

Hawthorne Elementary School Parent Newsletter October 2017 "Equity and Excellence; Every Student, Every day, Every Classroom"

Dear Hawthorne Families,

October will be a very busy month with UEA, picture day, breakfast with our Superintendent and of course Halloween. Our most exciting event is the Day of Service and Learning sponsored by Westminster College, one of our oldest Partners in Education. On October 6<sup>th</sup> our students will complete projects with student leaders from Westminster and give back to the community. Kathy Harvey and Julie Tille are the organizers and driving forces behind our day of Service and Learning.

Our college volunteers from Westminster, the University of Utah and Salt Lake Community College are important role models and academic support for Hawthorne students. This fall over 50 college volunteers are in our classrooms. Although most of the students are education majors, many are taking college classes that require service hours. Students looking for a positive service/volunteer experience are welcomed by Kathy Harvey, the school Volunteer Coordinator, and placed with appreciative teachers. Kathy's efforts and friendly manner bring many of our college volunteers back for additional years of service. Our parent volunteers are remarkable as well and we thank them for their many hours at school. Service happens at Hawthorne every day. On October 7<sup>th</sup> we will serve and celebrate together.

Sincerely,

Marian Broadhead Principal

## **PTA News:**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Hawk Walk. It was a great event with mounds of food and a DJ playing dance music. PTA is still taking donations to support the many activities at Hawthorne that enrich our students' school days. Remember that box tops can be cut out and turned in to teachers any time. This is an easy way to earn money for PTA.

Mark your calendar for our first restaurant night at Sonic on Wednesday October  $4^{th}$  and the monthly PTA meeting on Thursday October  $5^{th}$ . PTA has an outstanding board and parents are always welcome.

## **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.

## **Counseling services:**

Wendy Child is Hawthorne's remarkable counselor. She is available Tuesday, Thursday and every other Friday to help students with personal, social or academic issues. She presents classroom guidance curriculum in the areas of anti-bullying and drug and tobacco preventions. Ms Wendy also runs several student groups. Students know Miss Wendy as a friend and confidant. She has served Hawthorne students for over 25 years.

## **News Flash:**

Our most exciting news is that for the third year in a row Hawthorne has been earned a school grade of "A" from the State of Utah. This grade represents high student proficiency on State tests and great student growth. Our remarkable staff and hardworking students are to be congratulated! Well done all!

