of Level and SAGE tests

The tests students take at end of the year measure their proficiency on state standards in language arts, math and for the upper grades, science. Student growth is also measured. Student achievement over the last 5 years shows a continual upward trend. Student proficiency from 2017-2018 is as follows:

Language arts 74% proficient in 2017 to 79% in 2018

Math 74% proficient in 2017 to 80% in 2018

Science 69% proficient in 2017 to 76% in 2018

Eureka Math was the new curriculum used to teach the math state standards and in science teachers collaborated, used FOSS kits and participated in District professional development. Professional learning teams of teachers have focused on writing for several years using William and Mary, Lucy Caulkins and Wonders materials. This kind of achievement is not possible without parent-teacher collaboration and home support.

School-wide three year priorities and SMART Goals

Hawthorne staff wrote three SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-Bound) Goals which tie into our school-wide three year priorities. These goals are as follows:

*** Academic**

Comprehensive math data sources indicate that Hawthorne students need to improve their math fluency. To help our students achieve math fluency at grade-level or above, all teachers will provide daily math instruction and use pre and post math fact fluency quizzes to measure student achievement beginning August 20, 2018 and ending January 7, 2019

*** Gap**

Comprehensive language arts data sources indicate that Hawthorne students are struggling with writing composition. There appears to be a growth gap between writing and other language arts skills. To help our students close this gap and demonstrate growth in writing as measured by grade level core standards, all students will complete three to five published writing pieces by January 7, 2019 and see positive growth on a scored rubric when comparing their first piece to their last.

*** Culture**

In support of a school-wide health and fitness priority, our staff and students will walk or run a minimum of 10,000 miles at school between August 20, 2018 and January 7, 2019. We will have a walking/running course at school and keep count of our miles on walking/running cards.

Why did we set these goals? We always find areas upon which we can improve at Hawthorne.

Hawk Walk

The 10th annual PTA Hawk Walk was a great success and the biggest turn out in recent years. PTA provided food, music, prizes for the first 100 walkers and more prizes during the night. We are waiting for a final count on the funds raised and which student raised the most money. Thanks to Liz Rodgers and her committee.

National Blue Ribbon School Award

In the next few weeks we will know if Hawthorne has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2018. Each year a state committee nominates two Utah schools for this prestigious award. The principal and others complete an extensive application that is reviewed by a national committee along with the school's academic achievement for the year. We hope to have an announcement soon!

Dates to Remember:

September 25th and 26th - SEP Conferences

September 27th - Half Day

September 28th – No School

September 24th – 27th Story Cupboard Book Fair in the Library