

Hawthorn Happenings

Parent Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Can you believe May is here and we are in our last month of school for the 2016-17 school year? It seems like just yesterday, it was August, and the students were entering Hawthorn for the first day of school. The students have shown lots of growth, academic, social and emotional, and they are ready to move on to their next grade level.

As we move along in May, we still have lots of academics to cover, however we will also have lots of celebrations as well. Each grade level will be having their own end of the year celebrations and you will be getting more information on when these will be from your child's teacher. Listed below are some important activities going on at Hawthorn in May.

Monday, May 1st will be Kindergarten Round-up from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. This is an open-house format, when our future Huskies and their parents can come to Hawthorn to meet our Kindergarten teachers, see our Kindergarten classrooms, meet our Encore teachers, see the lunchroom, ride a school bus and much more. If you know of any future Huskies, please make sure you spread the word of this wonderful event!

Tuesday, May 16th, will be our 5th Grade Choir's final concert at Park Hill South High School. They will be combining with four other Park Hill elementary schools to put on a spectacular show. This concert will begin at 7:00 pm at PHS.

Friday, May 19th, our 5th Grade students will have their annual district track meet at the Park Hill district stadium. They will be competing against each other and students from 4 other Park Hill elementary schools. This is a fun day to culminate the learning they have done in PE this year.

Tuesday, May 23rd, will be our annual Field Day. This is a fun tradition of games, re-lays etc. that our students participate in. Mrs. Bearce organizes this day and parent volunteers are encouraged. If you are able to help with our Field Day, please contact Mrs. Bearce at bearcec@parkhill.k12.mo.us. We will also have a Hawthorn cook-out on this day, and parents are invited to join us for lunch on this day. If you are planning on eating with your child on this day, please RSVP to the office by Friday, May 20th, so we are sure to have enough food.

Wednesday, May 24th, is our 5th Grade Finale. This is a final celebration for our 5th grade students as they get ready to leave Hawthorn and move on to Plaza Middle School. Included in this event will be their awards ceremony, a picnic and recess, a slide show and a special treat. More information will be coming to 5th grade parents from your teachers on this event.

Thursday, May 25th is our final day of school for the 2016-17 school year and we have a packed morning. We will big our day with our school-wide yearbook signing. We will then have our 5th Grade Variety Show from 10:15 to 11:15 am. Parents are invited to come watch this if they choose. Following this, at 11:35 ish, K-4 students will line the hallways for our 5th Grade Final walk. Parents are welcome to come attend this as well. We do ask that parents stand in our Encore Hallway, as ALL 5th Grade students will exit the building through that hall.

May is a busy month of academics and celebrations. While it is sad to see our students leave for the summer, it is fulfilling to see how much they have grown over the year.

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May Early Release Day

Thursday, May 11th 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.

Last Day Dismissal Procedures

Below are the dismissal procedures we will follow Thursday, May 25th to ensure the safety of our students.

Thank you in advance for following these procedures.

- 1) All 5th grade students will exit the bus doors as part of their Final Walk
 - * Those that are bus riders will continue to the buses.
 - * Those that are car riders will go on the side walk to the car rider line.
 - * Those that are going to Adventure Club, will go on the side walk and come in the front doors to Adv Club
- 2) Grades K-4
 - * Those who go to Adventure Club will go to Adventure Club.
 - * Those who are car riders will exit out the front door to the car rider line.
 - * Those who are bus riders will exit out the bus doors.
- 3) Students who are car riders will be treated the same as any other day. Parents will need to have the GREEN Sign with the child's last name on it. You may get this in the office prior to the last day of school.
- 4) This is a day pick up takes longer than normal, so I am asking everyone to please be patient. We do not want to ruin the joy of the last day of school with an accident because someone was in a hurry to get out of the parking lot!

Summer School

Enrollment for Park Hill Summer School is still going open and all students are encouraged to attend summer school. This is a great opportunity to keep your skills sharp for the upcoming school year. Students from Hawthorn and Renner will be attending summer school at Renner Elementary this summer. If you do not have a summer school enrollment packet you can either contact your child's teacher or the Hawthorn front office. To ensure bus transportation, please remember your enrollment form needs to be turned in by

Friday, May 12th.

Also, if you normally use an "alternate bus route" for a babysitter during the school year, and will need to use this during summer school, you will need to fill this form out again for summer school.

If you have any questions, please make sure you are calling the Hawthorn office.

The first day of summer school will be **Wednesday, May 31st**.

2016-17 School Information

While we are just finishing up this school year, I know many are already thinking ahead to next fall and wondering what that school year will look like.

Mrs. Renton will be mailing a "Welcome Back to School" letter the first week of August and this letter will have information about your child's class placement, Back to School Night, First Day of School, Parent Orientation, etc. Much of this information will also be listed on our school website or Facebook page, so those are also excellent resources to look at.

We ask that you do not call the office prior to receiving the letter in August asking for your child's teacher, as we will not give that information out due to putting it in the letter we send out to every family.

I can tell you some dates that are already on the calendar include:

August 10th—Back to School Night/Parent Orientation—5:00 to 6:30 pm

August 15th—First Day of School—School Starts at 8:40 am

September 4th—No School—Labor Day

5th Grade Track Meet

Our 5th Grade students will attend a track meet at the Park Hill District stadium on Friday, May 19th. This is a full day of fun track events for our students to participate in. Mrs. Bearce has been working hard all year preparing our students for this culminating event. We hope each year the weather cooperates for this day and along with the students having a great time, we also encourage them to show great sportsmanship!

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 April we focused on "Following all Hawthorn Rules."

The following were recognized as Hawthorn Heroes in April.

Emily Javor	Kate Bartalos	Kaylee Fischer	Corbin Jensen	Chase Worden
Emily Umscheid	Lacey Fairall	Abby Murguia	Zoey VanKirk	Macie Booth
Maclin Cohara	Madelyn Harms	Maryann Reyes-Marin	Alice Norman	Grayson Barnes
Fatima Abdush-Shakir	Kyler Jones	Delilah Ulrich	Ashlan Barnett	Levi Jones
Brooklyn Heinrichs	Giovanni Alvarado	Evelyn Mattice	Derek Spade	Owen Jouan
Abby Marlin	Kellen Wachter	Alex Deis	Zoe Hasan	Sophia Soto
Isabella Wrigley	Emarion Dunkin	Ava Walker	Braeden Eaton	Emma Harrell
Gordon Maag	Maddie Smith	Ian Springer	Chloe Skellenger	Emma O'Dell
Jack Vaden	Makenna Kincheloe	Betsy Alemayehu	Damond Brophy	Logan Smith
Cassidy Hostikka	Kylie Hasan	Taylor Dupree	Kaylee Addington	Adi Umsheid
Emily Buchanan	Savannah Diebold	Paige Barry	Ann Tauiliili	Hassan Ahmed

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.