

Hawthorn Happenings

Parent Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

As we are entering April, we are preparing for both our Terra Nova testing which will begin on April 4th and last until April 7th. The Terra Nova test will be taken only by students in grades one and two this year, and will be taken on various days during the testing window. This year Park Hill has decided not to have grades three through five take the Terra Nova test.

Students in grades one and two, will take Terra Nova tests in Communication Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies and they will take their test in a booklet. It is very important for students to be at school during their testing times, so if at all possible, please make sure your child arrives at school on time and also, please try to schedule appointments after school.

Our MAP, Missouri Assessment Program, testing will begin on Monday, April 18th and last until Tuesday, May 9th. This will provide for the next week to do make-up testing if needed. Students in grades three and four will take the MAP test in the subjects of English Language Arts and Math. Students in grade five will be taking the MAP test in the subjects of English Language Arts, Math and Science. Our testing begins at 9:00 am sharp on the days we are testing, so it is very important students arrive to Hawthorn by 8:40 am. The rules and regulations on the MAP test are very strict and if a student arrives after their class has begun a session, they are not allowed to enter the room and will have to wait until their class has finished that session before they are allowed to leave the office and enter their classroom. This also means they will have to attend one of the make-up sessions after May 9th to complete this testing session. Research has also shown that students do a better job on tests when they are well rested and are not hungry. Please help out with these two items by making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing and has a good breakfast the morning of testing. We are also lucky enough to have a supportive PTA that will be providing snacks for our students during our testing weeks. This helps to motivate our students and gives them a little treat for all their effort they put into their testing.

If you have any questions about either the Terra Nova test or the MAP test, please feel free to call your child's teacher, Mrs. Miller, our School Guidance Counselor or myself.

Thanks in advance for helping us to let your child know the importance of these tests and doing what you can to help them be the most prepared they can be to give their best effort.

Your Partner in Education,

Sandy Hemaya

Principal, Hawthorn Elementary

[PTA Meeting](#)

We will have our monthly PTA meeting on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 pm in the Media Center. Please note this time is 30 minutes later than normal to allow everyone time to go vote since April 4th is also an Election Day.

[STUCO Movie Night](#)

On Friday, April 7th, our Hawthorn Student Council will host a Hawthorn Family Movie Night. This event will be from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and we will be showing "The Emperor's New Groove". Families are invited to bring chairs, pillows, stuffed animals and blankets to get comfy in our gym to enjoy the show. We will also have water and popcorn for sale for \$.50 to enjoy! We hope to see lots of Hawthorn families attending this fun, family event.

[April Early Release Day](#)

Thursday, April 13th will be our monthly Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm and teachers will be continuing on for the remaining of the day engaged in professional development activities. Students who are currently enrolled in Adventure Club, may go to Adventure Club when dismissed.

[Board of Education Meeting](#)

Thursday, April 13th is a monthly board meetings for the Park Hill Board of Education. This meeting is held at the District Office at 7703 NW Barry Road and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.
These meetings are open to the public.

[PTA Mercury Gymnastics Night](#)

Our March PTA Mercury Gymnastics Night will be on Friday, April 14th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The cost for this night is only \$7.00 per child and there will be a concession stand.

[No School on April 17th](#)

There is no school on Monday, April 17th. Please enjoy time with you family! School will resume on Tuesday, April 18th.

[Kindergarten Musical](#)

Our Kindergarten students will be showcasing their musical talents on Thursday, April 20th at 6:30 pm in our "gymnasium" when they put on their musical performance. Students need to meet in the cafeteria at 6:15 pm to get ready for their performance.



Hawthorn Heros

As part of our Continuous Improvement Classrooms, each month the students at Hawthorn focus on a CORE VALUE and have a class meeting to come up with ways to show this core value at Hawthorn and in our community. We hope by focusing on a core value each month, we will teach students good habits and behaviors and help to create a positive school culture. At the end of the month their teacher chooses the student or students who displayed the core value the most throughout the month.

The month of **March** we focused on

Being Responsible for Your Learning

The following were recognized as Hawthorn Heroes in

March

Creighton Lopata
Aniya Conn
Brayden Jensen
Brayden Taylor
Marshall Joannes
Mariana Martinez
Payton Maxwell
Peyton Wood
Lea Banks
Eden Haught
McKinze Scott
Ethan Snow

Lindsay Dreher
Devin Foxworthy
Daniel Camen
Noah Jackman
Ana Tercero
CJ Elmore
Caden Jones
Leah Champlain
Alexa Walser
Devin Vanwey
Madelyn Harms

JT Berry
Jackson DaSilva
Jonah Grayson
Emma Richie
Dominic Cadiz
Ian Springer
Avery Hammons
Annabelle Gorombey
Bradyn Jenkins
Miguel Campos
Kessa Shtohryn

Tessa Redmond
Kaynon Williams
Mason Murphy
Elizabeth Dixon
Nicholas Nesslage
Konner Hamm
Zachary Scott
Luke McFeeders
Kami Hild
Rickey Cozart
Grahm Croskell

Ian Jouan
Ciara McBride
Noah Pitiya
Kaleb Rich
Lucas Moeller
Leah Helm
Kellen Schanz
Lea Banks
Joe Kingsley
Lydia Farmer
Oliver Briscoe

Each teacher will have a small celebration in their classroom to recognize their

Hawthorn Heroes

The students will be told why they were chosen as the Hawthorn Hero.

They will be given a special *Husky Buck* worth \$5.00.

They will also be given a window sticker decal stating they are the **Hawthorn Hero**.

Our hope is that every student can work hard this year and earn the chance to be a Hawthorn Hero sometime during the school year.

If you have any questions on how your child's teacher chooses the Hawthorn Hero in their room, please feel free to give them a call.